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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

**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
**Game Night at Briggs Library**
Friday, September 28, 6 p.m.
Briggs Library

**Cirque Zuma Zuma** [http://bit.ly/V8tkB7]
Saturday, September 29, 7:30 p.m.
Student Center, Edson Auditorium

**Coca Bochonko, viola, and Shannon Loehrke, piano**
Sunday, September 30, 2:30 p.m.
HFA Recital Hall

Monday, October 1, 7:30 p.m.
Student Center, Edson Auditorium

**Popcorn Concert**
Tuesday, October 2, 7:30 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

**Blood Drive**
Wednesday and Thursday, October 3-4, 11:30 a.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

**Eric Vincent Concert**
Wednesday, October 3, 7:30 p.m.
Student Center, Edson Auditorium

**Thursday Afternoon Faculty Seminar—Tim Lindberg: "Team-based Learning"**
Thursday, October 4, 4:30 p.m.
HFA 6

Check out all of the campus events [http://bit.ly/vn6ZIT].

**News and Announcements**


The French Discipline and Entre Nous are pleased to announce that contemporary French singer-songwriter Eric Vincent will perform a live concert on Wednesday, October 3, at 7:30 p.m. in Edson Auditorium. All are invited to attend this family-friendly event.

The Department of Philosophy invites the University of Minnesota, Morris community to the 37th Annual Midwest Philosophy Colloquium. This year’s speaker series will explore the topic of moral realism: the idea that there are objective moral facts independent of cultural or personal beliefs, preferences, and values. The colloquium will host the two most notable moral realists in philosophy today: Michael Huemer, professor of philosophy at the University of Colorado-Boulder, and Russ Shafer-Landau, professor of philosophy at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.


The Festival of Spanish Language Cinema returns to Morris on Saturday, October 6. Members of the campus and surrounding community are invited to attend the festival, which will bring four celebrated Spanish-language films to west central Minnesota for the fifth consecutive year. All films have been subtitled in English and will be shown at the Morris Theatre on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the month of October.


The University of Minnesota, Morris is pleased to welcome award-winning science fiction and fantasy author Lois McMaster Bujold on Tuesday, October 9, at 7 p.m. in Imholte Hall 109. The author will be reading from her latest book and taking questions from the audience. A reception is scheduled to follow. All are welcome to attend this exciting literary event.

Women’s Wellness Day

Ladies, join your girl friends in the lobby of the RFC on Wednesday, September 26, for Women’s Wellness Day! There you can learn all about women's health by attending workshops and fitness classes. Local organizations will also be available to offer information. You can even enter your name to win a door prize! The day’s discussion and workshop topics include: beauty, self-esteem, relaxation, portion sizes, healthy eating, self-defense, healthy relationships, sexual health, chiropractic health, fitness, and much more. Students, faculty, and staff are welcome to participate in this nationwide event.

Public Observing

Reid Ronnander will be hosting several public observing nights over the next several weeks. Observing will be held in the UMM Observatory at 9 p.m. on the follow evenings: 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.

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.

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 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.

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 Students Planning to Graduate in 2014

There will be an informational/application meeting on Wednesday, October 31, at 12:00 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.

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


For the second consecutive year, *G.I. Jobs*—a magazine for military personnel transitioning to civilian life—named the University of Minnesota, Morris a Military Friendly School. The 2013 Military Friendly Schools list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities, and trade schools that support American military service members and veterans as students.

Jon Anderson, professor of statistics, and Stephen Burks, associate professor of economics and management, along with J. Carpenter (Middlebury College), L. Götte (University of Lausanne), K. Maurer '09, D. Nosenzo (University of Nottingham), R. Potter '13, K. Rocha '10, and A. Rustichini (University of Minnesota, Twin Cities), are co-authors of an article released online by *Experimental Economics*. The title of the paper is "Self-selection and variations in the laboratory measurement of other-regarding preferences across subject pools: evidence from one college student and two adult samples [http://bit.ly/Rf5D9A]." The paper analyzes behavioral economic experiments conducted on the Morris campus with students and Morris-area adults in 2007-08, in comparison to the similar experiments done with trainee truckers in a Wisconsin driver training program. The results show that students are less likely to engage in unconditional cooperation at a personal financial cost than are non-student adults. This research is part of the long-running Truckers & Turnover Project.

In the News


The *Morris Sun Tribune* chronicled [http://bit.ly/Q6swsC] efforts made by the *Morris Healthy Eating Initiative* to promote the availability of healthy local foods in Morris and the surrounding community.