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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, September 18, at 4 p.m.

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Upcoming Events

Morris Area Farmers Market
Mondays and Thursdays, 3–6 p.m.
East Side Park

The Morris Healthy Eating Team encourages everyone to visit the Morris Area Farmers Market, where farmers, growers, producers, and artisans sell their own products directly to the public, allowing customers to have a direct relationship with the producers of the items they purchase. The market emphasizes quality, freshness, and originality for the Morris community and surrounding area. The Farmers Market opened on June 14 and will run on Mondays and Thursdays from 3 until 6 p.m. through September 20.

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

Join fellow German-speakers for friendly conversation each Monday evening. Everyone is welcome!

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

Bringing the University, Morris area, and Hispanic communities together, the student and community member-led community-building project “Jane Addams” will meet on Tuesday evenings throughout the year. Everyone is welcome.

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

Come join fellow Spanish-speakers at La Mesa de Conversación en la Universidad de Minnesota, Morris, otherwise known as the Spanish Conversation Table at UMM. All are welcome! Students, faculty, staff, and community members have casual conversations in Spanish about a variety of topics. Meet new people and improve your Spanish weekly!

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

Join new friends and old at the French conversation table. Meet fellow francophones, practice your French, and have fun each Thursday evening!

Tournées Festival of French Films
Wednesday, September 12, 7 p.m.
Student Center, Edson Auditorium

The French Discipline and Entre Nous, a group of Morris francophiles, are pleased to announce the 2012 Tournées Festival of French and Francophone Films. Selected by student officers in Entre Nous, the Festival includes five new, award-winning feature films. The films will be screened at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays for five weeks beginning on August 29 and ending on September 26. The campus and the public are invited to attend these free screenings subtitled in English. For more information, contact Tammy Berberi berberit@morris.umn.edu. The third film in the festival, on September 12, will be Emotifs anonymes / Romantics Anonymous, directed by Jean-Pierre Améris (2010/80 mins.). This delightfully inventive romantic comedy takes on two unlikely topics: social anxiety and chocolate. Angélique is a supremely gifted chocolatier, but she’s so self-effacing that any compliment sends her into great distress—a condition she tries to alleviate by attending 12-step meetings for people with social-anxiety disorder. Exceptional comedic performers, Carré and Poelvoorde imbue their characters with both dignity and daffiness.

Resume/Cover Letter Writing Workshop
Thursday, September 13, 7 p.m.
Science and Math 1020

Career Services will be hosting a resume writing workshop. For more information, please contact Irene Maloney.

Mak Grgic, Classical Guitar Performance
Friday, September 14, 2012 7:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

The University of Minnesota, Morris, in association with the Minnesota Guitar Association, will be hosting a recital given by the young Slovenian guitarist, Mak Grgic. Grgic will be presenting a family-friendly concert of traditional and popular classics associated with his instrument. This concert will suit people of all ages and is a unique
opportunity to hear a virtuoso guitarist for free!

**All-night Write**  
Friday, September 14, 8 p.m.  
Imholte Hall 109

The evening will allow participants time to individually write and get something down on the page. Within the World has also planned fun literary games and writing prompts for the event, which will take place in conjunction with the upcoming "Raw and Unedited" Within The World Open Mic reading. The latter will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18, in the McGinnis Room. These events are intended to highlight the sometimes gritty, always interesting, and often overlooked process of writing.

**CAC films presents - Not Quite Hollywood**  
Friday, September 14, 9:30 p.m.  
Student Center, Edson Auditorium

*Not Quite Hollywood* is a documentary that explores Australian film making at a time when it displayed an explosion of sex, violence, horror, and action. The film boasts anecdotes, lessons in maverick filmmaking, and a genuine love of Australian movies. All are welcome to attend this public screening.

**Stress Management Series**  
Monday, September 17, 12 p.m.  
Student Center Moccasin Flower Room

You are invited to attend a Stress Management Series designed to help individuals understand what stress is and how it affects one’s everyday actions as well as strategies to help manage. This series will take place in four parts; participation in all four sessions is not mandatory, but it is highly recommended. Bridget Joos, wellness and violence prevention coordinator and counselor/advocate, will be presenting the stress management series. If you have questions about the series, please contact Bridget at joosbi@morris.umn.edu or 320-589-6061.

**Job Search Strategies Workshop**  
Monday, September 17, 5 p.m.  
Science and Math 1020

There will be a job search strategies workshop on Monday, September 17. For more information, please contact Irene Maloney.

**U.S. Constitution: Today’s Issues**  
Monday, September 17, 7 p.m.  
Briggs Library, McGinnis Room

Celebrating 225 years of the U.S. Constitution, Pi Sigma Alpha, History Club, and Briggs Library are hosting a Constitution Day Panel. This year’s panelists include Mary Elizabeth Bezanson, Roland Guyotte, and Roger Rose.
This event marks the observance of Constitution Day. Refreshments will be served.

**Pride of the Prairie Farmers Market**  
Tuesday, September 18, 1 p.m.  
Outdoor Spaces Campus Mall

The Pride of the Prairie Farmers Market at the University of Minnesota, Morris brings local farmers, growers, artisans, local organizations, and the community together to buy and sell local products, network, and exchange information. The Farmers Market on Tuesday, September 18, will be held outside on the campus mall from 1–5 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the market will be held in the Student Center. Parking is available in the South Lot.

**Pride of the Prairie Fall Feast**  
Tuesday, September 18, 4:45 p.m.  
Dining Hall

The Pride of the Prairie Fall Feast will feature a locally sourced menu of foods grown on the prairie and across Minnesota. Tickets will be available at the door—$12 adults, $6 children and off-campus students, children under five eat free. On-campus students may use their meal plans. Free parking is available in the South Lot.

**GWSS Works in Progress Series, "Primer for a Young Feminist: New Adventures in Embroidery" Jess Larson—Studio Art**  
Tuesday, September 18, 6 p.m.  
Humanities Fine Arts 2

Once a month, UMM faculty doing gender, women, and sexuality studies (gwss)-related scholarship will present their “work in progress.” These informal and interactive discussion presentations will be as varied in subject and style as the scholars themselves! Each “work” showcased is at a different stage of production, but all of the presenters are looking for lively discussion and feedback from the audience. Students, faculty, staff, students, and the larger community are invited. Light refreshments will be served. The first discussion of the series will be Jess Larson’s "Primer for a Young Feminist: New Adventures in Embroidery."

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night, Dino becomes the accomplice of Nico, a good-hearted burglar who leaps from rooftop to rooftop with balletic grace. *A Cat in Paris* is a delightful homage to French policiers, with a four-legged star destined to be remembered as one of cinema’s most charismatic felines.

**Mazinaatesijigan gekinoo’amaadiwin Film Series**  
Wednesday, September 19, 7 p.m.  
Imholte Hall 109

For much of the 20th century, American Indian identities were shaped—at least in popular culture and public imaginations—by advertising imagery, Edward Curtis photographs, and wild west shows. In the past few decades, American Indian artists and filmmakers have extracted their own image from these external forces, challenging the established codes of representation. The goal of the Mazinaatesijigan gekinoo’amaadiwin Film Series is to challenge its audience through the use of film to examine and discuss the issues of culture, identity, and stereotypes of American Indian people.

**Barber Lecture 2012—“The Imagination of Truth: How Fiction Shines a Light into the Dark Corners of History”**  
Wednesday, September 19, 7:30 p.m.  
Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

Jay Parini, Axinn professor of English and creative writing at Middlebury College, will be the featured speaker at this year's Barber Lecture. Parini’s lecture will attempt to put forth a brief aesthetics of fiction by arguing that fiction enables people to look in places where conventional history and biography cannot possibly go.

**Big Block of Cheese**  
Thursday, September 20, 10 a.m.  
Student Center Lobby Table 1

Come meet Jim Hall, director of information technology, and enjoy some delicious cheese! Inspired by a story about Andrew Jackson’s cheese-sharing at the White House, Jim will be distributing 13 pounds of cheese in the Student Center. Grab a bite, chat about technology, and get to know your IT director. All are welcome to join in the fun.

**Get Connected**  
Thursday, September 20, 6:00 p.m.  
Student Center Turtle Mountain Cafe

This is an event to have all students on campus get connected with each other. There will be group games and activities. For more information, please contact Sia Moua at mouax254@morris.umn.edu.

**News and Announcements**
Homecoming 2012

The University of Minnesota, Morris invites alumni, students, faculty, staff, and members of the surrounding community to participate in its Homecoming festivities. For many years, Morris has brought the community together for a variety of exciting Homecoming events, which include sports competitions, reunions, concerts, performances, and networking opportunities for alumni and students. All are welcome at the 2012 Homecoming celebration, September 18-23.

Morris Amazing Race

UMM held its annual Morris Amazing Race on Sunday, September 2. Seven teams of four competed in a wacky race that took them to 14 destinations around the UMM campus and surrounding community. Participants raced one another in search of clues hidden throughout the course. Charles Abraham, Connor Lewis, Claire Goodrich, and Chalmer Combellick came in first place. Benjamin Osman, Holly Gruntner, Matthew Lungren, and Kristina Grundmanis placed second. Caitlin Kemp, Sara Strenge, Marla Fix, and Kelsey Hasz—all first year students—took third place.

Women’s Soccer Team serves Feed My Starving Children

The University of Minnesota, Morris’s women’s soccer team volunteered at a recent Feed My Starving Children event in Morris. The women helped pack over 25,000 meals for children in need.

The Center for Small Town Student Employees Help Improve Local Newspapers

Newspapers play a big role in the civic life of rural communities, so organizations like the MN News Media Institute and its Editors & Publishers Leadership Program have been founded to help small town newspapers thrive. The Center for Small Towns (CST) at the University of Minnesota, Morris hires students each year to assist with this program. Through a content analysis of seven participating newspapers, CST’s students helped members of the leadership program identify the need to have balanced, inclusive coverage.

Education News

Students interested in entering either the elementary and secondary education programs must complete the Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examinations (MTLE) basic skills exams before formally entering either program. The MTLE will be offered at UMM on several dates each month. Contact Pat Nelson, Division of Education, or Jane Kill, counseling, for information on registering.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MAJORS PLANNING TO GRADUATE IN 2015—There will be an informational/application meeting for all elementary education majors planning to graduate in 2015 on Wednesday, October 10, at 5 p.m. in Imholte Hall 101. During the meeting, questions will be answered as to the pre-requisites required; when you should apply to the program; when you should begin the program; student teaching; graduation, etc. If you have already picked up your application packet, please bring it with you to the meeting. Further information about admission requirements may be found in the University of Minnesota, Morris catalog.
ATTENTION SECONDARY EDUCATION STUDENTS PLANNING TO GRADUATE IN 2014—There will be an informational/application meeting for all secondary education students planning to graduate in 2014 on Thursday, September 20, at 2 p.m. in Science 3665. The meeting will provide information on recommendations, interviews, and deadlines for applying for admission to the program. Further information about admission requirements may be found in the University of Minnesota, Morris catalog.

Stress Management Series

You are invited to attend a stress management series designed to help individuals understand what stress is and how it affects one’s everyday actions as well as strategies to help manage. This series will take place in four parts; participation in all four sessions is not mandatory, but it is highly recommended. The Stress Management Series is scheduled for Mondays—September 17-October 8—from 12:15-1:00pm in the Moccasin Flower Room of the Student Center. This series of workshops will be presented again on Tuesdays—October 30-November 20—at 5:00pm in the Moccasin Flower Room. Bridget Joos, wellness and violence prevention coordinator and counselor/advocate, will be presenting the stress management series. If you have questions about the series, please contact Bridget at joosbi@morris.umn.edu or 320-589-6061. By participating in the Stress Management Series you can earn 50 points under the "Wellness My Way" category. The opportunity to earn Wellness Points will begin October 1st, 2012 and run through August 31st, 2013. If you achieve your points based on the UPlan Medical Program in which you are enrolled, you will receive premium rate reductions for 2014.

Weight Watchers Open House

Stop by the Weight Watchers Open House on Tuesday, September 25, at 12:15 p.m. in the Behmler Conference Room to learn more about the program. By participating in the weight management program on campus, you are eligible to earn 150 points for your Wellness Points Bank. As a UPlan member, you will get back 100 percent for the up-front costs of the program after you attend the required number of meetings or classes. During a calendar year a UPlan member can be reimbursed three times for taking part in weight management programs.

Book Group

Members of the campus and Morris communities are invited to make time for pleasure reading and to join the book group that meets on campus. They meet monthly, usually the second Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in the McGinnis Room of Briggs Library. Although the club has already selected the next book and set the meetings, they are always looking for newcomers to add to the discussion and help the club broaden its literary horizons. If you have an idea for a book group read or you would like to be added to the email list, stop by the next meeting on Monday, October 22 at 4:30 p.m. This is a very casual group and participants come and go as they can. The club’s October selection is *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte.

Save the Date for the 2012 Celebration of Scholarly Accomplishments

The UMM 2012 Celebration of Scholarly Accomplishments event is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, in Oyate Hall. University of Minnesota Vice President for Research Timothy Mulcahy is planning to attend as part of his last visit to the Morris campus, prior to his retirement in December. A call for poster submissions for the event is
Accomplishments

The UMM women’s swimming and diving team has achieved Scholar All American status for the Spring 2012 semester. The College Swimming and Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) presents the Team Scholar All American award to college and university swimming and diving teams who achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. The complete listing of institutions who have achieved this honor can be found on the CSCAA website.

Stephen Burks, associate professor of economics and management, has joined the virtual research community at the School of Economics at the University of Nottingham, UK, through an appointment as an External Research Fellow at Nottingham's Centre for Decision Research and Experimental Economics. Burks’ appointment is in part a formal recognition of the fact that Dr. Daniele Nosenzo, formerly a post-doc and now a junior faculty member at the University of Nottingham, has been actively working with Morris's Truckers and Turnover Project research team for the last two years.

Stephen Burks, associate professor of economics and management, presented "The Effects of Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA) on Driver Accident Risk and Driver Health and Health Care Costs at a Large US Trucking Firm," at the Industrial Relations Research Centre at the Australian School of Business, University of New South Wales, in Sydney, Australia on July 24. The results were prepared as part of Morris’s long-running Truckers & Turnover Project, which is carried out in collaboration with a major motor carrier. Among those making contributions to the material presented were J. Anderson (professor of statistics), M. Berger (Precision Pulmonary Diagnostics), D. Ganzhorn (Morris ’08), M. Govada (Morris ’12), J. Hickman (Virginia Tech), X. Jiao (Morris ’12), S. Kales (Harvard Medical School), C. Lewis (Morris ’15), and A. Lexvold (Morris ’13).

In the News

According to inforum.com, the North Dakota Soybean Council has hired alumna Michelle Swenson its as director of marketing and development.

Tim Gregory ’12 has announced his candidacy for the Victoria, Minnesota mayoral race, according to an article published in the Chanhassen Villager.

The Morris Sun Tribune recognized the efforts made by Morris students during the day of service hosted by the Office of Community Engagement on Labor Day in an article entitled “Students participate in volunteer day of service across community.”

Michael Lackey provided an outline of events designed to complement the Barber Lecture in an article published
by the *Morris Sun Tribune*.