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IT'S HAPPENING AT STATE

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## NDSU presidential search moves ahead

The NDSU Presidential Search Committee has further reduced the number of candidates in its work to help select NDSU's next president. At its March 24 meeting, the committee chose six candidates for off-campus interviews and announced it would check references of five additional candidates.

NDSU's two internal candidates – President Richard A. Hanson and D.C. Coston, vice president for agriculture and university extension – were among a group of five candidates removed from further consideration.

Committee chair Steve Swiontek described the meeting as a challenge. "It was a very difficult process. It was important that the committee looked at all the individuals who were remaining and determined what is the best fit and the appropriate candidates to move the university forward," Swiontek said. "We had a very good list of candidates, but we had to narrow it down."

Six candidates will be scheduled for interviews on Saturday, April 10, and Sunday, April 11, at the Fargo Ramada Plaza Suites and Conference Center. They are:

- Thomas Keon, dean of business administration at the University of Central Florida;
- Dean Bresciani, former vice president for student affairs at Texas A&M University;
- Priscilla Nelson, professor of civil and environmental engineering and former provost at New Jersey Institute of Technology;

- John Gardner, vice president for economic development and global engagement at Washington State University;
- Benjamin Ogles, dean of arts and sciences at Ohio University; and
- William Ruud, president at Shippensburg University.

In addition, the committee will check references for five recently received applications. Those candidates are:

- Vishwanath Prasad, vice president for research and economic development at the University of North Texas;
- Gary Miller, provost and vice president for academic affairs and research at Wichita State University;
- Michael O'Brien, dean of arts and sciences at the University of Missouri;
- Richard Davenport, president of Minnesota State University, Mankato; and
- Colin Scanes, vice chancellor of research and economic development and dean of the graduate school at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

The committee met March 30 to select which of the additional candidates would be asked to come to Fargo for the off-campus interviews. For the latest information, visit [www.ndsu.edu/news/transition](http://www.ndsu.edu/news/transition).

The committee has been charged with providing the State Board of Higher Education at least three unranked candidates for the board's consideration.

## Celebration of life service held for Sarah Martinsen

Students, family, faculty, staff and administration gathered in the Memorial Union Plains Room on March 22 in remembrance of Sarah Martinsen.

Martinsen, a junior majoring in sociology, was killed when a motorist's car struck her March 16 while jogging in Pensacola, Fla.

A native of Minot, N.D., Martinsen was in Florida as part of a "Pay It Forward" service trip involving the NDSU chapter of Students Today Leaders Forever. The group, which included 40 members from NDSU and two from Minnesota State University Moorhead, was at a stop on a six-city tour. During the trips, students participate in service and leadership activities, learn about social *cont.*

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### 'It's Happening at State' early deadline reminder

The submission deadline for the April 7 issue of "It's Happening at State" is noon on Wednesday, March 31.

### Bookstore plans spring sale

On Thursday, April 1, enjoy 30 percent off all purchases except textbooks, diploma frames, electronics, graduation apparel and herd shop items. Customers also may register to win prizes.

### NDSU to celebrate 2010 International Week

An annual series of events designed to explore and celebrate diversity from around the world, NDSU's International Week is scheduled for March 31 to April 9.

### Transition updates available

For information about the transition to NDSU's 14th president, go to [www.ndsu.edu/news/transition](http://www.ndsu.edu/news/transition).

issues, build relationships and make a commitment to continued action when they return home.

People who knew Martinsen her whole life and those who knew her for only a few days spoke during the "celebration of life" service. They shared inspirational and light-hearted stories of their experiences with Martinsen.

"Sarah's message of serving over her spring break is a message to all of us. She died while giving back," said Greg Tehven, co-founder of Students Today Leaders Forever.

"I can feel everyone's arms around me and I really appreciate that," said Galit DeWitz, Martinsen's sister. "There are so many people here and I'm so excited that everyone realized how amazing Sarah was."

Debra DeWitz, Martinsen's mother, thanked everyone for the support the family received. "Families couldn't get through a time like this without knowing that other people are going to continue to celebrate someone's life that we lost," she said. She asked everyone to keep the driver of the vehicle in their prayers. She thanked the service group for helping make Martinsen's last week one of the best of her life.

Martinsen, 21, was membership chair of the Phi Eta Sigma national honor society and a member of the NDSU Sociology Club. She was the daughter of Wayne Martinsen and Debra DeWitz, both from Minot.

Contributions may be made to the Sarah Martinsen Memorial Scholarship, through the NDSU Development Foundation.

## Staff Senate nominations sought, election scheduled

The NDSU Staff Senate is seeking nominations for 16 open seats. Nominations can be made at [www.ndsu.edu/staff\\_senate](http://www.ndsu.edu/staff_senate) from March 31 to April 9. The Staff Senate spring election will be conducted at [www.ndsu.edu/staff\\_senate](http://www.ndsu.edu/staff_senate) from April 14-21.

Nominees can be any regular benefited employees from the following job categories: 1000/3000 – Administrative, Managerial and Professional; 4000 – Technical and Paraprofessional; 5000 – Office Support; and 6000/7000 – Crafts and Trades and Services. The open positions are two-year terms.

- All broadbanded NDSU staff members are encouraged to nominate themselves and others for Staff Senate.
- Nominators are asked to check with the person they are nominating before sending in the nomination.
- Nominees are encouraged to discuss with their supervisors the opportunity to serve before being nominated.

Nomination forms have been distributed via campus mail. For further information, contact Janine Trowbridge, election committee chair, at [Janine.Trowbridge@ndsu.edu](mailto:Janine.Trowbridge@ndsu.edu) or 1-7315 or Heather Heger, membership officer, at [heather.heger@ndsu.edu](mailto:heather.heger@ndsu.edu) or 1-8293.

For those persons nominated, short bios and photos are requested for use on the Staff Senate Web page. Photos can be taken at

Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering room 100 (ask for Lori Sholts) or Ladd Hall room 209 (ask for Heather Heger.) You also may e-mail digital photos and short bios to Laura Dallmann at [laura.dallmann@ndsu.edu](mailto:laura.dallmann@ndsu.edu).

The NDSU Staff Senate is celebrating its 20th anniversary. The group's mission statement is, "NDSU Staff Senate addresses the needs and aspirations of university staff by promoting a progressive campus environment."

Staff Senate sponsors many activities including Employee Recognition Week, Scholarship Fund for classified staff members and their families, Staff Development programs, Campus Kudos awards, Valentine Ball and the annual Holiday Blood Drive.

## DIVERSITY

### 2010 International Week events scheduled

NDSU's International Week is scheduled for March 31 to April 9. Sponsored by the Office of International Programs and the International Student Association, International Week is an annual series of events designed to explore and celebrate diversity from around the world.

During the week, all NDSU students, faculty and staff and members of the Fargo-Moorhead community are encouraged to wear clothing expressive of other cultures or countries from around the world.

An international photo-essay contest also is planned for the week. Photos and essays will be on display in the Hub area, Memorial Union lower level. Submitted photos and essays may represent cultural events, scenic landscapes or historical monuments.

Other events include:

#### **Wednesday, March 31**

#### **International Night, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Festival Concert Hall**

The International Student Association will sponsor a variety show featuring songs, dances and theatre skits. Tickets are \$5 each and are available from the Office of International Programs, Memorial Union 116, or from any International Student Association officer.

#### **Tuesday, April 6**

#### **International Expo, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Memorial Union Great room**

International associations and students will display information and a variety of cultural items, including traditional crafts, writings and art from their home countries.

#### **Opening Ceremony and Parade of Nations, 11 a.m., Memorial Union Great room**

President Richard A. Hanson and International Student Association president Ripon Roy Chowdhury will officially start International Week. Students carrying the flags of their home countries will parade through the Memorial Union. Cake and coffee will be served after the ceremony.

**Wednesday, April 7**

**Passport Drive, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,  
Memorial Union Prairie Rose room**

Fargo Post Office representatives will be available to process passport applications. For an appointment time, go to [www.ndsu.edu/International](http://www.ndsu.edu/International) or contact the Office of International Programs at 1-7895.

**“Marriages in India: Love Marriage vs. Arranged Marriage,” noon, Memorial Union Arikara room**

NDSU students will speak about marriage in current Indian society, including different customs of people choosing their spouses or parents choosing spouses for their children. This Brown Bag Seminar is sponsored by the YMCA of NDSU.

**“Paris je t’aime,” 7 p.m., Memorial Union Century Theater**

In the film, 18 directors, including the Coen Brothers and Wes Craven, head to Paris with five minutes of screen time each to bring their personal touch to Paris, showcasing the atmospheres, lifestyles and neighborhoods of the world’s most romantic city. In English and French with English subtitles. Co-sponsored by Campus Attractions.

**Thursday, April 8**

**International Buffet, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.,  
NDSU Alumni Center**

Enjoy a variety of foods. Tickets are \$8. Contact the Office of International Programs at 1-7895 for information or to purchase tickets. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Hosted by NDSU international students and Office of International Programs staff.

**Friday, April 9**

**“How Study Abroad Changed My Life,” noon to 1 p.m.,  
Memorial Union Century Theater**

In this panel presentation, former NDSU study abroad students talk about how experiences affected their lives.

For more information on upcoming events, call 1-7895 or go to [www.ndsu.edu/international](http://www.ndsu.edu/international).

## Seminar for establishing programs overseas planned

As higher education becomes increasingly international, more universities are going global by establishing a variety of programs overseas. To assist in establishing more overseas programs at NDSU, the Division of Equity, Diversity, and Global Outreach will sponsor a virtual seminar, titled “Know Before You Go: A Roadmap for Establishing Overseas Programs,” on Thursday, April 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Memorial Union Prairie room. The National Association of College and University Attorneys offers the virtual seminar.

Participants will learn about legal, practical and operational issues of establishing overseas programs. Panel members will share their experience in operating foreign programs and will highlight the potential pitfalls institutions can avoid with proper advance planning.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own lunch. For more information, contact Kerri Spiering, associate vice president for equity, diversity, and global outreach, at 1-8166 or [kerri.spiering@ndsu.edu](mailto:kerri.spiering@ndsu.edu).

## RESEARCH

### NDSU students, faculty and staff present at English conference



Sullivan



Rupiper Taggart

NDSU community members gave presentations at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in Louisville, Ky., March 17-20. The Conference on College Composition and Communication is a constituent group of the National Council of Teachers of English.



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English department faculty who gave presentations included Dale L. Sullivan, professor and head, “Remixing Institutional Expectations;” Amy Rupiper Taggart, associate professor, “Dif-



Peirce

fusing Tension Doesn’t Mean Critical Reflection;” Enrico Sassi, senior lecturer and assistant director of the Center for Writers, “Recomposing the Instructor;” and Kelly Sassi, assistant professor, who participated in the English Education/Composition Connections Special Interest Group.

Graduate students included Abigail Gaugert who presented “Reassessing Graduate Writers’ Needs,” Katie Gunter who chaired the session “Getting WAC to Work: Remixing Roles and Expectations of Graduate Writing” and Craig Rood who chaired the session “Rewriting Process to Invention: Academic Writing’s Greatest Hits.”

Karen P. Peirce, graduate writing coordinator from the Graduate School and managing editor of *FYHC: The Journal of First-year Honors Composition*, presented “Honors Composition at North Dakota State University: A Descriptive Study.”

### Tolstedt presents at World’s Best Technology Showcase



Tolstedt

Jonathan Tolstedt, licensing associate and patent agent for the NDSU Research Foundation, presented at the World’s Best Technology Showcase March 16-17 in Arlington, Texas. The event highlighted the largest collection of vetted and mentored companies and technologies from top universities, labs, research institutions and the private sector. Investors, entrepreneurs and venture capitalists attend the conference to find solid technologies.

Tolstedt presented a portfolio of advanced data mining tools created by a team of NDSU computer scientists led by William Perrizo, Distinguished Professor of computer science. Perrizo’s unique approach to data mining involves vertically structuring data, then writing computer programs that will efficiently and accurately mine the data for useful information.

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Participating technologies for the World's Best Technology are selected by and presented to venture investors and Fortune 500 licensing scouts representing a variety of industries, each supported by federal research and development grants, private funding or both. World's Best Technology helps launch world-class technologies from leading labs and universities in the marketplace.

Those presenting technologies, including Tolstedt and the NDSU Research Foundation, are selected on the merits of their innovation and specific investment or licensing opportunity. A national panel of seed investors, venture capitalists and corporate licensing executives screens applicants.

The NDSU Research Foundation assists inventors to protect and commercialize intellectual property developed through research activities at the university. By commercializing intellectual property through licensing, the foundation can create resources that are returned to individual inventors and the university to promote continued research. Licensing fees and royalties from NDSU technologies have increased each year from fiscal year 2006-09, from \$1.2 million to \$1.5 million. The NDSU Research Foundation holds 45 U.S. issued patents with 77 pending patent applications.

## Advance FORWARD awards mentoring grants



Rhee

Advance FORWARD has awarded mentoring grants to 25 recipients in five different NDSU colleges. The recipients will receive up to \$1,500 for travel-related professional mentoring experiences.

The recipients are Courtney Waid (not pictured), assistant professor of criminal justice and political science; Yeong Rhee, associate professor of health, nutrition and exercise sciences; Kendra Greenlee, assistant professor of biological sciences; and Yechun Wang, assistant professor of mechanical engineering and applied mechanics.



Greenlee

Waid will meet with mentors at the University of Winnipeg to discuss plans to collaborate on National Institute of Justice and National Institute of Corrections grants and other smaller scale corrections-related projects. Waid and her mentors are working on a project that examines fear of crime and punitive attitudes. The goal of this collaboration is to provide opportunities for international comparisons.



Wang

Rhee will meet with her mentor at a professional conference regarding genetic and epigenetic research on human behaviors and complex diseases. Her goal is to expand her research about chronic disease prevention, achieve more of her own professional career goals, obtain major external grant funding and receive a promotion to full professor at NDSU.

Greenlee will meet with her doctoral adviser and mentor to collect data. Because her adviser employs several undergraduates to conduct research each semester, Greenlee will use this time to learn about successfully managing undergraduates in the lab.

Wang will meet with Paul Fischer from the Argonne National Lab. She visited the lab for a week in August 2009 and studied a spectral finite element-based numerical algorithm for aerosol dynamics. Wang says the mentoring grant is essential for career development since it helps to strengthen NDSU's relationship with Argonne National Lab and to continue learning from Fischer. The visit also may lead to joint proposals with Argonne National Lab.

Travel grants are one of several efforts included in the Advance FORWARD project to support advancement of women faculty. Provost Craig Schell has provided funding for non-Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical (STEM) travel grants, as Advance FORWARD funding is allocated to STEM disciplines. Organizers anticipate they will distribute approximately 30 travel grants each year of the five-year project.

Recipients from the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences include Tracy C. Barrett, Kristi Groberg, Miriam O'Kane Mara, Carrie Anne Platt, Kelly Sassi, Courtney Waid and Amy Rupiper Taggart.

Recipients from the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources include Kasey Maddock Carlin, Xinhua Jia, Birgit Pruess, Jane Schuh and Qi (Chee) Zhang.

Recipients from the College of Engineering and Architecture are Stevie Famulari, Kaarin Piegaze Lindquist, Annie Tangpong, Cindy Urness, Yechun Wang and Sumathy Krishnan.

The recipient from the College of Human Development and Education is Yeong Rhee.

Recipients from the College of Science and Mathematics are Peggy Biga, Hyunsook Do, Kendra Greenlee, Qui Jin, Juan Li and Katie Reindl.

## NDSU faculty showcase research



Borr

Faculty and staff from the College of Human Development and Education have had many publications, presentations and honors.

"Thinking it Over with Baby Think It Over: Thirteen Freshmen's Weekend With an Infant Simulator," an article by Mari Borr, assistant professor in the School of Education, will be published in the Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences Education.



Gold

Abby Gold, assistant professor of food, nutrition and exercise science, and Jenny Routledge, doctoral student, will present a workshop at the 2010 Priestler National Extension Health Conference in Mobile, Ala. The title of their workshop is "Designing a Collaboration: Fall Prevention is the Right Side Up." The workshop will describe results from a case study examining the effort undertaken by several entities in Otter Tail County, Minnesota, to implement the fall prevention continuum.



Lajimodiere

Denise Lajimodiere, assistant professor in the School of Education, presented her research, "Kill the Indian, Save the Man: A Qualitative Study of 15 Boarding School Survivors" at the Hawaii International Conference on Education in Honolulu.

## PEOPLE

## Interior design student wins Brass Ring Award

Alex Hartwig, a sophomore in the interior design program, has won an award in the interior design category for "The 24th Brass Ring Awards." She entered a condominium project completed last fall for the sophomore level residential design studio under the supervision of Ryan Wilkening.

Hosted annually by the Department of Art + Design at Oklahoma Christian University, the competition is designed to motivate and reward students for excellence in art and design. Cash prizes are awarded and students may submit work in many categories, ranging from animation to interior design. The Brass Ring Awards attract entries from undergraduate university programs and high schools.

The awards presentation is scheduled for Saturday, April 3, in the Judd Theater on the Oklahoma Christian University campus.

## Vonnahme receives award



Vonnahme

Kim Vonnahme, assistant professor of animal sciences, received the Young Animal Scientist Teaching Award at the Midwest meeting of the American Society of Animal Science March 15-17 in Des Moines, Iowa.

After completing her doctorate in 2003, Vonnahme came to NDSU to work as a research associate with Larry Reynolds, Distinguished Professor of animal and range sciences, and accepted her current position in 2004. She is lead instructor of physiology of reproduction. She has reformatted the reproductive management course where undergraduate students interact with local livestock producers to address producer reproductive management concerns. She also has established a research in reproduction course for undergraduate students to undertake an independent research project.

Vonnahme's research programs focus on the impacts of maternal nutrition on fetal and placental development. She has published 34 journal articles, 89 abstracts, one book chapter and has been principal (or co-principal) investigator for more than \$1.6 million in funded research.

## Music faculty give performances



Jones

Robert Jones, professor of voice, will perform at the Bolivia Bach Festival in Cochabamba, Bolivia, March 30-31. He is the bass soloist for Bach Cantata 131: "Aus der Tiefen rufe ich, Herr, zu dir" and also will perform "Mein Wandel auf der Welt," "Endlich, endlich wird mein Joch" and "Ich will den Kreuzstab gerne tragen."

Jones also presented a lecture and performance at the College Music Society Great Lakes Regional Conference, March 19-21, at Ball State University, Muncie, Ind. Titled



Sublett

"Musical Interpretations of Sprung Rhythm, Inscap and Instress Found in Selected Songs from 'Eight Poems of Gerard Manley Hopkins' by Daniel Pinkham," he analyzed and performed the poetry and music for five of the poems in the group.

Douglas Monroe, assistant professor of clarinet, was the featured soloist with the Walnut Creek Concert Band during at the Dean Leshner Performing Arts Center in Walnut Creek, Calif., on March 8. They performed Gioachino Rossini's "Introduction, Theme and Variations for Clarinet."



Weber

Virginia Sublett, associate professor of voice, was invited to present a recital at Augsburg College on March 10. The recital included works by Alberto Ginastera, Judith Weir, Erik Satie

and Franz Schubert. Sublett worked with Augsburg College vocal students in a master class setting.

Michael Weber, associate professor of choral activities, was a guest conductor at the Appleton (Wis.) High School Choral Festival, March 18-19. He worked with choirs from that region in addition to conducting the mass choir during their concert. He also conducted the Bismarck Public Schools All-City Mass Choir Concert on Feb. 23.

## Nielsen receives state honor



Nielsen

NDSU faculty member Robert Nielsen was named the "Outstanding Mental Health Counselor" for 2010 by the North Dakota Mental Health Counselor Association. The honor was presented at the North Dakota Counselor Association conference, held Feb. 6-9 in Bismarck, N.D.

"It was indeed an honor to be recognized by my peers in the counseling profession," said Nielsen, clinical facilities coordinator and acting head of the School of Education. "I was especially humbled by the words at the presentation: 'for his enthusiasm and phenomenal support of the counseling profession.'"

Nielsen, who joined NDSU in 1973, is a national certified counselor, licensed professional counselor, licensed professional clinical counselor, and certified career development facilitator. He chaired the North Dakota Board of Counselor Examiners for seven years.

He earned his bachelor's degree at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn.; master's degree in education, guidance and counseling from NDSU; and his doctorate in psychology, counseling and guidance from the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley.

Nielsen is the immediate past president of the North Dakota Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, past president of the North Dakota Counseling Association, past vice president of the North Dakota School Counselors Association and past president of the North Dakota College Personnel Association. He is active in national positions having held leadership positions in the American Association of State Counseling Boards and the American Counseling Association.

Nielsen served six years as a school board member at Pelican Rapids, Minn.

## EVENTS

## Students plan 'Sunday Breakfast'

NDSU students majoring in hospitality and dietetics have planned a full-service, casual dining opportunity on Tuesday, April 6, and Thursday, April 8, from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Family Life Center, room 312.

The meal will include oatmeal flax pancakes and warm maple syrup, spicy breakfast potatoes, a cheesy egg scrambler and for dessert, a scone topped with raspberry sauce garnished with raspberries and mint leaves.

The meal is open to the NDSU community and the public. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling NDSU Dining Services at 1-7474. The cost of the meal, including a beverage, is \$7 and can be made with cash or check. Customers also can purchase a punch card for \$20, which is good for three meals.

Visitors may park in the visitor's parking lot.

Students prepare all meals from scratch. Kyla Gruby and Valarie Molstre are managers of the meal. Sherri Nordstrom Stastny, assistant professor of health, nutrition and exercise sciences, advises the students.

## Columbian refugee exhibit coming to NDSU

The NDSU Memorial Union Art Gallery will feature Morea D. Steinhauer's master's thesis in photojournalism about Colombian refugees in Costa Rica from March 31 to April 17. The exhibit is titled "Through My Eyes, My Life in Costa Rica."

According to Steinhauer's book, "Through My Eyes, My Life in Costa Rica," the goal of her project was to analyze the impact of photojournalism as a research method. The project was sponsored by United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and Asociacion de Consultores y Asesores Internacionales (ACAI).

Seventeen Costa Rican Colombian refugees were selected randomly by ACAI to participate in a six-week workshop. Participants were taught basic concepts and principles of the design of photography, light, texture and movement. At the beginning of the workshop, each participant was provided with a digital camera and instructed to take photos of anything they liked as long as it revolved around three questions of the study: What is your life in Costa Rica like? What is good about your life? What should change?

Each participant also kept a journal during the project. Their reflections were later used as part of the photo descriptions presented in Steinhauer's book.

The exhibit contains 45 images and reflections that were self-selected by the participants to be shared with the Costa Rican community in the form of an exhibit to celebrate the 2009 International Refugee Day.

## Holmes to give 'The Nature of Evil' presentation

The 20th century witnessed the Holocaust, an unparalleled evil in the eyes of most people, and attempted genocide in Rwanda. The beginning of the 21st century saw the launching of a so-called "war" against terrorism, proclaimed to be a struggle of good against evil.

Robert L. Holmes, internationally known professor of ethics and peace studies, will present "The Nature of Evil" on Thursday, April 8, at 7 p.m. in Sudro Hall 24. The presentation is the Northern Plains Ethics Institute spring lecture.

"But what is evil?" Holmes asks. "If we don't know what we're struggling against, we're unlikely to be successful. We can kill plenty of people, but we won't know that we're killing evil people. Nonviolence provides a perspective from which to answer this question and points the way to a more constructive response to violence than mere condemnation and force."

Holmes is professor emeritus at the University of Rochester. He is the first recipient of the Rajiv Gandhi Professor of Peace and Disarmament, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, and is a former Fulbright lecturer at Moscow State University. Most recently, he held the McCullough Distinguished Visiting Professor of Political Philosophy at Hamilton College. He also has served as president of the international group, Concerned Philosophers for Peace.

For more information, contact Dennis Cooley at 1-7038 or [dennis.cooley@ndsu.edu](mailto:dennis.cooley@ndsu.edu)

## Lahlum to present Norwegian America colloquium

Lori Lahlum, associate professor of history at Minnesota State University, Mankato, will present "It's America's fault! Masculinity, Manhood and Changing Gender Roles in Norwegian America, 1840-1920," on Friday, April 16, at 3 p.m. in the Memorial Union Room of Nations. The presentation is part of the NDSU Department of History, Philosophy and Religious Studies Colloquium.

Lahlum will talk about Oline Muus, a Norwegian immigrant and southern Minnesota native, who sued her husband, Pastor Bernt Julius Muus, in civil court in 1879 to acquire an inheritance she received a decade earlier. Bernt, one of the most prominent ministers in the Norwegian Synod of the Norwegian Lutheran Church in America, contended that because he wasn't a U.S. citizen, Norwegian law applied to the case. Under Norwegian law in 1879, a husband controlled all of his wife's property.

Lahlum also will address how shifting gender roles and expanded opportunities for women in the United States engendered new constructions of manhood, which threatened some men like Bernt.

A native of Marion, N.D., Lahlum earned a doctorate from the University of Idaho in 2003. She previously taught at Valley City State University. She is working on a several research projects involving the history of Norwegian women.

For more information, contact Dennis Cooley at 1-7038 or [dennis.cooley@ndsu.edu](mailto:dennis.cooley@ndsu.edu).

## German Russians remember dirty thirties in radio program

Organizers of the Dakota Memories Oral History Project, in cooperation with Prairie Public Broadcasting, will air a new radio program titled "The Dirty Thirties: German Russians Remember."

The program will air on Wednesday, April 14, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. and will feature a variety of stories about dust storms, extreme temperatures, grasshopper invasions and New Deal programs. The narrators grew up on the Northern Plains in the regions of South Dakota, North Dakota and Saskatchewan.

Mark Harvey, environmental historian and NDSU professor of history, has added scholarly commentary, discussing the environmental conditions on the Northern Plains during the 1930s. "The Dirty Thirties were an unsettled, difficult and enormously stressful period on the Great Plains. The huge dust storms wreaked havoc on the region's agricultural economy, society and fragile ecology," Harvey said.

Listeners will learn about memories such as John Gross' recollection of making hay out of Russian thistles in order for their cattle to survive. One year, the drought was so extreme they didn't have to hitch up a grass mower because there was no grass to cut. "Many farmers lost their farms and were forced to move to cities such as Milwaukee and Lodi, Calif., to find work," he said.

The NDSU Libraries' Germans from Russia Heritage Collection and Prairie Public provide major funding for the program. A CD of the radio program is available for \$15. To order the CD, contact Acacia Stuckle, special collections associate, at 1-6596 or [acacia.stuckle@ndsu.edu](mailto:acacia.stuckle@ndsu.edu).

The program can be heard on 90.5 FM in Bismarck, 89.9 FM in Dickinson, 91.7 FM in Devils Lake, 91.9 FM in Fargo, 89.3 FM in Grand Forks, 91.5 FM in Jamestown, 88.9 FM in Minot and 89.5 FM in Williston.

For more information, visit [www.ndsu.edu/grhc/dakotamemories](http://www.ndsu.edu/grhc/dakotamemories) or call all 1-6596.

## NDSU plans Administrative Professionals Day event

An Administrative Professionals Day event, "Getting Organized in the Workplace and at Home," is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the NDSU Distance and Continuing Education classroom, SGC building, 1919 N. University Drive.

Hosted by NDSU Distance and Continuing Education, the event is designed to teach participants how to set priorities and live life to its fullest with an organized work and home environment.

Speaker Marielle Eischens, owner of Today's Organized Living, will define what you really need, designate a home for those items and help you gain control of your life.

The event includes breakfast and is open to the public. Cost is \$30 or \$25 for NDSU employees. Registration is required by April 14. For more information or to register, contact Distance and Continuing Education at 1-7015 or [www.ndsu.edu/dce](http://www.ndsu.edu/dce).

## Discover NDSU schedule set

The Office of Admission spring 2010 Discover NDSU Junior Day is set for Friday, April 16, and Senior Day is planned for Saturday, April 17. One morning session is planned for both days.

Discover NDSU is a comprehensive overview of NDSU for high school students. All sessions include an activity fair, admission presentation, student panel, academic interest session and general campus tour. Sessions are followed by specialty tour options of Renaissance Hall, the Engineering Complex, Residence Life Showcase, Barry Hall and Sudro Hall.

Contact Elizabeth Worth at [elizabeth.worth@ndsu.edu](mailto:elizabeth.worth@ndsu.edu) or Brad Jones at [bradley.jones@ndsu.edu](mailto:bradley.jones@ndsu.edu) for more information.

## SHORTS & REMINDERS

### Positions Available

Positions open and screening dates through the Office of Human Resources, SGC, 1919 N. University Drive. Position openings also are available through the NDSU Web site at [www.ndsu.edu/jobs](http://www.ndsu.edu/jobs).

### Information Processing Specialist/ #00020674/#00020675

Plant Sciences  
\$27,000+/year  
April 5

### Custodian (two positions)

Residence Life  
\$19,760+/year  
Open until filled

### Learning Services/Orientation Coordinator/#00026101

Orientation and Student Success  
\$30,000+/year  
April 1

### Senior Collection Development Librarian/#00019212

Library  
\$60,000+/year  
April 9

### Educational Services Librarian/ #00020636

Library  
\$42,000+/year  
April 23

### Research Specialist

Plant Sciences  
\$30,000+/year  
April 1

### Research Specialist/#00025349

Langdon Research Extension Center  
\$35,000+/year  
April 7

### Milling Specialist

Northern Crops Institute  
\$55,000+ dependent on experience  
Open until filled

### Systems Engineer/#3

Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering  
Salary commensurate with experience  
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## CALENDAR

### MARCH

**31 International Week** – International Night, 7:30 p.m., Festival Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 and \$4 for International Student Association members.

**31 Environmental and Conservation Sciences Green Bag** – “Pollination Dynamics and Population Genetics in the Western Prairie Fringed Orchid,” Steve Travers and Marion Harris, noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Hidatsa room

### APRIL

**2-5 Spring Holiday** – Offices closed on Friday, April 2. No classes on Friday, April 2, or Monday, April 5.

**3 Softball** vs. IPFW, 3 p.m., Ellig Sports Complex

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**4 Softball** vs. IPFW, noon, Ellig Sports Complex

**5 Student Recital** – Tabettha Dawkins, soprano, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free admission.

**6-9 International Week** – Photo Essay Contest, Memorial Union Hub

**6 International Week** – Parade of Nations and Opening Ceremony, 11 a.m., Memorial Union Great room

**6 International Week** – International Expo, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Memorial Union Great Room

**6 YMCA of NDSU Brown Bag** – “New American Family Experience,” 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Memorial Union Arikara room. Co-sponsored by Service Learning and Civic Engagement.

**6 Woodwind Chamber Night**, 7:30 p.m., Beckwith Recital Hall. Free admission.

**7 Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach** – Anti-Racism Level 1 Workshop, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call the Equity and Diversity Center at 1-5728 to sign up and get the room assignment.

**7 International Week** – Passport Drive, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Memorial Union, Prairie Rose room

**7 YMCA of NDSU Brown Bag** – “Marriages in India: Love Marriage vs. Arranged Marriage,” Saurav Kumar and Deepak Yadav, NDSU graduate students, noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Arikara room. Co-sponsored by the Office of International Programs.

**7 Environmental and Conservation Sciences Green Bag** – “Special ECS Seminar,” Ramaraj Boopathy, noon to 1 p.m., Memorial Union Hidatsa room

**7 NDSU Research and Technology Park presentation** – Tony Grindberg, executive director, 4 p.m., Memorial Union Century Theater

**MORE CAMPUS EVENTS** [www.ndsu.edu/eventcalendar](http://www.ndsu.edu/eventcalendar)

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