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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, November 19, 2013, at 4 p.m.

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- **Education Students Travel to Chicago**
- **Cyrus Bina Honored at Northeastern Illinois University**
- **Tammy Berberi Featured in *The New York Times***

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

Russian Conversation Table

Fridays, 4 p.m.
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

Asking the Big Questions: Facebook is Forever

Wednesday, November 13, 7:30 p.m.
Briggs Library, McGinnis Room

[Gloria Ladson-Billings: "Through A Glass Darkly: The Persistence of Race in Education Research"](#)

Thursday, November 14, 7:30 p.m.
Student Center, Edson Auditorium

GWSS Lecture: "The Transgender Normal"

Friday, November 15, 12 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts 45

Rovshan Mamedkuliev—Guitar Concert

Friday, November 15, 7:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts, Recital Hall

2013 Scholarship Jubilee

Saturday, November 16, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

Second Annual Round Dance Feast

Saturday, November 16, 4 p.m.
American Legion (507 Pacific Avenue, Morris, MN 56267)

Second Annual Round Dance Opening

Saturday, November 16, 7 p.m.

P.E. Center (626 East Second Street, Morris, MN 56267)

***Around the World in Sixty Minutes*—UMM Children's Cushion Concert**

Sunday, November 17, 3 p.m.

Student Center, Oyate Hall

Jazz Combos

Monday, November 18, 5 p.m.

Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

[Soup and Substance](#)

Wednesday, November 20, 5:30 p.m.

Student Center, Moccasin Flower Room

Check out all of the campus [events](#).

News and Announcements

[Eger Continues Service to Morris as MN GreenCorps Member](#)

Heidi Eger '13 strives to make fresh and locally grown foods available on campus and in the community.

[Education Students Travel to Chicago](#)

Seventeen elementary education seniors completed cross-cultural practicums in Chicago Public Schools.

[This Week in Photos:](#)

Morris hosted its third [Celebration of Scholarly Accomplishments](#) and [Adam R. Hoffman '01](#) returned to campus for the Careers in Biology Alumni Speaker Series. Enjoy these photos and [more](#) today!

Take Part in Paint and Feed

Work from Associate Professor of Studio Art Michael Eble's latest service-learning project will be on display at the Willie's Supervalu holiday open house. Eble's students will be available on Thursday, November 14, from 4–5 p.m. to talk about their work: paintings of favorite foods in the most unexpected places around the store. These paintings are on sale for \$50 until the end of November. All proceeds support the Morris Area School District's Backpack Program, which provides high-quality, nutritious foods to more than 80 families in need. More information is available [online](#).

Accomplishments

Cyrus Bina, distinguished research professor of economics and management, was invited as an honored guest scholar to the opening ceremony of naming Dr. Mohammad Mossadegh Servant Leaders Hall at Northeastern

Illinois University (NEIU) in Chicago. Bina, a renowned energy and oil expert, addressed the audience last month in a one-day conference that was planned to re-evaluate Mossadegh's standing in the context of twentieth-century colonial struggles—including the 1951 nationalization of oil that led to the CIA coup. Bina's reassessment was entitled "Mossadegh, the International Petroleum Cartel, and Origin of the 1953 Coup in Iran." During the luncheon ceremony on the second day, President Hahs of NEIU recognized Bina as first Lifetime Servant Leader for Displaying Distinguished Scholarship on Political Economy and Iran's Oil and presented him with a plaque that displays Mossadegh's famed picture, touching the Liberty Bell at the Constitutional Hall, Philadelphia, when he was visiting the United States. This is the first time an academic institution in the world has honored Mossadegh in this fashion.

Julia Dabbs, associate professor of art history, presented a paper on "No Mere Little Woman: the Feminist Undercurrent of May Alcott Nieriker's *Studying Art Abroad and How to do it Cheaply*" at the Feminist Art History Conference held at American University in Washington, DC, November 8–10.

Stephen Burks, associate professor of economics and management, presented a lecture titled "Social Preferences in the Lab and in the Field: Evidence from Students, Townspeople, and Truckers" to an Applied Microeconomics Workshop sponsored by both the Economics and the Resource Economics Departments at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, on Friday, November 1. The talk discussed results from Morris's Truckers & Turnover Project, including material from two published papers, a working paper, and two papers currently in progress. The work presented was jointly created by Burks, **Jon Anderson**, professor of statistics, and several faculty from other institutions as well as several past and current Morris students: **M. Bombyk '10**, J. Carpenter, Middlebury College, C. DeYoung, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, **D. Ganzhorn '08**, L. Götte, University of Lausanne, **K. Maurer '10**, Iowa State University, D. Nosenzo, University of Nottingham, **R. Potter '13**, **K. Rocha '11**, and A. Rustichini, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. Burks earned his PhD in the UMass Economics Department in 1999.

Troy Goodnough, sustainability director, presented at last week's [Energy Services Coalition conference](#) in Mankato. Goodnough discussed Morris energy efforts.

Robert Smith '13 will speak at a Lehigh University Professional Master's Studies [webinar](#) on Friday, November 15. The session is titled "Intensive Programs, Powerful Advantages." Smith is a graduate student at Lehigh's [Energy Systems Engineering Institute](#).

In the News

Tammy Berberi, associate professor of French, discusses the nature of disability studies in a [story](#) by *The New York Times*. Berberi is president of the [Society for Disability Studies](#).

The Guthrie Theater posted a [preview](#) of costumes designed by **Mathew LeFebvre '87** for their upcoming production of *Born Yesterday*. Earlier this year LeFebvre received the 2013 UMMAA Distinguished Alumni Award.

Bruce Helmer '82 was featured in a recent episode of "[Life to the Max](#)" by Lifetouch, Inc. The show aims to highlight stories of perseverance, tenacity and winning attitudes.