
**FILM STUDIES PROF WINS
\$50,000 BUSH FELLOWSHIP**

Kyja Kristjansson-Nelson, an MSUM Film Studies professor, is among 15 winners of this year's Bush Artists Fellowships, each receiving \$50,000 to continue developing their work.

The Bush Artist Fellows Program, established in 1976, is one of only two open-application artist fellowships in the country to provide grants of this size. It supports artists from Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.



A panel of nationally recognized artists and arts leaders from outside the Foundation's region chose 35 finalists from 477 applications. The winners were announced in May.

Under the fellowship, Kristjansson-Nelson will complete some works in progress, but her main focus will be to shoot a project in northeastern North Dakota, where part of her family came after emigrating from Iceland. It follows the work she did in Iceland last year on a Fulbright Grant.

A filmmaker, animator and artist who joined MSUM's faculty this year, Kristjansson-Nelson spent most of last year living in Hofsós, a town of about 200 in northern Iceland, where she worked on a film project under a Fulbright Fellowship. She recently completed her MFA in Film at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, where she also taught film and video production. She holds an undergraduate degree in film studies, film production and Icelandic language and culture from the University of Minnesota. She's won several awards for her independent films, including a Moondance Calypso Award and a Kodak Vision Award, and her work has been shown at film festivals around the world.

MSUM GOING SMOKE FREE

MSUM announced this spring it is banning smoking, tobacco use and tobacco sales on campus, making it among the first universities in the country to do so.

The ban takes effect Jan. 1 and includes all university properties and vehicles. Altogether, 440 campus-owned acres are affected. The policy was approved by Pres. Roland Barden after a recommendation by the alcohol and college life committee.

Susanne Williams, chairwoman of that committee, said enforcement will rely on people telling smokers to put away their cigarettes, or calling on the student judicial system or campus security for help.

Her committee studied the possible consequences of the ban on the area surrounding campus. There were concerns that neighbors would complain about people crossing the street to smoke. She said the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith, which is similar in size to the Moorhead campus and is also in a residential area, went smoke free and didn't report any problems.

To ease the transition, the university will offer a quit-smoking program to students and employees this fall.

**MSUM BEGINNING TO OFFER
FOUR-YEAR DEGREES
AT TWIN CITIES CAMPUSES**

More than 50 faculty, staff, students and business partners attended a signing ceremony this spring to witness North Hennepin Community College President Ann Wynia and MSUM President Roland Barden formalize an agreement that makes it possible for students in the Twin Cities metropolitan area to earn a bachelor of arts degree in biology from MSUM at the NHCC campus in Brooklyn Park starting this fall.

This is just one of many agreements being formed between MSUM and Twin Cities community colleges to help meet the needs of students in Minneapolis/St. Paul and the entire state of Minnesota future.

Other Twin Cities degree programs offered by MSUM so far:

- * Bachelor of science degree in "Special Education: Emotional/Behavior Disorders" at Anoka-Ramsey Community College Cambridge Campus and at Century College in White Bear Lake.
- * Bachelor of science degree in "Operations Management" at North Hennepin Community College.
- * Bachelor of science degree in "Construction Management" at North Hennepin Community College.

PHONATHON RAISES \$224,000 IN PLEDGES

MSUM student callers contacted more than 16,000 of our alums during the annual Alumni Foundation Phonathohn this spring and collected over \$224,000 in pledges to support university scholarships, student activities and alumni events.

MSUM ANNOUNCES THIS YEAR'S READ ALOUD BOOK AWARDS

A picture book about a diapered possum who saves his friends from a snapping turtle while on their way through the murky swamps of Bayou Lafourche to fetch "sody sallyraytus" (baking soda to Yankees) to make sweet biscuits for his birthday and another illustrated book about a girl trying to prove her father is really a dog, were named winners of this year's third annual Read Aloud Book Awards.

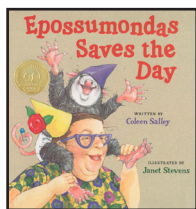
The awards program is administered by the staff of the Minnesota State University Moorhead library's Curriculum Materials Center, which holds a large collection of children's books and resource materials for teachers.

"At the beginning of the year, we asked publishers to send us copies of picture books published in 2006 that they'd like to nominate for the awards," says Carol Sibley, MSUM's curriculum librarian. "We received about 500 titles, which our committee first screened, then selected 250 to be field tested."

Eighteen regional teachers and librarians, along with about 70 MSUM elementary and early childhood education majors, read these books aloud to nearly 19,000 children this past year.

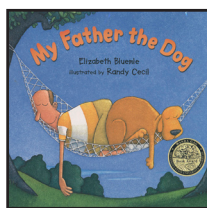
The winners:

"Epossumondas Saves the Day," written by Coleen Salley, illustrated by Janet Stevens and published by Harcourt, received the Comstock Book Award for the best read aloud picture book for older children (ages 8-12). The award is named in recognition of the pioneering Moorhead family headed by Solomon G. Comstock, a Moorhead State Senator and U.S. Congressman who's considered the father of the Moorhead Normal School (now MSUM.)



Author Salley, a retired children's literature professor and professional storyteller, lives in the French Quarter of New Orleans. This is her third book about Epossumondas. Illustrator Stevens lives in Boulder, Colo.

"My Father the Dog," written by Elizabeth Bluemle, illustrated by Randy Cecil and published by Candlewick Press, received the Wanda Gág Book Award for the best read aloud picture book for younger children (preschool to age 8). It's named in honor of Wanda Gág, a children's book author, illustrator and artist who grew up in New Ulm, Minn. She's best known for "Millions of Cats" (published in 1928), which is considered the first American picture book.



This is the first book for author Bluemle, who owns The Flying Pig Bookstore in Charlotte, Vt. Illustrator Cecil lives in Houston.

Books receiving honorable mentions:

Comstock Honor Books:

"Keeper of Soles" by Teresa Bateman, illustrated by Yayo. Holiday House.

"Christmas in the Trenches" by John McCutcheon, illustrated by Henri Sørensen. Peachtree Press.

"Learning to Fly" by Sebastian Meschenmoser. Kane/Miller Press.

Wanda Gág Honor Books:

"My Cat, the Silliest Cat in the World" by Gilles Bachelet. Abrams Books for Young Readers.

"One Potato, Two Potatoes" by Cynthia DeFelice, illustrated by Andrea U'Ren. Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

"365 Penguins" by Jean-Luc Fromental, illustrated by Joëlle Jolivet. Abrams Books for Young Readers.

The book award project is partially funded by a grant from the Solomon G. Comstock Memorial Fund of the Minneapolis Foundation and MSUM's Wanda Gág Book Award Fund.

What makes a good children's picture book? Here are some tips from MSUM curriculum librarian Sibley:

- * Appeals to children across several age or grade levels
- * Has suspense
- * Is interactive
- * Has humor
- * Generates discussion or other responses
- * Includes rhythm and rhyme
- * Has illustrations that draw the listeners in and expand on the story
- * Relates to the lives of children
- * Appeals strongly to their emotions
- * Provides windows into other cultures and ways of life
- * Is creative, offering something new

MICROBIOLOGY SOCIETY PUBLISHES WISE'S SPREAD PLATE PROJECT

The American Society for Microbiology (ASM) announced the publication of Kathryn Wise's Spread Plate project in the Atlas-Protocol Collection of the MicrobeLibrary. Wise, a professor of biosciences here, served as the Atlas-Protocol Project Manager for images in the Spread Plate project.

Founded in 2004, the Atlas-Protocol Collection provides a series of images that support the learning and use of standard microbiology protocols. The Collection provides access to over 300 high-quality images linked to 11 commonly used protocols. Images are accessed through MicrobeLibrary, an online, searchable collection of 1,600+ peer-reviewed resources for undergraduate microbiology and biology education. The Library builds upon the scientific expertise, intellectual creativity, and private collections of the members of ASM and other microbial researchers from around the world and it receives an average of almost 500,000 hits per month.

"We saw a need in the education community for quick and easy access to images related to standard microbiology protocols. As usual, leaders in the community responded to those needs," says Ann C. Smith, instructor for the department of cell biology and

molecular genetics at the University of Maryland, College Park, Md., and editor-in-chief of the Atlas-Protocol Collection. "Each project is envisioned to be dynamic as we are always seeking additional images to add to the databases or suggestions about protocols. Presently, we are on track to surpass our own goal of having 20 Atlas-Protocols projects completed and available online in the MicrobeLibrary by 2008."

These resources are an important addition to the MicrobeLibrary. Given the current social and political climate, it is more important than ever that authoritative materials are available to help students, the general public, and other scientists understand the significance and impact of microorganisms in the world.

MicrobeLibrary is a founding partner of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's BiosciEdNet Collaborative (<http://www.bioscienet.org>), a portal sponsored by the National Science Foundation's National Science Digital Library (<http://www.nsdlib.org>). The Library, which has won many citations and media accolades, is the first service of its kind and continues to be recognized as one of the best resources for science information.

For more information about MicrobeLibrary, visit www.MicrobeLibrary.org.

19 WORK PLAN INITIATIVES FUNDED

The University Planning & Budget Committee recommended funding 19 work plan initiatives for Fiscal Year 2008 at its meeting on Thursday, May 10, 2007. The recommendations follow a semester-long review of proposals for the new fiscal year that were presented by Athletics, Office of the President, University Advancement, University Development & Alumni Relations, Academic Affairs, Administrative Affairs, and Student Affairs.

The committee made its selections from 56 proposed initiatives that totaled \$1,896,697.

Each division of the University prepared a master work plan presentation for the University Planning & Budget Committee outlining Fiscal Year 2008 priorities. Based on the presentation and discussion, the University Planning & Budget Committee recommended and President Barden approved funding the following work plan initiatives for FY 2008.

MnSCU Strategic Direction 1: Increase access & opportunity
\$ 16,000 Assistant Swimming Coach
\$135,000 Bioscience Collaborations, Electronic Library Reserves, and Operations Management & Coordination with Businesses
\$ 5,225 Dragons After Dark
\$150,000 Recruitment & Image Advertising Initiative, Phase III

MnSCU Strategic Direction 2: Promote & measure high-quality learning programs & services
\$ 40,000 Criminal Justice
\$ 16,000 Emergency Blue Light Telephones

\$ 29,000 Increase 2 PT Faculty Lines in MC to full-time
\$ 21,000 Increase Assist VP for Assessment to 0.74 FTE from 0.50
\$ 55,500 International Programs Staffing
\$ 26,550 RightNow Technology

MnSCU Strategic Direction 4: Innovate to Meet Current & Future Educational Needs Efficiently
\$ 5,225 Administrative Affairs Training
\$ 10,000 Building Services Improvement
\$ 20,000 Continuous Upgrade of Campus Computer Network
\$ 14,000 Institutional Emergency Operations Plan Training & Supplies
\$ 16,000 Nemzek Hall Security
\$ 38,000 Office and Administrative Specialist Intermediate (.75 FTE)
\$ 20,000 Special Major Gifts Initiative

The work plan initiative summaries are available for your reference on the University web page <http://www.mnstate.edu/president/StrategicPlanning/FY2008FundedInitiatives.htm>

University Planning & Budget Committee membership includes:

Roland Barden, President (Chairperson)
Bette Midgarden, Vice President Academic Affairs
David Crockett, Vice President Administrative Affairs
Warren Wiese, Vice President Student Affairs
Doug Hamilton, Executive Director Public Relations
Brittney Goodman, Director Instructional Resources
Rinita Dalan, IFO, Anthropology & Earth Science
Barb Matthees, IFO, Nursing
Larry Schwartz, IFO, Instructional Resources
Scott Seltveit, IFO, Technology
Cliff Schuette, MSUAASF, Counseling Center
Bryan Kotta, MAPE, Information Technology
Nancy Kruse, AFSCME, Continuing Studies
Dave Renecker, AFSCME, Physical Plant
Leigh Wilson-Mattson, Student, Student Senate President
Joe Rapp, Student
Jennifer Ohren, Student
Michael Redlinger, Neighborhood Representative
Jean Hollaar, ex-officio, University Planning & Budget Officer

OFFICIAL NOTICE

To: All Faculty
From: Roland Barden

I have approved the recommendations of the Academic Policy Advisory Council as reported in the APAC minutes of March 27 and April 17, 2007. The Deans' Council has reviewed the recommendations and the MSUM FA waived its right to meet and confer on all items [05/03/07 meeting].
5/10/07

CSA SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

The Council on Staff Affairs congratulates the following students on being selected as the recipients of the CSA Scholarship for the 2007-2008 academic year:

Katherine Anderson, daughter of Donald Anderson & Ilene Trittin-Anderson
 Katie Anderson, daughter of Gloria Riopelle
 Ginny Bachmann
 Kay Braton
 Angela Eck, daughter of Phil and Karla Wenger
 Kristen Estrem, daughter of Sherry Estrem
 Katelyn Hogue, daughter of Sherri Hogue
 Kirk Jensen, son of Jenny Jensen
 Jason Lehman, son of Sumi Lehman
 Chelsea Lugert, daughter of Randy Lugert
 Gloria Riopelle
 Katherine Schaffer, daughter of Linda Motzko
 Thomas Seim, son of Mary Seim-O'Reilly
 Jacob Vossler, son of Kris Vossler

This is made possible by donations from all staff and faculty at MSU Moorhead. Thank you very much for your continued support of the Council on Staff Affairs Scholarship program.

MSUM STUDENT'S RESEARCH ON WORKING WOMEN AND COMMUTING WINS \$1,000 PRIZE

David Slovick, an MSUM senior economics major, was awarded the university's Business Division Research Prize and a \$1,000 scholarship for his paper on "The Labor Force Participation of Women and Commuting Time Across Metropolitan Statistical Areas."



The award is reserved for student research papers that would warrant publication in a refereed journal or be suitable for presentation at an off-campus business or academic conference.

Slovick is a 1995 graduate of Moorhead High School and the son of Dave and Karla Slovick of Moorhead. After graduating this month, he will begin a new job as a catastrophe modeling specialist with Willis, Inc., a Minneapolis consulting and brokering firm.

His paper examined the impact of commuter distance on the decision of women to work or not work. Using data he collected from 125 metropolitan areas, he concluded that every 2.6-minute increase in commuting distance resulted in a one percent decrease in a woman's decision to enter the workforce.

The idea for the paper came from his interest in what impact the Minneapolis light rail system would have on the city's labor force.

MSUM'S FIRST AMERICAN MULTICULTURAL STUDIES GRAD RECEIVES FULL-RIDE GRAD ASSISTANTSHIP AT NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Nickolas Gaines, a senior from Rosemount, Minn., and the first graduate of MSUM's American Multicultural Studies program, has received a full-ride graduate assistantship at Northern Illinois University, where he will pursue a master's degree and doctorate in Adult and Higher Education.

He was awarded a Leadership and Diversity Development Graduate Assistantship, which includes a full tuition waiver, full meal and food stipend, an apartment with all utilities paid and a salary. He will also have the opportunity to study abroad to access leadership and development programs at other universities in Asia, Latin America or Europe.



Gaines is a 2003 graduate of Rosemount High School and the son of Larry and Stacie Gaines.

In his position at Northern Illinois, located near Chicago, his duties will range from assisting the residence hall staff and student committees for over 6,000 students at the university to advising more than 70 students, teaching and providing leadership training to campus organizations.

At MSUM, Gaines worked as the special project coordinator for the Office of Orientation and was involved with the Student Senate and the Minnesota State University Student Association. He was also a Student Orientation counselor, on the leadership team for Campus Crusade for Christ, became the worship leader for Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship and was a member of the Training Our Campuses Against Racism Initiative. In addition, this year he was Homecoming and DragonFrost Coordinator for the Office of Student Activities.

MISCELLANEA

* **Jim Kaplan**, Languages and Cultures, will speak at the Fargo History Conference on June 6. His topic will be "Doing the Work of Memory in Stockholm and San Francisco." Jim will discuss his research on the history of the Swedish Pavilion at the Panama Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco in 1915. His presentation will be from 10:15 AM to 11:15 AM in room 413 of Fargo's North High.

VACANCIES

Early Education Center - Teacher

www.mnstate.edu/vacancy/0752P-Early%20Education%20Center.pdf

Assistant Vice President For Student Affairs

www.mnstate.edu/vacancy/unclassified/0753X-AsstVPStudentAff.pdf

Assistant Professor of Finance/Accounting

www.mnstate.edu/vacancy/0754P-Asst%20Prof%20of%20Finance-Accounting.pdf

Instructor Or Assistant Professor Of Art History

www.mnstate.edu/vacancy/0755FE-ArtHistory.pdf

Instructor Or Assistant Professor Of Graphic Design

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