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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, September 17, 2013, at 4 p.m.

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Featured Events

Morris Area Farmers Market
Mondays and Thursdays, 3–6 p.m.
East Side Park (corner of Seventh Street and Colorado Avenue, Morris MN 56267)

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

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Wednesday, September 11, 7 p.m.
Imholte Hall 109

Thursday Afternoon Faculty Seminar: Timna Wyckoff (Biology)
Thursday, September 12, 5 p.m.
Imholte Hall 109

ACE Welcome Event
Monday, September 16, 7 p.m.
Student Center, Louie’s Lower Level

2013 O. Truman Driggs Distinguished Lecture in History
Monday, September 16, 7:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

Constitution Day Panel
Tuesday, September 17, 7:30 p.m.
News and Announcements

**Morris Will Celebrate Homecoming 2013**

Morris invites alumni, students, faculty, staff, and community members to participate in this year’s Homecoming celebration, September 23-29.

**Morris to Host Gloria Ladson-Billings**

Gloria Ladson-Billings, an American pedagogical theorist and teacher-educator on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Education, will serve as the 2013 Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Liberal Arts. Ladson-Billings will visit area schools and provide lectures, workshops, and discussions September 23–27.

**Primer to Open Gallery Exhibition Schedule**

The Edward J. and Helen Jane Morrison Gallery begins its 2013–2014 exhibition schedule with a new look and name as well as a large-group exhibit of Twin-Cities artists, curated by Amber Janey White ’09.

**Careers in Biology Continues**

The Careers in Biology Alumni Speaker Series will welcome Dr. Samit Joshi ’01 to campus on Thursday, September 19, at 7 p.m. in Science 2950 (Auditorium). The title of Joshi’s presentation is “Attempting to Build a Career in Infectious Diseases: Between the Bench and the Bedside. He will also present a classroom research talk, “Innate Immunology in HIV Infection,” Friday, September 20, at 9:15 a.m. in Science 2190. Joshi received a doctor of osteopathy and master of public health from Des Moines University in 2005 and completed his postdoctoral training at the Yale University School of Medicine in New Haven, Connecticut. He currently works as the associate medical director of global research and virology at Bristol-Myers Squibb, a clinical instructor at the Yale School of Medicine, and a consultant at Waterbury Hospital. Careers in Biology is supported in part by a grant to the University of Minnesota, Morris from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute through the Precollege and Undergraduate Science Education Program.

**Café Scientifique Resumes**

Peter Wyckoff, associate professor of biology, will present the next Café Scientifique discussion on Tuesday, September 24, at 6 p.m. at Common Cup Coffeehouse (501 Atlantic Avenue, Morris, MN 56267). The title of Wyckoff’s talk is “The impact of climate, deer, earthworms, and the invasive European buckthorn tree on the forests of western Minnesota.” Café Scientifique is an ongoing series that offers a space where anyone can come to explore the latest ideas in science and technology for the price of a cup of coffee. Meetings take place outside of a traditional academic context and are committed to promoting public engagement with science. Additional information is
available [online](#). Interested audiences can look forward to additional discussions typically on the last Tuesday of selected months in 2013 and 2014. Café Scientifique is supported in part by a grant to the University of Minnesota, Morris from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute through the Precollege and Undergraduate Science Education Program.

**Essential Deadline is Today**

Wednesday, September 11, is the [essential deadline](#) for the fall semester. It is the last day to add classes, change from S/N or A/F grading, drop classes without a “W” on the transcript (except second-half semester classes), and update health plan coverage information for billing purposes. It is also the deadline to submit degree applications for students finishing in fall 2013. Students should be registered for all of their semester classes, including directed studies, independent research, and internships. Additional information is available [online](#).

**U of M Employee Benefit Counselor Visit**

Barry Melcher, U of M Employee Benefit Counselor, will be on campus on Friday, September 20. Faculty and staff are invited to speak individually with Melcher regarding employee benefit issues and questions. Please contact Jenny Quam to schedule your individual appointment.

**Education News:**

**ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MAJORS**—There will be elementary education application/information meetings for students interested in entering the elementary education program on Wednesday, October 9, at 5 p.m. in Imholte Hall 111 and Thursday, October 24, at 5 p.m. in Imholte Hall 111. During the meeting, questions will be answered as to the pre-requisites required, when you should apply to the program, when you should begin the program, student teaching, graduation, etc. If you have already picked up your application packet, please bring it to the meeting. Further information about admission requirements may be found in the University of Minnesota, Morris catalog.

**ATTENTION SECONDARY EDUCATION STUDENTS**—There will be secondary education application/information meetings for students interested in entering the secondary education program on Monday, September 30, at 2:15 p.m. in Science 3550 and Thursday, October 31, at 2 p.m. in Science 3610. The meeting will provide information on recommendations, interviews, and deadlines for applying for admission to the program. Further information about admission requirements may be found in the University of Minnesota, Morris catalog.

**This Week in Photos:**

With fall just around the corner, [campus](#) is looking especially beautiful. Take a look on [Flickr](#) today!

**Accomplishments**

[U.S. News and World Report](#) has released its 2014 college rankings, which again lists the [University of Minnesota, Morris](#) among the nation’s [Top 10 Public Liberal Arts Colleges](#). This is the fifteenth consecutive year in which Morris has been included on this list. Morris also ranked 154th in the top tier of the National Liberal Arts Colleges list.

[Troy Goodnough](#), sustainability director, spoke on behalf of Morris at a biomass webinar on September 5.
Goodnough discussed the ways in which the campus has successfully implemented a biomass solution in its campus energy envelope. The event was moderated by Tim Portz, executive editor of Biomass Magazine, and sponsored by Hurst Boiler.

**Dr. Lyle Biegler ’00** recently joined the Avera St. Luke’s Hospital Board of Directors. Biegler practices at Avera Aberdeen Family Physicians.

**In the News**

Gazette Newspapers mentioned the University of Minnesota, Morris in a recent story on value in public education. The Gazettes staff cites Morris for “provid[ing] an affordable intimate campus for the academically driven across dozens of disciplines.”

The Morris Sun Tribune reported that Dale Livingston, environmental health and safety specialist, is the latest recipient of the Pay it Forward Stevens County award. Livingston was nominated for helping improve the lives of his elderly neighbors.