Dr. Khalil "Haji" Dokhanchi, professor of political science, is one of 20 people nationwide chosen to receive a Carl Wilkens Fellowship from the Genocide Intervention Network. The Genocide Intervention Network is a non-partisan organization working to create a national constituency of educated and empowered Americans who will hold elected officials responsible for their actions to prevent and stop genocide. The Carl Wilkens Fellowship Program trains emerging leaders to organize grassroots anti-genocide constituencies in their communities. Dokhanchi will spend two weekends in Washington, D.C., to learn more about genocide and undergo training in community organizing.

Connie O'Brien, Business and Economics lecturer, co-wrote and published two articles with UMD professors. One article, titled, “I Quit...Again,” can be found in the “Journal of Business Case Studies” Volume 4, Number 11, November 2008 issue. The second article, titled, “Social Loafing on Group Projects: Structural Antecedents and Effect on Student Satisfaction,” is published in the Journal of Marketing Education, and identifies some easy-to-implement project set-up factors and examines their impact on reducing the incidence of social loafing. The impact of social loafing on students’ satisfaction with group members contribution and perceived fairness of the project, along with recommendations for reducing social loafing are also discussed.

On January 30, Dr. Richard Stewart, Professor and Co-Chair of the Great Lakes Maritime Research Institute, Superior, talked about Climate Change Impacts on the Great Lakes Shipping Industry. The Great Lakes Maritime Research Institute was established in 2004 to pursue research efforts in marine transportation, logistics, economics, engineering, environmental planning, and port management. Dr. Mary Balcer, the Lake Superior Research Institute’s Director and Research Scientist at the UW-Superior campus, described the Treating Aquatic Invasive Species in Ballast Water, the Great Ships Initiative and research conducted at the University of Wisconsin-Superior’s ballast water treatment facility.