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UMC Soccer Coach Recognized for Research on Gangs

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Chris Przemieniecki

(Crookston, Minn.)- UMC Head Women's Soccer Coach, Chris Przemieniecki was recently honored with the Frederick M. Thrasher Award for "Superior Research" on gang behavior at the 2006 National Gang Crime Research Center Conference in Chicago, IL.

The Thrasher Award is named in honor of Frederic Milton Thrasher, the 1927 author of the book *The Gang: 1,313 Gangs in Chicago*, a classic study of Chicago gangs, who generated the first social scientific analysis of gangs. The Thrasher Awards recognize outstanding contributions in research, scholarship, service, and accomplishments in dealing with the gang problem. Dr. George W. Knox, Executive Director of the National Gang Crime Research Center presented the award to Przemieniecki.

Przemieniecki's award was given for his research on gang behavior and gang-related films. The article titled "Gang Behavior and Movies: Do Hollywood Gang Films Influence Violent Gang Behavior?" can be found in the *Journal of Gang Research*, winter 2005.

In addition to his soccer coaching duties with the Golden Eagles, Przemieniecki teaches sociology and criminal justice courses at UMC. Przemieniecki is also a doctoral student at the University of North Dakota in Criminal Justice.

The University of Minnesota, Crookston is an NCAA Division II institution and a member of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC).

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