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News

[Ravi Norman '98 to Serve as 2017 Commencement Speaker](#)

Announcements

This Week in Photos

- [American Indian Advisory Committee Spring 2017 Meeting](#)
- [BSU Soul Food Dinner and Sustainability Forum](#)

You Are Invited: Office Hours with Chancellor Behr

Chancellor Behr will hold the following office hours during the spring semester:

- Monday, March 27, 3–4 p.m.
- Thursday, April 27, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to get to know the chancellor and share your thoughts about the University. Guests will meet with Chancellor Behr in the order in which they arrive, for 10 minutes each. Please contact Carrie Grussing at 320-589-6020 or grussing@morris.umn.edu with questions.

Nominations Sought: Outstanding Support Staff, Morris Academic Staff, and SEED Awards

You are invited to nominate outstanding faculty, staff, and students for the following spring awards:

Outstanding Support Staff Awards

Nominations are due on Friday, March 10

[Learn more](#)

2017 Morris Academic Staff Award

Nominations are due on Friday, March 17

[Learn more](#)

Scholarly Excellence in Equity and Diversity (SEED) Awards

Nominations are due Friday, March 31

[Learn more](#)

You Are Invited: VEGETABLE GARDENING 301

Take your vegetable gardening skills to the next level with an in-depth vegetable growing strategies class on Wednesday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m. in AgCountry Auditorium at the West Central Research and Outreach Center. Admission is free; donations accepted. [Learn more](#)

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

A famous Octagonal Summer Kitchen in Lac qui Parle County will be featured on the next *Prairie Yard and Garden* on Thursday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. on Pioneer Public Television. *Prairie Yard and Garden* is produced by Instructional Media Technologies in association with Pioneer Public Television. [Learn more](#)

Accomplishments

[Eighteen Morris Professors Receive All-University Imagine Fund Awards](#)

The Imagine Fund supports projects in the arts, humanities, and design at the University of Minnesota.

Lackey to Deliver Keynote Lecture at University of Liège

Michael Lackey, Distinguished McKnight University Professor of English, will give the keynote lecture opening [Illuminating Lives: The Biographical Impulse in Postcolonial Literatures](#) at the University of Liège, Belgium, March 2–3. Lackey's lecture is titled "[Irish Biofiction and the Political Project of Transatlantic Unslaving.](#)"

Moore and Wray to Present at Undergraduate Communication Research Conference

Work by **Anne Moore '18**, Buffalo, and **Colin Wray '17**, Alexandria, was selected for presentation at the 26th annual Undergraduate Communication Research Conference, to be held at the University of St. Thomas, March 31. Moore will present "How Consumers Are Getting Hooked On 'The Snack That Smiles Back': A Rhetorical Analysis of Goldfish Advertisements," and Wray will present "Seeing the Unseen: Two Methods + Rhetorical Situation of 'Unknown Warriors' by Winston Churchill."

Winchester '95 Presents at Arizona MinneCollege

Ben Winchester '95 was a presenter at [Arizona MinneCollege](#) on February 25. Winchester presented the breakout session "Rewriting the Rural Narrative."

In the News

Student, Staff, and Faculty Discuss Fears with Immigration in the Morris Sun Tribune

Mohammed Farah, academic success coordinator; **Jubair Hassan '19**, Dhaka, Bangladesh; **Nina Ortiz**, assistant professor of anthropology; and **Henrik Wilberg**, assistant professor of German, are quoted in the [Morris Sun Tribune's "Panel discuss fears with immigration."](#) The four took part in a discussion about immigration within the context of President Donald Trump's immigration policies and proposals and the current political climate late last month.