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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, February 4, 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

**Artist Lecture: Anne Barber/Jess Larson**

Thursday, January 30, 12 p.m.  
Humanities Fine Arts 150

**Spring Festival**

Thursday, January 30, 5:30 p.m.  
Student Center

**Four on the Floor Tuba-Euphonium Quartet**

Friday, January 31, 7:30 p.m.  
Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

**[French Film Festival: \*Couleur de peau: Miel\* / \*Approved for Adoption\*](#)**

Monday, February 3, 7 p.m.  
Student Center, Edson Auditorium

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

**News and Announcements**

**[Zenner '12 Gives Back to the Community](#)**

Alumna Keni Zenner '12 works with Morris schools to improve Latino students' literacy.

### [Berberi Advocates for Disability Awareness](#)

Berberi is working with others to expand and complicate a medical notion of disability.

### **Call for Nominations: 2014 UMMAA Distinguished Alumni Award**

The University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni Association (UMMAA) invites faculty and staff to submit nominations for the 2014 UMMAA Distinguished Alumni Award, which honors alumni who make noteworthy contributions in their professional lives, in public service, or in service to the University of Minnesota. Information regarding eligibility, criteria, and the nomination process is available [online](#).

### **7th Annual Morris Festival of French and Francophone Films Continues**

This year's film festival includes four new, award-winning features. Subtitled in English, the films will be screened at 7 p.m. on Mondays for four weeks. The campus and the public are invited to these free screenings in the Student Center's Edson Auditorium. On February 3, the festival will feature *Couleur de peau: Miel / Approved for Adoption*. Directed by Laurent Boileau & Jung, 2012, 74 minutes, not rated. An enchanting hybrid of animation and live-action, this adaptation of co-director Jung's autobiographical graphic novel recounts his childhood and adolescence after a Belgian couple adopts him from a South Korean orphanage in the early 1970s. Though raised by loving parents and supported by his four older siblings, he often feels like an outsider and endures many painful episodes, some self-inflicted, in his struggle to understand his identity. *Approved for Adoption* poignantly traces one man's interrogation of the definitions of ethnicity, culture, and the concept of "home."

### [This Week in Photos](#)

[Larissa M. Mottl '96 returned to campus as a Careers in Biology Alumni Speaker](#), [External Relations visited Presidents Club invitees in Fort Meyers, Florida](#), and [ARTIST, TEACHER, SCHOLAR graced the Edward J. and Helen Jane Morrison Gallery](#). Enjoy these photos and [more](#) today!

### **Accomplishments**

The **University of Minnesota, Morris** is a finalist in the [2014 Second Nature Climate Leadership Awards](#), an annual competition among signatories of the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC). Morris is one of only four baccalaureate colleges recognized.

### **In the News**

**Jake Grussing '05** was featured in a [story](#) by the *Minneapolis StarTribune*. As the new director of Scott County's libraries, Grussing is focusing on preschool literacy.

**Deb Larson '13** will appear in Pioneer Public Television's [Postcards](#) on February 2. The episode will feature Larson's paintings of local residents sitting on couches, surrounded by items of personal importance.

**Barbara Burke**, associate professor of communication, media, and rhetoric, is featured in a [story](#) on the Vidzemes Augstkola University of Applied Sciences (VIA) homepage. Burke will join the VIA teaching staff as a [Fulbright visiting scholar](#) next month.