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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, October 8, 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

Mental Health Awareness Week
Monday, September 30–Friday, October 4
Morris Campus

Marx in Soho
Wednesday, October 2, 7:30 p.m
Humanities Fine Arts Black Box Theater

Thursday Afternoon Faculty Seminar: Elena Machkasova (Computer Science)
Thursday, October 3, 4:30 p.m.
Imholte Hall 109

Clara Osowski & Mark Bilyeu—Mirrors and Opposites
Sunday, October 6, 4 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

Melanie Hoffert Reading and Reception
Monday, October 7, 7 p.m.
Imholte Hall 109

2013 Jooinn Lee Lecture
Wednesday, October 9, 7 p.m.
Imholte Hall 109

Check out all of the campus events.

News and Announcements

Susan Werner to Bring Hayseed Project to Morris

The 2013-2014 Performing Arts Series will continue with Susan Werner’s Hayseed Project on Saturday, October 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center's Edson Auditorium.

This Week in Photos:

Gloria Ladson-Billings served as the 2013 Distinguished Visiting Professor while Morris celebrated Homecoming 2013 and dedicated the Green Prairie Community. Enjoy these photos and more today!

Chat with the Chancellor Tomorrow Night

You are invited to join the conversation about recent recognitions, happenings, and more during a special Google+ Hangout with Chancellor Jacqueline R. Johnson on Thursday, October 3, at 7 p.m. You can participate by tweeting questions to @UMMorris with the hashtag #AskTheChancellor, asking questions on Facebook and Google+, and emailing questions to alumni@morris.umn.edu. Watch the livestream on morris.umn.edu/chancellor/chat or on the Google+ event page.

2013 Festival of Spanish Language Cinema—The Magician/El mago and I’m So Excited/Los amantes pasajeros

The Festival of Spanish Language Cinema returns to Morris this month. Films will be shown in Spanish with English subtitles on Saturdays and Mondays at the Morris Theatre (12 East 6th Street, Morris, MN 56267). All are free and open to the public. There will be a special family showing of The Magician/El mago on Saturday, October 5, at 11 a.m. I’m So Excited/Los amantes pasajeros will play on Saturday, October 5, at 2 p.m. and Monday, October 7, at 9:30 p.m. Interested audiences can also look forward to these upcoming films: Snow White/Blancanieves (October 12 and 14), Even the Rain/También la lluvia (October 26 and 28), and NO (November 2 and 4). For more information, contact Stacey Aronson, associate professor of Spanish. The festival is co-sponsored by the Morris Theatre Cooperative, Lazos, the Spanish Discipline, Sigma Delta Pi, Vamos Juntos, and Voces Unidas.

Fall 2013 Safe Zone Training

Each semester the Queer Issues Committee (QIC) Safe Zone workshops, which provide interactive training on advocacy skills for those who wish to be allies to the LGBT community. Trainings will be held on Tuesday, October 8, and Thursday, October 10, from 5:30–8:30 p.m. Safe Zone is a two-part workshop. While it is strongly encouraged to attend them in sequence, it is not necessary. The workshops are free and include dinner. To attend, please contact ummqic@morris.umn.edu.
Looking to add pizzazz to ordinary garden fare? Ready to try some new colors and tastes without leaving homegrown? Join Mary Jo Forbord, Morris Healthy Eating coordinator, to explore the edges of local growing and cuisine. This free event is offered through the Come Grow with Us education series at the West Central Research and Outreach Center on Wednesday, October 16. Lunch begins at 12 p.m., with a half-hour program at 12:15 in the AgCountry Auditorium (46352 State Hwy 329, Morris, MN 56267). Coffee, tea, and dessert provided—please bring lunch.

Upcoming Education Meetings:

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION STUDENTS—There will be elementary education application/information meetings for students interested in entering the elementary education program on Wednesday, October 9, and Thursday, October 24, at 5 p.m. in Imholte Hall 111. During the meetings, questions will be answered as to the pre-requisites required, 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 to the meeting. Further information about admission requirements may be found in the University of Minnesota, Morris catalog.

SECONDARY EDUCATION STUDENTS—There will be secondary education application/information meetings for students interested in entering the secondary education program on Thursday, October 31, at 2 p.m. in Science 3610. The meetings 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.

Accomplishments

Morris’s student-run radio station, KUMM, served as the Minnesota headquarters for College Radio Day (CRD). The event, founded in 2010, celebrates college radio listenership and the work that students worldwide contribute to high school and college radio stations. Over 30 countries participated in the celebration.

Jim Hall, director of information technology, will present at the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) CIO TechForum next week. The CIC is a consortium of the Big Ten member universities as well as the University of Chicago. For more than half a century, these world-class research institutions have advanced their academic missions, generated unique opportunities for students and faculty, and served the common good by sharing expertise, leveraging campus resources, and collaborating on innovative programs. Hall will present on leadership, specifically on finding leadership lessons in unusual places.

Athena Kildegaard, poet and lecturer, has been invited to attend the Concordia College English Department’s Visiting Writers Festival, October 2–4. Kildegaard will read from her work, conduct master classes, participate in a student-moderated panel discussion about writing and literature, and visit classrooms.

Sheri Breen, assistant professor of political science, and several Morris students attended the Land Institute’s 35th annual Prairie Festival last weekend. The three-day event brought students like Naomi Wente ’13, Dodge Center, Jordan Wente ’15, Dodge Center, and Sienna Nesser ’14, Saint Anthony Village, together for lectures, performances, community building, and more.

A University of Minnesota student project led by Natalie Hoidal ’15, Forest Lake, has been chosen as a finalist for the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) 2013 Student Sustainability Awards. Winners will be announced at the AASHE national conference in Nashville October 6. For the project, called “The Next Generation Environmental Leaders,” Hoidal organized a coalition of students from the Morris and
Twin Cities campuses that played a key role in Governor Mark Dayton’s 2013 Environmental Congress.

**In the News**

**Laura McClendon ’03** was featured in a recent story by the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*. McClendon is helping her sixth-grade science class adjust to its new school, Washington Technology Magnet School in Saint Paul.

In a letter to the editor of the *Morris Sun Tribune*, Carol Day of Morris thanks **Symphonic Winds**, under the direction of **Simon Tillier** for “providing a wonderful concert at East Side Park.” The ensemble played alongside the Morris Community Band on Sunday, September 23.