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**A weekly news digest for University of Minnesota, Morris faculty, staff, and students**

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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, March 11, at 4 p.m.

**In this issue:**

- **Spring Break 2014 To Be Held Next Week**
- **Morris Again Named Best Value by *Kiplinger's***
- **Burks Presented at the Antigua Experimental Economics Conference**
- **Tim Grove Quoted by *Yahoo! Sports***

**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

**[Michael Lackey Book Reception](#)**

Wednesday, March 5, 5:30 p.m.  
LaFave House

**[2014 State of the University Address](#)**

Thursday, March 6, 3:30 p.m.  
Humanities Fine Arts Studio A

**Inaugural Founder's Scholar Convocation**

Thursday, March 6, 4:30 p.m.  
Humanities Fine Arts 6

**Mixed Student Recital**

Thursday, March 6, 7:30 p.m.  
Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

**First-Half Semester Classes End**

Friday, March 7  
Morris Campus

**Spring Break**

Monday, March 10–Friday, March 14  
Morris Campus

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

## **News and Announcements**

### **[University of Minnesota, Morris Named Best Value by Kiplinger's](#)**

Morris was recognized as both a "Best College Value Under \$30,000 a Year" and a "Best Value in Small Colleges."

### **[Morris Named a "Greenest University" by BestColleges.com](#)**

The online resource praised 50 schools for launching impactful initiatives to reduce their carbon footprints.

### **[Last Careers in Biology for 2013–14](#)**

Jeffrey L. Ledermann '87 will give two talks on campus. The first, entitled "From Morris to Mahtomedi: Forging a Career and Life on a Sustainable Path," will be on Monday, March 17, at 7 p.m. in Science 2950. His classroom talk, "Take It Outside: The Nature and Environmental Stewardship Connection," will be on March 18 at 10 a.m. in Science 2950. A three-time recipient of the Minnesota Environmental Initiative Award, Ledermann has spent more than 20 years creating and leading environmental outreach and education programs. A former teacher, he authored Minnesota's State Plan for Environmental Education and founded the international award-winning Eco Experience at the Minnesota State Fair. Putting his Morris liberal arts training to practice, Ledermann has also started and led multiple sustainability programs in his home community of Mahtomedi, where he does his best to live green on a daily basis.

## **Call for Nominations: 2014 Systemwide Awards**

The University of Minnesota Women's Center seeks nominations for the 2014 Awards, Grants, and Scholarships for University women. These awards honor the contributions, research, and/or leadership of current University women faculty and staff, the grants offer funds to further equity for women, and the scholarships support outstanding women students. The deadlines for nominations are in March and June. Additional information is available [online](#). The Office for Equity and Diversity seeks nominations for awards in support of equity and diversity work and achievements at the University of Minnesota. The [Josie R. Johnson Human Rights and Social Justice Award](#) honors faculty, staff, and students who, through their work at the University or their community, exemplify Dr. Johnson's standard of excellence in creating respectful and inclusive living, learning, and working environments and who demonstrate unusual commitment and passion in the areas of human rights and social justice. [The Equity and Diversity Transformation Awards](#) fund creative, yet pragmatic, proposals for projects that support equity and diversity initiatives and provide a platform for cooperative efforts that will not only advance the institution's transformation, but will also help ensure that all resources devoted to equity and diversity are leveraged for maximum potential impact.

## **Call for Nominations: 2014 Campus Awards**

The Morris Academic Staff Association (MASA) seeks nominations for the UMM Academic Staff Award, which is sponsored by the Office of the Chancellor. It was established to recognize a member of the Academic Professional and Administrative (P&A) staff who has made distinguished contributions to the mission of the University of Minnesota, Morris. Nomination guidelines and eligibility requirements are available [online](#). Nominations are also sought for the the Outstanding Support Staff Awards. One award will be presented to one employee in each of the

following bargaining unit groups: Civil Service/Law Enforcement, AFSCME (including Clerical and Technical units), and Teamsters. For more information, contact [Jenny Quam](#).

### [Enterprise Systems Upgrade Program Update](#)

The latest edition of Enterprise Systems Upgrade Program's (ESUP) *The Upgrade* is available now. In this issue:

- ESUP Establishes Go Live Period
- Sneak Peek: New Importance of Position Data
- Work Streams team up to improve the student refunds process
- Q&A with Integration Directors

View this issue and more at [upgrade.umn.edu](http://upgrade.umn.edu).

### [Zimride Makes Ridesharing Easier](#)

Going on a Spring Break adventure? [Zimride](#), Morris's private network for ridesharing, can help you get there. Post a trip today to match up and save.

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

The [American Indian Advisory Council](#) held its annual spring meeting. Enjoy these photos and [more](#) today!

## Accomplishments

**Stephen Burks**, associate professor of economics and management, presented "Moving Ahead by Thinking Backwards: Cognitive Skills, Personality, and Economic Preferences in Collegiate Success" at the [2nd Antigua Experimental Economics Conference](#) in Antigua, Guatemala, on Thursday, February 20. The talk discussed results from an analysis of the follow-up data on a group of 100 Morris students who were enrolled in 2007 as a control group for one of the main behavioral economic field experiments of Morris's [Truckers & Turnover Project](#). The work presented is available as a [discussion paper](#) at the website of the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Bonn, Germany. It was jointly created by Burks, **Jon Anderson**, professor of statistics, **Paul Kivi**, assistant professor of economics and management, C. DeYoung, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, L. Götte, University of Lausanne, **C. Lewis '15**, **A. Wiener '15**, and A. Rustichini, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

**Pat Hein**, executive office and administrative specialist, Residential Life, reached the 250-mile marker in the Regional Fitness Center's Walking Club. Members are honored for each marker completed on the RFC track.

## In the News

**Tim Grove**, women's basketball head coach, is quoted in a [story](#) by *Yahoo! Sports*. The piece profiles Tim Miles, head men's basketball coach at the University of Nebraska. Grove worked as an assistant under Miles at Mayville State during the 1995–96 season.

The *Morris Sun Tribune* reported that students in Morris's [Education Minnesota Student Program](#) sponsored a "Read Across America with Dr. Seuss" event on Saturday, March 1, at the Morris Public Library.