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## **AMAZON CHOOSES ENGER'S 'PEACE LIKE A RIVER' BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR**

The editors of Amazon.com have chosen Leif Enger's "Peace Like a River" as the best book of the year.

A 1983 MSUM graduate, Enger just finished a three-month book-signing tour and is back home at his 56-acre farmstead in the Brainerd Lakes area with his wife Robin and two sons.

"Our editors were bewitched by Enger's stunning first novel," says the bookseller's Web site. "To the list of great American child narrators, that includes Huck Finn and Scout Finch, let us now add Reuben 'Rube' Land, the asthmatic 11-year-old boy at the center of Leif Enger's remarkable first novel."

Enger, originally from Oskis, Minn., last year quit his 16-year job as a reporter for Minnesota Public Radio to become a full-time novelist.

"Peace Like a River" is a tale of faith and family adventure set in North Dakota and Minnesota. Released in September by Atlantic Monthly Press, it remains among Amazon's best-selling titles.

Enger will read from the novel at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24 in MSUM's King Hall Auditorium as a guest of the university's Tom McGrath Visiting Writers Series. He'll also talk on the writers' craft at 4 p.m. that day, again in King Hall Auditorium.

## **CULTURAL DIVERSITY FORUM**

The Cultural Diversity committee of Student Senate and leaders of various student organizations are hosting a roundtable discussion to address discrimination and related issues on campus. The intent is to make the campus more aware of the diversity in the views and lifestyles of MSUM students, staff and faculty. If you or someone you know have been discriminated against, you should bring these issues to light so the problems can be addressed immediately. Our goal is to create a more positive atmosphere on campus. The event will be held Monday, Jan. 14 from 7-9 p.m. in CMU 101. For further information, contact Raul Fernandez at [fernadra@mnstate.edu](mailto:fernadra@mnstate.edu).

## **CHANGES IN NET PAY FOR JANUARY 2002**

### **January 11, 2002 Payroll Warrant**

#### **Federal and State Tax Withholding**

Changes in federal and state tax tables will be effective on this warrant. The amount of federal and state withholding for any employee may increase or decrease depending on the employee's tax marital status, withholding allowances, and amount of gross pay. The rate at which the IRS taxes supplemental wages (overtime, overloads, backpay, etc) has been slightly reduced from 27.5 to 27%.

#### **Charitable Contributions**

This is the first warrant from which contributions that were pledged will be deducted. Please review these deductions.

#### **Dependent Care and Medical/Dental Expense Account**

New amounts that employees authorized for 2002 will be deducted starting with this warrant. Dependent care and medical/dental expense account deductions are exempt from Federal, State, FICA, and Medicare tax withholding, so if you added, deleted, or changed the amount for 2002, your tax withholding will be affected. If you have questions about the amount being deducted, the Summit Benefits Group should be contacted at (612) 944-6633 or, 1-800-300-1672.

#### **AFSCME Deferred Compensation Match**

The increase in the employer match for eligible AFSCME employees who are participating in the deferred compensation program will be effective on this warrant. The match has been increased from \$150 to \$175 per fiscal year. Employees are responsible for FICA and Medicare tax on this matching amount, and as a result you may notice a decrease in net pay due to a slight increase in taxes withheld.

#### **Retroactive Wage Adjustments for MAPE and**

#### **AFSCME**

Employees in these unions will see their retroactive wage adjustments on this warrant. Wage adjustments for the period July 1 through December 18, 2001 will appear. These payments will be taxed as supplemental wages (27% federal tax; 6.25% state; FICA/Medicare 7.65%). Employees will see an increase in net pay.

### **January 25, 2002 Payroll Warrant**

#### **Insurance**

The employee-paid portion of medical or dental insurance has changed for 2002. The new amounts will be effective on January 25, 2002 warrant. An increase in employee-paid medical or dental insurance will decrease Federal, State, FICA, and Medicare tax withholding slightly. A decrease in

in the deductions will increase tax withholding slightly. Employee-paid insurance changes other than medical and dental will also be effective on this warrant, however, other employee-paid insurance will not have an effect on taxes.

### **JANUARY TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS**

The following 50-minute workshops will be held in the LIT Center (Library 222). They are free for faculty and staff, but please pre-register using the online form at <http://www.mnstate.edu/ficek/Workshops/index.htm>.

For a complete listing of the workshops, see the Web site at <http://www.mnstate.edu/ficek/> and click on "Workshop Information".

The following workshops will be offered in January:

Adobe Acrobat: Forms for the Web (Wed Jan 11)

Introduction to MSUM's Instructional Management System (WebCT): Thursdays at 2PM, Parts I, II, and III – Jan 17, 24, 31)

Creating Web Pages with Dreamweaver for the Macintosh (NOTE – these will be held in Lommen 109 in the Macintosh computer lab) Fridays at 2PM, Parts I, II, and III. (Jan 11, 18, 25).

Web Page Design with FrontPage (Wed at 9AM, Parts I, II, and III – Jan 16, 23, 30)

Getting to know your computer – Windows Basics – Mon noon, Parts I and II (Jan 14, 28)

Getting to know your computer – Macintosh Basics – Mon noon, Parts I and II (Jan 14, 28)

Forms for the Web with FrontPage – Jan 18 at 8AM

PowerPoint Basics (Parts I and II) – Wed at 3PM (Jan 16, 23)

Excel Spreadsheet Basics (Parts I and II) – NOTE – these two sessions will each be TWO hours in length. Mon 2PM-4PM (Jan 14, Jan 28)

If you have any questions, contact Rhonda Ficek at 236-2339 or via e-mail at [ficek@mnstate.edu](mailto:ficek@mnstate.edu).

### **MNSCU CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS COULD HELP THE STATE'S ECONOMY**

More than half of the \$250.9 million in bonding projects submitted by Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to the 2002 Legislature could be under way immediately, system officials told the Board of Trustees recently.

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities will ask the 2002 Legislature to approve the bonding funds for needed repair, renovation and construction projects on the 53 campuses throughout the state. Today the Board of Trustees learned that work on \$138.4 million of the \$250.9 million request could be under construction by the end of 2002.

"Demand for our educational services is up and the need to preserve and update our facilities is more critical than ever," Chancellor James H. McCormick told the Board of Trustees.

"Many of the projects in this request will address serious deficiencies identified in our academic facilities. We are prepared to start on our most urgent projects immediately, which could serve as an added boost to Minnesota's ailing economy".

Of the total \$250.9 million request, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is seeking funding for \$100 million in repair and revitalization of classrooms, laboratories and building infrastructure. That amount includes \$33.3 million for roof replacement, \$30.8 million for mechanical and electrical systems, and \$35.9 million for other repair and replacement projects to modernize aging facilities and comply with federal and state codes.

Most of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities buildings were constructed in the 1960s and 1970s, and key building components are reaching the end of their expected useful life.

The \$150.9 million being requested for 25 capital improvement projects includes several new science laboratories, classrooms equipped with new instructional technology and efficient "one-stop" student services. New science buildings at Winona State University and Minnesota State University Moorhead are among the major projects. In the Twin Cities area, the request calls for a library for Metropolitan State University that would be shared by the city of St. Paul.

The Office of the Chancellor has a thorough process in place for reviewing and recommending projects to the MnSCU Board of Trustees. The office received a total of \$601 million in requests for needed repair, maintenance and new construction projects from college and university presidents last year and recommended just 42 percent of them – or \$250.9 million – to the Board of Trustees for approval this summer.

The MnSCU capital bonding request has been presented to Governor Jesse Ventura and will be presented to the 2002 session of the Minnesota Legislature in January. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is the largest system of higher education in the state, serving 225,000 students annually in credit courses and nearly 95,000 students in non-credit courses. The system includes seven state universities and 27 two-year colleges located on 53 campuses across the state (projects listed in back of this Continews).

### **MSUM STUDENT ART EXHIBIT OPENS JAN. 14**

Ten MSUM art majors will show their works in an exhibit that runs Jan. 14-31 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts gallery. A public reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17 in the gallery.

A variety of works will be shown, including ceramics, drawings and illustrations, photographs and graphic designs.

MSUM gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. For special showings, contact Jane Gudmundson at 218-236-2284 or e-mail

[gudmunja@mnstate.edu](mailto:gudmunja@mnstate.edu)

MSUM art majors exhibiting their work: Nathan Mastrud, Sulu Grim, Kimberly Lawson, Jay Brenteson, Leah Ross, Dan Musgrave, Jody Hastings, Amy Herrick, Brad Reusch and Sarah Wiech.

#### **HOME BUILDERS CARE FOUNDATION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS**

The Home Builders Care Foundation has awarded \$1,000 in scholarships to four MSUM construction management students: Matthew Andersen, \$150; Gabe Bunke, \$350; Jaclyn Habstritt, \$350; and Perry Kuntz, \$150.

Andersen is a pre-engineering major with an emphasis in construction management. Bunke is a second-year construction management major. Habstritt is majoring in construction management and industrial technology. Kuntz is a freshman planning to major in construction management.

Scholarships were awarded to students excelling in construction related fields who are members of the NAHB student chapters. Winners from NDSU, MSUM, NDCS and NTC were announced at the Home Builders Charity Night in November.

Home Builders Care Foundation is dedicated to raising funds for causes such as skill training, education and projects related to the housing industry. Over the past five years, the foundation has awarded over \$32,000 in scholarships to students enrolled in local schools supporting the building industry.

#### **'SPACE BUS' FEATURED AT MSUM PLANETARIUM**

"Space Bus" is the featured show at the MSUM Planetarium Sundays at 2 p.m. and Mondays at 7 p.m. January 20 through March 11.

The show joins the children of Asimov Elementary School as they journey through the solar system. It's set in the year 2007 and is ideal for children of all ages. Even though the trip is imaginary, the information about the planets and the rest of our solar system is accurate for today.

The Planetarium is located at 11<sup>th</sup> Street South, in Bridges Hall room 167 on the MSUM campus. General admission is \$3; children 12 years of age and under, senior citizens and Tri-College students are \$1.50.

For more information or to schedule a group show, call 218-236-3982.

#### **AT THE SCIENCE CENTER'S BUFFALO RIVER SITE...**

MSU Moorhead's Science Center's Buffalo River Site hiking trails are open to the public from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. The interpretive center is also open for public events by special request. For information on special group activities, call 218-236-2904.

The ski trails through Buffalo River State Park and the Science Center's Buffalo River Site will be open for cross-country skiing. Call the State Park for more information, 218-498-2124.

The Buffalo River Site is located just off Highway 10, 15 miles east of Moorhead, adjacent to Buffalo River State Park.

#### **NEW, EASIER MNSCU TRANSFER POLICY**

A student at one of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities can now transfer to another MnSCU institution with greater ease, thanks to the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum now offered at each of the 34 state colleges and universities.

Spurred in part by a new law that took effect Jan. 1, MnSCU officials have completed a review of program offerings at all state colleges and universities that identified core courses that will transfer to any other school within the system.

"Improving the transfer process has been a major priority in recent months," said Chancellor James H. McCormick. "By offering a full complement of universally transferable courses, and communicating clearly and consistently with students up front about whether and how their courses transfer, we will serve students better and improve our academic product in the process."

As part of the MnSCU system's push to improve the transfer process, every institution is required to provide students with information about transferring in their catalogs and on their Web sites. In addition, the MnSCU Board of Trustees is requiring that colleges and universities seeking to add a new program must specify how the courses within the program will transfer.

Last spring the Minnesota Legislature passed a law mandating that the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum be offered at all 34 Minnesota state colleges and universities. The law states that approved courses in any area must be accepted for full credit in that academic area at the receiving institution.

For the past year, hundreds of faculty have worked to realign courses and strengthen content to meet the standards of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum. Last month 112 new courses at the 10 technical colleges were approved to be included in the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum, with several more under review and revision. To qualify as a transfer curriculum course, the technical college course content must be reviewed and certified by a faculty review committee.

In addition to the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum, which addresses general education, hundreds of technical college programs have developed program-specific transfer

agreements with state universities to give students the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree in specific career areas such as nursing, automotive technology or information technology. A Minnesota transfer web site, <http://www.mntransfer.org>, also has been developed to provide transfer information.

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system consists of 34 two- and four-year institutions located in 46 communities across Minnesota. The system serves 225,000 students in credit-based courses and an additional 95,000 students in non-credit courses annually.

#### **WOMEN'S STUDIES COLLOQUIUM SERIES CALL FOR PAPERS AND PROPOSALS**

Announcing a new colloquium series for Women's Studies affiliated faculty, Women's Studies minors, and all other members of the university community interested in questions of gender and sexuality. Anyone working on an article, conference paper, or other scholarly endeavor should consider presenting. Proposals should be submitted by February 22 to Women's Studies Colloquium Committee c/o [white@mnstate.edu](mailto:white@mnstate.edu).

#### **POWOW AT CONCORDIA FEB. 16**

The Woodlands and High Plains Powwow, sponsored by MSUM, Concordia and NDSU, is scheduled at 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16 in Memorial Auditorium at Concordia. It's the first major powwow in Fargo-Moorhead in three years. It's expected to attract dancers, drum groups and spectators from throughout the Midwest.

Twin sisters Amber and April Ray, both freshmen at MSUM, will be the head female dancers for the powwow.

#### **MSUM STUDENT GETS \$5,000 FOREIGN STUDY SCHOLARSHIP**

Melanie Davis, a computer science/electrical engineering junior from Minneapolis, is one of only four Minnesota students to win a \$5,000 Gilman scholarship to study spring semester at Curtin University, Perth, Australia. Named for House International Relations Committee Chairman Benjamin A. Gilman (R-NY), the awards provide up to \$5,000 for U.S. citizens to pursue overseas study and are given to applicants of academic merit who received Federal Pell Grants under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. Total funding during this first year of the program amounted to \$1.5 million, with awards going to 200+ students around the country. Melanie was selected from a pool of more than 500 applicants. MSUM and Curtin University are members of the International Student Exchange Program, a program which allows MSUM students to study at member institutions around the world while remaining enrolled at their home institution.

#### **FOUR POSITIONS OPEN ON MNSCU BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Four open positions on the MnSCU Board of Trustees will be open in 2002. The deadline for applications is March 8 and the Trustee Candidate Advisory Council needs help in recruiting qualified applicants. MnSCU is the largest single provider of higher education in Minnesota. Recommendations will be sent to Gov. Ventura in early April.

Applicants should have some governance experience with complex organizations, have knowledge of higher education in Minnesota and have the ability to challenge, support and motivate the administration.

All four positions are designated as at-large (candidates may reside anywhere within the state) and the terms are six years in length. Applications are available in Pres. Barden's office or by calling Jennifer Ridgeway at (507)283-9546; e-mail: [jennifer.ridgeway@commissions.leg.state.mn.us](mailto:jennifer.ridgeway@commissions.leg.state.mn.us)

#### **NOMINATE STUDENTS ON-LINE FOR STUDENT ACADEMIC CONFERENCE**

You can nominate students on-line to encourage them to present at the Student Academic Conference. Students you nominate will receive a letter of recognition and encouragement from the President.

To nominate a student go to the following web page and submit names and contact information by Monday, January 14: <http://appserv.mnstate.edu/acadconf/studentnominates.asp>.

Presentation Applications will be distributed in mid January and we should have an on-line application process as well. Sorry for the delay in this information.

For more information on the conference please visit the conference web page: <http://www.mnstate.edu/acadconf>. This year's conference will be held in the Comstock Memorial Union on Wednesday, April 10.

#### **APAC MINUTES (Nov. 20, 2001)**

Members present: Midgarden, chairperson; Bolduc, Borchers, Conteh, Edverson, Enz Finken, Gess, Jeppson, Mills, Missiras, Nelson, Schwartz, Shreve, Stockrahm, Wallert, Weckler.

1. Approval of the November 6, 2001 APAC Minutes Bolduc moved Shreve seconded to approve the 11/6/01 APAC minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Certificate in E-Business Proposal (Action) (A hearing was held at the 11/6/01 APAC Meeting

Conteh moved Edverson seconded to approve the new rubric, courses and the certificate program.

New Courses & Approval of the E-Business Certificate:  
EBUS 280: Introduction to Electronic Business (3 cr)  
EBUS 340: E-Commerce/Enterprise Resource Planning (3 cr)  
EBUS 360: Law and Ethics in E-Business (3 cr)  
EBUS 410: Web-Based Marketing (3 cr)  
EBUS 420: Online Customer Relationship Management (3 cr)  
EBUS 430: Electronic Supply Chain Management (3 cr)  
EBUS 470: E-Business Project Management (3 cr)

The committee discussed the following:

The content of each new course proposed.

If course content needs to be updated in the marketing and management courses as well.

Clarification that there was not an APAC subcommittee formed to create this proposal.

Admission criteria.

Are there specific liberal studies courses that students should complete that will enhance this certificate program?

Frequency of course offerings.

How this certificate will effect AACSB accreditation.

Can the program exist without Microsoft Great Plains software?

Future of program if Microsoft Great Plains software is not recommended for use.

Staffing and resources.

NCA guidelines regarding certificate programs.

Kim Glidden stated that an admission process will be developed for the certificate program.

Motion carried with 1 opposed and 3 abstentions.

3. Geoscience Proposal (Hearing) This proposal was sent to APAC Members electronically A hardcopy is also available in Academic Affairs.)

Members of the Anthropology and Earth Science department and two students were present to discuss and answer questions regarding this proposal Russ Colson explained the transitions the department has undergone in the past three years regarding new resources and curriculum revisions.

B.S. in Geosciences with a Geology Emphasis (60 credit minimum)

B.S. in Geosciences with a Geoarchaeology Emphasis (59 credit minimum)

B.S. in Geosciences with a Geographical Sciences Emphasis (43 credit minimum)

B.S. in Earth Science Teaching (100 credits)

B.S. in Social Studies with Primary Emphasis in Geographical Science (95 Cr Min)

B.S. in Social Studies with Secondary Emphasis in Geographical Science (90 Cr Min)

B.S. with a minor in Geosciences (18 credits for minor).

The committee discussed the following:

If NDSU has a similar program.

Content of the curriculum.

Coordinating the offering of earth science with biology and physical science.

Process of approval for MhSCU and the Board of Teaching

(Dean Mills will research the requirements for approval from the Board of Teaching.)

The committee requested signed documentation from the department chairperson, department minutes and signed proof of consultation with other departments This information should be sent to VP Midgarden prior to the next APAC meeting The proposal will be acted on at the December 4, 2001, APAC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Gloria Ripelle

#### **OFFICIAL NOTICE: APAC APPROVAL**

I have approved the recommendations of the Academic Policy Advisory Council as reported in the minutes of October 2, November 6, November 20 and December 4, 2001. The Deans' Council has reviewed the recommendations and MSUM FA waived its right to meet and confer. The following items noted in the October 2 and December 4 APAC minutes were discussed at the December 13, 2001, IFO Meet and Confer:

1. The status of the APAC subcommittee to review the graduation honors requirement.
2. The Faculty Association suggested that department honors be listed on transcripts.
3. Library Resources and the creation of a form for APAC's review that departments proposing new programs will complete indicating a timeline of library resource needs. The library resource need information would be coordinated between the department, the library and the dean when a new program is proposed.
4. Course changes made to the TCU Nursing Master's Degree Program.

Roland Barden

12/17/01

#### **INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH, TRAINING GRANTS**

This is just a reminder to all list users that the application deadline for the American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS research and language training programs is fast approaching. Applications for the following grants are due January 15, 2002:

The American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS is currently accepting applications for research and language study fellowships in Eastern, Central and Southern Europe. The new application deadline for Summer, Fall and Academic Year fellowships is January 15; for Spring programs, October 15. Fellowships can be used for research or language-study language in Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Yugoslavia.

#### **CENTRAL, EASTERN AND SOUTHERN EUROPE**

**RESEARCH PROGRAM:** Provides full support for three to nine month research trips to eastern, central and southern Europe. Fellowships include round-trip international travel, living stipends, visas, insurance, and affiliation fees. Typical awards: \$5,000 to \$15,000. Funded by the U.S. Department of State, Program for Research and Training on Eastern Europe and the Newly Independent States. Open to graduate students, post-docs, and faculty.

#### **CENTRAL, EASTERN AND SOUTHERN EUROPE**

**SUMMER LANGUAGE PROGRAM:** Offers international airfare, tuition, insurance, and living stipends to graduate students for up to three months of intensive language study during the summer at major universities throughout east-central Europe and the Baltic states. Funded by the U.S. State Department, Program for Research & Training on Eastern Europe and the NIS. For more information and an application, please contact:

Outbound Programs  
American Councils for International Education: ACIR/ACCELS  
1776 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Ste. 700  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 833-7522  
[outbound@actr.org](mailto:outbound@actr.org)

#### **AWARDS IN MEDITERRANEAN STUDIES**

The Cotton (Dr. M Alwyn) Foundation provides publication grants, fellowship support, and other awards for studies in the archeology, architecture, history, language, & art of the Mediterranean. Awards are open to scholars of all nationalities. Fellowship Awards are for 1 year of postdoctoral research & carry a maximum value of 10,000 British pounds. Publication Grants help cover the cost of academic research that is imminently available for publication. In 2001-2002, 7 fellowship & 5 publication awards were made. The next Deadline is Feb 28, 2002. E-mail: [info@cotton-foundation.org](mailto:info@cotton-foundation.org). See [www.cotton-foundation.org](http://www.cotton-foundation.org).

#### **NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR EURASIAN AND EAST EUROPEAN RESEARCH**

The Council supports research on the New Independent States (NIS) of the Former Soviet Union &/or Central & Eastern Europe (CEE) conducted by an individual scholar under the auspices of a U.S. government agency. The maximum award is \$40,000. Applicants must be U.S.-based scholars holding a Ph.D. in any discipline of the humanities & social sciences, with a concentration & considerable background in some aspect of the history, culture, politics, & economics of the countries of the NIS & CEE. The next Deadline is Mar 15, 2002. See [www.nceer.org/Programs/programs.htm](http://www.nceer.org/Programs/programs.htm). Contact: 202/822-6950

#### **CHALLENGE AMERICA: FAST TRACK GRANTS**

The National Endowment for the Arts will provide approximately 400 grants of \$5,000 or \$10,000 in rural or underserved areas & will use an expedited application review to make its resources more accessible to a wide range of organizations. Priority areas for 2002 are Positive Alternatives for Youth (deadline, 2/1/02) & Community Arts Development (5/1/02). All grants must be matched 1-to-1, & applications must be submitted on behalf of a partnership. Next Deadline: Feb 01, 2002. For detailed information, see <http://arts.endow.gov/guide/>.

#### **LITERATURE FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM (CREATIVE WRITING & TRANSLATION)**

National Endowment for the Arts provides \$20,000 fellowships for up to 2 years of work to published creative writers & translators of both prose & poetry. Goal is to expand the opportunities for artists to interpret, explore, & create work. Program operates on a two-year cycle with Fellowships in Poetry (deadline, 3/11/02) available one year (2002) & Fellowships in Prose available the next (2003). One application is allowed per two-year cycle. See <http://arts.endow.gov/guide/>. 202/682-5428

#### **SUMMER SEMINARS & INSTITUTES FOR COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY TEACHERS**

National Endowment for the Humanities Division of Education Programs offers opportunities for college & university teachers to study humanities topics in a variety of summer seminars & institutes. Stipends of \$2,800, \$3,250, or \$3,700, depending on the length of the seminar or institute, will be awarded to cover costs of travel, books, research & living expenses. Selection committees are directed to give first consideration to applicants who have not participated in an NEH-supported seminar or institute in the last 3 years. See [www.neh.gov/projects/si-university.html](http://www.neh.gov/projects/si-university.html). E-mail: [sem-inst@neh.gov](mailto:sem-inst@neh.gov). Next Deadline: Mar 01, 2002. 202/606-8463

#### **TINKER FOUNDATION INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS PROGRAM**

This program supports institutional projects related to Iberia, Latin America, & Antarctica. Activities may include conferences, workshops, & research projects that address environmental, economic, political, & governance issues & have strong public policy implications. The foundation encourages collaboration between or among organizations in the U.S., Latin America, Spain, & Portugal. Optional letter of intent is suggested prior to submission of a full proposal. Deadlines are for full proposals. See <http://fdcenter.org/grantmaker/tinker/institu.html>. E-mail: [tinker@tinker.org](mailto:tinker@tinker.org).

#### **POSTDOCTORAL/VISITING SCHOLAR, GRADUATE/PREDOCTORAL, & RESEARCHGRANTS**

UCLA Institute of American Culture offers postdoctoral fellowships at 1 of 4 ethnic studies centers at UCLA. Each center is dedicated to the study of the culture of African Americans, American Indians, Asian Americans, or Chicanas/os. Awards range from \$25,000 to \$30,000 per year plus health benefits & up to \$7,000 for graduate students & faculty in research support. Three separate programs are offered: Postdoctoral/Visiting Scholar Fellowship (deadline, 12/31/01); Graduate & Predoctoral Fellowship (12/31/01); & Research Grant Program (3/30/02). See <http://www.gdnnet.ucla.edu/iacweb/iachome.htm>. Phone: 310/206-2557

#### **VISITING PROFESSOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

The Advertising Educational Foundation sponsors an exchange program. The goal is to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas between academia & industry, plus an on-the-job, day-to-day experience at an advertising agency. Two-week program will begin with 2 days of agency orientations followed by individual agency internships. During lunchtime lectures, professors will present their topics of interest/research to agency personnel. A maximum of 12

professors will be placed with agencies in New York, Chicago & the West Coast. Host advertising agencies pay housing & per diem. Next Deadline is Feb. 15, 2002. See [www.aef.com/channel.asp?ChannelID=7&DocID=1307](http://www.aef.com/channel.asp?ChannelID=7&DocID=1307). E-mail: [sh@aef.com](mailto:sh@aef.com) or contact 212/986-8060.

## **GRADUATE PROGRAM PROFILE**

### **SERIES: MLA PROGRAM**

The Master of Liberal Arts Program is a personal enrichment program designed for the adult learner who wants to explore important ideas, read great books, and discuss significant intellectual, philosophical, moral and cultural issues with other interested people. The program integrates learning and life experiences and provides an opportunity to develop the competencies essential to participate in a world of social and technological change. The Hispanic Studies Emphasis is an option available within the MLA Program for people who have knowledge of the Spanish language and are seeking to do some related graduate study.

A special feature of the MLA Program is its flexibility. Up to 12 to 15 credits in graduate courses from other programs can be applied to the MLA degree, where they fit with the student's program of study. In addition, students have the option of either a scholarly or creative thesis.

For information contact Mark Chekola, Director, MLA Program at 236-4087 or [mla@mnstate.edu](mailto:mla@mnstate.edu). For information on Graduate Education at MSUM, contact the Graduate Studies Office at 236-2344 or visit the web site at <http://www.mnstate.edu/graduate>.

### **AN ALERT – SOME SPECIAL SPRING EVENTS**

Faculty doing course planning might keep in mind several special events Spring semester which are part of a celebration of the inauguration of the Hispanic Studies Emphasis in the Master of Liberal Arts Program, in case they fit in with things you are doing in your courses.

**EXHIBIT OF LATIN AMERICAN MASKS AND LECTURE:** March 25-April 18 there will be an exhibit of 90-100 masks. The exhibit, "Masks, the Hidden Face of Hispanic America," will be in the Art Gallery in the Center for the Arts. Dr. J. Alberto Delgado from the University of Cincinnati, the collector, will present a lecture Monday evening, April 1.

**VISITING LECTURER:** Dr. Susana Nucetelli from St. Cloud State University, who has several books related to Latin American Philosophy, will present two lectures on Thursday, April 4:

Late afternoon: "Indigenous Philosophy of Latin America"

Evening: "Latin American Philosophy"

For further information contact Mark Chekola, 236-4087; [chekola@mnstate.edu](mailto:chekola@mnstate.edu).

## **NEW BOOKSTORE TITLES**

Here's a sampling of new acquisitions now available in the general books department of the MSUM Bookstore:

Some Assembly Required—a witty critique of American architecture, Michael Sorkin, \$19.95.

Buying the Night Flight: The Autobiography of a Woman Foreign Correspondent—one of the first American women to cover wars abroad shares her own story, Georgie Anne Geyer, \$16.

Strong Arts, Strong Schools: The Promising Potential and Shortsighted Disregard of the Arts in American Schooling—an erudite and passionate case for arts education, Charles Fowler, \$14.95.

Buster's Diaries—fun memoir from a dog's perspective, Roy Hattersley, \$11.95.

E-Mail Etiquette—how to use e-mail politely, Samantha Miller, \$12.95.

Pass Fail: 32 Stories About Teaching From Inspiring to Hilarious—fun stories (including one by MSUM's Mark Virz) that explore the complex relationships between teachers and students, MSUM grad student Kurt Kleidon and Rose Kleidon editors, \$14.95.

Jump Start: How to Write from Everyday Life—writing techniques rooted in the oral tradition, Robert Wolf, \$13.95.

Reverence: Renewing a Forgotten Virtue—beautifully written meditation on an important and neglected virtue, Paul W codruff, \$19.95.

Paris to the Moon—enjoying the storied existence of an American in Paris while raising a child, Adam Gopnik, \$14.95.

In Our Strange Gardens—jewel of a short novel with imagery of war, child, courage and memory, Michael Quint, \$ 12.95.

Edgar Cayce: An American Prophet—biography of the man who fathered the New Age movement, Sidney Kirkpatrick, \$16.

Freeing Your Child from Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder—guidelines for breaking the cycle of debilitating rituals, Tamar Chansky, \$14.95.

How to Say It for Women: Communicating with Confidence and Power Using the Language of Success—guide to communicating in the workplace like a strong woman, Phyllis Mindell, \$16.

Falling Leaves—memoir of growing up with emotional abuse in an affluent Chinese family, Adeline Yen Mah, \$14.

The Biographer's Tale—an ingenious novel about love and literary sleuthing, A.S. Byatt, \$14.

Quarrel and Quandary—courageous and spirited essays, Cynthia Ozick, \$13.

Sprezzatura: 50 Ways Italian Genius Shaped the World—chronicles great Italian cultural achievements, Peter D'Epino and Mary Desmond Pinkowish, \$14.

Eastward to Tartary: Travels in the Balkans, The Middle East, and the Caucasus—spellbinding journey into the heart of a little-known but volatile region, Robert Kaplan, \$14.

Blue Ridge—southern storytelling at its best, T.R. Pearson, \$13.

Cherry—memoir of a bright young girl's coming of age in America in the seventies, Mary Karr, \$14.

A Heart of Stone—literary novel with a dark secret at its heart, Renate Dorrestein, \$13.

Gal: A True Life—memoir of growing up in a no-love family, Ruthie Bolton, \$12.95.

Sidetracks: Explorations of a Romantic Biographer—an eloquently unfolding meditation on biography as an art of empathy, pursuit, and passionate curiosity, Richard Holmes, \$15.

Casanova Was a Book Lover: The Naked Truth About Reading, Writing, and Publishing—provides a rich history of the book and an overview of the industry today, John Maxwell Hamilton, \$14.

Theodore Rex—eagerly awaited presidential biography, Edmund Morris, \$35.

Lost Classics: Writer's on Books Loved and Lost, Overlooked, Under-read, Unavailable, Stolen, Extinct, or Otherwise out of Commission—title explains it, Michael Ondaatje, Michael Redhill, Esta Spalding and Linda Spalding, \$13.

100 One-Night Reads: A Book Lover's Guide—a literary companion to relish, David and John Major, \$12.95.

Angelhead—cleanly distilled memoir of a profound family anguish, Greg Bottoms, \$12.

When We Were Orphans—masterfully suspenseful and psychologically acute Booker Prize finalist novel, Kazuo Ishiguro, \$14.

Licks of Love—Short stories and remembering "Rabbit," John Updike, \$14.

Helping Yourself: Finding Hope, Courage, and Happiness—how to move beyond a painful history, harmful negative thoughts, and innumerable setbacks, Dave Pelzer, \$11.

Dispatches from the Tenth Circle: The Best of the Onion—brutal satire, \$16.

Any Small Thing Can Save You: A Bestiary—an alphabet's worth of stories woven into a modern-day bestiary in which animals influence the lives of characters in succinct stories of revelation, Christina Adam, \$18.95.

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• **Doris Walker-Dalhous**e, EECE, attended the 51<sup>st</sup> annual National Reading Conference, December 5-8, 2001, in San Antonio. The National Reading Conference is an organization of reading researchers, which publishes the *Journal of Literacy Research*. At the conference, Walker-Dalhous was nominated for and appointed to a three-year term on the Multicultural Issues Committee of the organization.

• Moorhead councilman **Larry Nicholson**, building services, was recently elected second vice chair of the 2002 Board of Directors of the University Communities Caucus, a public officials constituency group of the National League of Cities. The National League of Cities is the nation's oldest and largest municipal organization.

# Minnesota State Colleges & Universities

## 2002 Bonding Request

Rank	Institution	Project	\$ Millions (rounded)
1	All state colleges and universities	Repair and maintenance	\$100.0
2	Normandale Community College, Bloomington	Science building remodeling	\$9.9
3	Minneapolis Community & Technical College	Remodeling for student services and co-location design	\$9.0
4	Metropolitan State University, St. Paul	Library and information technology center	17.4
5	Alexandria Technical College	Classroom and technology building	\$9.2
6	Winona State University	New science building	\$30.0
7	Minnesota State University Moorhead	New science building	\$19.0
8	Six State Colleges	Science laboratory renovations	\$1.9
9	Systemwide	Land acquisition	\$2.0
10	Benidji State University/Northwest Technical College, Benidji	Co-location project design	\$0.9
11	Northwest Technical College, Moorhead	Allied health and applied technology addition design and remodeling	\$0.4
12	St. Cloud State University	Centennial Hall and Riverview building remodeling design and Centennial remodeling	\$10.0
13	Minnesota State University, Mankato	Student athletic facility addition and remodeling	\$8.4
14	Southwest State University, Marshall	Library renovation	\$9.2
15	Hennepin Technical College, Eden Prairie and Brooklyn Park	D wing remodeling and driveway relocation	\$3.5
16	Mesabi Range Community & Technical College, Virginia	Science laboratory, classroom and Learning Resource Center remodeling	\$5.5
17	Lake Superior College, Duluth	Academic addition design	\$0.7
18	Minnesota State College - Southeast Technical, Winona and Red Wing	Student services remodeling and design	\$0.6
19	Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount	Information technology and telecommunications remodeling design	\$0.5
20	St. Cloud Technical College	Classroom and lab addition design and workforce center remodeling design	\$0.7
21	Ridgewater College, Willmar and Hutchinson	Science laboratory remodeling	\$2.9
22	Century College, White Bear Lake	Building purchase and remodeling design	\$1.5
23	South Central Technical College, North Mankato and Faribault	Teaching laboratories remodeling design	\$0.3
24	Fergus Falls Community College	Student services addition design and maintenance garage	\$0.8
25	Minnesota West Community & Technical College, Worthington	Science laboratory and nursing remodeling and student services addition	\$6.3
26	Inver Hills Community College, Inver Grove Heights	Student services addition and remodeling design and chiller plant	\$0.5
Total			\$250.9 million

# Minnesota State University Moorhead Calendar of Events

## January

- **Winter/spring semester classes begin Jan. 9.**
- A **student art exhibition** will run from Jan. 14 to Jan. 31 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts gallery. (free)
- The MSUM Planetarium features the show **"Space Bus,"** an imaginary trip through the solar system set in the year 2077, at 2 p.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Mondays Jan. 20 through March 11. The Planetarium is located on 11<sup>th</sup> Street South in Bridges Hall 167. Admission is \$3, or \$1.50 for children 12 and under, senior citizens and Tri-College Students. Call (218) 236-3982 for group shows.
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Jan 21: no classes.**
- John Leonard Harris will talk on **"If Dr. King Were Alive Today"** at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23 in MSUM's Roland Dille Center for the Arts Gaede Stage. A former academic, he's now coordinator for the Men's Youth Ministry, serving low-income communities in Lincoln, Neb. (free)
- MSUM alum **Leif Enger, author of the new best-selling novel "Peace Like A River"** will read from his work at 8 p.m. Jan. 24 in King Hall Auditorium. He'll also talk on the writers' craft at 4 p.m. that day, again in King Hall Auditorium.
- An MSUM **Electronic Music** concert is scheduled at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts gallery foyer. (free)
- Librarian Brittney Goodran will talk about the **increasing complexity of gathering information** today at 3 p.m. Jan. 30, as part of MSUM's Deans' Lecture Series (place will be forthcoming). (free)

## February

- The MSUM Planetarium features the show **"Space Bus,"** an imaginary trip through the solar system set in the year 2077, at 2 p.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Mondays Feb. 3 through March 11. The Planetarium is located on 11<sup>th</sup> Street South in Bridges Hall 167. Admission is \$3, or \$1.50 for children 12 and under, senior citizens and Tri-College Students. Call (218) 236-3982 for group shows.
- A **student art exhibition** will be on display Feb. 4-20 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts gallery. (free)
- The MSUM **Honor Choirs Festival** public performance is scheduled at 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 8 and 9, in the Weld Hall Glasrud Auditorium. (free)
- The MSUM Regional Science Center presents **"Celebrate Winter"** from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17 at the Buffalo River Site. The program features snow shoeing, bird watching, a nature walk, a video and snow snake making. A family event. The Buffalo River Site is located just off Highway 10, 15 miles east of Moorhead adjacent to Buffalo River State Park.
- The MSUM **Honor Bands Festival** public performance is scheduled at 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 22 and 23, in the Weld Hall Glasrud Auditorium. (free)
- MSUM Theatre presents the classic Rodgers & Hammerstein musical, **"Oklahoma!"** at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, Feb. 20-23, in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts Hansen Theatre. For tickets, contact the MSUM box office at 218-236-2204. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$6 for students (MSUM students are admitted free).
- Mass communications professor Mark Strand will talk on **"Carved, Written, Printed and Scribbled: The Power of the Word and the Bias of Communication"** at 3 p.m. Feb. 20 as part of the Deans Lecture Series (place is forthcoming).
- A **juried student art exhibition** will be on display Feb. 25 through March 21 in the Roland Dille Center for the Arts gallery. (free)
- **"Monte/Brown Dance,"** a modern dance company that won the International Dance Festival of Paris, is on stage at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26 in the MSUM Roland Dille Center for the Arts Hansen Theatre as a feature of the university's Performing Arts Series. The troupe, founded in 1982 by Elisa Monte and David Brown, is culturally diverse, physically explosive and inherently American in style. For ticket information, call the MSUM box office at (218)236-2204.