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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 26, 2013, at 4 p.m.

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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

Scotty Horey Percussion Performance and Clinic
Saturday, November 23, 1:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts 180

A Winter Holiday Concert—UMM Jazz Ensembles and Guests
Saturday, November 23, 7:30 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

Salam Murtada—Piano Recital
Sunday, November 24, 2:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts, Recital Hall

Mixed Student Recital
Tuesday, November 26, 7:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts, Recital Hall

Check out all of the campus events.

News and Announcements
Carol Concert Promises a Festive Experience

This will be the thirty-fifth Carol Concert and the first under the direction of Christina Armendarez ’00, assistant professor of music.

Students Find Research Project Rewarding

Adrienne Haataja ’13, Cokato, and Kelsey Butler ’15, Bowlus, aided Associate Professor of English Michael Lackey in his research project *Truthful Fictions: A Conversation with American Biographical Novelists*.

Lexington Books Releases Chollett’s Latest Work

On Wednesday, December 4, there will be a celebratory reception in honor of Donna Chollett, associate professor of anthropology, and the publication of her latest book, *Neoliberalism, Social Exclusion, and Social Movements*. The event will take place from 5–7 p.m. at the LaFave House. *Neoliberalism, Social Exclusion, and Social Movements: Resistance and Dissent in Mexico’s Sugar Industry* critically examines struggles for social justice in an era of enduring neoliberal globalization. Chollett elucidates the intertwining of debt restructuring, the debacle of privatization, and NAFTA-generated distortions in the sugar market that led to the social exclusion of sugarcane growers and mill workers. The enclosure of community commons brought economic havoc to the region. The book focuses on the only locality where a social movement repossessed a closed sugar refinery and created a cooperative, worker-run workplace. Chollett offers a historically contextualized, globally situated, and ethnographically grounded analysis of this social movement as activists sought to remake their own history, but under circumstances that did not, in the end, ensure social justice. She explodes the myth that intuitively exalts social movements as morally noble forces for democratization and solidarity and thus presents a sorely needed critique of social movement theory. This book carries wide applicability for all social movements concerned with social justice.

This Week in Photos:

Vice President for Equity and Diversity Dr. Katrice Albert attended *Diversi-Tea* and Morris hosted its annual *Scholarship Jubilee*. Enjoy these photos and more today!

Accomplishments

**Barbara Burke**, associate professor of communication, media, and rhetoric, and **Fan Yang (Honey) ’14**, Morris, worked together on a project entitled “Investigating Social Media Uses to Promote Rural Tourism,” which Fan presented at the Third Annual Conference of the Texas Social Media Research Institute.

Morris physics students presented their research at the American Physical Society Prairie Section Fall 2013 Meeting, held November 7-9 at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri. **Emma Molden ’14** gave an oral presentation titled “Particle Assignment in the tH Production Channel of the Higgs Boson.” Molden was mentored by her Research Experience for Undergraduates summer research adviser Professor Mark Neubauer from the University of Illinois. **Sae Sun Kim ’14** presented a poster titled “Radial distribution function of liquid argon in modified hard sphere model.” Kim was mentored by **Michael Korth**, associate professor of physics. Alumnus **Matt Kroonblawd ’12** also presented a poster titled “Theoretical determination of anisotropic thermal conductivity for crystalline 1,3,5-triamino-2,4,6-trinitrobenzene (TATB),” in collaboration with Thomas Sewell from the University of Missouri.
In the News

Tammy Berberi, associate professor of French, is quoted in an Inside Higher Ed article on issues of accessibility in higher education facilities. “The kind of accommodations we can make to benefit people with disabilities would benefit everyone,” she says. “Any one of us should be afforded access to public and shared spaces.” Berberi is president of the Society for Disability Studies.

Alumnae theatre company Little Lifeboats received a rave review of its first full-length production, Parhelion by Abby Swafford ’09. Victoria Pyan ’07 has directed the production, which also stars Erin Denman ’09. Clara Costello ’12 serves as stage manager. Parhelion runs through Saturday, November 23.