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American Indian Heritage Month

In recognition of American Indian Heritage Month, the following events are sponsored by American Indian Student Services, the American Indian student organization VOICES in cooperation with American Indian faculty and staff and the Equal Opportunity and Diversity Office. For all events, RSVP to cultural.events@metrostate.edu or call 651-793-1270.

Thursday, Nov. 5—Native Voices: Filmmaker Sydney Beane; Library and Learning Center, Ecolab 302, 11:30–1 p.m.; Beane presents two of his projects: a film entitled *Native Nations: Standing Together for Civil Rights* and a documentary film about Charles Alexander Eastman, a medical doctor and writer. *Light lunch provided.*

Wednesday, Nov. 11—Native Voices: Poet Heid E. Erdrich; Library and Learning Center, Ecolab 302, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.; a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe, Erdrich has authored three poetry collections and has received fellowships and awards, among them the 2009 Minnesota Book Award for her collection of poems, *National Monument*. *Lunch provided.*

Wednesday, Nov. 18—Workshop: Learn to Make Ojibwe Dream Catchers; Library and Learning Center, Room 308, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.; make your own dream catcher to hang over or near your bed to catch the bad dreams. *Dessert provided.*

Monday, Nov. 23—Native Voices: Musician Annie Humphrey; Founders Hall, Auditorium, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.; this Ojibwe singer and songwriter from the Leech Lake Reservation won national recognition as Female Artist of the Year and Best Folk Recording at the 2000 Native American Music Awards with *The Heron Smiled*. Her second recording, *Edge of America*, had a track featured in the film *Edge of America*. *Dessert provided.*

Monday, Nov. 30—Native Voices: Are We Doing Enough for Our Children? Founders Hall, Reception Area, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.; Associate Professor Donald Bibeau moderates a panel discussing issues facing Native children. Other panel members are Nooya Woodrich, executive director of the Division of Indian Works and Tammy Swanson, JD, of Swanson, Drobnick & Tousey, L.L.P. *Lunch provided.*

Remembering Charles List

Charles E. “Chuck” List, age 68 of Minnetonka, human services community faculty, died on Monday, Oct. 12. He was preceded in death by parents, Kermit and Lucille and is survived by his wife Sue of 41 years; daughters Andrea (Robert) Kasak and Darcy (Tobiah) Finegan; mother, Johanna List; plus grandchildren, sisters, brother, nieces and nephews. A graduate of Valparaiso University, St. Mary’s College and the Union Institute, he was a longtime faculty member at Metropolitan State and Cardinal Stritch University. Funeral services were Oct. 16 at St. David’s Episcopal Church, Minnetonka.

He was teaching HSA 370 Supervision in Human Services and HSTD Conflict Resolution this fall semester. Memorials are preferred to Park Nicollet Cancer Program or the International Diabetes Center.

Contemporary Macbeth previews Nov. 11

CAS has a new major and minor

Ever imagined—or wished to create—a more equitable human community? Find your voice in Metropolitan State's new multidisciplinary Gender Studies program.

The program's core courses examine the intersections of gender with a range of social categories. Majors and minors choose electives from disciplines across the university.

Go online to learn about the spring 2010 offerings and be a part of it!

- GNDR 201 Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies
- GNDR 345 Global Perspectives on Gender
- GNDR 365 The Cultural Politics of GLBT Sexuality

For more information, contact Professor Anne Aronson at anne.aronson@metrostate.edu or Associate Professor Janet Enke at janet.enke@metrostate.edu.

Shakespeare's *Macbeth* previews Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m. at Metropolitan State University's Minneapolis Campus in the Stagedoor Theater in the Whitney Fine Arts Center. The play is an adaptation which "...recognizes certain parallels to our contemporary society and its travails," says director and adaptor, Camille D'Ambrose. "In *Macbeth*, human beings are capable of anything," says D'Ambrose. "The man—Macbeth—is a hero, greatly loved by his friends, his wife and his king. But he is above all, a soldier and I must admit," says D'Ambrose, "that the line '...bloody instructions, which, being taught, return to plague th' inventor...' is the line that resonates the most for me. The witches don't prophesy anything that he hasn't already seen or imagined. Macbeth steps into the abyss of imagination and is dragged down into the depths of depravity."

Additional performances are Nov. 12, 13, 14, 20 and 21 at 7 p.m. Matinees are on Nov. 14 and 21 at 1 p.m. A Nov. 19 performance is sold out. General admission is \$5. Metropolitan State and Minneapolis Community and Technical College (MCTC) students, faculty and staff are admitted free of charge. As space is limited, call 612-659-7222 for reservations. The Stagedoor Theater is located in the Whitney Fine Arts Center on the Metropolitan State and MCTC campus off Loring Park at 1424 Yale Place. The parking ramp is at 15th Street and Hennepin Avenue.

"Staging *Macbeth* in a black box theater with

11 actors is thrilling," D'Ambrose says. "I love the intimacy of the space and watching our small company of gifted student actors plumb the depths of this masterpiece. They are reveling in the language and the challenge of creating recognizable contemporary versions of the characters."

For nearly 400 years a curse has been associated with Shakespeare's mighty tragedy, *Macbeth*. It is a curse so pervasive that actors, directors and theater workers in general avoid saying the title or quoting from the text while inside a theater. The curse originated with the very first production when the boy playing "The Scottish Queen" fell ill and the playwright had to assume the role. Since that perilous opening, myriad accidents and mishaps have befallen those foolhardy enough to assay the play. D'Ambrose fearlessly proclaims the curse "total rubbish!"

The company is comprised of Metropolitan State and MCTC students with Ryan James Coble as Macbeth and Chelsea K. Vance as Lady Macbeth. The company also includes Dustin Suggs, Mary Van Briesen, Chuck Beeson, Kevin Scott Ross, Jonathan J. Grev, Cristopher Tibbetts, Justin Eggen, Amanda Weecks, Mike Phommasak, Michael Enderle and Emily Arachtingi. Set design is by Metropolitan State student, Kirby Moore, with costumes by Elin Anderson, lighting by Mike Wangen and fightmaster, Peter Moore. *Macbeth* is produced by Theater Underground and the Metropolitan State Theater Program, Gail Smogard, director.

Counseling services coordinator appointed

No Spanish classes this year

The Spanish 301 and 302 sequence is not being offered this year. Last fall, SPAN 301 was canceled due to low enrollments, so SPAN 302 is not being offered this spring. SPAN 301 and SPAN 302 will be offered again next year. Meanwhile, students looking for SPAN 302 will find equivalent courses at many of the local community colleges. Those community college credits will transfer to Metropolitan State according to the usual rules.

Erin Currie, Saint Paul, was appointed part-time (approximately three months) counseling services coordinator for Metropolitan State University effective Oct. 7.

She provides supervision of advanced practicum trainees, provides short-term counseling to students including groups and psychoeducational workshops, researches and provides community referrals, and responds to requests for outreach, consultation and programming from the university community.

She is an adjunct professor in the master in clinical psychology program at Argosy University and was formerly an instructor for Strategies for

College Success, Learning Enhancement Program, at the University of Utah. She was also the director of Take Back the Night in Salt Lake City, Utah. Her clinical experience includes career, personal, academic, group and crisis/walk-in counseling, assessment, campus outreach and supervision.

Currie holds a B.S. in psychology from the University of Wisconsin–Madison and an M.S. in educational psychology from the University of Utah. She is presently a doctoral candidate in counseling psychology at the University of Utah with a projected graduation date of December 2009. She is also a certified rape crisis advocate.

Veterans Day observance is Nov. 11



Veterans Day is a time to honor and recognize the service, dedication and sacrifice that veterans and their families make for our country. Many of our students, alumni, staff and faculty have worn the uniform of the United States, and many others have watched their loved ones leave to serve our country.

Save Wednesday, Nov. 11, 5–6 p.m., for a Veterans Day observance at the Saint Paul

Campus, New Main, Great Hall. This event, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Metropolitan State University Veterans Affairs Office and the Alumni Relations Office. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Bruce Holzschuh, veterans affairs coordinator/retention specialist, at 651-793-1305 or Noriko Ramberg, alumni relations office manager, at 651-793-1808.

Library extends weekend service hours

Effective Saturday, Oct. 31, the Library and Learning Center will remain open until 8 p.m. on Saturdays and 11 p.m. on Sundays for the remainder of fall 2009 and all of spring 2010. The library's revised hours of operation are:

- Sunday—noon to 11 p.m.;
- Monday–Thursday—8 a.m.–11 p.m.
- Friday—8 a.m.–10 p.m.
- Saturday—8 a.m.–8 p.m.

The additional weekend hours are the result of a Student Senate request and a decision by the university administration. Usage statistics will be maintained to determine if continuing the additional hours during the 2010–2011 academic year is warranted. Direct any questions to David Barton, dean, Library and Information Services, at david.barton@metrostate.edu or call 651-793-1619.

Bonnie Luke Scholarship deadline is Nov. 2

Bonnie Luke was an academic advisor at Metropolitan State from 1988 to 1994. She had a high regard for students who struggled to balance career, home and children. This scholarship celebrates her commitment to higher education. \$750 is awarded each year to qualified students.

To qualify, an applicant must • be a parent raising a minor child or children; • be a declared major or have an approved individualized degree plan or be formally admitted to a specific graduate or undergraduate or graduate program at Metropolitan State; • be in good academic

standing; and • be planning to attend Metropolitan State in spring 2010.

Submit copies of your approved major declaration form, your transcript and your signed Authorization for the Release of Student Information to the Metropolitan State University Foundation, Bonnie Luke Scholarship Fund, 700 East Seventh Street, Saint Paul, MN 55106 by noon on Monday, Nov. 2.

For more information, contact Donna Blacker, academic advisor, at 651-793-1455 or e-mail donna.blacker@metrostate.edu.

Funds available for students

Two \$1,000 awards are available to full-time students interested in connecting their experiences in the classroom and in the community. Fill out a brief application after registering at <http://www.servicebook.org/> by Nov. 30 to be considered for one of two Carter Academic

Service Entrepreneur awards given to Minnesota college and university students. The awards support innovative service learning projects that feature strong partnerships between students, faculty, and community partners.

To learn more, visit mncampuscompact.org/.

Students with disabilities asked to register early

Students registered with Disability Services who are requesting accommodations are asked to register early, preferably during the first week of registration. Spring 2010 priority registration began Oct. 26 at 11 a.m.

Contact Disability Services by e-mail immediately after registering if you require accommodations. Requests for note takers,

interpreters, and books on tape must be submitted at least three weeks before the semester starts to ensure timely service. If you do not place your request early, your accommodations cannot be guaranteed before the start of spring semester.

If you experience difficulties with registration, contact Disability Services at 651-793-1540 or e-mail eve.nichols@metrostate.edu.

Write a story for Theater du Jour

Theater Underground, the Communication, Writing and the Arts Department and the Theater Program are planning to present Theater Du Jour from submissions by students, active alums and faculty. The goal is to produce a final Theater of the Day, an evening of original short theater pieces that put a human face on issues of the day.

Wanted are your dialogues, monologues, stories and interviews around issues of concern to Metropolitan State students and faculty. Based around local, regional, national or international issues, these themes will connect to a personal experience or conflict not necessarily understood in a purely factual debate. Topics? Ethical questions of medicine and humanity; dealing with aging parents; economic racism; living with disability; unemployment; ethics beyond borders; immigration; world hunger... Write a personal story, dialogue or monologue around something

you are passionate about. Keep it under 15 minutes, or make an appointment with a playwright and tell him/her your story. Interview appointments may be made by contacting granger1900@gmail.com. The deadline for submission is Nov. 30.

Writers submitting material must include their name, e-mail and telephone number on title page; send the submissions to Metropolitan State University, Theater Program, F-1304, 1501 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55403.

Students requesting an interview should contact gail.smogard@metrostate.edu for an appointment.

The pieces produced will be determined by insight, quality and the ability to be staged. Some pieces may be podcast. Anonymous submissions and interviews will be honored.

Foreclosure prevention volunteers needed

Internship opportunities

Visit the following Web sites for internship opportunities:

- Career Link: metrostate.edu/career
- Center for Community-Based Learning: metrostate.edu/ccbl/. Click on "Academic Internships," "Internship Resources."

Foreclosures are hurting communities of color hard, and many are unaware of the free and culturally appropriate services to help them stay in their homes.

Hmong American Partnership is working with other area nonprofits to do outreach in the community letting residents know of the services available. Volunteers are going door-to-door and handing out information in neighborhoods being hit the hardest. More volunteers are needed to help with this outreach, especially those who are bilingual or speak Hmong. The outreach is

usually done for three hours on Tuesday or Thursday evenings as a group. Volunteers meet at a designated nonprofit, have a short strategic meeting, form groups, and then start door knocking. Your time involvement is up to you. Some volunteers help just one night, and others help once a month or help every time there is an outreach.

Contact Sarah Rogers at Hmong American Partnership at 612-377-6482, or e-mail sarahr@hmong.org to volunteer or to receive more information.

Muslim Student Organization sponsors *Eid al Adha* dinner

The Muslim Student Organization invites you to a presentation and dinner for *Eid al-Adha*, one of the two main Islamic festivals, on Monday, Nov. 9, 4–6 p.m. at the Saint Paul Campus, New Main, Great Hall. Admission is free for Metropolitan State staff and students, and \$5 for the general public.

Eid al-Adha marks the end of the pilgrimage to Makkah, one of the five pillars of Islam, that commemorates Abraham's esteem, faith and tribulations.

Dawud Wharnsby, troubador, musician and

poet, will give a live performance. Born and raised in Canada, he began writing poetry, composing music and performing on stage while in his mid-teens. To date he has 15 albums, including *A Whisper of Peace*, *The Poets and the Prophet* and *Out Seeing the Fields*.

Since seating is limited, RSVP to cultural.events@metrostate.edu or call 651-793-1270.

For program information, contact the Muslim Student Organization at <https://db.metrostate.edu/webapps/drep/MSO%20Flyer.pdf> or e-mail mso@metrostate.edu.

Influence university decisions by joining the Student Senate

Involvement in the Student Senate allows you to develop your interpersonal and organizational skills, and also reflects highly on resumes and grad school entrance forms. One of the highest quality university groups with which you can affiliate, the Student Senate allows you to help influence decisions at the university-level.

At the present time, several seats are open. Also, all students can join Student Senate committees.

As part of the student government, learn the value of your tuition dollars and advocate for them to be handled correctly; join the statewide MSUSA conferences; and lobby at the state Capitol.

For more information about what it means to be a Student Senator, contact Student Senate President Melissa Heinz at heinzme@go.metrostate.edu or Vice President Noel Opoti at opotino@go.metrostate.edu (651-793-1554).

Campus crisis line coming soon

Last winter the results of a survey of Metropolitan State students by the U of M Boynton Health Services indicated that 40 percent of Metropolitan State female respondents have experienced violence in their lives, and 25 percent of male respondents admit to having perpetrated violence.

Comments by students and faculty about the need for easily accessible crisis resource information led to the development of a crisis line for Metropolitan State students and family members who are experiencing or have experienced domestic or sexual violence or fear for themselves or loved ones.

The crisis line will be a Saint Paul Campus

number and will allow callers to select from three 24-hour crisis service providers:

- Calls about domestic violence will go to the Day One Minnesota Domestic Violence Crisis Line.
- Calls about sexual abuse or sexual assault will go to Ramsey County Sexual Offense Services.
- Males who are concerned about their own behavior regarding domestic violence can talk to male counselors at the Crisis Connection Men's Line.

Watch for announcements about the Crisis Line on the Web site, posters in classrooms, and business cards in public places on all three Metropolitan State campuses.

Campuswide planning for VAW grant application

As a result of two roundtable discussions about violence against women (VAW), university administration has given a "go" to an application for a federal Department of Justice "Campus Program" grant to address domestic and sexual violence. The grant requires campuswide involvement in the planning of the application, including representatives of student groups. Interested students are invited to attend one or both of the upcoming planning meetings, Saint Paul Campus, New Main, Room 212 (lower level):

- **Friday, Nov. 6, 10 a.m.–noon; and**
- **Thursday, Nov. 12, 1–3 p.m.**

Student input is needed to address these issues:

- How can the university help change the culture of domestic and sexual violence in students' lives?
- What prevention/awareness activities can students do in partnership with faculty?
- Is safety on any of the campuses an issue?
- How can male students take a leadership role in ending violence against women?

The grant requires that the following four areas be addressed:

- Expansion of campus counseling services.
- Training for all incoming students during orientation about domestic violence, dating violence, sexual abuse and stalking.
- Protocol development and training for people in student conduct/judicial decision-making roles.
- Protocol and training for campus security regarding identification, intervention and so on.

Tentatively three nonprofit agencies will be involved in the training and consulting as experts in violence against women: Saint Paul Intervention Project, Ramsey County Sexual Offense Services and the Domestic Abuse Project.

Students interested in this issue are encouraged to attend the meetings and/or give input via e-mail or phone. Contact Mary Weeks, assistant professor, College of Professional Studies, at mary.weeks@metrostate.edu or call 612-929-0909.

GOT IT? IT career exploration fair for students

According to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development and the Minnesota IT Workforce Collaborative, Minnesota faces a coming shortfall of more than 1,000 IT workers per year, a deficit that could pose a problem for Minnesota businesses.

In Dakota County, Thomson Reuters, Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Unisys, and Frontier Communications (among others), employ numerous IT professionals. To avoid potential difficulties and to keep the Dakota County business climate vibrant, workforce agencies and higher education partners have collaborated with local companies to promote the opportunities of an IT career. "GOT IT?" is an effort geared toward students (tomorrow's labor force).

On Saturday, Nov. 14, Thomson Reuters, the state's largest IT employer, is hosting "GOT IT?," a free IT career exploration fair, from 8:30 a.m.–noon at their Eagan campus, 610 Opperman Drive. The career fair includes exhibits about area companies, presentations on IT careers, and hands-on activities. High school students, parents, and undecided college students are invited to discover the range of jobs available in the IT career area through participation in the ongoing activities.

Attendees may arrive at any time between 8:30 a.m.–noon, but to get the most benefit from the day, the sponsors encourage attending the entire event. Preregistration online is requested for the free career fair at www.mnitcareers.org/node/453.

Metropolitan State University, Dakota County Technical College, Inver Hills Community College, the Center for Strategic IT and Security (CSITS), Dakota-Scott Workforce Center, and Dakota Future sponsor the event. The Saint Paul and Dakota County educational institutions offer a variety of IT programs covering certificate, associate, bachelor, and master's degree levels. CSITS is a MnSCU Center of Excellence that partners with other IT programs to enhance student recruitment, curriculum alignment, industry involvement and career preparation. Dakota Future, a countywide economic development organization, recently launched its Intelligent Community Initiative that includes a focus on creating, supporting, and attracting knowledge workers, including IT workers.

For information and preregistration online, go to www.mnitcareers.org/node/453/. For questions, contact Kate Southwick, kate.southwick@metrostate.edu or 612-659-7225.

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