

**AUTHOR OF 'PRESIDENTIAL AMBITION'
SHENKMAN SPEAKS HERE TUESDAY**

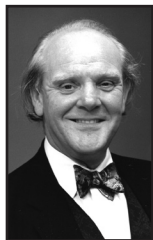
Rick Shenkman, historian and author of "Presidential Ambition: How the Presidents Gained Power, Kept Power and Got Things Done," will present a talk on "Why They Hate Us" at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2 in the student union ballroom. The free event is sponsored by the university's Campus Activities Board.



Regularly seen on Fox News, CNN and MSNBC and a former contributor to the NBC Sunday Today Show, the New York Times best-selling author is also an Emmy-award winning investigative reporter and presidential scholar who's an associate professor of history at George Mason University. His book "Presidential Ambition" focused primarily on the first 32 presidents, from Washington through FDR. In it, he shows how a single trait of these presidents—driving ambition—influenced key moments and decisions in American history.

**'DOES SCIENCE CHALLENGE
RELIGION?' FOCUS OF OXFORD
PROF'S LECTURE AT MSUM OCT. 4**

Allan Chapman, a professor at Wadham College, Oxford, England, will present a lecture on



"Does Science Challenge Religion?" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4 in the public lecture room 104 in Science Lab Building. It will be followed by tea and biscuits in the atrium.

Chapman, a social historian and member of the Royal Astronomical Society Club, frequently appears on British television specials about the history of astronomy and science. He's a specialist in the history of early medicine.

During his visit to campus, Chapman will also talk

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to students interested in studying in Oxford next year under MSUM's Eurospring program, now in its 27th year.

**GOVERNOR APPOINTS MSUM'S
SUOMALA TO PERPICH
CENTER ARTS BOARD**

Gov. Tim Pawlenty announced the appointment of Dorothy Suomala, an associate professor of educational leadership at MSU Moorhead, to a four-year term on the Perpich Center for Arts Education board of directors.

She was one of four new members appointed last week to the 15-member board.

The Perpich Center for Arts Education, located in Golden Valley, Minn., includes a Research, Assessment and Curriculum Center; the Professional Development Institute; and the Learning Resource Center. They all serve teachers and schools across the state. It is also home to the Arts High School, serving Minnesota 11th and 12th grade students.

Suomala has more than 40 years experience in education, having served as a teacher, principal, superintendent and college professor. She was previously the director of graduate studies at MSUM, and served as the interim dean of the university's College of Education and Human Services from 2003-05.

Now on phased retirement, she's currently working on a master of science degree in counseling at MSUM.

**PPB COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER
RECEIVES CORRICK SPIRIT AWARD**

Marie Lucero, communications manager for Prairie Public Broadcasting, has been named the recipient of MSUM's seventh annual Delmar G. Corrick Spirit and Vision Award.



It's presented annually by the faculty of the Corrick Center to a graduate who exemplifies the spirit of Delmar G. Corrick, who retired in 1997 after 21 years at

the university, 16 of them as director of the New Center.

Corrick's egalitarian vision of higher education and his belief in the potential of the human spirit prompted the center to create an award in his honor.

The Corrick Center is an alternative entry program at MSUM, established for students who don't meet the university's requirements for admission, but show promise to succeed in college.

Lucero, a 1998 MSUM English/mass communications graduate, enrolled in the Corrick Center 15 years after graduating from Fargo South. She previously worked as a bank branch manager and later sold mutual funds for a New York-based company in Denver before she married and started raising two daughters.

She said enrolling at MSUM through the Corrick Center gave her a needed adjustment period to get back into the discipline of studying and provided a small college family atmosphere that helped ease her into student life.

Lucero has been Prairie Public Broadcasting's communication manager for nearly eight years, creating promotional campaigns, leading community engagement activities, and writing the television and radio network's monthly member magazines, CEO newsletters and annual reports.

She also writes and edits for "Area Woman" magazine and the Lake Agassiz Arts Council "Art Forum," edits graduate disquisitions for the NDSU graduate programs office, and edits scholarly journal articles for the NDSU Transportation Institute.

She lives in Moorhead with her daughters Emily, a sophomore at MSUM, and Kate, who will become an MSUM freshman in 2009.

WELCOMING RECEPTION FOR NEW ADMINISTRATORS AND DIRECTORS THURSDAY, OCT. 4

President Barden will host a welcoming reception for six new administrators and directors here from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4 on the Library Porch. Stop by and meet **Daniel Kirk**, vice president for Facilities and Administration; **Diane Solinger**, assistant vice president of Student Affairs; **Doug Peters**, director of Athletics; **Michael Parks**, director of Campus Security; **Greg Wymer**, coordinator of International Affairs; and **Rebecca Sundet-Schoenwald**, assistant to the dean,

College of Arts and Humanities. A brief program starts at 2:45 p.m. and refreshments will be served.

2007 COMBINED CHARITIES CAMPAIGN STARTS OCT. 1

The annual Minnesota State Employees Combined Charities Campaign has begun. This campaign is planned and administered by state employees. During the campaign, you will have the opportunity to make a pledge to donate funds to a charity of your choice.

As an MSUM employee, you can invest in the Moorhead and Fargo communities when you contribute. Your

investment, small or large, will make a difference. You may choose to support programs that meet humanitarian needs as well as programs that aim to create lasting change in our communities. With the Combined Charities payroll deduction plan, you can pay your gift over the year, or you may choose a one-time gift to the charity of your choice.



MSUM's Combined Charities Goal: \$60,000

Last year, MSUM employees contributed \$55,813, most of which was designated to the United Way of Cass-Clay. Because of your generosity, Moorhead and Fargo are better places to live. Boldness in charity is our aim, so we have set our 2007-2008 goal at \$60,000.

Your investment can accomplish great things. For example, if you pledge \$10 per pay period through the United Way of Cass-Clay, your gift could provide eight weeks of support group services to children who've lost a loved one; or five weeks of fuel for the Daily Bread truck; or support for the early childhood initiative, Success by 6.

MSUM's Combined Charities Campaign team is Deb Lewis, Karen Mehnert-Meland, Peg Potter, and Cliff Schuette. This year's campaign will run through the month of October. Together, we can accomplish important goals with our philanthropy.

ILLUSION AND PERCEPTION HONORS LECTURE TUESDAY

"What Illusions Teach Us About Perception," an honors program lecture by Magda Chalikia from the MSUM psychology department, starts at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2 in Science Lab building 118.

MSUM'S BRADBURY NAMED TCU PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Tri-College University Educational Leadership Program announced last week the addition of Boyd Bradbury as an associate professor and program coordinator at MSUM.

As a co-coordinator with Thomas E. Hall of NDSU, Bradbury will oversee the MSUM Educational Leadership program and graduate cohort programs on the White Earth and Red Lake Indian Reservations in northwestern Minnesota.



Bradbury completed a master's degree in teaching with a major in Spanish at MSU-Mankato, where he also earned an educational specialist's degree. He received his doctorate in education in 2005 from Capella University, focusing on factors affecting achievement of Native American students on the White Earth Indian Reservation.

Bradbury served as a secondary Spanish teacher for four years, a high school principal for five years, and as a superintendent of schools for seven years in Minnesota. He continues to work closely with tribal officials to collaborate on various educational issues that impact the White Earth Indian Reservation, including a current comprehensive educational study involving eight school districts and multiple tribal and county entities.

The principal purpose of the Tri-College University Educational Leadership Program is to provide professional/academic education for individuals preparing for mid-management administrative positions (i.e., elementary school principal, secondary school principal, community education director), staff administrative positions (i.e., school district business managers, technology coordinators, curriculum coordinators), and upper-echelon administrative positions (i.e., superintendent of schools).

THEATRE ARTS ORGANIZATION RAISES \$1,200 FOR NORTHWOOD TORNADO VICTIMS

The MSUM Theatre Arts Department student organization, Performance Avenue, hosted a benefit performance called "Tonadoes Suck: An Evening of Comedy." Over 300 people attended the evening's festivities, which included performances by The Bearded Men Improv Group, The Sketch Comedy Group, and The Linebenders. All of the proceeds, over \$1,200, are being sent to the Northwood Victims Fund.

MSUM FILM STUDIES WINS AT SOUTH DAKOTA FILM FEST

MSU Moorhead Film Studies was well represented this past weekend (9/21-9/23) at the South Dakota Film Festival in Aberdeen. Twenty-seven current and recently graduated film students, accompanied by professors **Kyja Kristjansson-Nelson** and **Tom Brandau**, attended all three days of the festival, viewing almost 40 films.

Eight of those films were projects produced by MSUM film students and faculty including: "Work," a docu-portrait of two working men, one a farmer and the other a mechanic, which was made by MSUM film students Levi Moch (a recent graduate) and Justin Ullyott in the Advanced 16mm production class. "Work" was honored with the award for Best Documentary Short. Levi Moch was in attendance and received the Best Documentary award at an opening night gala/reception on Friday evening.



An inaugural freshman class... HONORS PROGRAM RECRUITS ENTERING FRESHMEN

An inaugural freshman class of 35 students entered MSU Moorhead's Honors Program this fall, the first time entering freshmen have been admitted into the program.

Prior to this year, the Honors Program was open to current students only. It's part of a university-wide effort to address the needs of high ability students.

"There's been a concerted decision to address these needs by making the Honors Program more visible and assuring its academic rigor," said Stephen Hamrick, director of the Honors Program and assistant professor of English.



Hamrick

The goal of recruiting freshmen into the Honors Program is to enroll high ability students who might otherwise go out of state and to engage them in campus life immediately after arriving at MSUM.

"During the first semester at college, students establish many learning patterns that they'll use for their entire career here," Hamrick said. "We need to capture their attention and energy as soon as they step on campus."

Benefits for new and returning honors students are a private honors study lounge, faculty mentors, and a new Honors Program office located in MacLean 281.

The Honors Program is integrating a living and learning philosophy, and this year has an honors floor in a campus residence hall, where a resident assistant challenges students to be leaders and assists in connecting them to the campus and the community.

"High performing students who live and learn with other like-minded students will perform to a higher level," Hamrick said. "Excellence begets excellence. It should improve overall academic performance and increase student retention."

Kate Priebe is a freshman speech-language-hearing science major from Liberty, Mo., who enrolled in the Honors Program for the challenge. She took college courses in high school so she's familiar with faculty expectations and college-level work. She lives on second floor West Snarr with 15 other honors students.

"I like it because I've become friends with people who are on the same intellectual level. We hang out and have many of the same classes so it's easy to go to a friend if you need help with homework," Priebe said. "And it's not a party floor. We can really concentrate on our studies."

New freshmen take honors classes in English, speech, and critical and multicultural thinking. About 20 Honors Program faculty teach seven courses, although that number will increase as the program grows and integrates more fully with academic majors.

Freshmen requirements for Honors Program admission include an ACT score of 26 or above, a 3.6 GPA, and a writing sample.

"If a student shows an interest and has the capacity, we're happy to include them in the program," Hamrick said. This year's freshman class has an average ACT score of 27 and an average GPA of 3.75. Additionally, if faculty members identify an excellent student who would benefit from the Honors Program, Hamrick encourages them to apply. "It's very doable, even as a first-

semester junior," he said. More than 200 students are currently in the Honors Program.

"By the time students complete the Honors Program, they will be very successful graduates either furthering their education or competing in the marketplace," Hamrick said. For junior English major Tarver Mathison, Reiles Acres, N.D., the Honors Program gives him the opportunity to focus more on academia and to take more challenging courses.

"The breadth of information the classes provides makes them far more interesting," Mathison said. "The focus is more on the liberal arts side of education, and since the professors understand that we're honor students, they give us more responsibility and challenges. The honors classes have helped foster certain values in me, such as responsibility and a love for education. I can see it transferring to other aspects of my life."

GIANT BOOK SALE: CLASSIC AND NEW BOOKS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS

The Library has been the recipient of a huge donation of hardcover and paperback books for children and young adults. These include used as well as new books. Books not needed by the library will be sold to the general public. Sales will be held in the Library Circulation Lobby every Friday from October 12 through Nov. 16 from 1-4 p.m.

Books will be sold alphabetically by author. The Oct. 12 sale will be for authors' names from A to C. This includes noteworthy authors such as Louisa May Alcott, Lloyd Alexander, Natalie Babbitt, John Bellairs, L.M. Boston, Beverly Cleary and Bruce Coville.

Proceeds from this sale will support the Great Plains Reading Review, the Library's Comstock Reading Aloud Initiative and the Library's general book fund.

WALKTOBER

Sign up at Hendrix Health Center to take part in the Walktober Challenge. By forming teams of three you will be given pedometers to monitor just how far you walk each day. Teams can consist of students, faculty, staff, or any combination of the three. The team who walks the most steps will be eligible for weekly prizes as well as a grand prize at the end of the month. Prizes include: waterbottles, T-shirts, massages, etc. Any questions, contact Lynn Peterson at 477-2211. Sign-up at Hendrix Health Center Friday, Sept. 28 - Friday, Oct. 5.

PHILOSOPHY FOR ALL F-M

Philosophy for All Fargo-Moorhead is open to everyone interested in philosophy. Its aim is to approach philosophical problems in a non-technical way to enable everyone to participate in discussion and debate, combining serious philosophical activity with an informal exchange of ideas and views.

Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Plains Art Museum, 704 1st Ave., North, Fargo.

The first meeting is Thursday, Oct. 18, on the third floor of the Plains Art Museum. The topic:

Can Instrumental Music Express Emotion?

Focus: It's widely assumed that instrumental music expresses emotions, such as the emotions of composers. Music's expressive power plays an important role in the philosophy of Schopenhauer, who thought that music can express abstract emotions. Schopenhauer's thesis was an important influence on Wagner. However, many philosophers do not believe that instrumental music has the capacity to express emotions. First, there is the problem of what counts as expression. Second, there is the problem of what counts as instrumental music. Following clarification of these two concepts, the talk will review the major philosophical arguments on this topic. **Ted Gracyk** from MSUM's philosophy department will make the presentation, followed by discussion.

The Nov. 15 meeting will focus on "Creativity and Madness" presented by Art Johnson, chaplain emeritus, St. Luke's/MeritCare, and the Dec. 20 session will be a "Socrates Café Meeting." For further information: Terry Adams, email: atsdr@msn.com, 234-0512 or Mark Chekola, email: chekola@mnstate.edu, 233-4621

ROLAND & BETH DILLE DISTINGUISHED FACULTY LECTURER AWARD

The Dille Fund for Excellence is a permanent endowment established in 1994 by the MSUM Alumni Foundation, through the generosity of MSUM alumni and friends, to honor the University's former president, Roland Dille and his wife, Beth Dille.

The endowment raised nearly \$3.2 million in gifts and pledges in 1994 and supports annual grants and the Dille Distinguished Faculty Lecturer Award. Each year, the Dille Fund for Excellence Committee and the President select one MSUM faculty member to receive the Dille Distinguished Faculty Lecturer Award.

The Dille Distinguished Faculty Lecturer Award is one of the highest honors MSUM bestows to its faculty. Honorees receive a \$1,200 honorarium and commemorative desk clock in a brief ceremony before they present the annual Dille Distinguished Faculty Lecture to an audience of campus and community members.

The Dille Fund for Excellence Committee invites nominations for the 2007-2008 Dille Distinguished Faculty Lecturer Award. Award nominees must be: tenured faculty members (in any discipline) at MSUM; respected by students and their peers for their roles as teachers and scholars; respected by their peers for developing stimulating ideas; and dynamic communicators, able to effectively present their ideas to an audience with wide-ranging backgrounds.

Faculty, staff, students and administrators may submit nominations. To nominate an MSUM faculty member for this prestigious honor, send a letter by **Nov. 15**, detailing how the individual embodies the criteria of the Dille Fund for Excellence Distinguished Faculty Lecturer Award to: Judy Strong, Office of Academic Affairs, Owens 205. The honoree will be announced in December.

CHELSEA HANDRICKS NAMED STUDENT LEADER OF THE MONTH

The Student Organization Advisory Committee named Chelsea Handricks, nominated by the grounds department, as the Student Leader of the Month for September.

The award recognizes one extraordinary student leader each month who has significantly contributed in some way to their student organization or the campus community.



Handricks works for the grounds department and was recognized for her sense of responsibility and her willingness to do any work asked of her. Her enthusiasm in taking charge of other student and leading by example put her in the spotlight for this month's award.

MSUM HELPS SPONSOR NORTHERN PLAINS CONFERENCE ON AGING AND DISABILITY

MSUM is one of the sponsors for the The Northern Plains Conference on Aging and Disability, scheduled October 3-5 at the Ramada Plaza Suites in Fargo. Sue Humphers-Ginther, sociology and coordinator of the gerontology major, is one of the committee members planning the conference.

Continuing Studies is handling preliminary mailings, registrations, and continuing education units (CEUs) for the event.

National, regional and local presenters promise something for the anticipated 350 participants, working in many facets of aging and disability. An extensive booth fair has been planned. The registration fee is \$100 for the general public and professionals (plus \$10 for CEU processing); the fee for retired persons age 60 and over is \$45. Fees are higher at the door.

If you have questions about the conference or would like a registration form, contact: MSUM Continuing Studies at 477-5862.

WIND ENSEMBLE ON STAGE SUNDAY

MSUM's Wind Ensemble is on stage at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7 in Weld Hall's Glasrud Auditorium. It's free.

FALL FANTASY PROGRAM AT SCIENCE CENTER THURSDAY

The MSUM Science Center presents its annual Fall Fantasy family education program from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4 at the Buffalo River site. Local animals will be the topics at campfires on the trails of the Buffalo River Site.

Guests will walk through the woods stopping to enjoy interpretive dramatizations about local wildlife. If the skies are clear, telescopes will be set up to view the autumn sky.

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS ABOUT STUDY ABROAD IN CUERNAVACA, MX OCT. 2 & 8

Anyone interested in participating in the Language and Culture Department's annual trip to Cuernavaca, Mexico is invited to attend a meeting in CMU 227 on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 4:30 p.m.. (For those who cannot make the first meeting, there will be a duplicate meeting Oct. 8 at 5 p.m. in CMU 227). Benjamin Smith (smithbe@mnstate.edu) will be coordinating the program that will leave May 9 and return June 7. Students will live with local families and be enrolled in classes at the Universidad Internacional where they can receive credit towards their major field of study. Included in the cost of the trip are excursions to Mexico City, Teotihuacan and Puebla. Information and applications for the program can also be found online at <http://www.mnstate.edu/language/Cuernavaca/info.htm>.

FACULTY BOOK TALK ON " MY FRESHMAN YEAR" SET OCT. 8

An MSUM Faculty Development Committee Book Talk Event on "My Freshman Year: What A Professor Learned By Becoming A Student" by Rebekah Nathan will be held at noon Monday, Oct. 8 in CMU 227.

Presenters include: Cliff Schuette, Deb Seaburg and Deb Deminck from the Counseling Center; Shawn Soderberg, Registrar's Office; and Linda Fuselier, Biosciences.

TRI-COLLEGE GRAD AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL INFORMATION DAY OCT. 3

MSUM Career Services is hosting Tri-College Graduate & Professional School Information Day on Wednesday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom, room 200. It's free!

First year students through seniors, graduate students, alumni and interested individuals from the FM area are invited to attend. Tell your students.

MISCELLANEA

* **Craig Ellingson**, theatre arts, will be collaborating with Theatre Arts alum and Moorhead High School's director of Theatre, Rebecca Meyer-Larson, in MHS' upcoming production of "High School Musical." Based on the Disney Channel's original movie, this musical extravaganza took pop culture by storm with its record-breaking popularity. Ellingson will be choreographing, with Meyer-Larson directing this regional premiere.

* Animated shorts from a series by **Kyja**

Kristjansson-Nelson, Film Studies, will screen at the Rotunda Cinematheque in Baltimore on Oct. 6. "Portraits & Testimonies #1: One Minute Interview", "Portraits & Testimonies #2: David Nickel" and "Portraits & Testimonies #3: Cris Siqueira", are part of "Cold Hearts Revisited" programmed by New York City curator Deidre Corley. The same weekend, "Portraits & Testimonies #3: Cris Siqueira" will screen at the Iowa City Experimental Film Festival, held Oct. 4-6. Guest jurors for the festival were experimental/documentary filmmakers of international renown, Naomi Uman and Bill Brown. "Portraits & Testimonies #3: Cris Siqueira" also recently screened at the One Minute Film and Video Festival in Aarau Switzerland.

* **Congratulations to George & Marlane Sanderson**, School of Business, who each received the 2007 Outstanding Accounting Educator Award last week. The awards were presented to them at the 2007 North Dakota Society of CPA Convention Banquet in Fargo.

NEW FACULTY AT MSUM THIS YEAR

* **Yolanda Arauza**, assistant professor, American Multicultural Studies: An instructor in MSUM's American Multicultural Studies department between 1998 and 2005, she's currently working on her doctorate in North American, Great Plains and World History at North Dakota State University, where she's expected to graduate this winter. She also holds a master's degree in history from NDSU and an undergraduate degree in political science from MSUM. Active in the local Chicanos and Latinos communities, she's a co-founder and charter member of Templo Cristiano, the Spanish Assembly of God Church in Moorhead, and received the Latina Achievement Award in 2004 and the Latina Woman of the Year award in 1999 from Mujeres Unidas. A doctoral fellow at Washington State University this summer, she was also a Bush Leadership Fellow in 2005-06.

* **Meena Balgopal**, assistant professor, Biosciences: She earned her doctorate in zoology from NDSU, a master's degree in entomology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an undergraduate degree in animal sciences from the University of Illinois: Urbana-Champaign. An Urbana, Ill., native, last year, as an adjunct lecturer here, she worked with an MSUM/White Earth Tribal College cooperative project guiding writing activities to increase ecological literacy among undergraduate biology students. Her previous experience ranges from working as an extension entomologist in California and as a researcher on insect vectors of plant parasites at the University of California Davis to several positions as a middle school and high school science teacher. Licensed to teach biology in North Dakota secondary schools, her research interests include studying fitness effects of plant chemicals on herbivores and their parasites along with improving ecological literacy of college students using written activities.

* **Jeff Ball**, assistant professor, Art and Design: An instructor in the Adrian (Mich.) College art and design program for the past seven years, he expects to complete his doctorate this winter in art history at the University of Missouri-Columbia, where he also earned his master's degree. His undergraduate degree in architectural history comes from Washington and Lee University. He previously worked as an adjunct professor at William Woods University, Westminster College and the University of Missouri-Columbia, and as an architectural consultant in the restoration of the Missouri State Capitol.

* **Joel Beard**, instructor, Athletics: A special education paraprofessional and assistant varsity football coach (offensive coordinator) for the past five years at Nicolet High School in Wisconsin, he earned his undergraduate degree in psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, where he also served as an assistant football coach. While attending the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, he was a four-year shooting guard on the basketball team and quarterback for the football team. His previous experience includes coaching jobs at several Wisconsin junior and senior high schools.

* **Ken Bertolini**, assistant professor, Technology: President of Kenneth Bertolini Builders in East Lansing, Mich., for the past 10 years and co-owner of a related development company, he earned both

an undergraduate degree and master's degree in construction management from Michigan State University. He also has experience teaching construction management courses at Michigan State. For the past seven years he's also served on the board of directors for the Michigan Association of Home Builders.

* **Kristin Boyes**, instructor and head softball coach, Athletics: A graduate assistant coach at Southwest Minnesota State the past two years, where she helped the Mustangs capture back-to-back Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference regular season titles and advance to the NCAA Division II North Central Regional tournament in 2006 and 2007. Prior to joining the staff at SMSU, Boyes was an assistant coach at Dodge City (Kan.) High School in 2005 and spent two seasons at Dodge City Community College from 2000-2002 as a catcher and designated hitter and was elected captain as a sophomore. She holds an undergraduate degree in education from Emporia State and a master of science in education from Southwest State.

* **Boyd Bradbury**, associate professor, Educational Leadership: Superintendent for Waubun-Ogema-White Earth Community schools for the past seven years, he holds a doctorate in general education from Capella (Minneapolis) University along with a specialist degree in educational leadership and a master of arts in teaching Spanish from Minnesota State University, Mankato. Originally from Vergas, Minn., he began his career as a high school Spanish instructor at Wadena-Deer Creek Public Schools and then Blue Earth Area Schools before moving into administration as secondary principal at Benson High School, all located in Minnesota. As superintendent in Waubun, he was a director for the Bemidji Regional Interdistrict Executive Council and the Mahnommen Interagency Collaborative.

* **Donna Brown**, assistant professor, Counseling Education: Program coordinator and assistant director of American Indian Student Services for the past 15 years at the University of North Dakota, where she earned her doctorate in education and master's degree in counseling. She's a member of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Tribe, a former Bush Fellow and a member of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education. Her research focuses on retention and student services for American Indians.

* **Mary Dosch**, instructor, Psychology: A school psychologist with the Fargo Public School District and a literary coach for the Minnesota Reading Corps last year, she earned her specialist and master of science degree in school psychology from MSU Moorhead along with her undergraduate degree in psychology. For the past three years she's also served as an adjunct instructor here, at NDSU and at NDSCS, and as a school psychologist for the West Fargo Public School District. She is president-elect for the North Dakota Association of School Psychologists.

* **Rebecca Gardner**, assistant professor, Corrick Center: She comes here from the University of North Dakota and Sitting Bull (Fort Yates, S.D.) College, where she served as an English instructor. She earned an undergraduate psychology degree at MSUM and a master of arts in English language and literature from the University of North Dakota, where she's pursuing a doctorate. Originally from St. Louis Park, Minn., she also worked eight years as an assistant director at the UND

TRIO program, helping low-income, first-generation adults gain entrance to and succeed in higher education. Her research interests include the conflicts in writing assessment between reliability, validity and the complexity of writing. She's also exploring informal logic and argument theory as they relate to rhetoric.

* **Tracy Gompf**, assistant professor, Paralegal: He received his undergraduate degree in 1989 from the University of Minnesota, and his J.D. in 1995 from the University of North Dakota Law School. He was engaged in private practice at Fargo-Moorhead area law firms as well as in Great Bend, Kans., from 1995 through 2006. His legal experience includes general practice with an emphasis in criminal law, family law, personal injury and employment law. Gompf has worked on a wide variety of cases from class action lawsuits involving several thousand plaintiff's to being engaged as a public defender for the East Central Judicial District in Fargo. He has lectured at continuing education seminars for lawyers, paralegals and human resource professionals in addition to lecturing as an adjunct instructor at several institutions. He is licensed in state and federal court in North Dakota and Minnesota and belongs to several bar associations.

* **Adam Goyt**, assistant professor, Mathematics: A graduate teaching assistant for the past five years at Michigan State University, East Lansing, where he recently earned his doctorate and earlier his master's degree in mathematics. He was named Mathematics Student of the Year as a senior undergraduate at Adrian College. His research interests are in algebraic and enumerative combinatorics: pattern avoidance and containment in permutations.

* **Merrie Sue Holtan**, instructor, Communication Studies: An adjunct instructor and assistant professor at Concordia College for the past 18 years, she holds a MFA in creative writing from MSUM, a master's degree in speech communication and community education from NDSU, and a master of science in speech communication and English education from the University of Minnesota. A freelance writer for more than 30 years, she's also worked as a public speaking and media writing teacher at MSUM, as a corporate trainer at Great Plains Microsoft in Fargo and as a communications director for the F-M Family YMCA.

* **Elizabeth Kirchoff**, assistant professor, English: An instructor of English for the past six years at St. Cloud State University, where she earned her undergraduate degree in English and master's degrees in English and Teaching English as a Second Language. She recently earned her doctorate in literacy at the University of Minnesota. Born and raised in Detroit, her academic specialty is English education, composition and linguistics. Her research focuses on ways teachers' and students' perceptions of identity influence the creation and interpretation of teacher feedback to student writing.

* **Daniel Kirk**, vice president, Facilities and Administration: Since 2000, Kirk has held dual positions as associate vice president for facilities and administration at Metropolitan State University and associate vice president at Minneapolis Community and Technical College. In his new position, Kirk will assume administrative support of the university's mission and strategic plan and leadership in MSUM's plans for all buildings, grounds and related operations.

Kirk is experienced in the administration of capital project development from pre-design through project completion within the Minnesota State system. During the past seven years, he has participated in the successful completion of more than \$55 million in capital projects for the two Twin Cities institutions, where projects totaling \$23 million are currently underway. Kirk holds an undergraduate psychology degree from Dakota Wesleyan University, and a master's degree in personnel services and counseling from the University of South Dakota. He is currently an MBA candidate at Metropolitan State University.

* **Hardy Koenig**, assistant professor, Theatre Arts: For the past four years he's been the Educational Theatre director for the Southeastern Theatre Conference, where he traveled presenting workshops on auditioning for students and professors. He holds an MFA in acting from the University of North Carolina Greensboro and a degree in drama from the University of Texas Austin. Koenig will teach all levels of acting and directing as well as directing shows for the theatre department. He previously taught at High Point University in North Carolina and St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn. In a prior life, before committing to a career in academics, Koenig was a drummer in rock bands in California and Texas and paid his way through college as a deputy constable in Austin, Texas.

* **Anthony Lowrie**, associate professor, Business Administration: An assistant professor of marketing at Edgewood (Madison, Wis.) College before coming here last year, he holds a doctorate in marketing from the University of Cambridge and an MBA from Oxford Brookes in England along with a master's and undergraduate degree from Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. Before pursuing his doctorate, he was a teaching fellow at Loughborough University Business School in England. He's a specialist in consumer behavior and marketing research. He also has research interests in the marketing of higher education and is organizing the International Conference in Higher Education Marketing in Poland, 2008.

* **Pamela McGee**, assistant professor, Technology: She comes here from Microsoft and Great Plains Software in Fargo, where for the past seven years she held several positions ranging from director of Global Marketing Business and Operations and director of Global Human Resources to senior consultant and program director for global leadership development. She owns her own business consulting firm where she consults on business strategies, operations and project management, and leadership. She also travels and does keynotes on the numerous business topics. She holds an MBA degree from the University of North Dakota and an undergraduate degree in business administration from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. She previously taught at Mayville State University and Dickinson State University in North Dakota. Before joining academia, she worked as an assistant manager at Eddie Bauer Clothing in Grand Forks and as sales and marketing manager for Dayton Hudson Incorporated (now Macy's department store) in Grand Forks, Minneapolis and Appleton, Wis.

* **Christine Metz**, assistant professor, Philosophy: A visiting assistant professor of women's studies at MSU Mankato last year, she earned her doctorate in

philosophy and master's degree in geography at the University of Kentucky and undergraduate degrees in philosophy and psychology from Ripon College. After graduating from college, she spent a year teaching English at a high school in Hungary. She's also taught at St. Cloud State and Gustavus Adolphus College. She specializes in 20th century continental philosophy, phenomenology, the philosophy of the body and feminist theory.

* **Jay Noland**, instructor, Mathematics: He's taught three years of high school mathematics in various settings and as a teaching assistant as a graduate student. He earned a bachelor's in mathematics education from MSU Moorhead and a master's in mathematics from South Dakota State University. His academic interests lie in mathematics education, which will eventually be the focus of his doctoral work.

* **Theresa Nygaard**, instructor, Corrick Center: She earned her undergraduate degree in Earth Science Education at MSUM and is currently pursuing her master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction. She continues to teach part time at a Fargo middle school in the science department. Nygaard's primary focus while working for the MSUM Regional Science Center was presenting shows in the planetarium and assisting with observational astronomy programs at the Science Center's Buffalo River site. Since her graduation from MSUM, she now spends most of her summer hours at the Buffalo River site teaching in the great outdoors.

* **Benjamin Olson**, instructor, Athletics: A graduate assistant and tight end coach at the University of North Dakota for the past two years, he earned an undergraduate degree in social science from UND, where he's currently seeking a master's degree in kinesiology. He was an all-conference, All-American offensive lineman for the Sioux and signed a free agent contract with the Seattle Seahawks after graduating. He spent the 2004 season playing with the Billings Outlaws and the following season with the Everett Hawks in the National Indoor Football League.

* **Michael Parks**, director, Campus Security: For the past four years he was coordinator and a member of the faculty at Minnesota West's Law Enforcement Academy. He will oversee a staff of more than 20 full- and part-time Campus Security employees, the majority of them student workers. Originally from Dilworth, Parks attended MSUM for one year before earning an associate degree in Law Enforcement at Alexandria Technical College. He later earned a bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement at Metropolitan State University and a master's degree in Leadership at Concordia University in St. Paul. Parks started his career as a patrol officer in his hometown of Dilworth and then served 11 years as a patrol officer and narcotics detective for the Lakeville (Minn.) Police Department.

* **Alexander Pershounin**, assistant professor, Music: Previously an assistant professor of bass and director of jazz studies at Westfield (Mass.) State College, he holds a doctorate and master's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and a master's and undergraduate degree from Gnessins' Russian Academy of Music in Moscow, one of the most prestigious musical institutions in the country. He started his career as a musician at the age of 16, performing extensively throughout Europe, coming to the United States in 1998 to finish

his graduate degrees. His performing credits include collaboration projects and appearances with world-class artists and ensembles ranging from Ray Charles and Yo Yo Ma to Doc Severinsen, the MKC Big Band and Bob Berg to Benny Golson and Tom 'Bones' Malone. He also has recorded several commercially produced compact disc albums and music to four full-length motion pictures, maintaining a private studio of double bass and bass guitar since 1989.

* **Doug Peters**, director, Athletics: Athletic director at Valley City State University for the past 3 years. Peters was responsible for all aspects of the organization and administration of the intercollegiate athletics. Peters also had responsibilities within the VCSU Foundation and was responsible for athletic development. Prior to his appointment at Valley City State, he coached and worked in athletic administration at Bemidji State. Peters served as Director of Development for Intercollegiate Athletics after having served as the Beaver Pride Coordinator for the Beaver athletic department. He also was an assistant basketball coach from 1996-2003. A former student-athlete at Bemidji State, Peters received undergraduate degrees in business administration and sports management. He added a master's degree in physical education in 2000. Peters was a two-year basketball letterman and captain at Bemidji State and an honorable mention All-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference selection. He transferred to BSU after three years at Eastern Wyoming College. Peters grew up in Fort Lupton, Colorado.

* **Kristina Peterson**, instructor, Counseling Education: A graduate assistant for the President's Diversity Council and Anti-Racism Team last year at NDSU, where she's pursuing a doctorate in counselor education. She earned her undergraduate degree in psychology and master's degree in counseling, also from NDSU. Peterson's previous experience includes private practice counseling, specializing in working with children and adolescents. She's also worked as a social service/mental health coordinator in a Head Start program serving low-income children and their families. Her research interest, and also her dissertation topic, is "The Grief Experience of African-American Homicide Survivors."

* **Aaron Quanbeck**, assistant professor, Mass Communications: Since 1997, he has served as news director for Studio One, a weekly television program produced at the University of North Dakota and telecast live on Grand Forks Cable Channel 3. The program is re-broadcast on Prairie Public Television and on cable television systems across North Dakota, eastern Minnesota and southern Manitoba as well as the metropolitan areas of Denver and the Twin Cities. In that position he helped train and supervise a staff of student interns who produce this one-hour news, weather and sports program. He recently earned an Eric Sevareid Award for his 2006 documentary work titled "UND Clay: the Cable Years." Before joining UND, he worked four years as a reporter, photographer and editor at WDAZ-TV in Grand Forks, where he earned an Eric Sevareid Award from the Northwest Broadcast News Association for his documentary/series "Moose Research" and was part of a news team that won an Edward R. Murrow Award for coverage of the flood of 1997 in Grand Forks. Raised on a farm near McVile, N.D., he earned

his undergraduate degree at MSUM in 1993 (working all four years as an honors apprentice producer with the university's Campus News program) and later a master's degree in communications at UND.

* **Lacey Saga**, preschool teacher, Early Education Center: A recent summa cum laude graduate of MSUM's Early Childhood Education program, where last year she worked part time as a first grade and preschool student teacher. She also has practicum experience as a preschool and elementary teacher at several Fargo and Moorhead schools. She's also held positions as an American Reads tutor, child-care worker and nanny.

* **Bonita Schmidt**, instructor, Mathematics: She comes here with 25 years of experience teaching university students, most recently as a visiting assistant professor at Concordia College, Moorhead. She holds a master's degree in mathematics from Wichita State University and an undergraduate degree in math and chemistry from Dickinson State. She began her career as a laboratory technician at NDSU's Biosciences Research Laboratory and from 1982-2001 taught mathematics at MSU Moorhead as an instructor, assistant professor and adjunct professor.

* **Diane Solinger**, assistant vice president, Student Affairs: The interim director of development for the past two years in the student affairs division at MSU Mankato, where she's worked 13 years in positions ranging from interim vice president for student affairs to director of residential life. She earned her undergraduate degree in personnel services from MSU Moorhead and a master's degree in college student personnel from Western Illinois University. Her previous experience includes four years as director of residence life, two years as associate director and three years as complex director at the University of Denver, where she earned a certificate in public relations.

* **Rebecca Sundet-Schoenwald**, assistant to the dean, College of Arts and Humanities: For seven years she served as executive director of the Fargo-Moorhead Opera Company, where she became part of an effort that tripled the budget and elevated the company's status as one of the best small opera companies in the nation. She left that position in 2006 to serve as project manager for local artist Marjorie Schlossman on her Roberts Street Chaplet Project, a collaboration with six regional architects that won recognition in *Architectural Record*, *International Design Magazine*, and other national architecture journals. Sundet-Schoenwald earned a degree in music (flute performance) from Brandon University in Manitoba and a master's degree in music (flute performance) from Ithaca (N.Y.) College. She has previous experience in corporate marketing and communications, and worked as a journalist for the *Minot Daily News*. In her new position, she'll be a liaison between the office of the dean and the MSUM Alumni Foundation, the university's news and media department and the Grants Office. She'll also work with departments and programs in the College of Arts and Humanities in support of their goals.

* **Shannon Terry**, instructor, Sociology: An adjunct professor here for the past six years, she earned her master's degree in sociology from NDSU and an undergraduate degree in sociology and criminal justice from MSUM. Her previous experience includes teaching positions at Fergus Falls Community College, the

University of Wisconsin-Superior, Minot State University and Minot Air Force Base.

* **Mary Thron**, Spanish instructor, Languages and Cultures: An adjunct Spanish teacher here for the past two years, she holds master's degrees in Spanish language and culture from the University of Salamanca, Spain, and in education from NDSU. She moved to Fargo-Moorhead from New York City to direct the Concordia Language Villages program. She regularly collaborates with John Rassias of Dartmouth College, presenting his dramatic language teaching methodology. Her research focus is on recovering the literature of post-Spanish Civil War exiled women writers.

* **Roy Thurston**, assistant professor, Special Education: An assistant professor of educational psychology and special education at California State University-San Bernardino for the past three years, he holds a doctorate in educational research (brain injury, memory and learning) and a master's degree in educational research (the brain injured student in the classroom) from the University of Calgary. He's taught in both the public and private school systems in the Province of Alberta, covering curriculum from elementary through secondary schools for students with both cognitive and physical disabilities. A native of Calgary, he also taught two years at Northern State (S.D.) University. His research interests are in the areas of traumatic brain injury and memory.

* **Tracy Wright**, assistant professor, Nursing: Ms. Wright has been working in nursing practice and nursing education, both within and outside of the MnSCU system for more than 10 years. She has been an active member of several local, regional and statewide committees and has served in various nursing leadership and health division chair roles at institutions of higher education. The last eight years of her career in nursing education have included extensive online and web-enhanced training and delivery of nursing curriculum. Born and raised in Cresco, Iowa, she earned her undergraduate degree in nursing, master's degree in nursing, and is currently a doctoral candidate with plans for completion September 2007, all from UND. Her nursing practice experience includes medical-surgical research, pediatrics, neonatal intensive care, women's health, gerontology and post-partum. Her research has focused on adult women's urologic health and psychometric analysis.

* **Greg Wymer**, coordinator, International Student Affairs: For the past three years he served as assistant director of International Student Services at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, Minn., where he earned an MBA and undergraduate degrees in arts and history. He also holds a master of science in educational leadership from MSU, Mankato. He previously worked as a transfer specialist and international student officer for four years and as an admission counselor for five years, all at Southwest Minnesota State.

(Also new on the faculty are **Pamela Kirk**, nursing; and **Sean Taylor**, history)