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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 25, 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

BSU Homecoming Date Auction
Wednesday, 6 p.m.
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

Tournées Festival of French Films—Une Vie de chat / A Cat in Paris
Wednesday, September 19, 7 p.m.
Student Center, Edson Auditorium

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Wednesday, September 19, 7 p.m.
Imholte Hall 109
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.
HFA Recital Hall

Morris Area Farmers Market
Thursday, September 20, 3–6 p.m.
East Side Park

Powderpuff Football
Thursday, September 20, 7 p.m.
Big Cat Stadium

Residence Halls Tug-o-War
Thursday, September 20, immediately follows Powderpuff
Residence Halls

Alumni and Student Networking Event
Friday, September 21, All day
Student Center

Cougar Hall of Fame/Distinguished Alumni Award/Networking Banquet
Friday, September 21, 6 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

BSU Homecoming Dance, Oyate Hall
Friday, September 21, 10 p.m.
Oyate Hall

Cougar Homecoming 5K
Saturday, September 22—Registration begins at 8 a.m., race begins at 9 a.m.
Regional Fitness Center

University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni Association Tailgate Party
Saturday, September 22, 11:45 a.m.–1 p.m.
west of Big Cat Stadium (Food Service rain site)

Homecoming Football Game vs. Greenville
Saturday, September 22, 1 p.m.
Big Cat Stadium

Homecoming Reunion Gatherings
Saturday, September 22, 4-6 p.m.
Student Center

The Laramie Project Tenth-Anniversary Staged Reading
Saturday, September 22, 7 p.m.
CAC Concerts and Caravan du Nord* present: Haley Bonar with Chastity Brown  
Saturday, September 22, 9 p.m.  
Edson Auditorium

Homecoming Choir and Symphonic Winds Concert  
Sunday, September 23, 2 p.m.  
HFA Recital Hall

Driggs Lecture 2012—“Nothing New About NAFTA: Connecting the Northern Plains (and Minnesota) to a Greater North American History”  
Tuesday, September 25, 7:30 p.m.  
HFA Recital Hall

Tournées Festival of French Films—*Le Gamin au vélo / The Kid with a Bike*  
Wednesday, September 26, 7 p.m.  
Science and Math Auditorium

Popcorn Concert  
Thursday, September 27, 7:30 p.m.  
Student Center Oyate Hall

CAC Concerts Open Mic Night  
Thursday, September 27, 9:30 p.m.  
Student Center Turtle Mountain Cafe

View the entire 2012 Homecoming schedule online [http://bit.ly/QLgkNi].  
Check out all of the campus events.

News and Announcements

Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies Works in Progress the Focus of New Discussion Series

The University of Minnesota, Morris introduces a new series of faculty-led presentations entitled "Gender, Women, & Sexuality Studies Works in Progress: A Discussion Series." These informal and interactive discussion presentations will be as varied in subject and style as the scholars themselves. While each work showcased is at a different stage of production, all of the presenters are looking for lively discussion and feedback from the audience [http://bit.ly/QUrjHU].

Original-Cast Alumni to Return for Anniversary Reading of The Laramie Project

The University of Minnesota, Morris Theatre Arts Discipline will present a tenth-anniversary staged reading of The
**Laramie Project** on Saturday, September 22, at 7 p.m. in Humanities Fine Arts [http://bit.ly/R0nGCc].

**Public Observing**

Reid Ronnander will be hosting several public observing nights throughout the next several weeks. Observing will be held in the UMM Observatory at 9 p.m. on the following evenings: September 24, October 8, October 22, November 5, and November 19. Cancellations will be posted online [http://bit.ly/U9GPlQ] no later than 8 p.m. All are invited to attend.

**Need a U Card?**

Stop by the U Card Office in Behmler Hall 205. The office is open daily from 9:00-11:00 a.m. during the fall semester.

**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 Morris 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 on Wednesday, October 10, at 5 p.m. in Imholte Hall 101. The meeting will provide information on required pre-requisites, 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.

**Secondary Education Majors Planning to Graduate in 2014**

There will be an informational/application meeting 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. Although participation in all four sessions is not mandatory, 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 1, 2012 and run through August 31, 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 receive 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 monthly on campus. This is a very casual group, and participants come and go as they can. Meetings are usually held on the second Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in the McGinnis Room of Briggs Library. Although the group has already selected the next book and set the meetings, it is always looking for newcomers to add to the discussion and 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. 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 forthcoming. In the meantime, 2011 posters and event information can be viewed online [http://bit.ly/JdyXfn].

Accomplishments

**Morris Named one of *U.S. News's Top 10 Public Liberal Arts Colleges for the Fourteenth Consecutive Year***

*U.S. News and World Report* has released its 2013 college rankings, which again lists the University of Minnesota, Morris among the nation's Top 10 Public Liberal Arts Colleges. This is the fourteenth consecutive year in which Morris has been included on this list. [http://bit.ly/RSlss6D]

**Chris Butler**, instructor of English, sociology, and honors, was awarded a Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad fellowship for his project “Water Unites, Water Divides: Resistance to the West Seti and Upper Karnali Dams in Nepal.” The fellowship funds one year of research, summer 2013 through summer 2014.
Bradley Deane, associate professor of English, will be honored for his scholarship at the annual conference of the North American Victorian Studies Association. His recent article “Imperial Boyhood: Piracy and the Play Ethic” was awarded Honorable Mention for the Donald Gray Prize, which is awarded to the best essay published in the field of Victorian studies in 2011.

Brett Lysne ‘08 is set to lecture at the South Dakota State University campus on Thursday, September 20. [http://bit.ly/RoNnww]

In the News


Otter Tail Corporation has hired alumnus Jon Gunderson as treasury analyst, according to Inforum.com [http://bit.ly/RoNbNT].

Alumnus Craig Peterson, the newest principal of Morris Area High School, was recently profiled by the Morris Sun Tribune. [http://bit.ly/QzLusD]