



# COLLEGE of SOCIAL and BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

FALL 2008

*Focus on the Human Factor*

## SIXTH ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI/AE AWARDS

*On May 1, Parry Mead Murray and Earl S. Skidmore received the College's Distinguished Alumni Awards at a gathering of friends, family and alumni at the Alumni House. The Distinguished Alumni Award is awarded to individuals who have made lasting contributions to the advancement of the College, The University of Utah, their communities and their professions.*

Distinguished alumni are honored at a banquet and on stage at Convocation and have permanent plaques on the College of Social and Behavioral Science "Wall of Honor" in Orson Spencer Hall.

### **PARRY MEAD MURRAY, Distinguished Alumna**

Parry Mead Murray graduated magna cum laude from the University of Utah in 1977 earning bachelor degrees in Anthropology and Psychology. Additionally, Parry took undergraduate and graduate courses in Folklore and Media Communications with an emphasis on Documentary Photography. In 2001, she also completed a master's in Museum Studies at San Francisco State University.

Parry is a third generation grape grower in Napa Valley, Calif. The family property, known as "Mead Ranch" is 1300 acres – 590 acres are in grapes, 30 acres for home sites and roads and the rest under a conservation easement with the Napa County Land Trust. Following a devastating fire in the summer of 1981, Parry arrived to help bring in the harvest and stayed for another 21 years as the ranch and vineyard manager – a position she turned over to her sister Jane in 2003. While managing the ranch, Parry became immersed in the wine industry and, through viticultural studies at the University of California Davis and field experience, took pride in producing fine Zinfandel and Cabernet Sauvignon varietals.

Parry also served in a number of organizations dedicated to resource conservation, sustainable agriculture, environmental protection and land use issues including the Napa Valley Grape Growers Association, the Napa River Watershed Force, both the Archer Taylor Preserve and the Planning Committees of the Napa County Land Trust and the Nanakila Institute in British Columbia.



*Parry Mead Murray and Earl S. Skidmore*

She has also been curator and co-curator of exhibits at the Napa Valley Museum and served on multiple museum committees.

Parry is a vice president and director of the Giles W. and Elise G. Mead Foundation where she has served since 1981. This foundation has endowed a College of Social and Behavioral Science Honor Roll Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a graduate student in Anthropology.

### **EARL S. SKIDMORE, Distinguished Alumnus**

Earl S. Skidmore earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Utah where he majored in Sociology and Anthropology and minored in Zoology and Chemistry. Earl's studies at the University were interrupted by two years of service in the U.S. Navy. Many years later, Earl earned a Ph.D. in Chemistry from Stanford University.

Earl entered the University in 1942 and was a freshman member of the Assembly Committee. He played for Utah's basketball team in 1942-1943 and was active in Sigma Chi. In fact, Earl's wife, Elies, was the "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi." The two were married in 1947 following Earl's graduation.

Earl's career began with Phillips Petroleum in Spokane, Wash. After three years, he moved to the San Francisco Bay area and eventually owned and operated four gas stations – "Skid's Royal Stations." In 1958, Skidmore sold the stations and began Pressure Vessel Service, a chemical company specializing in handling corrosive chemicals and creating chemical solutions. Earl devoted over 30 years to PVS and the chemical industry, serving as president of Esbro Chemical and president of the Northern California Chemical Association.

Earl has been a leader in professional and community associations throughout his life. He was president of the board of directors for United Stations while working in the retail gas industry. He was on the board of directors of the San Carlos Chamber of Commerce and president of the San Carlos Optimist Club. Skidmore also served on the boards of three Silicon Valley electronics companies.

Earl and Elies have given two scholarships to CSBS students for several years. In 2007, they created an endowment that will award CSBS Honor Roll Scholarships to several students each year in perpetuity.

*To nominate someone for the CSBS Distinguished Alumni/ae Award, please call Rick Pike at (801)585-9200 or visit [www.csbs.utah.edu/alumn\\_nom.pdf](http://www.csbs.utah.edu/alumn_nom.pdf)*

### RECIPIENTS OF THE CSBS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI/AE AWARD

2007	Betty Glad and J.D. Williams
2006	Afesa Adams and Don Lewon; Ann P. Maughan was recognized as our first Exemplary Alumna.
2005	Samuel Grover Rich, D. Brent Scott and Joan Wasson Smith
2004	Edward R. Christensen, Shauna Graves-Robertson and Leonidas Ralph Mecham
2003	Anthon S. Cannon, Jr., Stan Katz and Dorothy Watkiss

## ROTC NEWS: MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT RECEIVES DIPLOMA

by Senior Airman Brok McCarthy

*Don't let the education office fool you; there are some people out there who have become commissioned officers without having their bachelor's degrees.*

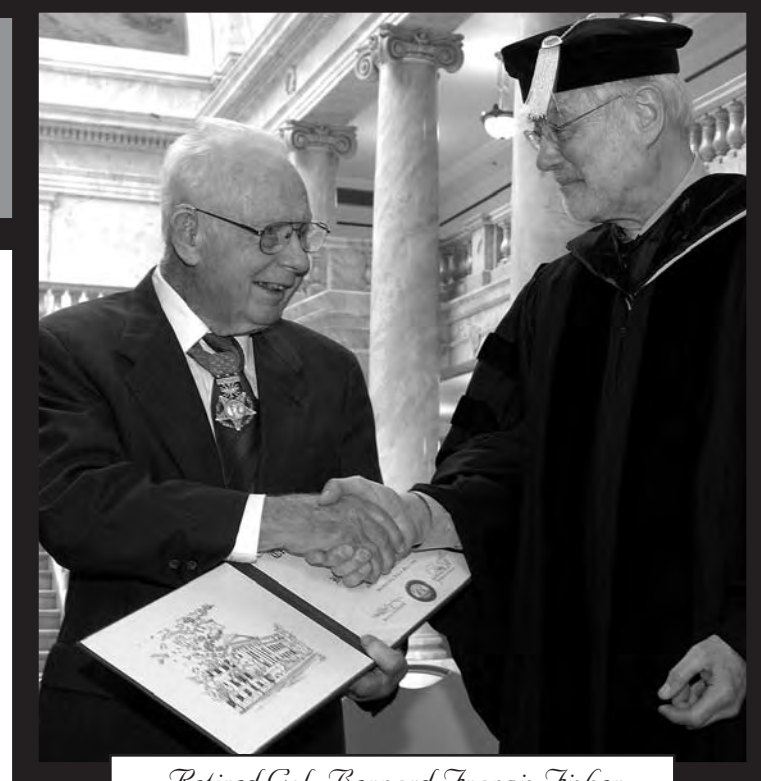
On May 3, Retired Col. Bernard Francis Fisher, a Medal of Honor recipient, received his diploma in fine arts from The University of Utah during a commissioning ceremony of nine second lieutenants from ROTC Detachment 850, almost 57 years after he originally attended The U.

"The University of Utah is extremely proud to call and claim (Colonel Fisher) as one of its own," said J. Steven Ott, dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Science and the diploma presenter.

When asked how it felt to finally receive his degree after so many years, Colonel Fisher said, "It's simply amazing. I didn't think I was ever going to get my diploma. I'm very proud to have it."

Also during the commissioning ceremony, the ROTC detachment officials presented the first Col. Bernard F. Fisher Leadership Award to its top graduating cadet as well as the Detachment 850 Distinguished Alumnus Award to Colonel Fisher.

Colonel Fisher was awarded the Medal of Honor for personal action above and beyond the call of duty by risking his life to save a fellow pilot who was shot down during action in the A Shau Valley of Vietnam in 1966.



*Retired Col. Bernard Francis Fisher and Dean J. Steven Ott*

During the battle, then Major Fisher landed his Douglas A-1E Skyraider on an airfield controlled by the enemy under intense ground fire, pulled the downed pilot from the wreckage and took him aboard his aircraft, successfully escaping despite several bullets striking the plane. The aircraft Colonel Fisher was flying that day is displayed at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Born in San Bernardino, Calif., Colonel Fisher was raised and educated in Utah, calling Clearfield home, though he now lives in Kuna, Idaho. He was the first living Air Force recipient of the Medal of Honor and the first of 12 Air Force members to receive the medal from Vietnam. Colonel Fisher was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Lyndon B. Johnson Jan. 19, 1967.

The College of Social and Behavioral Science Honor Roll Scholarship Program was established in 1996 and has grown from two scholarships to over 40. The program provides annual scholarships to students with financial need who have demonstrated academic excellence.

*For more information about the CSBS Honor Roll Scholarship Program contact Rick Pike at (801) 585-9200 or rick.pike@csbs.utah.edu*

**L. Ralph and Barbara Mecham Scholarship**  
Trent Raleigh (Economics, Environmental Studies)

**James H. Moyle Scholarship in Public Service**  
(made possible by Jeff Scott and Family)  
Julio Jarvis (Psychology)

**Stirling Pack Scholarship**  
Spencer Critchett (Economics)

**D. Brent Scott Scholarship**  
Nelle Ward (Environmental Studies, Political Science)

**Earl and Elies Skidmore Scholarship**  
Peter Behnke (Behavioral Science and Health)

**Clara Andreasen Stirrat Scholarship**  
Melissa Martinez (Environmental Studies)

**Ralph J. and Julienne Thomson Scholarship**  
Joy Johnson (Social Science Composite Teaching)

**David and Dorothy Watkiss Scholarship**  
Kristy Draper (Human Development and Family Studies)

**Wells Fargo Bank Scholarship**  
(made possible by Stephanie Harpst)  
Krista McReynolds (Sociology)

**Jeff Wright Scholarship**  
Elysia Yuen (Anthropology)

### GRADUATE HONOR ROLL SCHOLARSHIPS

**CSBS Advisory Board Scholarship**  
(made possible by Des Barker, John Boyd, Chris Gamvroulas, Maria Garcia, Paul Hammond and Robyn Matheson)  
Barry Stratford (Master of Public Policy)

**CSBS Advisory Board Scholarship**  
(made possible by Maria Siciliano, Barbara Vance, Leigh von der Esch, Connie White and Nadine Wimmer)  
Jung Woo Pek (Sociology)

**Dan and Jan England Scholarship**  
David Stringfellow (Master of Public Policy)

**Don and Sue Lewon Scholarship**  
Joshua Groeneveld (Geography)

**Don and Sue Lewon Scholarship**  
Christopher Fagundes (Psychology)

**Giles W. and Elise G. Mead Foundation Endowed Scholarship, in honor of Professor Charles Hughes**  
Chelsea Leonard (Anthropology)

**Earl and Elies Skidmore Scholarship**  
Duangkamol Sunthonkhan (Economics)

**David and Dorothy Watkiss Scholarship**  
Jonathan Gallimore (Family and Consumer Studies)

**David and Dorothy Watkiss Scholarship**  
Stithorn Thananithochot (Political Science)

### SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

**Marie Gaby Memorial Scholarship**  
Sally Tran (Behavioral Science and Health)

**Oakley J. Gordon Memorial Scholarship**  
Saleha Vadipour (Human Development and Family Studies)

**Martin Harris Hiatt Memorial Graduate Scholarships**  
Gabriella Archuleta (Master of Public Policy)  
Nekehia Quashie (Sociology)  
Angela Romero (Master of Public Administration)  
Jordan Rullo (Psychology)

**Siegfried and Ellen Karsten Scholarship**  
Chelsey Stone

**Kennecott Scholarships**  
Jennifer Buchi (Anthropology)  
Brent Hawker (Economics)

**David C. Williams Memorial Graduate Fellowships**  
Rachelle Green (Anthropology)  
Samantha Senda-Cook (Communication)

*For more information about scholarship recipients, please visit our Web site at www.csbs.utah.edu.*

## SCHOLARSHIPS MEAN LIFE OF NO REGRETS FOR CSBS GRADUATE



*Kacee Kniازهeva*

*Kacee Kniازهeva has done nearly everything a student majoring in Political Science and International Studies at The U could do.*

She interned at the Campaign Legal Center in Washington D.C. and the Utah Attorney General's Office and Utah International Trade Commission. Additionally, Kacee volunteered for Jenny Wilson's mayoral campaign and most recently for Hilary Clinton's presidential campaign.

That's not all. Kacee completed a language-intensive study abroad in Spain and traveled to India for yet another internship this year. She also was an ASUU senator and the community services director for the Union Programming Council. Did I mention she graduated Magna Cum Laude in May?

"The credit starts with my Mother," said Kacee. "She set the expectations. She taught me that the best way to go to college was good grades and extra-curricular activities so I decided to immerse myself in high school – to do everything to make myself a better applicant."

Kacee entered The U intent on studying journalism but an American Institutions class taught by Ted Wilson changed her mind.

"Professor Wilson was so engaging, so passionate about political science and just an amazing professor so I changed my major," exclaimed Kacee.

In 2007, Kacee applied for a CSBS Honor Roll Scholarship and received the Brent and Sue Scott Scholarship for 2007-08. The scholarship provided her with the opportunity she may treasure most at The U.

"In the fall I took Professor (Howard) Lehman's senior seminar titled 'The Challenge of Globalization.' It really opened my eyes to the plight of people in the third world. In the spring, the Scott's scholarship was the reason I had the financial support to accept an internship in India where I witnessed many of the very things we discussed in the seminar.

"I would definitely not have done all of these things that I've done. I would have been forced to work full-time and that would have significantly limited my experience at the University."

Kacee now looks forward to graduate school. She'll apply for a Fulbright Scholarship this year and decide between law school and a master's in gender studies.

"I dream of working for the United Nations or an international non-governmental organization dedicated to women's rights or decreasing poverty," said Kacee.

## CSBS WELCOMES CHINESE STUDENTS INTO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

*The University of Utah's Master of Public Administration Program welcomed 24 mid-career professionals from throughout Hainan, an island province in southwestern China, this January.*

The students, representing a variety of professional agencies, will spend 16 months on campus completing coursework and other necessary requirements for the MPA Degree. They will also spend time networking with administrators in public agencies, government and nonprofit organizations across Utah.

Many western universities have forged relationships with Chinese universities and governments to provide training and to supply visiting professors and exchange students. However, from the best information obtained, this University of Utah student cohort is the first, perhaps in the world. The arrangement is being watched by leaders in China's national government and has received attention in the Chinese national press.

"The agreement represents an ambitious attempt by the Hainan Province government to develop leadership and management skills of its promising mid-career officials. An MPA education at The U will help them expand their managerial and policy skills, as well as provide them with important understandings about different approaches to administrative practices across national boundaries – and the edges of continents. The connection with Hainan Province also presents a wonderful opportunity for current and future MPA students, MPA alumni and other Utahns who work in public agencies and nonprofit organizations to exchange insights and understandings with these students from China about managing, organizing and leading across cultures and in different cultures," said MPA Program Director Rick Green.

The 23 students from Hainan were nominated for this program by the Hainan Province government through a highly competitive process. Many of the students already have graduate degrees in disciplines such as law, accounting, economics, construction management and public administration from universities in China.

The second cohort will arrive in Salt Lake City in May, 2009. Reportedly, the third cohort will follow soon after.

## CSBS NEWS BRIEFS

### "Migration and Identity" the Topic of 2nd Annual Human Rights Conference

**February** – The Barbara and Norman Tanner Center for Nonviolent Human Rights Advocacy hosted a conference, "Migration, Rights and Identities: Examining the Range of Global and Local Needs." University of Utah professors, academics from around the country and a community panel considered research and practical issues involving migration.

*I hope the conference challenged some of our assumptions about the experiences of migrants and the labels we use to describe them, as well as moved us toward practical policy applications that are sensitive to a range of conditions and needs.*

George Cheney, Director of the Barbara and Norman Tanner Center.

### Altman Award Established and Awarded

**April** – The Irwin Altman Family has created the Irwin Altman Outstanding Psychology Faculty Award to be given annually to a deserving psychology professor. Bert Uchino is the first recipient of the Altman Award. Uchino is a senior professor whose work explores links between social relationships and health. The Altman's, with an assist from the College of Social and Behavioral Science and The U, have established an endowment for the Award and plan to fully fund it over the next several years.

Irwin Altman retired from the University of Utah in 2005 capping a 48-year career – 36 at The U. Altman's service included seven years as chair of the Psychology Department, four years as the dean of CSBS, and four years as vice president for Academic Affairs. He continues to serve on the CSBS Advisory Board.

### CSBS Students to Lead ASUU

**April** – Patrick Reimherr, majoring in Political Science and Economics, was elected president of the Associated Students of the University of Utah for 2008-09. Jon Hayes, majoring in Psychology and Sociology, is serving as ASUU vice president.

Reimherr's and Hayes' campaign focused on three themes: communicating opportunities, collecting feedback and creating awareness. The administration will organize initiatives in each area hoping in turn to improve the student experience at The U.

### CSBS Leads the Way at U Commencement

**May** – The College of Social and Behavioral Science awarded the largest number of bachelor degrees to U students at spring commencement. The 1,524 bachelor degrees (out of 5,174) represent 29% of The U's total undergraduate degrees. CSBS also awarded 184 graduate degrees. Three College departments were among those with the largest number of graduates: Economics, Family and Consumer Studies, and Psychology.

The U honored two CSBS professors at commencement. Sonia Salari, associate professor in Family and Consumer Studies received the University Distinguished Teaching Award. Alan Fogel, professor of Psychology, accepted the Distinguished Scholarly and Creative Research Award.

### MPP Program Proudly Bids Farewell to First Graduating Class

**May** – The Master's of Public Policy Program has graduated its first class. The graduates began the program in the fall 2006 semester. Several of the graduates are already working in public policy positions. The MPP Program has grown significantly since 2006 with 17 students currently enrolled.

## 2008-2009 HONOR ROLL SCHOLARSHIPS

**Eugene K. Andreasen Scholarship in Environmental Studies**  
Dallas Hamilton (Environmental Studies)  
Christopher Strong (Environmental Studies)  
Wendy Wolf (Environmental Studies)

**Eugene K. Andreasen Scholarship**  
Steven Ohlson (Environmental Studies, Geography)

**E. Rich Brewer Scholarship**  
Gregory Osborne (Environmental Studies)

**Jeff and Helen Cardon Scholarship**  
Candace Ware (Economics)

**Stephen S. and Cynthia L. Clinger Scholarship**  
Victoria Billings (Environmental Studies)

**Katherine W. and Ezekiel R. Dumke, Jr. Honor Roll Scholarship**  
David Egbert (Behavioral Science and Health, Sociology)

**C. R. England, Inc. Scholarship**  
(made possible by Dan England)  
Katie Kormanik (Economics)

**The David and Christina Gubler Scholarship**  
Joseph Masini, II (Sociology)

**Mark and Shelley Hardy Scholarship**  
Nicholas Peterson (Economics)

**Vico E. and Patricia A. Henriques Scholarship**  
Andrea Kalvesmaki (Psychology)

**Vico E. and Patricia A. Henriques Scholarship**  
Ryan Swan (Environmental Studies, Geography)

**Don and Sue Lewon Scholarship**  
Eric Balken (Environmental Studies)

**Don and Sue Lewon Scholarship**  
Duane Poslusny (Geography)

**Richard and Susan Masson Scholarship**  
Gavyn Smith (Behavioral Science and Health)

## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

*Greetings from the College of Social and Behavioral Science* where we are just beginning another academic year which promises to be another exciting one.



Mark your calendars now! On November 12 and 13 the College, the Rocco C. and Marion S. Siciliano Forum, and the Institute of Public and International Affairs will bring together national luminaries and The U experts to tell the next U.S. president and his administration that we need new national and international laws and policies to address the question, *How far should we go in protecting ourselves from terrorists?* The Forum will include an address by former U.S. Rep. Lee Hamilton, vice chairman of the 911 Commission, and three diverse perspectives on the issue presented by experts from The U and moderated by Margaret Warner, senior analyst with The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer. The event will attract local and national press coverage aimed at convincing the next administration that current laws and policy are inadequate. If you have wondered what it means when we talk about "internationalizing" The U and the College, note the article about the cohort of government, business and nonprofit leaders from Hainan Province, China who are at The U for 16 months earning Masters of Public Administration degrees. These outstanding leaders from southern China are proving to be wonderful additions to our community and many more students-leaders will follow them here. Future newsletter stories will feature these students, their relationships with other U students and with professionals across Utah.

In May we proudly honored two of our finest graduates with "Distinguished Alumni/ae Awards." You will enjoy reading about Parry Mead Murray and Earl Skidmore. Both are extraordinary individuals who have worked endlessly and selflessly to strengthen their communities and who are giving generously to our Honor Roll Scholarship Program. And, their scholarship support makes the profile of Kacee Kniezeva, an outstanding 2008 recipient, all the more appropriate. Kacee inspires everyone who knows her, yet she is only one of the more than 40 students who received Honor Roll scholarships – out of the hundreds who truly need and deserve support.

At the Air Force ROTC commissioning ceremony in May, I was privileged to award a diploma to a recipient of the Medal of Honor. Col. Fisher left The U without completing his degree. His bravery and sacrifice bring to mind the sacrifices U.S. servicemen – our students, fellow Utahns and Americans – continue to make in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world.

Sincerely,

J. Steven Ott, Dean

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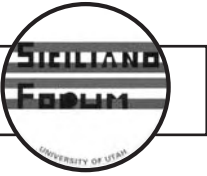


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**Amos Guiora**

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**Chibli Mallat**

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**Thursday,  
November 13, 2008**

*Lecture at 12:30 PM*

Waldemer P. Reed Auditorium  
Orson Spencer Hall  
The University of Utah

Moderated by Margaret Warner from the  
PBS News Hour with Jim Lehrer.