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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 5, 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

Secondary Education Application/Information Meeting

Thursday, October 31, 2 p.m.
Science 3610

[Trick or Can](#)

Thursday, October 31, 7–8:30 p.m.
Morris Community

Repairing Relations: Dakota Wicohan and UMM Revitalizing Dakota Language and Life Ways

Friday, November 1, 3:30 p.m.
Imholte Hall 109

2013 Festival of Spanish Language Cinema: *NO*

Saturday, November 2, 2 p.m.
Monday, November 4, 9 p.m.
Morris Theatre (12 East 6th Street, Morris, MN 56267)

[2013–14 Performing Arts Series: Zenon Dance Company](#)

Saturday, November 2, 7:30 p.m.
Student Center, Edson Auditorium

“The Germans/Martians are Coming!: A Discussion of Nationalism, Liberalism and Science Fiction in the

Wilhelmine Reich”

Monday, November 4, 7:30 p.m.
Imholte Hall 109

Celebration of Scholarly Accomplishments Opening Reception

Tuesday, November 5, 4:30 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

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Wednesday, November 6, 7 p.m.
Imholte Hall 109

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

News and Announcements**Theatre Discipline Presents Seaside Spectacle**

The University of Minnesota, Morris Theatre Discipline's 2013–14 season opens with the oceanic flair of William Shakespeare's beloved comedy *Twelfth Night*.

Gloria Ladson-Billings Will Conclude Visit to Morris

The American pedagogical theorist is the 2013 Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Liberal Arts.

This Week in Photos:

The Edward J. and Helen Jane Morrison Gallery's latest exhibit, [Holus Bolus](#), opened and [Peter C. Falkum '80](#) served as the 2013 Latterell Visiting Alumnus. Enjoy these photos and [more](#) today!

Careers in Biology Continues with Adam R. Hoffman '01

The Careers in Biology Alumni Speaker Series will next feature Adam R. Hoffman '01, PhD. He will present “How Biology at UMM Taught Me to Evolve, Adapt, and Appreciate My Grandma Ironing My Swimsuit” on Tuesday, November 12, at 7 p.m. in Science 2950. He will present a classroom/research talk entitled “Minding One's P's and Q's: Phosphorus and (Water) Quality” on Wednesday, November 13, at 9:15 a.m. in Science 2200. Hoffman is an associate professor of environmental chemistry at the University of Dubuque and the Dorothy Taylor Chair of Chemistry. His research interests include biogeochemical cycling of nutrients in aquatic environments, phosphorus and nitrogen speciation in waters, soils, and sediments, and water quality indicators and parameters in agriculturally influenced watersheds. The Careers in Biology program is supported in part by a grant to the University of Minnesota, Morris from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute through the Precollege and Undergraduate Science Education Program.

[Take the Community Engagement Survey](#)

The Office of Community Engagement and the Center for Small Towns are asking employees to help them tell the Morris story. You can do so by describing your commitments to the regional community in the [Community Engagement Survey](#) by November 15. The survey should take no more than 20 minutes. Your response will help these offices gather information useful in applying for a nationally recognized classification. For more information, contact Barb Hesse at hessebj@morris.umn.edu or 320-589-6451.

Reminder: Take the Employee Engagement Survey

Time is running out to take the Employee Engagement (E²) Survey. If you have not done so already, please take a few moments to complete the survey by Friday, November 1. Your responses will improve the quality of information collected and help leaders make better action plans for 2014. Additional information is available [online](#).

Accomplishments

Tabitha Morris '14, Silver Spring, Maryland, and **Mai Pa Tao Vang '14**, Walnut Grove, were recently awarded the [Dr. Nancy "Rusty" Barceló Scholarship](#). Morris and Vang were two of only eight students selected for this all-University award. One of six faculty and student awards presented by the University of Minnesota Women's Center, the scholarship supports women of color, immigrant students, students from disadvantaged families, first-generation college students, and mothers.

Tiwaloluwa Ajibewa '14, Saint Paul, **Hazen Fairbanks '14**, Bemidji, **Natasha Myhal '15**, Parma Heights, Ohio, and **Mai Pa Tao Vang '14**, Walnut Grove, have received the Office for Equity and Diversity's [2013 Scholarly Excellence in Equity and Diversity \(SEED\) Award](#). The systemwide award honors and acknowledges diverse students who are doing outstanding work at the University of Minnesota, both in and out of the classroom.

In the News

Nic McPhee, professor of computer science, was profiled in a recent [story](#) by the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*. McPhee discusses his experience as a summer intern with former students and Kidblog, Inc. cofounders Dan Flies '04 and Matt Hardy '01. Looking back on his experience, McPhee notes that he "was able to make a useful contribution" to the company.

Natalie Hoidal '15, Forest Lake, was recently featured in the [Forest Lake Times](#). The story discusses her work with the University of Minnesota Next Generation Environmental Leaders. This team received the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) [Student Sustainability Leadership Award](#) earlier this month.