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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, November 18, at 4 p.m.

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Featured Events

**Celebration of Scholarly Accomplishments**
Wednesday, November 12, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Thursday, November 13, 9 a.m.– 4 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

**Vicki Graham Book Reception**
Thursday, November 13, 5:30 p.m.
Lafave House (305 College Avenue, Morris, MN 56267)

**Indian Taco Dinner**
Friday, November 14, 4–7 p.m.
Morris American Legion (507 Pacific Avenue, Morris, MN 56267)

**CAC Performing Arts Series Presents James Sewell Ballet**
Friday, November 14, 7:30 p.m.
Student Center, Edson Auditorium

**Sustainable Diversity Conference**
Saturday, November 15, 9:45 a.m.–5 p.m.
Imholte Hall

**2014 Jooinn Lee Lecture**
Monday, November 17, 7 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

**Founder’s Scholar Forum on the Liberal Arts**
Tuesday, November 18, 7:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall

Check out all of the campus events.

News and Announcements

**Morris Welcomes New Minnesota GreenCorps Member**
Faith Bradley aims to increase the availability of local foods in the community.

**Campus Holiday Schedule Posted**

The **2014–15 Campus Holiday Schedule** is now available. Campus will be closed on the following dates: December 25, December 26, January 1, and January 2. For information on individual office closings, keep reading.

**Proposals Sought: 2015 Rural Arts and Culture Summit**

The 2015 Rural Arts and Culture (RAC) Summit, "From the Ground Up: Cultivating Creative People and Places," will be held on campus June 2–4, 2015. The Center for Small Towns is seeking proposals for workshops, panels, artist demos/performances, and more. The deadline is Monday, December 1.

**Upgrade Program Update Available**

The latest edition of *The Upgrade* is available now. In this issue:
- The Cutover Period: What You Need To Know
- Asked and Answered: Questions from the University
- Upcoming Presentations and Events
- Tell Us What You Think!

View this issue and more at [upgrade.umn.edu](http://upgrade.umn.edu).

**This Week in Photos**

The campus continues to celebrate Native American Heritage Month and the UMMAA sponsors an alumni and student networking event. Enjoy these photos and more!

**Accomplishments**

Morris’s Sustainability Leadership for the Future program faculty, staff, and student fellows have been announced: Viktor Berberi, assistant professor of Italian, Ed Brands, assistant professor of environmental studies, Sheri Breen, assistant professor of political science, Jennifer Deane, associate professor of history, Michael Eble, associate professor of studio art, Kelly Asche, Center for Small Towns program coordinator, Adrienne Conley, LGBT programs coordinator, Lisa Harris, assistant to the vice chancellor for finance and facilities, David Israels-Swenson, director of student activities, and Hilda Ladner, assistant to the chancellor for equity and diversity and director of Equity, Diversity and Intercultural Programs, Rachel Brockamp '17, Bruno, Hannah Goemann '17, Wells, Jasmine Paron '16, Shakopee, Marcy Prince '17, Madison, Wisconsin, and Austin Tipper '18, Palatine, Illinois. Fellows will have a positive and lasting impact on the Morris campus by developing a sustainability leadership strategic plan and shaping the campus’s institutional approach to sustainability leadership.

Stephen Burks, professor of economics and management, presented "Obesity and Crash Risk in a Population of Tractor-Trailer Drivers" October 30, 2014 in the fall seminar series of the Roadway Safety Institute (RSI). RSI is the "university transportation research center" funded by the United States Department of Transportation for Region 5 and is based at the University of Minnesota Center for Transportation Studies in the Twin Cities. The work presented was primarily from a 2012 journal article produced as part of Morris's long-running Truckers & Turnover Project (T&T). The paper was co-authored by Jon Anderson, professor of statistics, Manjari Govada ’12, Tricia Steffen ’11, Chris Thorne ’11, and V. Varvarigou and S. Kales, both of Harvard Medical School. Burks also briefly discussed current T&T research on obstructive sleep apnea.
Briggs Library staff are contributing to the scholarship of their profession: Jayne Blodgett, assistant library director, and Peter Bremer, reference coordinator, have had their article "Rolling the DICE in a Academic Library" published in the current issue of American Libraries, and Kellie Meehlhause, instruction coordinator, had her "GTA = Great Teaching Adventure!" published in Reference and User Services Quarterly.

In the News

The University of Minnesota, Morris was named one of the 106 smartest liberal arts colleges in America by Business Insider. The campus was one of seven Minnesota schools included and was ranked #97 overall.

Morris was mentioned in the recent Pioneer Press article "UMN playing catch-up on student diversity." The Morris campus is cited for its efforts to promote the role of American Indian students in science, technology, engineering and math fields.

Troy Goodnough, sustainability director, was quoted in the Minnesota Daily’s "Colleges tackle climate change." According to Goodnough, higher-education institutions can take advantage of local resources like wind turbines and solar panels to operate more efficiently.

Alyssa Herzog Melby ’07 was mentioned in the Pittsburgh City Paper’s feature "Pittsburgh's art groups forge ahead on accessibility." As director of education and community engagement for the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, Melby provides programming designed help all patrons fully experience and enjoy the fine arts.