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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, June 10, at 4 p.m.

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Featured Events

Commission on Women's Annual Celebration of Women

Wednesday, May 7, 11:30 a.m.
LaFave House

Final Exams

Thursday, May 8
Morris campus

American Indian Honoring Ceremony

Friday, May 9, 3:30 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

Honors Recital

Friday, May 9, 5 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts, Recital Hall

Honors and Awards Ceremony

Friday, May 9, 7 p.m.
Student Center, Edson Auditorium

[51st Commencement](#)

Saturday, May 10, 1:30 p.m.
Campus mall (Rainsite: P.E. Center)

[May Session Begins](#)

Monday, May 12
Morris campus

[Summer Session I Begins](#)

Monday, May 19
Morris campus

Memorial Day Holiday

Monday, May 26
Morris campus

No classes. Administrative offices closed.

May Session Ends

Friday, May 30
Morris campus

Symposium on Small Towns

Tuesday, June 3–Thursday, June 5
Morris campus

News and Announcements

Natalie Hoidal '15 Named a 2014 Udall Scholar

Hoidal is best known for her commitment to the environment.

Office of Community Engagement Presents Annual Awards

The awards acknowledge individuals who have created or supported exemplary partnerships with the broader community.

Blodgett Wins 2014 ARLD Academic Innovators Award

The award recognizes academic librarians who have made outstanding contributions through innovative projects, programs, or services.

UMMAA Announces 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients

The award honors alumni who make noteworthy contributions in their professional lives, in public service, or in service to the University of Minnesota.

Scheduling 2014–15 Events

Program planners are encouraged to reserve on-campus rooms for their 2014–15 events as soon as possible. This information is needed for the University of Minnesota, Morris day planner and is used by others to avoid scheduling conflicts. Reservations are requested by early June. For more information, please contact [Sara Haugen](#).

Assessment of Student Learning Results Available Online

The Assessment of Student Learning (ASL) committee has posted the following assessment reports: 2013 General Education Survey for Graduating Seniors, Fall 2013 Assessment of General Education (AGE) and Assessment of Learning Outcomes (ALO) Surveys of Incoming Students, and the Assessment report of academic programs and general education. All three reports are available [online](#).

This Week in Photos

The Studio Art Discipline opened its [second 2014 senior exhibition](#) and the Office of Community Engagement presented its [annual community engagement awards](#). Enjoy [these photos and more](#) today!

Accomplishments

Kari Hanson '14 has been accepted to the [Carnegie Mellon Summer School in Logic and Formal Epistemology](#) for summer 2014. Its goals are to introduce promising students to cross-disciplinary fields of research at an early stage in their careers and to forge lasting links between the various disciplines. The summer school will be held June 2–20.

Natalie Hoidal '15, Forest Lake, and **Katie Ledermann '17**, Mahtomedi, provided the keynote speech at the Iron Range Earth Fest on April 26, 2014, in Mountain Iron. They discussed the important role of youth in creating change in Minnesota and some of their current Next Generation organizing efforts.

Stephen Burks, associate professor of economics and management, presented “Social Preferences in the Lab and in the Field: Evidence from Townspeople, College Students, and Truckers” as part of the research seminar series sponsored by the Center for Human Resources and Labor Studies (CHRLS) at the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (UMTC), on Friday, May 2. The work presented was jointly created by Burks, **Jon Anderson**, professor of statistics, **M. Bombyk '10**, J. Carpenter, Middlebury College, C. DeYoung, UMTC, **D. Ganzhorn '08**, L. Götte, University of Lausanne, **K. Maurer '10**, Iowa State University, D. Nosenzo, University of Nottingham, **R. Potter '13**, **K. Rocha '11**, and A. Rustichini, UMTC.

Michael Lackey, associate professor of English, will discuss his latest book, [Truthful Fictions: Conversations with American Biographical Novelists](#), on Wednesday, May 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the Morris Public Library (102 East 6th Street, Morris, MN 56267). Lackey interviewed 16 of the country’s most prominent biographical novelists in order to determine why this genre of fiction came into being and what it is able to do. At this event, he will share some of his discoveries about the biographical novel, which skillfully blends fact and fiction.

Jayne Blodgett, assistant library director, and **Peter Bremer**, reference coordinator, were presenters at the conference of the Academic & Research Library Division of the Minnesota Library Association in Chaska on April 25. Their presentation, “It’s All Fun and Games (in an Academic Library),” described Briggs Library’s efforts to engage students in a fun and creative way and to reach out to students who may not have ventured into the library.

In the News

The *Prairie Arts and Culture Bulletin* announced that *Daily Morris Weather Picture*, an exhibit featuring the photography of Associate Professor of Physics Sylke Boyd, is on display through Thursday, May 8. A [closing reception](#) will be held on Thursday from 5–7 p.m. at the Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance (630 Atlantic Avenue, Morris, Minnesota 56267). Boyd’s photos are described as “a daily photographic quest for the unexpected.”