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*A Newsletter for Students*

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## Celebrate diversity on April 17

On Saturday, April 17, MSUSA and the Student Senate present *Coexist, Celebrate and Empower* from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. at the Saint Paul Campus, Founders Hall, Auditorium. This event focuses on diversity within the school and community.

The day begins with a welcome speech by comedian Tou Ger Xiong at 9 a.m. followed by keynote speeches from President Sue K. Hammersmith at 10 a.m., Saint Paul City Council member Melvin Carter III at 11 a.m. and Interim Dean of Students Cecilia Stanton at 1:30 p.m.

The day is capped off by Mixed Blood Theater's performance at 3 p.m. of *Hijab Tube*, presented by Seema Sueko of the Mo'olelo Performing Arts Company. *Hijab Tube* explores the issue of American-Muslim identity by highlighting a young Muslim woman, Rubiya, who poses questions regarding her identity via YouTube, eliciting a wide range of responses from other American Muslims.

Student organizations will have information booths set up in the Founders Hall Reception Area from 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Free henna tattooing and chair massages will be available from 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. and 2–3 p.m.

All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend this fun and exciting event. Breakfast is served from 8:30–10 a.m. and lunch from 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Door prizes will be awarded to attendees during the day.

For more information, contact Student Senator Mala Singh at [singma@go.metrostate.edu](mailto:singma@go.metrostate.edu).

## Art exhibit continues through April 23

Metropolitan State University Third Floor Gallery is pleased to present the *Student Salon 2010*. The exhibit, featuring the work of six students, continues through April 23. Gallery hours are Mondays–Thursdays, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.; Fridays–Saturdays, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. The gallery is located in the Library and Learning Center, 645 East Seventh Street, Saint Paul.

This exhibit features multimedia works produced by Metropolitan State students enrolled in both undergraduate and graduate programs. From chalk pastels to felted abstractions, this exhibit surveys the diverse form and content explored in class and beyond. Visual artists include: Teresa Arrazola (Harris, Wis.), Darlene Anger (White Bear Lake), Brigitte Johnson (Edina), Karrey Locher (Saint Paul), Lisa Patton (Minneapolis) and Judy Saye Willis (Northfield).

New to the exhibit this year is a collaborative writing project between the studio arts program and *Haute Dish*, the university's online journal of arts and literature. A poetry competition that challenges Metropolitan State's student writers to respond to selected visual works in the exhibition will take place, and the three winning entries will be exhibited.

## Student Senate Achievement Award application available

### Scholarship awarded

Mousumi Munmun, Eagan, was the recipient of a \$2,000 Marilyn T. Bryant Endowed Scholarship for academic year 2010–2011. Established by former Foundation board member, Marilyn T. Bryant, this scholarship provides financial assistance to a student in a College of Management graduate program who maintains a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. One award is given annually.

The University Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that applications for the Student Senate Academic Achievement Award for academic year 2010–2011 are now available.

Award recipients will receive \$600 each for both fall and spring semesters (maximum of \$1,200) if eligibility is maintained each term. Applicants are selected based on academic merit and the quality of the instructor ratings.

The **Student Senate Academic Achievement Award** is based on a student's academic achievement while attending Metropolitan State. To be considered for this award, a degree-seeking undergraduate applicant must:

- have successfully completed at least 12 credit hours at Metropolitan State University;
- be in good academic standing;
- have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better;
- be registered for six credits for fall and spring semesters; and

- not have received an Academic Achievement Award previously.

Students who wish to apply for the Student Senate Achievement Award should:

- submit an Achievement Award application to the Financial Aid Office; and
- submit two completed Instructor Reference forms from Metropolitan State faculty to the Financial Aid Office.

The deadline for submission of application items and references is **noon on Friday, May 14**.

Criteria for the award and the application can be found online at [www.metrostate.edu/aid](http://www.metrostate.edu/aid).

Completed application and reference forms can be submitted to the Financial Aid Office, located in Founders Hall. Forms can also be e-mailed to [financial.aid@metrostate.edu](mailto:financial.aid@metrostate.edu) or mailed to the Financial Aid Office, 700 East Seventh Street, Saint Paul, MN 55106.

## Student Senate elections are open

The Student Senate elections have commenced. You can log-in to the ballot by going to <https://www.metrostate.edu/applications/studcouncil/electionform.cfm>. Once there, you will need your Student ID number and PIN. Candidate information is listed as well as a series of ballot questions on such topics as a student center, child

care, mass transit, Latin honors and textbooks.

You may vote for up to 20 candidates. Write-in votes are also allowed. In addition to online voting, there will be several opportunities to cast a paper ballot. Balloting will be open through April 25.

## Notice for American Indian graduating seniors

Do you plan on graduating spring semester 2010? American Indian graduates will be honored at a multicollge metro-area event on Friday evening, April 23. If you wish to

participate, contact Renee Beaulieu-Banks, American Indian student services coordinator and retention specialist, 651.793.1560, by April 15.

## Haute Dish is calling all writers and artists

### Internship opportunities

Visit the following Web sites for internship opportunities:

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

*Haute Dish*, the arts and literature magazine of Metropolitan State University, is seeking submissions for the upcoming Summer 2010 issue. Published three times a year online and in print, *Haute Dish* is dedicated to showcasing the best creative talent Metropolitan State has to offer.

All students, alumni, staff, and faculty are encouraged to submit their "original, unpublished works" for consideration. *Haute Dish* is a multimedia and multigenre-friendly journal, and accepts all forms of creative expression, including but not limited to:

- poetry • prose-poems • short fiction
- creative nonfiction • creative essays
- photography • short film/video
- paintings, drawings, illustrations
- graphic stories • comics • music

For detailed submission guidelines and to view the latest issue, visit <http://hautedish.metrostate.edu>. The submission deadline for this issue is **Monday, April 12**.

## Get credit for learning gained from life or work experience

### Be a part of UAB

University Activities Board (UAB) is a student professional and staff-run organization. Volunteer for the UAB and gain skills in leadership, cooperation, communication, decision-making, committee structures/workgroups; network with university student leaders, faculty, staff, employers and other MnSCU students; and meet new friends. For information on how to join, contact Lori Yang at student.activities@metrostate.edu or call 651.793.1556.

Explore prior learning for college credit by taking the First College course, METR 100: Getting Credit for What You Know. The knowledge and skills you have learned in your life, work, and community are important and may be evaluated as college-level learning at Metropolitan State University. Successful evaluation results in college-level credit, which may be used toward general education requirements, elective credit, credit toward the Individualized B.A. focus, and in some cases, toward designated major requirements.

This one-credit course is designed for students who wish to explore the various options for gaining credits for learning outside the formal college or university classroom. There are a variety of ways to assess learning from noncredit settings, including:

- prior learning assessment by a Metropolitan State evaluator;

- theory seminars that build from your practical knowledge;
- college-level standardized tests;
- using military experience for credit; and
- earning credit from nationally approved courses by business and human service agencies.

In order to earn college credit in one of the above-mentioned ways, learning must include both theory and practice, must be current and verifiable, fit in to your degree plan and be at the college level.

Several sections of this course are typically offered each semester. For more information, see the Individualized, Interdisciplinary and Lifelong Learning department offerings in the *Class Schedule*. For further course and registration information, refer to the online *Class Schedule* at [www.metrostate.edu/msweb/explore/catalog/schedule/](http://www.metrostate.edu/msweb/explore/catalog/schedule/).

## Save April 23 for the Global Poetry Festival

In celebration of National Poetry Month, Metropolitan State is hosting a free catered event, the Global Poetry Festival, on Friday, April 23, at 7 p.m. in Founders Hall, Auditorium.

“Connecting Voices, Shaking Earth” is open to the public and features 2009 National Poetry Slam championship team members, Khary Jackson, Guante, and Sierra DeMulder. Sign up for the poetry slam between 6–6:45 p.m. The National Poetry Slam Team Feature Performance is 8:30 p.m. Team members will judge the Open

Poetry Slam. Prizes will be announced during the event. For more information, visit [www.edboklee.com](http://www.edboklee.com).

This event is cosponsored by Metropolitan State University’s Communication, Writing and the Arts Department, College of Arts and Sciences, Equal Employment and Diversity, Alumni Association, Muslim Student Organization, Student Senate, Student Activity Fees and Women Empowered.

## Annual Asian American Dinner is April 30

Metropolitan State’s Asian Student Organization (ASO) is sponsoring the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Annual Asian American Dinner on Friday, April 30, in New Main, Great Hall, from 6–8:30 p.m. There will be a special presentation by Oskar Ly of Os Couture—Fashion Show. General admission is \$12 and children under 12, \$5. Tickets may be purchased in the Equal Opportunity and Diversity Office in Founders Hall, Room 315.

RSVP to [cultural.events@metrostate.edu](mailto:cultural.events@metrostate.edu) by April 21. For more information, contact Ka Vue at 651.793.1206.

ASO is requesting that attendees make donations of school supplies to help the Ronald M. Hubbs Center/Adult Educational Center (for example, a box of pens, box of pencils, notebooks, packs of paper, and so on). Items can be dropped off at the dinner.

## 2010 Minnesota Aids Walk is May 16

Metropolitan State University is forming a team of students, staff, faculty and administrators to walk in the 2010 Minnesota AIDS Walk on Sunday, May 16. To join the team or sponsor the team with your donation, e-mail Maggie Lorenz at

[lorema@go.metrostate.edu](mailto:lorema@go.metrostate.edu) for more information. You can also register at [www.mnaidswalk.org](http://www.mnaidswalk.org) or raise funds by collecting pledges. The walk is presented by ING.

## Provost Lowe named chancellor of Indiana University Northwest



Indiana University announced on March 23 the appointment of Provost William Lowe as chancellor of Indiana University Northwest in Gary, Ind. Lowe has served as provost and professor of history at Metropolitan State University since July 2003.

As provost, he is the university's chief academic officer and chief operating officer, with responsibility for five colleges and one school, programs on three principal campuses, the Center for Online Learning, the Center for Community-Based Learning, the Library and Learning Center, Institutional Research, and Advance IT Minnesota (formerly the Center of Excellence for Strategic Information Technology and Security). During his tenure, Dr. Lowe has chaired Metropolitan State's Planning and

Budget Council and has provided leadership for the implementation of the University Plan. He also served as Metropolitan State's interim president during the 2007–2008 academic year.

Metropolitan State has grown and developed significantly during Lowe's tenure, including a commitment to continuous improvement through the Academic Quality Improvement Program of the Higher Learning Commission, the development of new academic programs, the graduation of the first doctoral students, and the funding and construction of the new Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Education Center.

Lowe will assume his role as chancellor for IU Northwest on July 1.

## MSO presents "Heritage and Contribution"

### Interested in a federal career?

The U.S. Department of State is sending Doering Meyer, a recent Metropolitan State graduate, to campus to speak about her experiences abroad, careers in the foreign service and the work of the U.S. Department of State. Meyer will be at the Library and Learning Center, Room 306, on Thursday, April 8, from 4–5:30 p.m.

This is a free event, but RSVP by phone to 651.793.1528, e-mail [career.services@metrostate.edu](mailto:career.services@metrostate.edu) or through Career Link [www.metrostate.edu/career](http://www.metrostate.edu/career).

Meyer is on a two-year assignment as vice consul, U.S. Consulate General Calgary.

The Muslim Student Organization (MSO) is bringing back the "Heritage and Contribution" lecture series for a second year. "Heritage and Contribution" offers an opportunity to learn about Islam and Muslims and what they have done to contribute to their communities.

- **Wednesday, April 7, Library and Learning Center, Ecolab 302, 11:45 a.m.–1 p.m.—** *Contributions of Muslims in India, China and Malaysia.* Professor David (Dawud) Mulla, an environmental scientist at the University of Minnesota, shares his experiences and photos relating to the contributions of Muslims in India, China and Malaysia. These countries have a rich and varied background of Muslim heritage, including the Mughal civilization in India, the arrival and expansion of Islam in China over 1,000 years ago, and the rise of the modern multicultural Islamic nation of Malaysia. This event is in collaboration with Asian Student Organization.

- **Monday, April 12, Library and Learning Center, Ecolab 302, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.—** *How Islam Created the Modern World.* Mark Graham, Edgar award-winning author of *Black Maria*, comes to speak about his other book entitled, *How Islam Created the Modern World.* The development of modern medicine, algebra, chemistry and introduction to musical notation were accomplishments made by Muslims around the world. He holds a Ph.D. in literature from Lehigh University and studied medieval history and religious studies at Connecticut College. This event is in collaboration with VOICES, the American Indian student organization.

For program information, contact the Muslim Student Organization at <http://mso.metrostate.edu> or e-mail [mso@metrostate.edu](mailto:mso@metrostate.edu).

This event is free and open to the public. Lunch will be provided; limited seating. Please RSVP to [cultural.events@metrostate.edu](mailto:cultural.events@metrostate.edu) or call 651.793.1270.

## Cancer Prevention Study–3 needs volunteers

The American Cancer Society is seeking 500,000 volunteers to participate in a landmark research study—Cancer Prevention Study–3 (CPS–3). This study will help researchers better understand the lifestyle and genetic factors that cause or prevent cancer. Enrollment will take place at select American Cancer Society Relay For Life events throughout the country. Individuals

must be willing to make a long-term commitment to the study by filling out questionnaires approximately every two years, must be between 30 and 65 years old, and have never been diagnosed with cancer. For more information visit [www.cancer.org/cps3](http://www.cancer.org/cps3) or e-mail [cps3@cancer.org](mailto:cps3@cancer.org) or call 1.888.604.5888.

## Looking for students...

The next Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Microentrepreneur Class is starting in April. This program helps start-up and young businesses on the East Side. If you know of someone who may be interested, pass this on to them. All East Side entrepreneurs are welcome.

Class training lasts eight weeks and includes topics such as operations management, marketing, financial management, one-to-one assistance with creating a successful business and preparing a business plan, plus eight hours of one-to-one time with the instructor. Those who successfully complete the course and locate their businesses in target neighborhoods are eligible for ongoing business support services.

Some examples of businesses started by people who have previously taken the course include graphics, landscaping, photography, food service, restoration of wood furniture and works of art, custom floral design for weddings and events and exterior and interior painting.

The course sponsored by the Dayton's Bluff Community Council and the Neighborhood Development Center. There is a small registration fee based on a sliding fee scale. The next session starts in April and class size is limited.

Call Karin at 651.772.2075 or e-mail [Karin@DaytonsBluff.org](mailto:Karin@DaytonsBluff.org) for an application.

## POY presents Charity Donation Artist Showcase

The Power of YOU students at Metropolitan State University are presenting a Charity Donation Artist Showcase including spoken word artists, dancers, and singers on Friday, April 9, from 6–8 p.m. in Founders Hall Auditorium and Reception Area.

The event is free, but all those attending must bring at least one item to donate to charity.

Appropriate donated items include nonperishable foods, canned goods and new or gently-used clothing items. These items will be given to the Salvation Army and the Emergency Food Shelf Network.

Light refreshments will be provided in the Reception Area before the event.

## Psychology Club offers volunteer opportunities

The Minnesota Psychological Association's Annual Convention is Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17, at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, 3131 Campus Drive, Plymouth. There are several opportunities available to Metropolitan State University students.

A few more posters can be accepted for the conference. Registration fees are waived for students presenting posters, and the presentation will be **either** April 16 or April 17, not both days! See the submission form e-mailed to you (it still may be available online at the MPA Web site at [www.mnpsych.org](http://www.mnpsych.org)).

A few more student volunteers are needed to assist with registration and session attendance verification. Volunteers have their registration fees waived—and the food at the hotel is great!

Contact Ashley Crunstedt at the MPA Office at [ashleyc@ewald.com](mailto:ashleyc@ewald.com) to sign up and get more information. Metropolitan State students have a priority in getting to be volunteers since we co-sponsor the Friday Forums. However, if Metropolitan State students do not volunteer, the opportunity is given to psych students from other Minnesota colleges.

For information contact [metropsychclub@gmail.com](mailto:metropsychclub@gmail.com).

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