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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 25, at 4 p.m.

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- **Annual Juried Student Art Exhibit Opens**
- **All Invited to Attend Prairie Gate Literary Festival**
- **Burks Chairs Transportation Research Board Committee AT060**
- **Morris Campus Mentioned in the *Wall Street Journal***

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

Soup & Substance

Thursday, March 20, 5:30 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall—Alumni Room

Annual Juried Student Art Exhibit Opening Reception

Thursday, March 20, 7 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts, Edward J. & Helen Jane Morrison Gallery

Catching up with Gender in 2014

Friday, March 21, 3 p.m.
Imholte Hall 109

Second Annual F-Word Conference

Saturday, March 22, 9 a.m.–7 p.m.
Morris campus

March Madness Concert Presented by KUMM

Saturday, March 22, 7 p.m.
Student Center, Edson Auditorium

UMM Concert Choir

Sunday, March 23, 3 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts, Recital Hall

Symphonic Winds—Maestro Factor III

Wednesday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts, Recital Hall

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

News and Announcements

[28th French Poetry Contest to Celebrate Francophone Language and Verse](#)

The contest will be held on Tuesday, April 1, at 7 p.m. in the Student Center's Oyate Hall.

[All Invited to Attend Prairie Gate Literary Festival Events and Workshops](#)

Literary enthusiasts will enjoy readings, workshops, and discussions with nationally and internationally recognized authors.

Annual Planning for All Students: March 17-28, 2014

Please contact your adviser to schedule an appointment as soon as possible. Annual planning meetings with advisers give you the opportunity to create a long-range satisfactory academic plan at Morris. Discuss options, goals, and interests and choose classes that will help you meet your personal and academic goals. Students who have completed fewer than 60 credits are *required* to meet with their advisers to develop a plan before registering for fall 2014 classes. For further information please contact [Academic Advising](#).

[Enterprise Systems Upgrade Program Update](#)

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

- Good News for EFS Users
- Changes in Finance—Part Three: WorkCenters & Issue Selection
- Student Work Stream: Collaboration Key to Successful Decision Making

View this issue and more at upgrade.umn.edu.

[This Week in Photos](#)

Becca Gercken, associate professor of English and American Indian Studies, presented the [Inaugural Founders Scholar Convocation](#). Enjoy these photos and [more](#) today!

Accomplishments

Stephen Burks, associate professor of economics and management, has been appointed to a three-year term as the chair of the standing technical committee [AT060](#), Trucking Industry Research, at the [Transportation Research Board](#) (TRB). The TRB is a division of the National Research Council of the United States, which is administered by the National Academy of Science, the National Academy of Engineering, and the Institute of Medicine and is charged to provide the government with independent advice on scientific and technical questions.

Michelle Page, associate professor of secondary education, will present at the [2014 Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association](#) April 3–7 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Page will present “[Many](#)

[Strands Are Not Easily Broken: A Portrait of LGBT Inclusion.](#)” The conference theme is “The Power of Education Research for Innovation in Practice and Policy.”

In the News

The **University of Minnesota, Morris** was mentioned in a recent [article](#) by the *Wall Street Journal*. Last week Minnesota regulators approved 29 renewable energy projects to receive \$42 million in grants from Xcel Energy’s Renewable Development Fund, and Morris is listed as the site of an intended research and development project.

Stephen Burks, associate professor of economics and management, was quoted in the March 3 issue of [Transport Topics](#), the national trade press journal published by the American Trucking Associations. The story discusses initiatives by the United States Department of Transportation to increase the data collected on the trucking industry by doing a new version of one important study and by bringing back two data collection efforts cancelled under prior administrations. Burks is quoted as being in favor of these initiatives in his new role as chair of the standing technical committee AT060, Trucking Industry Research, at the Transportation Research Board.