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Summary: Roger Rose, associate professor of political science, will present his research, and the group will discuss the Spirit Behind Service.

(April 25, 2011)-Two monthly campus/community discussion groups at the University of Minnesota, Morris will partner on a final topic for the academic year, “The Spirit Behind Service.” Roger Rose, associate professor of political science, will present his research findings in regard to a survey conducted to identify church volunteerism and religious attitudes of Morris students. The conversation will focus on, “How do religious practices affect volunteerism?”

Free and open to the public, the event will be held on Monday, May 2, 2011, from 6:30 until 8 p.m. in the McGinnis Room in Briggs Library. Soup, bread, beverage, and dessert will be served.

The event is co-sponsored by the Office of Community Engagement, Rodney A. Briggs Library, and Pi Sigma Alpha. Asking the Big Questions focuses on significant issues that affect individuals locally, nationally, and globally. During the 2010–11 academic year, the group explored faith and spirituality. Soup & Substance pairs delicious free meals with meaningful discussion, providing an open forum to discuss issues of local, national, and international importance, particularly issues related to privilege and oppression.

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