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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, April 15, 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

"Why Would a Germanic Philologist Research Old Norse Nicknames?"
Wednesday, April 9, 4 p.m.
Science 2190

Annual Senior Studio Art Student Exhibit I Opening Reception
Thursday, April 10, 7–9 p.m.
Edward J. & Helen Jane Morrison Gallery

Uncommon Women and Others
Wednesday, April 9, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 10, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 11, 7:30 p.m
Saturday, April 12, 7:30 p.m
Sunday, April 13, 2 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts Black Box Theatre

Undergraduate Research Symposium
Saturday, April 12, 9:30 a.m.
Morris Campus

The Jane Addam’s Project Presents The America’s Jam
Saturday, April 12, 7–9:30 p.m.
Pomme de Terre Food Co-op (613 Atlantic Avenue, Morris, MN 56267)

Renovation in the Ivory Tower: Models of Sustainable Diversity within the Academy
Monday, April 14, 7:30 p.m.
Imholte Hall 109
Mixed Student Recital
Tuesday, April 15, 7:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

Check out all of the campus events.

News and Announcements

Ajibewa Leaves his Mark at Morris

Tiwaloluwa Ajibewa ’14 reflects on his career at the University of Minnesota, Morris.

Assistance Available through "Connecting Students and Communities" Program

The program provides assistance to local units of government, K–12 schools, and community-based organizations.

April Soup and Substance To Explore the Co-Operative Business Model

Morris will host its next Soup & Substance discussion on Tuesday, April 22, at 6 p.m. at Pomme de Terre Food, Inc. (613 Atlantic Avenue, Morris, MN 56267). This month’s discussion is hosted by the Office of Sustainability and the Office of Community Engagement. All are welcome to join the discussion and enjoy a free meal. For more information, contact Maria Fleck.

Help Morris Win Climate Leadership Awards Video Contest

Morris needs your help to win the Climate Leadership Award video competition from Second Nature. To help, vote for Morris daily from all of your devices at bit.ly/voteformorris. The contest is open through April 15.

Call for Applications: USA Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the 2014 United Staff Association (USA) Scholarship. Applications and description of criteria are available online. Applications must be received by Adele Lawler by 4:30 p.m. on April 15.

This Week in Photos

The Senior Class attended Grad Fest, the Circle of Nations held its 30th annual powwow, Morris held its 36th annual Jazz Fest, and the English Discipline hosted a book reception for Assistant Professor of English Chrissy Kolaya. Enjoy these photos and more today!

Accomplishments

Morris sent a delegation to the National Conference on Undergraduate Research for 2014, held at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, April 3–5. Three students presented posters providing results from particular parts of Morris’s long-running Truckers & Turnover Project (T&) to which they contributed: Jiachen Ning ’14
(“Differences in Accident Costs Among Treatments Groups,” created jointly with Hong Liu ’14, Alice Toll ’14 (“Estimating the Impact of Obstructive Sleep Apnea Treatment Compliance and Driver Behavior on Accident Risk in Commercial Drivers”), and Connor Lewis ’15 (“Moving Ahead by Thinking Backwards: Cognitive Skills, Personality, and Economic Preferences in Collegiate Success,” created jointly with Amanda Wiener ’14). Becca Erickson ’13, research coordinator for the Center for Small Towns and T&T, presented a session for faculty and staff entitled “Bridging the Gap: A Sustainable Model for Funding and Retaining a Research Coordinator?”

Heidi Eger ’13, Martin Zais ’15, Tim Sheehan ’16, Peter Kvale ’16, Katy Evenson ’17, Rachel Brockamp ’17, and Katie Ledermann ’17 will attend the Student Engagement Leadership Forum on Sustainability (SELFsustain) at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities on Friday, April 11. Sustainability student leaders from across the University system will meet to share ideas and discuss future progress. Ledermann was the lead organizing student of SELFsustain, via a University of Minnesota Institute on the Environment grant.

Wesley Brand ’15, Donavon Cawley ’15, Tessa Hagen ’16, Kari Hanson ’14, and Michael Prideaux ’15 had papers accepted for presentation at the Minnesota Undergraduate Philosophical Society Annual meeting, which will be held at Macalester College on Saturday, April 26.

North Korea and Security Cooperation in Northeast Asia, a book co-edited by Professor of Political Science Seung-Ho Joo was recently published by Ashgate. Joo also presented his paper “Russia and Korean Unification Strategies” at the annual conference of International Studies Association, held in Toronto, Canada, March 26–29.

Lowell Rasmussen, vice chancellor for finance and facilities, and Troy Goodnough, sustainability director, presented at the 10th Annual Worthington BiO Conference in Worthington, Minnesota, on Friday, April 4. They discussed Morris’s renewable energy and sustainability efforts and highlighted some of the career trajectories of Morris students.

Mick Rose, maintenance and grounds supervisor, was recognized by Pay It Forward, Stevens County on March 28 for his lifetime of work supporting wrestling in the area. Rose was the coach at Morris for 12 years and a high school coach for 10.

In the News

A letter by Sam Fettig ’14, Excelsior, appeared in the Morris Sun Tribune. Fettig wrote in support of the University of Minnesota’s 2014 legislative request, claiming “it will help fulfill the desperate needs of academic support—including infrastructure building and updating—and maintaining reasonable costs of education.”

In a column for the Big Bend Sentinel, alumnus Steve Lang ’89 recounts his days as a Morris newshound alongside Lee B. Temte ’69. Lang adds that new media “ended [their] 35-year conversation hiatus.”