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Announcements

This Week in Photos

- [Men's Cougar Basketball Reunion](#)
- [Transitio Gallery Opening](#)
- [Driggs Lecture 2017](#)

Call for Nominations: Bill and Ida Stewart Award for Ethnic Diversity

The Multiethnic Experience and Functions and Awards Committees are soliciting nominations for the Bill and Ida Stewart Award for Ethnic Diversity. The award provides institutional recognition of promoting ethnic diversity and a supportive climate for all people. For more information please [contact Elena Machkasova](#), chair of the Functions and Awards Committee.

Updated Graphic Identity Guidelines Now Available

[Updated graphic identity guidelines](#) are now available from the Office of University Relations. This document is up to date with current wordmarks, colors, typography, and stationery. These guidelines, as well as logos and templates, are available for download at morris.umn.edu/urelations. For a printed copy, please [contact University Relations](#).

Office of Community Engagement Offers Opportunities for Faculty, Staff, and Students

Opportunities are available through the Office of Community Engagement for [faculty](#), [staff](#), and [students](#) to get involved. Please share these opportunities with [students](#) in your classes and offices, and consider getting involved in one or more of the [faculty/staff opportunities](#).

Spring 2017 Campus Assembly Dates Announced

The Steering Committee has scheduled the following Campus Assembly meetings for spring semester:

- Wednesday, March 1
- Monday, April 3
- Tuesday, May 2

Assembly meetings begin at 4:30 p.m. and are held in the Science Auditorium. All members of the campus community may [submit business to the Steering Committee](#) for consideration as agenda items.

You Are Invited: Cafe Scientifique—Why Are Peanuts So Tasty, Yet So Bad?

Assistant Professor of Biology Joe Dolence will lead the next Cafe Scientifique discussion, “Why Are Peanuts So Tasty, Yet So Bad?,” on January 31, at 6 p.m., at Common Cup Coffeehouse (501 S Atlantic Ave, Morris, MN 56267). The discussion will focus on peanut allergies and how scientists approach and address them. [Learn more](#)

You Are Invited: Soup and Substance—Policing in the 21st Century

The Office of Community Engagement (OCE) will host its first Soup and Substance discussion of the semester—“Policing in the 21st Century”—on Wednesday, February 1, at 6 p.m. in Imholte Hall 111. The first in a three-part series, the event will focus on recent conflicts between citizens and law enforcement and ways to address the underlying causes of these conflicts. The event is designed to provide an open forum for members of the Stevens County and campus communities to discuss issues of local, regional, national, and international importance. The event is sponsored by OCE, the Office of Equity, Diversity and Intercultural Programs, Campus Police, Morris Police Department, Stevens County Sheriff's Department, International Student Program, United Students for Africa, and Black Student Union. For more information and/or accommodations, please [contact OCE](#).

You Are Invited: Welcome Reception for Chancellor Behr

The campus community is invited to attend a welcome reception in honor of incoming Chancellor Michelle Behr on Monday, February 6, from 2-4 p.m. in the Student Center's Oyate Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

This Week on *Prairie Yard and Garden*...

Everything you have ever wanted to know about peonies will be the topic of the upcoming episode of *Prairie Yard and Garden* on Pioneer Public Television on Thursday, January 26, at 7:30 p.m. *Prairie Yard and Garden* is produced by Instructional Media Technologies in association with Pioneer Public Television. [Learn more](#)

Accomplishments

Burks Presents at Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board

Stephen Burks, professor of economics and management, led a session titled "Autonomous Trucks: Realities and Myths" at the annual meeting of the Transportation Research Board (an operating arm of the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine) on Monday, January 9, in Washington, DC. Speakers included a co-founder of OTTO Motors (now part of Uber Freight), which made the first trial commercial delivery run with an autonomous tractor-trailer last November ([delivering beer in Colorado](#)), as well as the president of the [American Trucking Associations](#). The session was sponsored and organized by TRB standing technical committee AT060-Trucking Industry Research, which Burks chairs.

Miller Selected for American Choral Directors Association/International Conductors Exchange Program

Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities Bradley Miller has been selected as an American Choral Directors Association/International Conductors Exchange Program Fellow. The program creates opportunities for international dialogue and exchange between the next generation of leaders in the choral profession. Miller will provide conducting workshops and lectures and conduct ensembles in performance in São Paulo, Brazil, during a weeklong residency in October 2017.

Theatre Discipline Honored at KCACTF

The **Theatre Discipline** was recognized in a number of areas with Certificates of Meritorious Achievement at the 2017 American College Theatre Festival Region V conference in Des Moines, Iowa. Honorees include:

- **Justin Anderson '18**, Rochester, for his stage management of *Many Moons*
- **Jonas Newhouse '16** for his direction of *Pinocchio Commedia*
- The cast of *Pinocchio Commedia* for its ensemble work
- **Johanna Lies '18**, Saint Paul, for her make-up design for *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- **Levi Carter '16** for his sound design for *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

In the News

Morris Included in Minnesota College Guide

The **University of Minnesota, Morris** is featured in [Mpls.St. Paul magazine's Minnesota College Guide](#). The guide sums up Morris as a "Green-oriented public liberal arts university" and includes mentions of the campus's [new scholarship for veterans and their families](#) and [Visiting Jazz Artist program](#).

Buchanan Quoted in the *Star Tribune*

Sarah Buchanan, associate professor of French, is quoted in the *Star Tribune's* "[It's just beautiful' as Minnesotans head to Washington for march](#)." Buchanan traveled with the "Morris 14" to the Women's March on Washington this weekend.

Norman '98 Quoted in the *Star Tribune*

Ravi Norman '98, CEO of Thor Construction, is mentioned in the *Star Tribune's* "[Thor Construction headquarters project gets Target backing](#)." Thor, Minnesota's largest minority-owned business, recently broke ground on a four-story Thor complex, part of a \$100 million building project designed to revitalize north Minneapolis.

Brun Quoted by MPR

Maria Brun '08 is quoted in Minnesota Public Radio News's "[Minnesota women bring their voices, concerns to Washington.](#)" Brun hosted three Minnesotans at her home and took part in the Women's March on Washington.

Rose Discusses Effects of Obama Administration in *MinnPost*

Roger Rose, associate professor of political science, discusses "[How the Obama administration affected Minnesota](#)" in a recent MinnPost article. Rose weighs in on changes in energy, environment, and economics.

Work by Devkota Appears in *My Republica*

Satis Devkota, assistant professor of economics and management, is the author of a *My Republica* opinion piece titled "[What about them?](#)" Devkota discusses the impact of resettlement resulting from hydropower projects in Nepal, particularly as they relate to families affected by the Budi Gandaki hydroelectric project.

Goodnough Spotlighted in *P&A News*

Troy Goodnough, director of sustainability, is featured in the "P&A Employee Spotlight" of the latest *P&A News*. Goodnough reflects on work and life.

***Morris Sun Tribune* Reports on MLK Day of Service Events**

Morris students discuss their participation in the campus's MLK Day of Service celebrations in the *Morris Sun Tribune*'s "[Continuing King's march.](#)"