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**MSU Centennial symposium celebrates the Great Plains**

Ian Frazier, writer, essayist and journalist, will keynote “Great Plains Symposium,” an MSU Centennial Celebration event, Friday evening (Oct. 11) with “Our Life on the Plains” in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, 7 p.m. “Great Plains Symposium,” open to the public and co-sponsored by the North Dakota Humanities Council and the MSU Board of Regents, features Minot State University’s legacy, place and vision Friday and Saturday (Oct. 11-12) with speakers, presentations and performances.

Known for a writing style that mingles humor, irony and sadness, Frazier reveals a deep passion for rural America and the Great Plains. The Ohio native has maintained his ties to the Midwest by documenting historical events and recent experiences that reveal continuity in personal lives and culture. He divides his time between Montana and New York City. He has been a staff writer for the New Yorker for over 20 years.



To view the schedule of Friday and Saturday events, visit [www.minotstateu.edu/100/symposium\\_agenda.shtml](http://www.minotstateu.edu/100/symposium_agenda.shtml).

**‘Symphonic Colors’ opens with ‘Ode to Joy!’**

The Minot Symphony Orchestra will open its 88th season, “Symphonic Colors” Saturday (Oct. 12) in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, 7:30 p.m. Scott Seaton, musical director, conducts the orchestra.

The “Ode to Joy!” concert will be a memorable performance of Ludwig van Beethoven’s triumphant, boundary-breaking Ninth Symphony in conjunction with Minot State University’s Centennial Celebration. Guest soloists include Amanda Hall, soprano; Sarah Heltzel, mezzo-soprano; Thomas Glenn, tenor; and Chad Armstrong, baritone.

Minot State University students, faculty and staff are admitted free with a current ID. Ticket prices for adults are \$20 main floor and \$25 balcony; senior citizen is \$15 main floor and \$20 balcony; students 12-18, \$10; children, \$5. Symphony patrons are invited to join Erik Anderson, associate music professor, for a 6:30 p.m. preconcert lecture for an inside look at the symphony program. For more information about MSO, visit [www.minotstateu.edu/symphony](http://www.minotstateu.edu/symphony).

**Minot State Athletics to enshrine four in 2013 class**

The Minot State University Athletics Hall of Fame Committee voted to add three former student-athletes and one special achievement award to its Athletic Hall of Fame. The 2013 Hall of Fame class features student-athletes Kenny Smith, Brad Tighe and Karen White and honors Minot State University President David Fuller with a special achievement award.

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony is Saturday (Oct. 12) during halftime of the Beavers home football game against the Northern State. The game is set for a 2:30 p.m. kickoff at



Herb Parker Stadium.

A banquet will honor the 2013 inductees Saturday evening (Oct. 12) in the Conference Center with a social at 6 p.m. and the banquet at 6:30 p.m. The price for the meal is \$20 per person. For more information or to purchase a ticket for the banquet, contact the Minot State Athletic Department at 852-3041. To read the full news release, go to [www.msubeavers.com/news/2013/10/4/GEN\\_1004132221.aspx](http://www.msubeavers.com/news/2013/10/4/GEN_1004132221.aspx).



White



Fuller

### MSU's theatre presents '100 Years of Normal'

"100 Years of Normal" will make its premiere debut on stage at Minot State University's Aleshire Theater Oct. 15-19 at 7:30 p.m. Doors will open at 7 p.m. A discussion with the writers and director will follow Oct. 17's performance.

"100 Years of Normal" is a celebration of one family's history and its connection with Minot State. Spanning 100 years, this multi-media production directed by Carlen Gilseth, assistant communication arts professor, weaves various dynamics of theatre with narrative and dramatic storytelling. Actors share the stage with projected images, music and radio broadcasts in this play based on the real-life experiences of the Knutson family's emigration from Norway and settling in Minot.



For tickets, contact the Aleshire Theater box office at 858-3172. Ticket prices are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students under 18. MSU students, faculty and staff are admitted free with current ID. For questions, contact Gilseth at 858-3178 or [carlen.gilseth@minotstateu.edu](mailto:carlen.gilseth@minotstateu.edu).

### Student success highlighted during Fall Open House

"6½ Hints to Graduate from College," "What's my Major?" "Are You Ready to Write in College?" "Attend College or Not?" Interesting snippets, but what are they? They are sessions offered at Minot State University's Fall Open House, which will be Oct. 16-18. The open house provides a unique experience for high school students and their families while featuring MSU.

Arel Moodie, a youth motivational speaker, will keynote with "Your Starting Point for Student Success" Oct. 16 in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, 1 p.m. An upbeat, engaging speaker with passion for postsecondary education and personal success, the Brooklyn, N.Y., entrepreneur encourages students to go to and through college. He will also address Minot High School Magic City Campus students earlier that day.

For details regarding his presentation and background, go to [www.arelmoodie.com/about/](http://www.arelmoodie.com/about/). The Office of Enrollment Services, the Center for Teaching and Engaged Learning and the POWER Center are sponsoring Moodie's visit with the Minot student community.



High school students and their families can register for morning or afternoon informational sessions either Oct. 17 or 18 by contacting [askmsu@minotstateu.edu](mailto:askmsu@minotstateu.edu) or 858-3350. Attendees can meet with MSU faculty about specific majors, and schedule guided tours of the campus. Lunch will be provided in the Beaver Creek Café at noon. For the open house schedule, go to [www.minotstateu.edu/enroll/2013\\_fall\\_open\\_house.shtml](http://www.minotstateu.edu/enroll/2013_fall_open_house.shtml). For questions, contact Harmon at [kevin.harmon@minotstateu.edu](mailto:kevin.harmon@minotstateu.edu) or 858-3140.

### New scholarship supports Norway business initiative

A new scholarship will make it easier for a Norwegian college student to spend next semester at Minot State University. Marcus Stensholt, a Telemark University College student studying economics and innovation, was selected as the first recipient of this scholarship, which was formally announced at the Oct. 2 Scandinavian-American Hall of Fame Banquet.

The \$5,000 scholarship, provided by Fred and Joyce Evans, is part of a greater initiative to build business relationships with Telemark County, in addition to Minot's sister city, Skein. The opportunity draws on the similar heritage of Norway and west central North Dakota, which has a strong and well-celebrated Scandinavian heritage. This scholarship offers a unique cultural experience to Norwegian students as well as educational opportunity.



Fred and Joyce Evans are western North Dakota ranchers and farmers who generously support the area's oil and gas industry.

In 2012, Telemark Mayor Terje Riis Johansen established a two-year scholarship to promote and strengthen ties between Telemark County and Minot. The scholarship's success has led to its extension through 2015. Tessa Cammel, an MSU junior, will

attend TUC spring semester 2014.

TUC is a state university college with approximately 6,500 students on four campuses, located in southeastern Norway. TUC offers a number of programs open to MSU students, all of which are in English.

**New faculty and staff aboard**

Minot State University welcomes new faculty and staff members.

For staff, Terrance Kiser is a security officer. Previously, Kiser contracted to provide security for MSU as Night Hawk Security Inc.

Jill McLemore, Marlene Hargrave's daughter, is the Student Health Center secretary. She is currently attending Dakota College at Bottineau.

Elizabeth Sund is the evening access services associate in the Gordon B. Olson Library. Sund and her husband, Jeff Dick, have a toddler, Felicity.

In the College of Arts and Sciences, Chiraz Moussa is the new Fulbright language teaching assistant, who will teach Arabic.

New CAS faculty members include Jessica Christy, art; Matthew Eddy, sociology; James Fusik, music; Lukas Graf, music; and Shkelzen Shabani, biology.

Christy previously was the education coordinator at The Arts Center in Jamestown. She possesses a bachelor's degree in art from Valley City State University and a Master of Fine Arts in mixed media and printmaking from the University of North Dakota.

Eddy comes to MSU from the University of Oregon and holds a bachelor's degree from Austin College, Sherman, Texas, a master's degree from Princeton Theological Seminary and a doctorate from UO. He is completing a documentary film on Costa Rica.

Fusik, who teaches woodwinds, was last employed by Wayne State University, Detroit. He attained a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University and master's and doctorate degrees from Bowling Green State University.

Graf, who graduated from the University of Colorado-Boulder, also worked there. He and his wife, Jessica, have a daughter and son.

Shabani previously taught at California State University East Bay. He earned his bachelor's degree at Oklahoma State University and his doctoral degree from Georgia State University.

New College of Education and Health Sciences faculty include Keith Bjornson, Erin Holt, Heidi Okeson, Amy Phillips and Troy Roness.

Bjornson, an alumnus, previously taught for Bismarck and Minot Public Schools. His wife, Judy, used to work in the MSU library. They have two children and three grandchildren.

Holt, an alumna, is the Department of Communication Disorders clinical supervisor. Previously, she worked for the NDCPD.

Okeson, an alumna, was last employed by Williston State College at its Minot site. She and her husband, Larry, have seven children.

Phillips is the dual degree liaison for the MSU social work program at North Dakota State University.

Roness is an instructor in teacher education and human performance.



**Minot Sertoma Club supports MSU's NDCPD Scholarship**

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, a Center of Excellence on the Minot State University campus, received a \$3,600 check from the Minot Sertoma Club Sept. 30 to support student scholarships. The Sertoma Club presented the check to Brent Askvig, NDCPD executive director, for the NDCPD Access Scholarship endowment, which funds scholarships for MSU

students with disabilities.

“Over the past six years, the Minot Sertoma Club has provided over \$17,000 to this endowment. With the investment return on the endowment, NDCPD provided tuition and book support to seven students with disabilities. This has helped them tremendously in their pursuit of a higher education degree,” said Askvig, who is grateful for Sertoma’s longstanding support.

NDCPD’s Consumer Advisory Council, composed of statewide disability advocates, annually awards the scholarship to deserving MSU students. For more information, contact Askvig at [brent.askvig@minotstateu.edu](mailto:brent.askvig@minotstateu.edu) or 858-3580.

### MSU presidential search update

Dr. Terry Hjelmstad, MSU Presidential Search Committee chair and SBHE vice president, recently sent updated information on the presidential search timeline. Visit [www.minotstateu.edu/ps](http://www.minotstateu.edu/ps) to read his letter and learn more.

### In the galleries

Oct. 9-31 — "Poor Boy and the Mud Pony, an Arikara Perspective," paintings by Monte "Black Pinto Horse" Yellow Bird, Great Falls, Mont., Library Gallery.

Oct. 9-30 — "From the Quiet," exhibit by Sherry Lee Short, Fargo, Hartnett Gallery. The public reception with Short will be Oct. 30 in Hartnett Gallery, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

### Faculty and staff achievements

*The Office of Public Information proudly shares the many accomplishments of faculty and staff with the campus community in every issue.*

**Mikhail Bobylev**, chemistry professor, and Minot State University students attended an annual regional Undergraduate Research in Molecular Sciences meeting Oct. 5-6 at Minnesota State University-Moorhead. They presented five original research posters, and six abstracts were published. **Kowan O'Keefe** gave an oral research presentation for which he won an American Chemical Society Travel Award. The award will support his trip to the ACS National Meeting in Dallas in March 2014. Three students, **Mikayla Fick**, O'Keefe and **Sam Olson**, received a year of free ACS membership. ACS is the largest U.S. scientific society and its national meetings gather on average 20,000 members. Bobylev plans to take four students to the Dallas meeting.



*MSU students, from the left, Mikayla Fick, Mitchell Falkenberg, Kaylee Dockter, Samuel Olson and Kowan O'Keefe at URMS8 meeting.*

**Paul Cristofaro**, assistant Spanish professor, and **Jean-Francois Mondon**, assistant German professor, presented “Students Meet Technology: Crash Course in Phonetics & Motivating Student Confidence with Technology at the Introductory Level” at the Fall 2013 Foreign Language Association of North Dakota Conference in Bismarck, Oct. 17-18.

**John Girard**, management professor, talked about Semester at Sea Aug. 16 on Prairie Public’s Main Street show. Girard sailed on a 106-day voyage around the world with more than 600 students. They visited amazing countries and met remarkable people, including Archbishop Desmond Tutu. The interview’s audio is at [www.prairiepublic.org/radio/mainstreet?post=51522](http://www.prairiepublic.org/radio/mainstreet?post=51522).

Girard also received the Best Paper Award at the 2013 Summer Academy of Business Research Conference for his paper, “Does Leadership Style Differ By Country? A Media Context Analysis,” in San Antonio, Sept. 18-20.

**David Iversen**, cataloging and government documents librarian, was recently elected North Dakota Library Association Government Documents Roundtable chair-elect. Iversen will spend this year on the NDLA-EXEC listserv as a “read-only” member to become familiar with the NDLA Executive Board operations. At the conclusion of the September 2014 NDLA Mandan/Bismarck conference, he starts his term as 2014-15 GODORT chair. Iversen will lead the business meeting and conclude his service at the 2015 Jamestown and Valley City NDLA conference.

**Linda Madsen**, NDCPD dissemination core coordinator and ND Senior Medicare Patrol program director, recently served on the Aging in America Review Committee. The committee reviewed workshop and poster session proposals for the 2014 American Society on Aging Conference which will be held in San Diego, March 11-15.

**Narayan Thapa**, assistant mathematics professor, and three students will present their research at North Central Sectional Meeting of Mathematical Association of America at South Dakota State University, Brookings, Oct. 18-19. **Johannah Miller**, chemistry and math major, will present “Schrodinger Equation in Modeling Energy Level of Hydrogen Atom.” Similarly, **Nicholas Taylor**, math major, will present “A Markov Chain Approach to Baseball Run Forecasting” and **Chloe Ondracek**, math major, will

present "Identification Problem in Parabolic Type Partial Differential Equation." Two other students, **Kowan O'Keefe** and **Jordan Torgunrud**, conduct research with Thapa and will also attend the MAA meeting.

Thapa's paper, "Numerical Solution of sine-Gordon Equation by Spectral Method," was recently accepted for publication in a refereed journal. This work was supported by Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs through summer funding.

**Mark** and **Eunice Timbrook** with the **MSU History Club** cleaned the historic Normal School Bench on the ellipse during the Community Block Party Sept. 21. **Dan Ringrose**, Department of History chair, also participated. Mark Timbrook is an Office of Instructional Technology design specialist, history adjunct and author.

**Minot State University Mission**

*Minot State University is first and foremost dedicated to the success of all students: their growth and development as educated citizens, their confidence, and their life-long devotion to the common good and the welfare of others.*

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