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**Alumnus discusses success**

Jim McIntyre, Otter Tail Corporation chief executive officer, visited Minot State University students, faculty and staff March 10 to discuss his career journey. The College of Business sponsored his presentation.



"Jim McIntyre serves as a role model and a mentor to our students," said Jacek Mrozik, College of Business dean. "He is an MSU alumnus who has applied skills and knowledge to become successful in the competitive business environment. Mr. McIntyre delivered a first-hand account of applied management practices, which is proof of the quality of education one earns at Minot State. He serves as an example to our students of what can be done with their education."

Graduating from Minot State in 1973, McIntyre has 40 years of experience in the business field and has held both chief executive officer and chief financial officer positions. In the past, he worked for Xcel Energy and Northern States Power. His main areas of interest are business ethics, strategic planning, empowerment in leadership, and corruption in international business.

"Be inquisitive and try to understand what the business is about," McIntyre told his audience. "Hopefully, your business will have a good strategic plan, and your business will value people as an asset rather than a commodity. If you have people that are willing and trying to learn and a strategic plan with good leadership, then the company can

prosper, and the people can prosper right along with it."

**Northern Lights Film Series features 'The White Ribbon'**

Minot State University's Northern Lights Film Series continues with the 2009 German film, "The White Ribbon," Monday (March 23) in Aleshire Theater, at 6:30 p.m. The film (with English subtitles) tells of strange events and punishments happening to children in a small German village just before World War I.

An international buffet at 6 p.m. in the Aleshire foyer will precede the screening. There will be a door prize drawing for a gift card to Thai restaurant Baan Rao (near Walmart). For questions about this film, contact Scott Sigel, assistant professor of Spanish, at [scott.sigel@minotstateu.edu](mailto:scott.sigel@minotstateu.edu).

After receiving a grant from the North Dakota Humanities Council, the Department of Foreign Language rechristened its international film series, the Northern Lights Film Series. The remaining film, "Life is Sweet," will be April 27. To learn more about the Northern Lights Film Series, visit [www.minotstateu.edu/language](http://www.minotstateu.edu/language).

### **Sherve to tell tales of homesteaders and their oxen**

Margaret Sherve, assistant professor of English, will share her research on homesteading in western North Dakota in "... And Oxen Are So Deliberate" Tuesday (March 24) in Aleshire Theater at 7 p.m. Her presentation is part of the Northwest Art Center lecture series, which is free and open to the public.

Sherve collected homesteader stories from the archives of the North Dakota State Historical Society in Bismarck and at the Institute for Regional Studies in Fargo during her fall 2014 sabbatical leave from Minot State University. She will share accounts of immigrant cars, blizzards, shacks and soddies, but especially, tales of the settlers' hardworking (or not) oxen.

"When oxen want a break in the work, they simply lie down!" Sherve said. "When thirsty, oxen will head for water, regardless of what you want them to do."

Sherve's work eventually will be published in a book available to the public through the Gordon B. Olson Library, NDSHS and online.

"Special care is being taken to accurately document the names of homesteaders in the book," Sherve said. "Although the book is not intended to focus on genealogy, it may assist some searches."

Sherve joined MSU's faculty in 2001. Possessing a wide background, she earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and theatre from Luther College, a master's degree in English from Iowa State University and a doctorate in American studies from Washington State University.

A question-and-answer period and informal reception will follow the presentation. For questions, contact [nac@minotstateu.edu](mailto:nac@minotstateu.edu).

### **SSC coordinates 2015 MSU Job Fair**

The Student Success Center will sponsor the 2015 MSU Job Fair March 25 in the Conference Center (Student Center, third floor) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Employers with full-time, part-time and summer employment opportunities, as well as internships, will answer students' questions, accept resumes and possibly conduct or set up interviews. Students should bring their resumes, dress professionally and use this time to explore careers, network and apply for positions. The fair is open to all Minot State University students in all majors. To see the list of employers attending, go to [www.minotstateu.edu/careers/job\\_fairs.shtml](http://www.minotstateu.edu/careers/job_fairs.shtml). For more information, contact Ann Bougard, SSC administrative secretary, at 858-3362 or [ann.bougard@minotstateu.edu](mailto:ann.bougard@minotstateu.edu).

### **'Buckshot's Best Bites' for sale**

"Buckshot's Best Bites," the 2015 Staff Senate cookbook, is available for sale for \$15; cash and check are accepted. The cookbook features over 300 recipes from faculty, staff, alumni and friends of Minot State University.

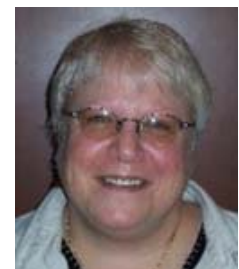
Proceeds from cookbook sales benefit the Staff Senate Scholarship Endowment, with interest from that endowment going to support and represent classified staff and their families for educational expenses, professional development and special projects.

Pick up a copy from Darla Weigel, administrative assistant to the vice president for student affairs, in Administration 164, or Aaron Hughes, student activities coordinator, in the Student Success Center.



### **Rona Alexander to keynote at NSSLHA spring conference**

Minot State University's chapter of the National Students Speech Language Hearing Association is holding its 2015 spring conference March 27 in the Conference Center (Student Center, third floor), from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The keynote speaker is Rona Alexander, a speech-language pathologist specializing in the assessment and treatment of neuromuscular and musculoskeletal systems impairments in children.



"For more than 20 years, the MSU chapter of NSSLHA has held conferences," said Lesley Magnus, associate professor of communication disorders. "The students plan, organize and execute a nationally renowned conference, which is attended not only by MSU students, faculty and staff, but also by practicing speech-language pathologists from Montana, South Dakota, Minnesota, Saskatchewan and Manitoba."

The spring conference will emphasize infants and children with neuromuscular and musculoskeletal systems impairments and significant feeding and swallowing problems. Goals and strategies for direct treatment of problems in pediatric feeding and swallowing function and those appropriate for carryover activities will be discussed.

On-site registration is \$100. The conference is free to all MSU students, faculty and staff, but registration is required.

### Virtual presentation with Norwegian ambassador

Kare R. Aas, Norway's ambassador to the United States, will chat live with Minot State students April 1 at 1 p.m. in Aleshire Theater. With the new era of digital diplomacy, the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Washington, D.C., launched the #VirtualAmbassador Program, a new initiative, which enables university students from across the United States to interact live with Aas.

"Ambassador Aas will give a brief presentation via Skype, followed by a question-and-answer period by the American students," said Libby Claerbout, director of international program. "I also encourage students to participate in a virtual question-and-answer session with the ambassador via his Twitter handle, @kareraas, where their questions are included in the presentation."

The MSU presentation will cover the following topics:

- "The Arctic" — Changes in the Arctic cause unprecedented challenges and emerging opportunities. Arctic ecosystems and human societies will be most strongly affected, but the Arctic environmental changes have global implications as well. Questions posed may include "How should these challenges be handled?" and "Is managing the Arctic a global task or is it solely the responsibility of the Arctic coastal states?"

- "NATO, the U.S. and Norway" — NATO constitutes the basis for Norway's security. Norway's relations with the U.S. on security and defense represent the fundamental element of the American membership in the alliance. Within the alliance context, Norway collaborates with the U.S. on a wide variety of issues and activities, at both the policy and operational level, and in terms of procurement. Each entity is faced with current and emerging challenges. The international security pattern is being transformed. Norway also has to adapt and will do so in close cooperation and coordination with allies and partners, in particular the U.S. Norway will continue to play an active part in ensuring that NATO remains a viable, effective and relevant alliance.



Aas, a veteran of Norway's foreign ministry, presented his credentials to President Barack Obama Sept. 17, 2013. The United States is the second ambassadorial posting for Aas, with his first posting to Afghanistan in 2008.

### Tax commissioner to be special guest at legislative forum

Ryan Rauchenberger, North Dakota tax commissioner, will be the special guest at the Saturday (March 21) legislative forum at the North Dakota State Fair Center's Norsk Room at 9 a.m. Tom Seymour, business information technology professor, chairs the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee, which hosts the forums.

The forums give attendees a chance to meet with Minot area legislators and ask questions. The format includes a moderator who asks questions submitted in writing by the audience. Each session runs from 9 to 11 a.m. at the NDSF Center. The remaining date is April 11 if the legislature is still in session.

### New faculty and staff aboard

Minot State University welcomes new employees, Renwick Cefra and Danielle Neumann.

Cefra, assistant volleyball coach, was previously the director of volleyball operations at the University of Nevada. He holds a bachelor's degree in public administration for the University of Hawaii, West Oahu.



Cefra



Neumann

Neumann, Registrar's Office administrative assistant, worked at Minot's Slumberland Furniture before joining Minot State. She graduated from Badger High School in Lake Geneva, Wis., and she has two dogs.

### In the galleries

March 18-27 — Prints by Jackie McElroy, retired University of North Dakota art professor, are an overview of 30 of her prairie-inspired prints produced between 1975 and 1998, Hartnett Gallery.

March 23-April 16 — "Americas 2013: All Media Best of Show," paintings and sculptures by Thomas Stephens of Greeley, Colo., Gordon B. Olson 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.

Members of the Minot State University chapter of Collegiate DECA excelled at the Collegiate DECA State Conference competition in February in Fargo. Five out of six participants qualified for participating at the International Career Development Conference in April in Orlando, Fla. The following MSU students won awards in respective events: **Jordan Busch**, travel and tourism; **Tapiwa Choto**, food and restaurant management; **Dan Erickson**, fashion merchandising; **David Palmer**, retail management; and **Temur Rajabov**, corporate finance. **Mehdi Hossain**, assistant professor of marketing, advises the chapter.



Pictured are (front row, from the left) Tapiwa Choto, Daniel Erickson, Mehdi Hossain, Jordan Busch, (back row) Temur Rajabov, Terrance Williamson and David Palmer.

**Walter Piehl Jr.**, professor of art, is the featured artist and juror of the exhibit, "Representing the West," on display at the Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center in Pueblo, Colo., through March 29. Piehl will give a gallery talk March 28 with a closing reception later that evening.

Piehl will teach a mixed media painting workshop March 21 in Ellendale, N.D. The Ellendale Area Arts Council is sponsoring the workshop.

#### **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.**