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The submission deadline for the next edition of *Weekly Bulletin* will be Tuesday, March 24, at 4 p.m. Please send comments, questions, and submissions to the [editor](#).

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- **Piper Kerman Comes to Morris**
- **CNIA to Host 31st Annual Powwow**
- **Jess Larson Receives All-University John Tate Award**
- **Henry Kneiszel '18 Mentioned in *Pumper* Magazine**

Featured Events

GWSS Lecture: “Queering the Curriculum in Rural Spaces”

Thursday, March 19, 12 p.m.

Imholte Hall 113

Thursday Afternoon Faculty Seminars Special Event: Keep Calm and Advise On

Thursday, March 19, 5 p.m.

Imholte Hall 109

[Opening Reception: Annual Juried Student Art Exhibit](#)

Thursday, March 19, 7 p.m.

Humanities Fine Arts Edward J. and Helen Jane Morrison Gallery

Chelsea Roff: “From the Valley of Death: A Story of Survival”

Thursday, March 19, 8 p.m.

Student Center, Edson Auditorium

Morris Feminists’ F-Word Conference

Saturday, March 21, 1–4:30 p.m.

Imholte Hall

[CAC Performing Arts Series Presents: *The Tempest*](#)

Saturday, March 21, 7:30 p.m.

Student Center, Edson Auditorium

UMM College Republicans Politics and Pizza

Monday, March 23, 5 p.m.

Pizza Ranch (7 East 5th Street, Morris, MN 56267)

Asking the Big Questions: Memes

Monday, March 23, 7 p.m.

Briggs Library McGinnis Room

[CAC Convocations Presents: Piper Kerman, Author of *Orange Is the New Black*](#)

Tuesday, March 24, 7:30 p.m.

Student Center, Edson Auditorium

Soup & Substance

Wednesday, March 25, 5:30 p.m.
Student Center, Moccasin Flower Room

Symphonic Winds Concert: Maestro III

Wednesday, March 25, 7:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

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

News and Announcements

[Circle of Nations Indigenous Association to Host 31st Annual Powwow](#)

Dancers from across the United States and Canada gather for this social gathering.

[Theatre Arts Discipline Presents *Many Moons*](#)

This children's play will be performed March 27–28.

[37th Annual Jazz Festival Begins April 10](#)

Tickets are on sale now.

[Morris Appoints Development Officer](#)

Robb brings to campus extensive experience in development, particularly in major and planned giving.

[Save the Date: Bill Stewart 90th Birthday Celebration](#)

Come celebrate retired MSP Director William (Bill) Stewart's 90th birthday on Saturday, May 2, at the McNamara Alumni Center (200 Southeast Oak Street, Minneapolis, MN 55455). [Learn more.](#)

[Upgrade Program Update Available](#)

The [latest edition of *The Upgrade*](#) is available now. In this issue:

- Advance Teams: Here to Help
- What's Changing: PCard and MyWallet
- Student System FAQs

Accomplishments

[Jess Larson](#), professor of studio art, is a 2015 recipient of the University of Minnesota John Tate Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising. Since 1986 the Tate Awards have served to recognize and reward high-quality advising at the University of Minnesota.

[Stephen Burks](#), professor of economics and management, presented "[Cognitive Skills, Personality, and Economic Preferences in Collegiate Success](#)" on March 9 at a session of the University of Michigan's Social, Behavioral, and

Experimental Economics Seminar Series. 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 the [Truckers & Turnover Project](#) (T&T). The work presented was jointly created by Burks, **J. Anderson**, professor of statistics, P. Kivi, Bemidji State, C. DeYoung, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, L. Götte, University of Lausanne, **C. Lewis '15**, **K. Rocha '11**, and A. Rustichini, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. Burks also presented “Employer-Mandated Obstructive Sleep Apnea Treatment is Associated with Decreased Risk and Cost of Preventable Heavy Truck Crashes” in the Wayne State University Economics Department seminar series on March 10. The presentation discussed results that come from T&T. Morris project members who contributed to the material presented were **Anderson, M. Bombyk '10**, **R. Erickson '13**, research coordinator, **D. Ganzhorn '08**, **X. Jiao '12**, **C. Lewis '15**, **A. Lexvold '13**, **H. Liu '14**, **J. Ning '14**, and **A. Toll '13**. External contributors were C. Czeisler, S. Kales, and A. Malhotra of Harvard Medical School, M. Berger of Precision Pulmonary Diagnostis, and J. Hickman and E. Mabry of Virginia Tech Transportation Institute.

Clara Osowski, voice instructor, was a finalist in the Das Lied International Song Competition held in Berlin, Germany. The competition seeks to emphasize and animate Lied as a musical genre and offers highly talented young singers a stage on which to perform as well as an important career opportunity.

[Natalie Hoidal '15](#), Forest Lake, is one of two recipients of the Katherine E. Sullivan Scholarship from the University of Minnesota. Hoidal will spend the 2015–16 academic year in Copenhagen, Denmark.

[Kaopua Sutton '15](#), Hilo, Hawaii, has qualified for the 2015 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Indoor Track and Field Championships in the shot put. Sutton is the first Cougar to compete in the NCAA Indoor Championships since the team moved to NCAA Division III.

The following women’s basketball team members recently were honored by the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC): **Kendra Wycoff '15**, Montrose, was named UMAC Player of the Year and was named to the First Team. **Emily Auch '15**, Benson, **Tori Holt '17**, Rapid City, South Dakota, **Kayla Kraemer '16**, Brainer, and **Cori Becker '16**, Sauk Rapids, earned All-Conference Honors.

Native Enough, a portrait series by **Nina Downer O’Leary '14**, will be published by Michigan State University Press, a top press in Native American studies. O’Leary recently presented the project, which acknowledges the complexity of Indian identity, at the Native American Literature Symposium.

Matt Zaske, computing services, is a recipient of the spring 2015 IT@UMN Outstanding Service Award. Recipients demonstrate exceptional performance, creativity, organizational abilities, work success, and teamwork.

In the News

According to [Pumper](#) magazine, **Henry Kneiszel '18**, De Pere, Wisconsin, has received the William Hapchuk Memorial Scholarship from the National Association of Wastewater Technicians.

Ann Michels '92 was profiled by the [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#). Michels is playing the title role in Chanhassen Dinner Theatres' production of [Mary Poppins](#).