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Please send comments, questions, or submissions to the editor. The submission deadline for the next edition of Weekly Bulletin will be Tuesday, November 6, at 4 p.m.

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Featured Events

German Conversation Table
Mondays, 6 p.m.
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

Jane Addams Project
Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Imholte Hall 111

Spanish Conversation Table
Wednesdays, 6 p.m.
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

French Conversation Table
Thursdays, 6 p.m.
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

CAC Films—The Rocky Horror Picture Show
Wednesday, October 31, 11:59 p.m.
Student Center, Edson Auditorium

Thursday Afternoon Faculty Seminar—Michael Eble: "Honfleur Reflections"
Thursday, November 1, 4:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts 6

Thursday, November 1, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, November 2, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 3, 2 p.m.
Saturday, November 3, 7:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts Black Box

GWSS Works in Progress Series—Julia Dabbs: "No Mere Little Woman: The Feminist Undercurrent of May Alcott Nieriker's Studying Art Abroad and How To Do It Cheaply"
Friday, November 2, 12 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts 2

Prairie Gate Literary Festival Presents—Anne Panning
Friday, November 2, 7:30 p.m.
Briggs Library, McGinnis Room

MPIRG Improv Show
Friday, November 2, 8 p.m.
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

Dia De los Muertos Dance
Friday, November 2, 9 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

CAC Films Presents—Tangled
Friday, November 2, 9:30 p.m.
Student Center, Edson Auditorium

DFL Rally
Saturday, November 3, 1:30 p.m.
Campus Mall

BSU Trick or Treat Trail
Sunday, November 4, 3-6 p.m.
Student Center, Louie's Lower Level

Election Polling
Tuesday, November 6, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

Stress Management Series
Tuesday, November 6, 5 p.m.
Student Center, Mocassin Flower Room

Auditions for God of Carnage
Tuesday, November 6, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 7, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts Raymond J. Lammers Proscenium Theatre

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Wednesday, November 7, 7 p.m.
Imholte Hall Auditorium


News and Announcements


Guest artist Eugenio Zapata will present "Fantasies & Illusions" on Tuesday, November 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall. Featuring works by Beethoven, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, Gershwin, Amy Beach, William Bolcom, and Clarence "Pine Top" Smith, the performance promises both a piano recital and multimedia presentation.


Morris announces an entirely new Achievement Scholarship program for incoming students. The new program not only includes awards of higher amounts than those offered previously, but also bases award decisions on a wider variety of academic factors.

Veterans Day Chili Feed
The date of Morris’s annual Veterans Day Chili Feed is set for Friday, November 9, 2012. The event will take place from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Student Center’s Oyate Hall Alumni Room. The event is free and open to the campus community. For more information, please contact Hannah Eliason at elias167@morris.umn.edu.

Save the Date: Employee Health and Benefit Fair—Monday, November 12!

Mark your calendars to attend the Employee Health and Benefit Fair on Monday, November 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center’s Oyate Hall. Stop by and speak with vendors representing Medical Plans, Flexible Spending Accounts, Employee Benefits, Retirement Savings, Dental Plans, Employee Wellness, and more! Free flu shots will also be available between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Education News

Students Interested in Entering the Elementary or Secondary Education Program

You must complete the Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examinations (MTLE) basic skills test before entering either the elementary or secondary education program. The MTLE will be offered at Morris on several dates each month. Contact Pat Nelson, nelsonpa@morris.umn.edu, or Jane Kill, killjb@morris.umn.edu, for information on registering.

Secondary Education Students Planning to Graduate in 2014
There will be an informational/application meeting on Wednesday, October 31, at 12 p.m. in Science 3655. The meeting will provide information on recommendations, interviews, and deadlines for admission to the program. Further information about admission requirements may be found in the University of Minnesota, Morris catalog.

Accomplishments


Rebecca Dean, assistant professor of anthropology, has been accepted to participate in the University of Minnesota's 2012-13 Internationalizing Teaching and Learning (ITL) Cohort Program sponsored by the Global Programs & Strategy Alliance, the Center for Teaching and Learning, Instructional Development Services (UMD), and the Office of Information Technology. Faculty in the ITL Cohort Program represent a wide range of disciplines from all five University of Minnesota campuses.


Amy Toscani, visiting professor of studio art, has had her sculpture “Difference and Repetition” accepted into the permanent collection at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design.

Findings published by Stephen Burks, associate professor of economics and management, and Jon Anderson, professor of statistics, regarding obese rookie truckers and their increased likelihood of accidents were reported in an <http://bit.ly/Tl54fx> article by ScienceMag.org. The findings fuel an ongoing debate over the best way to screen commercial drivers for medical conditions that pose a risk on the road. This research is part of the long-running Truckers & Turnover Project.

In the News
Amy Toscani, visiting professor of studio art, was profiled in the October 21, 2012 edition of MN Original.

In an article regarding the second annual Student Engagement Leadership Forum on Sustainability, Minnesota Daily recognized the University of Minnesota, Morris for its recent jump in Sierra magazine’s “Cool Schools” ranking.

PZ Myers, associate professor of biology, was featured in an article by Bob Smietana of The Tennessean for his role in last week’s CSICon, an event co-sponsored by the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry and the Center for Inquiry.