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**A weekly news digest for University of Minnesota, Morris faculty, staff, and students**

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Please send comments, questions, and submissions to the [editor](#). The submission deadline for the next edition of *Weekly Bulletin* will be Tuesday, April 8, at 4 p.m.

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**Featured Events**

**Jane Addams Project**

Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Imholte Hall 111

**Spanish Conversation Table**

Wednesdays, 6 p.m.  
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

**Visiting Alum in Science and Math Lecture: Christian Borden '00**

Wednesday, April 2, 7 p.m.  
Science 1020

**Thursday Afternoon Faculty Seminar: "Tales of Research and Internships in Madagascar and Reunion Island"**

Thursday, April 3, 4:30 p.m.  
Humanities Fine Arts 6

**[36th Annual Jazz Fest](#)**

Friday, April 4, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 5, 7:30 p.m.  
Student Center, Edson Auditorium

**[30th Annual CNIA Powwow](#)**

Saturday, April 5, 11 a.m.  
P.E. Center (626 East 2nd Street, Morris, MN 56267)

**Chrissy Kolaya Book Reception**

Tuesday, April 8, 5 p.m.  
LaFave House

**News and Announcements**

### [Help Morris Win Climate Leadership Awards Video Contest](#)

Voting is now open for the public voting competition.

### [Undergraduate Research Symposium Showcases Scholarship and Creative Activity](#)

The event celebrates student achievement across all disciplines.

### **41st Annual World Touch Cultural Heritage Week To Be Held**

The campus will celebrate its 41st Annual World Touch Cultural Heritage Week, “Windows to the World: Exploring Changing Cultures.” The week begins on Saturday, April 5, with the Peace Run and the [30<sup>th</sup> Annual CNIA Powwow](#). Sunday will feature student talent in Café Internacional. On Monday there is a showing of *Linsanity*. On Tuesday, enjoy the family-friendly DiversiTunes program. The keynote presentation is on Wednesday with Kao Kalia Yang, author of *The Latehomecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir*. The week concludes on Thursday with the World Touch Cultural Heritage Week Closing dinner, featuring food from different Asian cultures.

### **POSTVORTEX: Senior Art Show 2014**

This year there will be two exhibitions featuring work from 14 different students. Opening receptions will be held on Thursday, April 10, and on Thursday May 1, from 7–9 p.m. in the Edward J. & Helen Jane Morrison Gallery.

### [University of Minnesota to Replace M-Key](#)

The University of Minnesota is transitioning away from the M-Key system that some use to access the PeopleSoft system. If you use an M-Key, please read this [email](#) about the new Duo login key system.

### [Enterprise Systems Upgrade Program Update](#)

The latest edition of Enterprise Systems Upgrade Program's (ESUP) *The Upgrade* is available now. In this issue:

- Sneak Peek: Introducing the New Reporting Center
- First Look: HRMS begins high-level training with unit and OHR staff
- Morris Campus Develops ESUP Leadership Team

View this issue and more at [upgrade.umn.edu](http://upgrade.umn.edu).

### [This Week in Photos](#)

The Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving hosted its annual [Midwinter event](#) and a [painting party at Art & Elixir](#), the Center for Small Towns and the Office of Sustainability held [Exploring the State of Water in West Central Minnesota](#), Morris hosted its [fourth annual Prairie Gate Literary Festival](#), and [Grace Goldtooth-Campos](#) spoke to American Indian Studies students. Enjoy these photos and [more](#) today!

## **Accomplishments**

**Sheri Breen**, assistant professor of political science, received [the 2014 University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni Association Teaching Award](#). She is, in the words of the nominating committee, “a paragon of excellence in teaching, advising, research, academic program development, and educational leadership.”

**Sandy Kill**, library assistant, **Lisa Harris**, assistant to the vice chancellor for finance and facilities, and **Dale Michealson**, copy center equipment operator, have received the 2013–2014 Outstanding Support Staff Awards. Each recipient will be recognized at the faculty/staff recognition dinner on April 24.

**Jennifer Zych Herrmann**, retention coordinator, is the winner of the 2014 Academic Staff Award. In the words of her nominators, “It’s obvious by [her] 14 years of dedicated service, with no sign of slowing down, that she will continue to be a vital part of the campus and support for our students’ development and success.”

Work by **Michael Eble**, associate professor of studio art, will be featured in a [Rural America Contemporary Art \(RACA\)](#) exhibition at the McKnight Foundation. *Rural America Contemporary Art: Making Nowhere into Somewhere* features contemporary artists from a diverse range of rural Minnesota communities. An opening reception will be held at the McKnight Foundation offices (710 South Second Street, Suite 400, Minneapolis, MN) on March 28 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. The exhibition runs through July. Eble’s *Striations* will be featured at the [Franklin Arts Center Resident Artists Gallery](#) (1001 Kingwood St., Gallery 101, Brainerd, MN 56401) April 4–26. An opening reception will be held Friday, April 4, from 5–9 p.m.

## In the News

**Chancellor Jacqueline R. Johnson** is mentioned in a [story](#) on [TwinCities.com](#). The article states that “women are having their moment on Minnesota’s campuses,” given the number of women in leadership roles at schools across the state. Chancellor Johnson is the only female chancellor in the University of Minnesota system.