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#### Fifth Prairie Gate Literary Festival to be Held this Fall

The festival offers learning opportunities for aspiring writers and literature enthusiasts.

MORRIS, Minnesota (September 25, 2015)—The fifth annual Prairie Gate Literary Festival (PGLF) will be held October 23–24 at the University of Minnesota, Morris. The festival aims to build the role of the literary arts in Morris and the surrounding community. Aspiring writers and literary enthusiasts are invited to enjoy free public readings as well as workshops and discussions with nationally and internationally recognized authors.

This year PGLF will welcome creative nonfiction writer John Hildebrand, young-adult fiction writer Eric Smith, science fiction and fantasy writer Emma Bull, poet Vandana Khanna, and translator Ebba Segerberg.

While all events are open to the public, pre-registration for the writing workshops is encouraged. The cost for the general public is \$25 for one workshop or \$35 for two. The cost for students is \$15 for one workshop or \$20 for two. Registration includes lunch with the writers. Additional information and registration is available at morris.umn.edu/prairiegate.

This activity is funded in part by a grant from the Imagine Fund. In addition, the PGLF is sponsored by Rodney A. Briggs Library, Briggs Library Associates, the UMM Alumni Association, the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Division of Humanities, the English Discipline, the Commission on Women, and private donations.

Schedule of Events
Friday, October 23
Public Reading: Emma Bull
Briggs Library
7 p.m.

### Saturday, October 24

Registration Student Center 8:30 a.m.

Workshop 1: Ebba Segerberg Location TBA 9-10:15 a.m.

Workshop 2: Eric Smith Location TBA 9-10:15 a.m.

Workshop 3: Emma Bull Location TBA

10:30-11:45 a.m.

Workshop 3: John Hildebrand Location TBA 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Workshop 5: Vandana Khanna Location TBA 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Moderated Panel, Q&A with all authors Briggs Library 1:15-2:15 p.m.

Public Reading: Eric Smith Briggs Library 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Public Reading: Ebba Segerberg Briggs Library 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Public Reading: John Hildebrand and Vandana Khanna Briggs Library 8-9:30 p.m.

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