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This Week in Photos:

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Reminder: Office Closings and Winter Break Hours

Morris administrative offices will be closed December 24–25 and December 31–January 1. Some offices may be closed December 28–30 as well. [Office closings and winter break hours](#)

Faculty and Staff Volunteers Needed: 2016 Community of Scholars

The Office of Admissions seeks faculty and staff volunteers for its annual Community of Scholars event: Friday, February 5; Saturday, February 6; and Saturday, February 13, 2016. They hope to bring 400 prospective students to campus to participate in this scholarship competition; to do so, they need 50–65 faculty/staff volunteers per day. To volunteer, [complete the sign-up form](#) by Tuesday, December 22.

Submissions Sought for *Scholarly Horizons*

Faculty are encouraged to consider submitting outstanding student works from Fall 2015 to Morris's undergraduate journal, [Scholarly Horizons](#). The deadline for inclusion in Volume 3, Issue 1, is Friday, January 15. [Contact Jayne Blodgett](#) for more information.

Accomplishments

Lackey Serves as Guest Editor for *a/b: Auto/Biography Studies*

Michael Lackey, professor of English, served as guest-editor of a cluster of essays on the topic of biofiction for the prominent journal [a/b: Auto/Biography Studies](#). The issue contains an [introduction by Lackey](#) as well as his essay "[The Rise of the Biographical Novel and the Fall of the Historical Novel.](#)"

Eckerle Publishes Essay on "Maternal Rejection of Romance"

Julie A. Eckerle, associate professor of English, recently published the essay "The Maternal Rejection of Romance" in a collection of essays titled *Maternity and Romance Narratives in Early Modern England*, edited by Karen Bamford and Naomi J. Miller (Ashgate 2015).

In the News

Morris Named a College Factual Best College for the Money

According to a new College Factual ranking that appeared in *USA Today*, the **University of Minnesota, Morris** is one of [10 Best Colleges for the Money](#). Morris is the only public school to make the 2016 list.

Chancellor Johnson Quoted in *Minnesota Daily*

Chancellor Jacqueline R. Johnson is quoted in a [Minnesota Daily story on the U's 2016 capital request](#). According to the *Daily*, Chancellor Johnson is championing renovations to Humanities, the Rodney A. Briggs Library, and Blakely Hall.

Vangsness Appointed to Tourism Board

According to the *Morris Sun Tribune*, Director of Communications [Melissa Vangsness has been appointed to the City of Morris Tourism Board](#).