On Oct. 19, UW-Platteville hosted a debate between Wisconsin’s 3rd Congressional District candidates. Democratic incumbent Ron Kind, Republican candidate Dan Kapanke and Independent candidate Michael Krsiean answered questions from three panelists in the debate moderated by Adam Stanley, UW-Platteville associate professor of history.

**Rich Waugh**, UW-Platteville professor of geography, and his 3750 Field Geography of the Western United States students study glaciers, seismic and volcanic activity, and coastal fishing economy on summer experience through eight states.

**Tom Lo Guidice**, professor emeritus in education and co-director of the UW-Platteville Teaching and Learning Center, receives the 2010 Award for Excellence in Service Learning.
The University of Wisconsin-Platteville College of Liberal Arts and Education celebrated the achievements of individuals within the college and recognized outstanding alumni at the 2010 Arts and Letters Hall of Fame and Recognition Banquet that was held on Oct. 8 in the Harry and Laura Nohr Gallery in Ullsvik Hall.

The UW-Platteville mediation team, advised by John Rink, won the championship at the Duhawk Invitational Mediation Tournament at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, on Sept. 25, and also the Eighth Annual Peacemaker Challenge Mediation Tournament held at UW-Platteville Oct. 22-23. On Jan. 28-29, 2011, the team will compete at the National Invitational Mock Trial Tournament at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa.

Michael Forbes, (center) UW-Platteville assistant professor of low brass and music theory, participates as guest lecturer and conductor with Superior Music Conservatories in Malaga, Spain, and Porto, Portugal. Also performs in quartets in Limoges and Le Chaise-Dieu, France, and Galena, Ill.

Stephen Shepherd, UW-Platteville lecturer of English, releases fifth CD “Escape Is Not A Place,” which contains 10 original songs. Shepherd’s third single release “Ten Tall Women” has also appeared in the top 10 on U.S. and European music charts.
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REX (RJ) ROWLEY, originally from Las Vegas, Nev., taught at Illinois State University and Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan., prior to joining UW-Platteville as an assistant professor. He received his doctorate in human geography through the University of Kansas. His research interests include the ethnographic study of the personality of Las Vegas from the perspective of locals, incorporating geographic information technologies with qualitative methods in human geography, and environmental geographies of hazards and resources.

KAREN RUFFNER, assistant professor of education, comes to UW-Platteville from Caledonia, Ill. She has been teaching since 1975 and received her doctorate from National-Louis University in 2008. Most recently, she served as a district reading assessment coordinator for Rockford Public Schools. She is looking forward to working with education majors who will be stepping out into the field of teaching in the next few years. From her previous positions, she brings experience from 36 urban elementary schools that she is ready to share with her students.

KARA CANDITO, assistant professor of creative writing and English literature, has an M.F.A. in poetry from the University of Maryland, College Park, and a Ph.D. in creative writing from Florida State University. She is the author of "Taste of Cherry" (University of Nebraska Press), and winner of the 2008 Prairie Schooner Book Prize in Poetry. She was also recently named as a finalist for the Ruth Lilly Fellowship. Her scholarly interests are in Spanish surrealism, modernism and contemporary American poetry. She is looking forward to developing the creative writing curriculum and working with her incredible students at UW-Platteville.

TRAVIS NELSON is an assistant professor of political science specializing in international relations. He received his Ph.D. from UW-Madison in 2006 and arrives at UW-Platteville after having spent four years teaching at the University of Vermont. His current research explores natural disasters and disaster aid, the politics of international sport, and justifications for conflict and war. He is excited to be at Platteville and will be teaching courses on many areas of international relations, including international security, global economy and human rights.

KAREN STINSON, director of the School of Education, comes to UW-Platteville from Keosauqua, Iowa. Stinson received her doctorate through the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls and has taught and held various administrative positions with increasing responsibility in Iowa since 1971, including positions with the Area 7 Education Agency and Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa. She most recently served as superintendent of Van Buren Schools. Over the last decade, she has written and received over $11 million in funded grants for educational programs.

JOVAN HERNANDEZ, (not pictured) assistant professor of counselor education, majored in psychology at Minnesota State University, Mankato, and continued his education in counseling psychology at the University of Iowa. His dissertation is titled “Development and Psychometric Validation of the Perceived Classism Scale: A Measure of Social Class Discrimination,” and he has presented research in Massachusetts, New York, Illinois, Louisiana, Texas, Colorado, California and Hawaii. Hernandez’s joint manuscript, “Materialism and Internalized Classism: Implications for Counseling and Research,” is currently being reviewed by the Journal of Professional Psychology: Research and Practice.
340 students take the field at Devil’s Lake State Park
(pictured above & below)

In October, **Evan Larson**, UW-Platteville assistant professor of geography, and 340 students from the 1040 Planet Earth class, traveled to Devil’s Lake State Park outside Baraboo for an all-day field excursion where students collected data in order to create research posters to be presented on Nov. 22 in Velzy Commons of Ullsvik Hall. The posters themselves are based on observations of how the physical environment influences natural communities, wildlife, human activities and recreation.

**Dana Gevelinger**, UW-Platteville fine arts and imaging media student from Mineral Point, receives $500 scholarship from the American Advertising Federation of Dubuque.