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Since going live on June 17, 2014, Cornerstone: A Collection of Scholarly and Creative Works (<http://cornerstone.lib.mnsu.edu/>) has grown to include more than 1,000 items: faculty publications, graduate theses and dissertations, honors portfolios, and a new collection of presentations by graduate students in the Technical Communications Capstone Course. Download counts for Cornerstone now total over 23,000 hits! One of the most popular Cornerstone items is graduate student Brandon Hoffmann's 2012 thesis, written for his Master of Science in

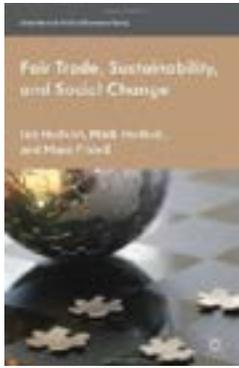
Information Technology degree and titled *An Exploratory Study of a Users' Facebook Security and Privacy Settings*. It has been viewed almost 400 times since it was added in June. Psychology Professor Dr. Daniel Houlihan's article, "Adolescents and the Social Media: The Coming Storm" has received more than 100 downloads since its addition in October. More content is added each week to Cornerstone, so check it out! For more information about contributing to Cornerstone, please contact Heidi Southworth, Digital Initiatives Librarian at 507-389-5066 or heidi.southworth@mnsu.edu.

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FAIR TRADE LECTURE ON MARCH 17



Does Fair Trade facilitate social justice? At 7:00 P.M. on March 17th in Ostrander Auditorium, Mark Hudson and Mara Fridell, co-authors of *Fair Trade, Sustainability, and Social Change*, will discuss the potential of fair trade as a means of poverty alleviation. Drawing on political economy and social movement theory, the talk, *How Fair is Fair? Social Justice and the Fair Trade*

Movement, will chart the course of the fair trade movement and detail its success, as well as some troubling signs for the future of fair trade's ability to deliver on its potential.

The event is part of the newly created Social Justice Lecture Series, established by the Department of Sociology and Corrections, which seeks to bring to Minnesota State University, and the broader Mankato community, a wide range of speakers and workshops that address social justice issues. Cosponsors for the event include the Department of

Sociology and Corrections, Sociology Club, Kessel Peace Institute, Library Services, Mavericks for Fair Trade, Mankato Area Free Trade Town Initiative (MAFTTI), and the Center for Earth Spirituality and Rural Ministry.

Dr. Mara Fridell is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Manitoba, where she teaches theory, feminist political economy, and social movements. Her areas of research include comparative immigration politics and policies, comparative education politics and policy, and feminist economic and political literacy mobilization in Manitoba. Dr. Mark Hudson is Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Manitoba, and coordinator of the Global Political Economy Program. Beginning in 1997 with field work in Chiapas, Mexico, he has authored a number of articles and spoken widely on fair trade.

For more information about the event, contact Dr. Carol L. Glasser, Department of Sociology & Corrections at 507-389-1345 or by email at carol.glasser@mnsu.edu.

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