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Please send comments, questions, and submissions to the editor. The submission deadline for the next edition of Weekly Bulletin will be Tuesday, December 10, 2013, at 4 p.m.

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Featured Events

Jane Addams Project
Tuesdays, 7:30 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

Donna Chollett Book Reception
Wednesday, December 4, 5–7 p.m.
LaFave House

Thursday Afternoon Faculty Seminar: Marynel Ryan Van Zee (History)
Thursday, December 5, 5 p.m.
Imholte Hall 109

Art Club Holiday Sale
Thursday, December 5, 5–9 p.m.
Friday, December 6, 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
Saturday, December 7, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts, Edward J. and Helen Jane Morrison Gallery

Chancellor’s Holiday Reception
Friday, December 6, 2–4 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

2013 Carol Concert: Winter Wonderland
Friday, December 6, 8 p.m.
Saturday, December 7, 8 p.m.
Sunday, December 8, 3 p.m.
Assumption Catholic Church (209 East Third Street, Morris, MN 56267)
Dance Ensemble: Dance with Me Tonight
Friday, December 6, 7 p.m.
Saturday, December 7, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Student Center, Edson Auditorium

Winter Concert—UMM Symphonic Winds and Chamber Orchestra
Sunday, December 8, 7:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

Check out all of the campus events.

News and Announcements

Rasmussen Travels with Delegation to Germany

The Minnesota delegation will attend a conference to explore energy opportunities between Minnesota and North Rhine-Westphalia.

Competitive Scholarship Deadline December 15

Morris invites incoming first-year students to compete for its competitive scholarship packages.

Short and Lindgren Map Minnesota River Valley Historical Sites

The goal of the project is to create a website that provides information about historical sites along the Minnesota River.

Estar in el Prairie Depicts Lives of Latino Population

Jordan Wente ’15, Dodge Center, and Natalie Hoidal ’15, Forest Lake, are leading an effort to photograph western Minnesota’s growing Latino population.

Accomplishments

Last month Morris students attended the fifth annual Upper Midwest Association for Campus Sustainability (UMACS) conference at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. Of the 14 students present at the conference, 12 presented their research and sustainable initiatives to other students, staff, and faculty from across the Midwest. Alicia Beattie ’13, Hastings, Bryce Blankenfeld ’14, Goodridge, Kali Dale ’14, Bemidji, Sharice Fontenot ’17, Vidor, Natalie Hoidal ’15, Forest Lake, Peter Kavale ’16, Duluth, Brittany Grady ’17, Kaiserslautern, Lily Mahan ’17, Edina, Sienna Nesser ’14, St. Anthony Village, Kristian Nyberg ’14, Minnetonka, River Ostrow ’14, St. Paul, Tim Sheehan ’16, Minneapolis, Jordan Wente ’15, Dodge Center, and MN GreenCorps member Heidi Eger ’13 presented on a variety of themes, including composting, clean energy organizing, and working with small towns on sustainability efforts. Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson also gave a speech addressing sustainability and campus culture.
Morris’s anthropological teaching collection is now named the Donna L. Chollett Anthropological Teaching Collection, in honor of Donna Chollett, associate professor of anthropology. Chollett was instrumental in creating the extensive teaching collection that is used for multiple classes in the Anthropology Discipline, and it is now one of the best collections in the country.

The Linux Journal has published an article by Jim Hall, director of information technology, in its forthcoming December issue. Linux Journal is a monthly magazine about Linux as well as free and open source software. The title of Hall’s article is “It’s about the User: Applying Usability in Open-Source Software.”

Michael Lackey, associate professor of English, received a glowing review from Publisher’s Weekly for his forthcoming Truthful Fictions: A Conversation with American Biographical Novelists. The collection includes interviews with 16 biographical novelists and addresses the differences between biographical fiction and history, the nature of the novel form, and the writing process. Publishers Weekly calls it both “absorbing” and “vibrant.” Truthful Fictions will be released by Bloomsbury in February 2014.

Jill Doerfler ’01, associate professor of American Indian Studies at the University of Minnesota Duluth, served on the team that wrote a proposed constitution for the White Earth Nation, which was approved late last month. Doerfler played a major role in the process leading up to the vote. Her recent work on the constitutional reform effort was supported by a UMD Strategic Initiative Grant and by the White Earth Nation through UMD’s Tribal Sovereignty Institute.

In the News

Jim Cotter, professor of geology, and Tammy Rittenour ’96, assistant professor of paleoclimatology and quaternary geology at Utah State University, were featured in a recent article by the St. Cloud Times. Cotter and Rittenour are researching evidence of glaciers and their movement across the Minnesota landscape.

Work by Barbara Burke, associate professor of communication, media, rhetoric, is featured in a blog post of the Texas Social Media Research Institute (TSMRI). Burke argues that, in agritourism, successful new social media users can generate long-term awareness of the activities and events in their communities.