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## News

[Morris Makes 2017 U.S. News Top Public Liberal Arts Colleges List](#)  
[Students and Faculty Members Partner on HHMI Summer Research Projects](#)

## Announcements

### This Week in Photos

- [2016 Latterell Visiting Alumnus: Kurt Refsnider '04](#)

### You Are Invited: Upcoming Library Events

#### **U.S. Constitution Day Celebration—The Supreme Court Speaks: Readings from Court Opinions**

Monday, September 19, 7 p.m.

Library lower level

This year's U.S. Constitution Day Celebration will feature Brennan Bassett '17, Volga, South Dakota; Mary Elizabeth Bezanson, professor of communication, media, and rhetoric; LeAnn Dean, library director; and Tim Lindberg, assistant professor of political science. Refreshments will be served. This event is sponsored by the Communication, Media, and Rhetoric; History; and Political Science Disciplines; Pi Sigma Alpha - Political Science Honor Society; Phi Alpha Theta - History Club & Honor Society; and Briggs Library.

#### **Game Night @ Briggs Library**

Friday, September 23, 6–11 p.m.

Step into the Tardis, try your hand at some Doctor Who trivia, play some croquet on the campus mall, or choose from dozens of board and card games at Game Night @ Briggs Library. This event is sponsored by Briggs Library, the Croquet Club, and The Doctor Who Society.

#### **Banned Books Reading**

Tuesday, September 27, 7 p.m.

Briggs Library McGinnis Room

Come celebrate the freedom to read at the Banned Books Reading. Individuals are invited to read a short excerpt of no more than 5 minutes from a banned or challenged book. Following the readings there will be an informal discussion on censorship. Refreshments will be served. To sign up to read, please [contact Gabriella Wilke](#). The event is sponsored by Briggs Library and Sigma Tau Delta.

## Accomplishments

Atkinson '82 Pens *INCREDIBLE STORIES FROM SPACE*

*INCREDIBLE STORIES FROM SPACE: A Behind-the-Scenes Look at the Missions Changing Our View of the Cosmos* by **Nancy Atkinson '82** is set to be released by Page Street Publishing Co. on November 15. In this, her first book, veteran space journalist Atkinson shares compelling insights from more than 35 NASA scientists and engineers, taking readers behind the scenes of the unmanned missions that are transforming our understanding of the solar system and beyond. Atkinson is the editor and writer for *Universe Today* and is a NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador; she has written for *Space Lifestyle Magazine*, *Wired.com*, *Space.com*, NASA's *Astrobiology Magazine*, *Space Times* magazine and has been involved with the *Astronomy Cast*, *365 Days of Astronomy* and the *NASA Lunar Science Institute* podcasts.

Stermer's '16 *Manhood in Rural America* Premieres

**Brendan Stermer's '16**, Montevideo, [Manhood in Rural America](#) is now live on Pioneer Public Television. There was a premiere screening of the digital series at the Lac qui Parle Museum in Madison on

Thursday, September 8. Stermer produced the series in his role as an intern with the Center for Small Towns.

#### Goodnough and Asche Take Part in Rural Climate Dialogue State Convening

**Troy Goodnough**, sustainability director, and **Kelly Asche**, Center for Small Towns program coordinator, participated in the [Rural Climate Dialogue State Convening](#), held in Saint Paul September 8–9. The event provided an opportunity for participants to learn how other rural communities are thinking about and preparing for extreme weather and climate challenges in Minnesota. Stevens County participants shared stories of progress and work from the past few years, especially the "[Morris Model](#)," which is a community-wide effort to advance energy conservation, clean energy, community resilience, cultural exchange, and celebration. Participants addressed, among other highlights, successes at the **University of Minnesota, Morris**, including 70 percent of the campus's electricity coming from wind power. [The first Rural Climate Dialogue was launched in Morris in June 2014.](#)

#### Truckers & Turnover Paper Released Online in *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*

A paper from Morris's [Truckers & Turnover Project](#), "[Toward the integration of personality theory and decision theory in explaining economic behavior: An experimental investigation.](#)" has been released online in the *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*. Using data from 1,065 trainee truckers who were then followed on the job, the paper first explores the empirical relationships in this subject pool between psychological measures (personality traits and intelligence) and economic ones (risk and time preferences). It then examines the relative predictive power of all the measures for job persistence, truck crashes, body mass index, and credit scores. Co-authors are economist Aldo Rustinchini (UM-TC), psychologist Colin DeYoung (UM-TC), **Jon Anderson**, professor of statistics, and **Stephen Burks**, professor of economics and management.

#### In the News

##### Berberi Talks Disability Studies with *Angles*

**Tammy Berberi** was interviewed by Pascale Antolin for the journal *Angles*' "[Tammy Berberi on Disability studies.](#)" Berberi discusses the history, scope, and evolution of disability studies in the United States and Europe.

##### Morrison Honored in the *Morris Sun Tribune*

Friends of the University **Edward J. and Helen Jane Morrison** are the focus of the *Morris Sun Tribune*'s "[Some days and relationships are truly diamonds.](#)" The Morrisons, who played an integral role in the creation of the Morris campus, will celebrate their 75th wedding anniversary on Saturday, September 17.