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MSU to celebrate Native American culture

Minot State University's Native American Cultural Awareness Club continues to sponsor its Native American Cultural Celebration this week. The objective is to show what is happening within Indian Country and in the urban Indian areas.

Remaining events, which are free and open to the public unless otherwise designated, include:

- Wednesday (Nov. 12), 7 p.m. — "No Fracking Way!" presented by Carol Davis and Christa Monette, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa members, in Aleshire Theater. They will share their views on fracking and discuss their tribal council's ban on fracking on the Turtle Mountain Reservation. This is in conjunction with the Northwest Art Center lecture series.
- Thursday (Nov. 13) — NACAC members will read Native American cultural books to children in grades 1-4 at Bishop Ryan Catholic School.
- Friday (Nov. 14), 11 a.m.-3 p.m. — NACAC and Annette Mennem, Native American Center director, will host an open house for the campus community in the Native American Center.
- Nov. 19, 10 a.m. — Kevin Finley, Three Affiliated Tribes tribal health coordinator, will speak on tribal health issues and initiatives in the Conference Center.



For questions, contact Mennem at 858-3365 or annette.mennem@minotstateu.edu.

The Players play for a day

Minot State University's Campus Players will present the 24-Hour Play Festival in Aleshire Theater Saturday (Nov. 15) at 7:30 p.m.; doors will open at 7 p.m.

The 24-Hour Play Festival is a dynamic, whirlwind theatre event. The event begins Friday evening with a brief meeting with actors, playwrights, directors and producers, with each pitching in one prop and one costume piece. Then the playwrights begin frantically writing 10-minute plays based on the actors, props and costume pieces. The following morning, actors are given their scripts, assigned to directors and dive into intensive rehearsals, culminating in a live performance for the public on Saturday (Nov. 15) at 7:30 p.m.



Campus Players is MSU's oldest student-run organization. The purpose of Campus Players is to enhance the study and enjoyment of theatre through participation and engagement, locally and regionally.

There are no advanced reservations for this event. General admission is \$3. Contact the Aleshire Ticket Box Office at 858-3172

with questions.

Be part of MSU's Geography Awareness Week Celebration

Twenty-seven years ago, President Ronald Reagan declared the third week in November be recognized as Geography Awareness Week. Minot State University will celebrate GAW Nov. 17-20 with the theme "Rediscovering Sacred Space."

"The public's perception of geography is disproportionately focused on the 'who, what and where' of facts while little attention is paid to the 'why' of where and what's going on there. The human connection to place and the interrelationship of places are the lifeblood of geographic reasoning," said Jacob Sowers, assistant professor of geography. "Geographic Awareness Week was created by Reagan's presidential proclamation so as to educate the public while celebrating the person and place synthesis."

MSU students, faculty and staff and the public are invited to attend the four presentations that highlight this year's festivities. Refreshments will be served before and after each presentation.

- Nov. 17 in Memorial 114, 6-7 p.m. — Ryan Stander, assistant professor of art, will present "Photographic Memory: Narratives and Photographic Recreation of Sacred Spaces." Outside of Memorial 114, MSU students will display a photographic exhibition exploring abandoned sacred space.
- Nov. 18 in Memorial 114, 6-7 p.m. — An MSU panel of faculty and staff, Lisa Borden-King, Laurie Geller, Carlen Gilseth and Beth Odahlen, will discuss "The Classroom as Sacred Space." The panelists will reflect on how a sacred space is created within the university classroom and some of the products, passions and problems that can arise from this environment.
- Nov. 19 in Memorial 114, 6-7 p.m. — Sowers will present "What's Magical about Minot?" The talk is a product of his research to identify, protect and promote important public spaces in Minot to foster stability in the midst of great change.
- Nov. 20 in Memorial 114, 4:30-5:30 p.m. — The finale of Geography Awareness Week will feature MSU students reading poetry about their sacred spaces located within the MSU campus.

For questions, contact Sowers at jacob.sowers@minotstateu.edu.

Community singers invited to join in 'Messiah' performance

The Heritage Singers, Voices of Note, and the Minot State University choirs invite Minot area community singers to join in the performance of Minot's annual "Messiah." Each year the three sponsoring choirs present the Christmas portion of Handel's famous oratorio, "Messiah." The invitation is also extended to high school students from the region.

Rehearsals are scheduled for Nov. 23 and Nov. 30 at 4 p.m. The dress rehearsal is Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. with the performance at 4 p.m. on Dec. 7. Rehearsals and the performance are at Anne Nicole Nelson Hall on the Minot State University campus. Each rehearsal will last approximately 1½ hours. Seating is limited this year and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Those participating must attend at least two rehearsals. Scores will be provided for high school students who participant, or participants may bring their own. All who are interested should plan to attend the first rehearsal or contact Ken Bowles, Division of Music chair, at 858-3185.

Call for Advanced Study Grant applications

Minot State University is pleased to announce it will once again offer Advanced Study Grants to provide financial assistance to faculty or staff pursuing course work for degree programs or in skill areas deemed critical to MSU. Funding assists with book expenses and/or tuition. This grant cannot cover room, board, travel or lodging.

The application link follows with the deadline of Dec. 1, www.minotstateu.edu/academic/pdf/AdvancedStudyGrantsApplication.docx.

Applications will be reviewed and awards determined by President's Staff. Awards are based on the nature of the course or degree and how it aligns with the institution's mission. For more information, contact the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs at 858-3310 or celeste.simmons@minotstateu.edu.

Swedish journalist discovers North Dakota

Therese Larsson Hultin, chief foreign analyst at Svenska Dagbladet, one of Sweden's top daily newspapers, visited the Minot region Oct. 26-30. Currently a 2014 Transatlantic Media Fellow with the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C., Hultin investigated the Bakken oil patch and discussed media careers with high school and Minot State University students and faculty. The Minot Area Council for International Visitors developed local programming for her.

Pictured are, left to right, Neil Roberts, Therese Larsson Hultin and Frank McCahill.



New faculty and staff aboard

Minot State University welcomes new employees, Ashley Dillon and Cassandra Gerhart.

Dillon is an access services associate in the Gordon B. Olson Library. She was previously in the U.S. Marine Corps, and she holds an associate degree from Santa Rose Junior College. Her husband, Greg Sampson, is the Department of Special Education chair.

Gerhart, Registrar's Office administrative assistant, previously worked for Northern Consultants, Inc., in Hancock, Mich. She and her husband, Roland, have three children. She enjoys walking her German shepherd, swimming, dancing and spending time with family.



Dillon

Gerhart

In the galleries

Nov. 12-Dec. 5 — "What Was – What Is" by Kenneth Andersen, West Fargo, Library Gallery.

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.

Kristi Berg, Deanna Klein, Tom Seymour and Lori Willoughby, business information technology faculty members, presented a paper at the International Association for Computer Information Systems board meeting Oct. 1-4 in Las Vegas.

Linda Cresap, associate professor of business information technology, presented two papers at the Association for Business Communication Conference in Philadelphia on Oct. 22-25.

Dean Frantsvog, associate professor of accounting and finance, presented "The Legal Side of Choosing the Right Type of Business Entity" at the Mustang International Academic Conference in Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 9-11.

Mehdi Hossain, assistant professor of business administration, presented "Effect of Thinking Style on Donation: Moderating Role of Cause Type" at the Association for Consumer Research Conference in Baltimore, Oct. 23-26

Mehmet Koseoglu, visiting instructor of business administration, attended the Midwest Academy of Management conference in Minneapolis Oct. 2-4 and presented "How do information technology companies use innovation to compete for North and South Korea."

Melanie Moore, testing coordinator and Student Development Center administrative assistant, chaired this year's Community Youth Halloween Party. Staff members **Lisa Eriksmoen, Evelyn Klimpel, Mary Mercer and Tim Healy** and **Dome facilities staff**, special education faculty members **Holly Pedersen and Johnna Westby** and **Student Council for Exceptional Children members** and alumnus **Neil Moore** collaborated to make the event successful.

Jacek Mrozik, College of Business dean, presented "Selection Process of American Universities among International Candidates to Study in the U.S." at the Mustang International Academic Conference in Nashville, Tenn., Oct 9-11.

Gary Ross, professor of business administration, attended the International Academy of Business and Economics Conference in Las Vegas, Oct. 12-14. He presented a paper titled "Competitive Intelligence Practices in Hotels: A Case of Minot, North Dakota."

Avis Veikley, percussion instructor, was awarded a \$500 professional development grant from the North Dakota Council on the Arts to attend professional development activities at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention in Indianapolis Nov. 18-23.

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.

Be seen. Be heard.