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Please send comments, questions, or submissions to the editor. The submission deadline for the next edition of Weekly Bulletin will be Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at 4 p.m.

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Featured Events

**German Conversation Table**
Mondays, 6 p.m.
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

**Anishinaabe Language Table**
Mondays, 7 p.m.
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

**French Conversation Table**
Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

**Jane Addams Project**
Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Imholte Hall 111

**Spanish Conversation Table**
Wednesdays, 6 p.m.
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

**Russian Conversation Table**
Fridays, 4 p.m.
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

**Briggs Library Associates Annual Meeting**
Wednesday, April 17, 7:30 p.m.
Briggs Library, McGinnis Room

**Special Thursday Afternoon Faculty Seminar: Mike Cheyne (English/History)**
Thursday, April 18, 4:30 p.m.
Imholte Hall 109

**HFA Gallery Opening Reception: Senior Art Exhibition**
Thursday, April 18, 7 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts Gallery

**Pride Week Speaker: Jac Stringer**
Thursday, April 18, 7 p.m.
Science Auditorium (2950)

**Mixed Student Recital**
Thursday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

**Dance Ensemble**
Friday, April 19, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 20, 1 p.m.
Student Center, Edson Auditorium

**Equality Film Screening: *Paris is Burning***
Friday, April 19, 7 p.m.
Imholte Hall 109

**Undergraduate Research Symposium**
Saturday, April 20, All day
Morris Campus

**Guest Recital: Christopher Atzinger, Piano**
Sunday, April 21, 2:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

**GWSS Discussion Series: Gender and Violence Panel**
Monday, April 22, 6:30 p.m.
Science 2190

**Blood Drive**
Monday, April 22, 12:30-6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 23, 12:30-6:30 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall—University Room

**Hispanic Society Induction**
Tuesday, April 23, 5 p.m.
LaFave House

**April Soup & Substance**
Tuesday, April 23, 6 p.m.
Imholte Hall 112

**Student Leader Recognition Banquet**
Wednesday, April 24, 6 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

Check out all of the campus [events](#).
News and Announcements

Manning to Serve as CMR Spring Guest Speaker

Jimmie Manning, assistant professor of organizational/corporate communication at Northern Illinois University (NIU), will be the spring guest speaker for the Communication, Media, and Rhetoric Discipline. Manning will present on the topic “Fear of a Digital Planet: Overcoming the Anxieties of a Computer-Mediated World” on Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m. in Humanities Fine Arts 6.

Next Café Scientifique to Focus on DNA Controversy

The next Café Scientifique will take place on Tuesday, April 30, at 6 p.m. at the Common Cup Coffeehouse (501 Atlantic Avenue, Morris, MN 56267). PZ Myers, associate professor of biology, will lead the discussion, entitled "The Junk DNA controversy: how sloppy is your genome?"

Palgrave Macmillan Releases Bina’s Latest Book

In February 2013 Palgrave Macmillan released Distinguished Research Professor of Economics Cyrus Bina’s latest book, *A Prelude to the Foundation of Political Economy: Oil, War, and Global Polity*. In honor of Bina’s achievement, the Economics and Management Disciplines will host a celebratory reception on Wednesday, May 1, from 5 until 7 p.m. at the LaFave House (305 College Avenue, Morris MN 56267).

Students Bring Technology Education to Rural Minnesota

Michael Lindgren '14, Crystal, and Zak Threadgill '15, Ramsey, are working together with the Center for Small Towns to create an analysis of Lac qui Parle County’s (LqP) technology education project, the LqP Computer Commuter system. Lindgren and Threadgill are assisting the county’s Economic Development Administration in reviewing the system’s role in promoting computer and internet literacy throughout the community.

Biometric Health Screenings

Gain a better understanding of your health and earn 100 points for your Wellness Points Bank by attending a Biometric Health Screening on Thursday, April 18, from 7-10:30 a.m. in the South Gym of the RFC. These screenings take approximately 10-15 minutes and are free for UPlan medical program members as well as covered spouses and same-sex domestic partners. Appointment times are still available. For more information, contact Angela Berlinger.

Severe Weather Awareness Week

The Departments of Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management have declared the week of April 15-19, 2013, Severe Weather Awareness Week. As part of Severe Weather Awareness Week, the campus will participate in a drill at 1:45 p.m. For more information, please contact Dale Livingston.

Green Prairie Community Tours
In honor of Earth Week, Green Prairie Living and Learning Community building tour will be offered on Friday, April 26. Beginning at 12:30 p.m., thirty-minute tours will take place on the half hour, with the final tour at 3:30 p.m. Those taking part should meet at the Green Prairie Site construction/education trailer. For more information or to sign-up, go to tinyurl.com/GreenPrairieTour or call the Office of Residential Life at 320-589-6475.

Accomplishments

Hazen Fairbanks ’14, Bemidji, and Andrew Sletten ’14, Fergus Falls, have been elected president and vice president of the Morris Campus Student Association.

Jennifer Lund ’84, campus police lieutenant, finished the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 15, with a total time of four hours. Tori Cowles ’11 finished with a time of three hours and 15 minutes.

Argie Manolis, coordinator of the Office of Community Engagement, is the 2013 Morris Academic Staff Award recipient. Manolis coordinates numerous service-learning projects while enabling faculty and staff to integrate service learning into their own courses. Her work serves as an example of how research, teaching, and service can be combined to make the Morris campus and community more inclusive and welcoming to all.

Twenty-one Morris students traveled to New Orleans, Louisiana, in early April to attend the national meeting of the American Chemical Society (ACS). Joining the students were Associate Professors of Chemistry Joe Alia and Ted Pappenfus. The group gave eleven presentations over three days at the conference, which included undergraduate research and outreach activities in chemistry and biochemistry. The Morris group was one of the largest contingencies representing a single college—large or small—to attend.

The 2012 annual report of the Harvard School of Public Health's Occupational and Environmental Medicine Residency program highlights some of the work of Morris's Truckers & Turnover Project (T&T), which was presented at the program’s “Sleep and Shift Work” conference in September 2012. Stephen Burks, associate professor of economics and management, presented results from T&T's ongoing analysis of Schneider National's program to screen, diagnose, and treat its employee drivers for obstructive sleep apnea. Co-authors contributing to the results presented included Jon Anderson, professor of statistics, Matthew Bombyk ’11, Jeffrey Hickman, Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, Derek Ganzhorn ’10, Manjari Govada ’12, Stefanos Kales, Harvard Medical School, Connor Lewis ’15, Moorhead, Andrew Lexvold ’13, Pine Island, and Xueyang Jiao ’12.

In the News

An article in the Morris Sun Tribune addresses the fact that Stevens Traverse Grant Public Health and Stevens Community Medical Center have partnered together to conduct a public health assessment of the five counties that are part of the Horizon Community Health Board, with help from Morris’s Center for Small Towns.

Naomi Wente ’13, Dodge Center, is the focus of a story by Sally Jo Sorensen of Bluestem Prairie. Sorensen focuses on Wente’s personal history, undergraduate achievements, and advocacy for marriage equality. The article has also been picked up by the Twin Cities Daily Planet.

Instructional and Media Technologies is the subject of a recent case study by Alpha Video of Edina. In a story by Jerry Gale of Alpha Video, Roger Boleman, director of Instructional and Media Technologies, and Mike Cihak, assistant director of marketing communication and design, discuss Morris's integration of a CatDV asset management system to track, tag, retrieve and archive digital media. The story also discusses Morris's transition to file-based HD video field recording and its EditShare video asset storage system.