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## News

[All Invited to Attend 2016 Prairie Gate Literary Festival Events and Workshops](#)

## Announcements

### This Week in Photos

- [Celebrating a Decade of Sustainability at Morris](#)
- [Coming Out Week](#)

### **You Are Invited: Annual Briggs Library Associates Book Sale**

Find "great books at great prices" at the Annual Briggs Library Associates Book Sale: Wednesday, October 19, from 12–7 p.m. and Thursday, October 20, from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. in the Student Center's Oyate Hall. There are more books than ever at bargain prices, and all proceeds benefit Briggs Library.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Behavioral Health Practice Conference To Be Held on Campus**

"Critical Issues in Rural Practice" is the subject of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Behavioral Health Practice Conference on Friday, October 21. Morris will host a local site for the conference from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. This conference will help participants work with rural care's ethical and practice demands and is designed for psychologists, social workers, counselors, psychiatric nurses, psychiatrists, and other behavioral health professionals with an interest in rural practice. [Learn more and register.](#)

### **You Are Invited: Asking the Big Questions**

Come explore the world of the unexplained at a spooky Asking the Big Questions on Tuesday, October 25, at 7 p.m. in the Briggs Library McGinnis Room. For this discussion, "Paranormal on the Prairie: The Supernatural in Morris and Beyond," several local experts will share their experiences, and others from the campus and the community are invited to do the same. Refreshments will be served; all are welcome. Asking the Big Questions is sponsored by Briggs Library.

### **Save the Date: Stress Reduction Expo**

Mark your calendars to attend the Stress Reduction Expo November 7–11. The Employee Wellness program and Student Wellness Center are offering a variety of stress management and relaxation events. Highlights include Group Health Coaching with Guest Speaker Lora Matz, MS, LICSW, Prairie Care's clinical educational specialist, on Monday, November 7, along with yoga, pet therapy, massages, and more! For more information and a detailed schedule, [contact Angela Berlinger.](#)

## Accomplishments

### **Campus Hosts German Delegation**

Mayor Wilfried Roos and Guido Wallraven from Saerbeck, Germany, visited representatives from the city of Morris, **University of Minnesota, Morris**, the West Central Research and Outreach Center, Stevens County, USDA Soils Lab, the Morris High School, local businesses, and other community partners as part of the [Climate Smart Municipalities](#) initiative October 12–14. During their visit to campus, the German delegation met with students, faculty, and staff, including a visit to Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies **Clement Loo's** Environmental Problems and Policy class. Students shared information about the [Morris Model](#) and campus efforts to explore clean energy and battery storage options. Community members met on-campus for a brainstorming session to explore new efforts in energy conservation, clean energy, community resilience, and climate education. Climate Smart Municipalities is coordinated by the University of Minnesota Institute on the Environment; Morris is one of five Minnesota cities selected for this program.

### **Ortiz To Present at American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting**

**Cristina Ortiz**, assistant professor of anthropology, will present “Worth the Risk: Quotidian Experiences of Danger & Sacrifice Among Immigrant Workers in the Rural Midwest” at the [American Anthropological Association](#)’s Annual Meeting on Friday, November 18, in Minneapolis.

#### **Cushman to Coach Team Stars & Stripes in All-Star Game**

**Rob Cushman**, head football coach, has been selected to coach Team Stars & Stripes in the Tazon de Estrellas (Bowl of the Stars) All-Star Game for the third time. The game will be played on Saturday, December 17, in Mexicali, Mexico. Team Stars & Stripes, an American squad of select Division III seniors, will face the CONADEIP All-Stars, a team of select players from Mexican universities, in the eighth annual event.

#### **Women’s Soccer Earns NSCAA Team Academic Award**

The **women’s soccer team** has earned the National Soccer Coaches Athletic Association (NSCAA) Team Academic Award for the 16th time in 18 seasons. To qualify for the award, a team must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 or higher for the entire 2015–16 academic year. The Cougars team GPA was 3.19. Morris is one of only two teams in Minnesota to have achieved this award 16 or more times.

#### **Goodnough and Bishop ’17 Present the Morris Model to County Commissioners**

Office of Sustainability intern **Sophie Bishop ’17** and **Troy Goodnough**, sustainability director, presented to the Stevens County Board of Commissioners about the [Morris Model Community Resilience Plan](#). The purpose of the Plan is to help the Morris community prepare for extreme weather impacts and Minnesota’s changing climate. The Plan identifies nine areas for potential improvement.

#### **Hodgsons Receive the Pay It Forward Stevens County Award**

[Ken Hodgson, professor emeritus of music, and his wife, Linda ’86, recently received the Pay It Forward Stevens County award for their contributions to the Morris community.](#) Nominator Mary Holm says “often, wherever there is music in the Morris area, Ken and Linda are there leading the way.”

#### **In the News**

##### **Lackey’s Latest Essay Discussed on Indiana University Press Blog**

**Michael Lackey**, Distinguished McKnight University professor, discusses his new essay, [“The Scandal of Jewish Rage in William Styron’s Sophie’s Choice.”](#) in a [guest post for the Indiana University Press blog](#). In the post, which is part of a series that takes a closer look at the scholarship in the articles and issues of IU Press journals, Lackey discusses the controversial nature of the essay.

##### **“Stress Less” Discussed by Minnesota’s Hospitals**

A partnership between the **University of Minnesota, Morris** and Stevens Community Medical Center (SCMC) is the subject of Minnesota’s Hospitals’ [“Stress Less: How Stevens Community Medical Center is helping University of Minnesota – Morris faculty and staff improve their overall health.”](#) Understanding the effects stress can have on faculty and staff, Health Coach **Angela Berlinger** partnered with SCMC to create the “Stress Less” program, which allows participants to share their own experiences with stress and learn ways to intervene and decrease it in their daily lives.

##### **Klinger Quoted by True Viral News**

Professor Emeritus **Eric Klinger** is quoted in *True Viral News*’ [“How Much Do You Daydream? You Could Be Addicted.”](#) Klinger resisted the notion of maladaptive daydreaming to the *Wall Street Journal*.