

# NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

The Official Newsletter of MSU-Northern

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## *This Past Week*

### **Welcome Back!**

Second semester has just started and already the campus activities are in full swing. If you are new to the Northern Network News (NNN), I want to officially say, "Welcome." The NNN is the best source to find out what is happening at MSU-Northern. It arrives in your e-mail box every Friday morning and we trust you will find the stories informative and encouraging. If you have something you want posted in the NNN, please submit it to [potteri@msun.edu](mailto:potteri@msun.edu) by noon each Wednesday with "for NNN" in the subject line. We do reserve the right to edit anything that is submitted.

### **New Student Orientation**



Thirty-one new students participated in Spring Semester Orientation. The attendees learned about financial aid, business services, the Northern network, and some practical study skills. Door prizes included an iPad Air 2.

## God of Carnage Opens Tonight



Montana Actor's Theatre presents, *God of Carnage*. A playground altercation between eleven-year-old boys brings together two sets of Brooklyn parents for a meeting to resolve the matter. At first, diplomatic niceties are observed, but as the meeting progresses, and the rum flows, tensions emerge and the gloves come off, leaving the couples with more than just their liberal principles in tatters.

Dates: January 15-16, 21-23, and 28-30. Evening shows begin at 8:00 p.m.

Doors and Backstage Lounge open one half hour before show begins.

Tickets are \$15 for Adults; \$10 for seniors, students, and military; \$5 for Children 10 and under; and MSU-Northern students/staff/faculty free with current student ID. Just present your Northern ID at the box office, and your ticket is complimentary. Your first opportunity to see a show free is tonight. *God of Carnage* opens this Friday! Tickets are available online ([click here](#)) or at Fiveheads, Computer Center, Bear Paw Meats, Bear Paw Montana Realty. This show is not recommended for children; do to adult language and content.

### Erica McKeon-Hanson Joins the Northern Team

Please welcome Erica McKeon-Hanson as the program director for MSU-Northern's new Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions Grant/the Little River Institute. Erica has spent the past eight years at Aaniiih Nakoda College on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, where she was a faculty member, student advisor and mentor. Prior to her time at ANC, she was a tribal college faculty member and advisor at Stone Child College on the Rocky Boy Reservation. Erica holds a Master of Public Health degree within the Center for American Indian Health at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, MD; a Master of Science in Education with a major in Learning Development from Montana State University-Northern; as well as a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND. In addition to her work in the classroom, Erica has also facilitated research projects with her tribal college students to address health disparities that plague their home reservations.

Erica's office is temporarily located in the Extended University suite, CH 110G, 265-3775. Please stop by and say "Hello." Welcome, Erica!

## Kallenberger Headed to Montana Circuit Finals

Emily Kallenberger, the wife of MSU-Northern rodeo team coach Doug Kallenberger, had a big season on the rodeo circuit. She finished second in the barrel racing standings, and will be competing this weekend at the 37th Annual Montana Circuit Finals, in Great Falls.

The 2016 Montana Circuit Finals will have performances at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. All the action takes place at the Montana ExpoPark in Great Falls.



## Bingo is Back



The Associated Students of MSU-Northern hosted their first monthly bingo night for this semester. Many students came away with great prizes. Ethan Partch received a 7" Android tablet as the winner of the blackout bingo round.

## "The Wanderer" - Now on Exhibit in Multicultural Center



Start 2016 right by stopping by the MSUN Multicultural Center and see Kris Shaw's painting entitled "The Wanderer." In her own words, "This painting is a collage using paper I made using watercolors and a recycled watercolor painting. The wanderer in the painting might be a nomadic Native following the seasons, a person travelling through a foreign country and learning new ways, or someone reading about far off lands and travelling in their imagination." She adds, "I have done artwork all my life, but I started with watercolor in 1995."

## Grad Survey Winners

The Career Center is pleased to announce the following winners of the 2015 Grad Survey:

- \* \$400 Amazon gift card - Austin Richardson
- \* \$150 Visa gift card - Damon Anderson
- \* \$75 Visa gift card - Aaran Rambo

These alumni filled out either a hardcopy Graduate Survey or went online and filled one out. The drawing was held on Wednesday, January 13, 2016. Each winner also receives a one-year free membership to the MSUN Alumni! Congratulations Austin, Damon and Aaran!

## The Multicultural Center Has a New Webpage

Check out the recently updated Multicultural Center website at [www.msun.edu/multiculturalcenter/](http://www.msun.edu/multiculturalcenter/) There is a monthly calendar that lists all the different events, locations, and times. Users also have the opportunity to "like" the Multicultural Center on Facebook, a space that is more frequently updated. There is also information available about Native American and minorities scholarships, emergency funding, Safe Zone, and the club International Friends of MSUN.

"The Multicultural Corner" is a new space dedicated to support multicultural art and information. There is a variety of regional artists who have been invited to be the "Artist of the Month." Under the tab "Multicultural Information" users can read articles and information about Multicultural issues. To start, there are available the following interviews: Dr. Joseph P. Gone: *Native American Historical Trauma vs. Postcolonial Distress and a Few Thoughts about Retention*; Nikola Ivanovic: *The MSUN Student Who Has the Farthest Airplane Ticket to Return Home*; and Dr. Eleazer Resurreccion: *A Filipino Engineer at MSUN*. Regional artists are welcome to inquire about exhibitions and short academic submissions of articles, interviews, or conference proceedings are accepted. For more information contact [mcc@msun.edu](mailto:mcc@msun.edu) or call 406-265-3589.

## Edwards Released New Book

Northern's Energy Sector Curriculum Coordinator for the TAACCCT III grant, Mel Edwards, has kicked off 2016 with the publication of her sixth book in 9 months with the release of *Up, Ready, Move 30 Day Challenge: Daily Action to Ditch Your Past And Build Your Dream Life NOW (Up and Moving Book 1)*.

Mel believes we all can be successful in achieving our dreams if we are willing to feed our mind with positive thoughts, make a plan, and work it step-by-step, in spite of distractions or fear. She says, "Start where you are, doing one day's steps at a time, with a single focus --- your ONE thing. Embark upon this life-enhancing journey, and in one month you will be well on your way to the 'there' you envision now."

## Important Announcements

1/25/2016: Last day to add a first-half semester class

1/27/2016: Last day to add a full-semester class

1/29/2016: Last day to drop a full-semester class without a "W"

2/5/2016: Last day to drop a first-half semester class without a "W"

## Upcoming Faculty Workshops

### Tech Snacks: Recording videos for D2L

Tech Snacks are 15-minute professional development workshops for MSU-Northern faculty.

This week's topic is titled: Recording Videos for D2L. Online classes can feel isolating and impersonal, both for the instructor and for their students. There are many ways to bridge that "humanity gap," through quality feedback, online discussions, or regular news updates. One of the quickest and most effective ways to inject a human touch to online instruction is through video; it is easier than you may think! Come and hear one instructor's experience recording and using online videos, and how her students responded.

Tech Snacks is happening Friday, Jan. 15th at 10:30, 11:00, & 11:30 a.m. in Cowan Hall, Room 110, and again at 1:30 & 2:00 p.m. in the Brockmann Center conference room.

## **XLi 2016**

Next year's XLi Conference is being held at Great Falls College MSU, March 14-15, 2016, with the theme of "Making Learning Fun." Presentation tracks include "Innovation and Gamification," "Accessible User Experience," and "eLearning Classics."

Proposals are being accepted for presentations at the XLi 2016 website, <http://xli.gfcmsu.edu/>

Remember, faculty attending or presenting at XLi will earn professional development points toward tech rewards through MSU-Northern Extended University! Let us know if you're interested in attending or presenting; we can coordinate and assist with travel expenses.

## **Quality Matters - Anytime Online**

Quality Matters (QM) is an organization devoted to effective design in online learning. QM offers professional development workshops & certifications that are available to instructors anytime online. QM also has a system by which instructors can get peer feedback on their online or blended courses.

If you are interested, please contact Caleb Hutchins in Extended University.

## *Upcoming Activities*

### **MLK Peace Walk - Today at 10:00 a.m.**

The Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) is celebrating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King by sponsoring a White Balloons Peace Walk. The event will take place Friday at 10.00 a.m. The short walk will start at the parking lot between Hagener and Cowan Hall to end at the SUB.. Some attendees will be delivering short impromptu speeches reflecting on the legacy of equality, diversity, and justice of Dr. King. As a symbol of hope for a brighter future free of racial tensions, participants will be releasing white balloons. Everyone is invited.

### **Volunteers Needed to Help With "Havre Reads for Peace"**

On January 15th, 2016, there will be Havre Reads for Peace, "Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service" event. This event will include volunteers reading to children at Havre schools about Martin Luther King, Jr. After the readings, there will be a short art activity, which will be displayed in the Havre-Hill County Library. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Michelle van Meter at (425) 327-9427 or [vanmeter@mtcompact.org](mailto:vanmeter@mtcompact.org) or Rosie Goldich at (406) 265-3699 or [vista@opportunitylinkmt.org](mailto:vista@opportunitylinkmt.org).

## Eric E. In Concert - Jan. 19



Dynamic performer Eric. E. will be performing at MSU-Northern on January 19 at the Student Union Ballroom at 7p.m. Eric is a talented singer and guitarist with a driving acoustic sound that touches on many styles, and is especially rhythmic. Eric has performed full-time since 1985, his music taking him to 49 of the United States and 18 countries around the world.

He has a unique ability to make his audience feel personally involved. With only an acoustic guitar and a clear tenor voice, both enhanced by a state-of-the art sound system, he performs songs that are remembered and loved by listeners of all ages, and penetrating original numbers. Eric E. does not use drum machines or synthesized backup parts, just the pure 'unplugged' sound of his voice and guitar, which listeners often comment "sounds like a whole band".

Admission for this performance is free to MSU-Northern Students, Faculty and Staff. Community members may attend for \$5/adult and \$3/student.

## 5-on-5 Basketball Begins - Jan. 19

The Intramural & Recreation Council has scheduled 5-on-5 basketball beginning January 19 in the Armory Gymnasium at 8 p.m. If you would like to participate, pick up your rosters at the SUB Information Desk and have them turned in by January 15 at 5 p.m. to the SUB Info Desk.

## Tickets Available for the We Love Northern Ball - Feb. 6

Get ready for a glamorous night on the red carpet at the annual We Love Northern Ball! Enjoy a night under the Hollywood Lights, including fine dining, dancing, entertainment, and NO auctions. Just pledge ONE GIFT to the scholarship fund for your chance to win an amazing getaway package! Tickets and table sponsorships are available by calling the Northern Alumni Foundation at 265-3711. General seating tickets are \$100 each, reserved tables are \$1,000, and Premiere Tables (all beer and wine included) are available for \$1,500. All proceeds from the evening will fund scholarships for students at MSU-Northern. See you February 6 at the We Love Northern Ball!



# STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

*presents the following workshops:*

## **Time Prioritization/Study Skills Workshop - Jan. 19 Free Pizza**

Students: spend an hour getting yourselves squared away for spring semester and enjoy some free pizza in the process. We'll talk about the 10 steps to getting good grades. Come to Student Support Services (Cowan Hall 211) on Jan. 19 at 5:00 p.m. We'll be glad you did.

(Please sign up by noon on Tuesday so we know how much pizza to order!)

## **Stress Management Workshop - Jan. 27 Free Pizza**

Stress is an inevitable part of student campus life. Learn how to manage stress from a "wellness lifestyle" approach that will help you find balance in everyday life. Come to Student Support Services (Cowan Hall 211) on Jan. 27 at 5:00 p.m. We'll be glad you did.

(Please sign up by noon on Wednesday so we know how much pizza to order!)

## **Karaoke at Northern - Jan. 20**

Once a month this semester, the Program Council Committee is presenting "Karaoke" at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. The dates will be January 20, February 17, March 23, and on April 20. The last night of the semester we will have a competition and award the best karaoke singer a \$100 gift certificate. Come on out and join in on the fun!

## **Screening of *Paper Tigers* - Jan. 28**

Montana State University Graduate Faculty, the Rocky Boy Environmental Prevention - MSPI Grant and the Rocky Boy System of Care Project are pleased to announce a film screening & discussion forum for "Paper Tigers: One high school's unlikely success story." The screening has been scheduled for Thursday, January 28th in the Hensler Auditorium from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. in the Advanced Technology Center on the Montana State University-Northern Campus.

## **SPRING CAREER FAIR AND CO-OPS - Feb. 8**

Mark your calendars; the 2016 Spring Career Fair is Monday, February 8. The event will be held in the Armory Gymnasium from 9 a.m. - noon with many employers interviewing in the afternoon and next day. Registration is open for employers on CareerExpress and the deadline to sign up is January 29. Students will be allowed to sign up when they return for spring semester. Contact the Career Center at 406-265-4198 if you have any questions.

Students wishing to register for spring semester co-ops should do so no later than Wednesday, January 27. It is up to the student to find an employer who is willing to work with them on the co-op experience. Registration for the co-ops begin with the Career Center and on CareerExpress.

## **SPRING 2016 Indigenous Movie Nights**

All movies will be held in Hensler Auditorium, ATC Building from 6-8 p.m.

The series is sponsored by the Native American Studies Program, and highlights films written, directed, produced, and cast by American Indian & Indigenous artists and filmmakers. There will be a short discussion following each film about the major themes and issues within the stories. Everybody is welcome. Light refreshments will be provided. The films this year are:

***DANCE ME OUTSIDE - Weds, Jan. 27***

A cult classic about two young men struggling with girls, family, and murder on the Kidabanesee Reserve. Starring Adam Beach

***ON THE ICE - Tues, Feb. 23***

Tragedy, friendship, & responsibility in an Iñupiat community Rhyme For Young Ghouls

***EMPIRE OF DIRT - Weds, March 23***

Three generations of First Nations women struggle to bridge the generation gap & deal with the demons of their past.

***RHYMES FOR YOUNG GHOULS - Thurs, Apr 14***

Teenage Revenge in the "Kingdom of the Crow"

## **Chancellor's Lecture Series: Four Lectures Scheduled for 2016 Spring Semester**

The Chancellor's Lecture Series committee members proudly present the Spring 2016 events. Designed to create campus and community-wide conversation, the Spring 2016 MSU-Northern Chancellor's Lecture Series will consist of four presentations by distinguished guests. All presentations are free and open to the public. All presentations begin at 7:30 PM in Hensler Auditorium, Applied Technology Center.

Please mark your calendars and join us for some stimulating and entertaining lectures.

### **George Price: "Native American Activism on Climate Change Issues and the Global Connections and Implications of this Issue"**

**Thursday, January 21**

University of Montana Professor, Dr. George Price, offers valuable insight into some of the indigenous viewpoints of climate change issues and suggestions as to how we can help make changes to help mitigate these issues, including insight into the creation and maintenance of his own permaculture farm on the Flathead Reservation. Dr. Price offers an indigenous perspective that is not often heard. His position on climate change, Native involvement in halting/slowing change, the growing indigenous movement towards this goal, and his own permaculture farm - to name just a few aspects - are guaranteed to stimulate thought, discussion and engagement.

### **Mary Stevens: "The Power of Music: The Effect of Therapeutic Music on the Mind and Body" - A Lecture and Harp Music Demonstration**

**Tuesday, January 26**

Scientific studies have shown the value of music therapy on the body, mind, and spirit of children and adults. Mary is certified as a Clinical Musician through Harps for Healing, International Harp Therapy Program (IHTP) and Vibroacoustic Harp Therapy (VAHT) and is a church musician, private music instructor, hospice volunteer, and piano tuner. She provides therapeutic music, including Vibroacoustic Harp Therapy, to local hospice patients and the residents of two care facilities in north central Montana. She serves on the Representative Council of the National Standards Board for Therapeutic Musicians (NSBTM.). Mary plays several instruments including harp, piano, organ, guitar, flute, marimba, and hand bells.

### **Neal Lewing: "*Meagher of the Sword: Montana's First Governor, Thomas Francis Meagher*"**

**Tuesday, March 1**



Neal Lewing, an actor, singer/songwriter, recording artist, playwright, poet, storyteller, author and historian presents the story, in folklore, music, and his own words, of the man commemorated in the statue that graces the Montana State Capitol's front lawn.

Thomas Francis Meagher lived a colorful life of adventure, from humble beginnings in Ireland to Montana's first territorial governor. In between, he led Irish rebels, escaped from Van Diemen's Land, toured the United States on a lecture circuit, designed the Irish tricolor flag, and distinguished himself as a Civil War general. His final disappearance in Ft. Benton remains an unsolved mystery.

## **Jack Glatzer: "Solo Violin Recital with an integration of an Art and History Program"**

**Wednesday, April 13**

Returning to Havre for a fourth year and known for his wealth of instrumental beauty, World-class American violinist who resides in Portugal, Jack will perform a solo violin recital. He introduces each musical work by an informal and intimate commentary and links music to art, history, and civilization. Glatzer's particular interest is the unaccompanied repertoire for the violin; he is celebrated not only for his interpretations of Bach, Paganini and Bartok but also for his performances of Locatelli, Roman, Ysaye, Bloch, Stravinsky, Elgar, Rochberg and Sculthorpe.

For more information, please call MSU-Northern at (406) 265-3700.

Please visit the website to see the Spring 2015-2016 Chancellor's Lecture Series:

<http://msun.edu/news/calendar/events2015/ChancellorSeries.aspx>

## *Weekly Columns*

### **From Your Friendly Career Center**

By: Mary Heller

Can it really be 2016? Time flies when you're having fun and, around the Career Center, FUN is what we do best! We hope to see many students, faculty, and employers joining with us to get a lot done before the end of the semester.

For starters, I hope the faculty is reminding students about participating in co-op's. While the Career Center can assist students in finding places to work for co-ops, students need to be looking on their own. The last day to add classes is January 27th, and co-ops are no exception. Students needing help with signing up for co-op's need to do the following things:

1. Have a profile on CareerExpress
2. Gather ALL work information to insert in the co-op
  - a. Place of employment
  - b. Name, address, phone and email of supervisor
3. Prefix of class and class level
4. No less than two substantial learning objectives
5. If you don't know how to register for a co-op on CareerExpress, bring all of the above information with you to the Career Center where Jennifer Henderson or Mary Heller will help you get this done.

Monday, February 8th will be the day of the Spring 2016 Career Fair. At this time, there are 18 employers registered. Glancing through that list, I can see that every degree on campus is being represented. Students and faculty need to plan for this event which will be held from 9am-noon in the Armory Gym. Many of our faculty attend with their students, give extra credit to those students who attend, or even give an assignment for students to complete by attending. Students need to be prepared by making sure their resumes are appropriately edited and up-to-date. They also need to dress appropriately and remember that first impressions go a long way!

If you're an employer reading this, please register for the Career Fair soon. You must register on CareerExpress and the deadline is January 29th. If you want to take the opportunity to interview students the afternoon of the event, or the next day, the deadline to set that up is TODAY (January 15).

I'd like to remind the faculty that I am available to give classroom presentations when needed. It takes almost a complete hour to go over all of the information including: information about the Career Center, sample resumes, interview tips and how students can utilize CareerExpress. We saw much success last semester and employers reported receiving more professional resumes and students were better prepared for interviews.

Finally, another reminder for faculty is to work with the Career Center to get employers into your classrooms or larger information sessions that can be held in Hensler Auditorium. The best way to build your programs is to get employers to make face-to-face presentations about job opportunities for future careers.

## **TidBits**

By: Bill Lanier

Welcome to 2016 and the first NNN TidBit of the New Year!

Over the years, I have highlighted former students, faculty, chancellors and other administrators. Once again I would like to do that. Both of these men worked in the Business Office and or Finance Office.

The first is Havre native, William "Bill" O'Donnell. Bill started at Northern as the Controller and before he left he was the Director of Finance (sorry I do not remember his exact title, because here at Northern we like to change titles). Bill is currently the Vice Chancellor for Administration & Fiscal Affairs at Indiana University South Bend Campus, but on February 1st, Bill becomes the Vice President for Business Affairs at University of Texas at Tyler. Congratulations Mr. Bill O'Donnell on your new position.

The next is Charles "Chuck" Jensen. When he left Northern, Chuck was the Vice Chancellor for Finance & Administrative/Student Affairs (say that five times fast). Chuck is currently the Vice President of Administration and Finance at Flathead Valley Community College. This is actually the second time that Chuck has been in the NNN TidBits, the first time was on February 28, 2008.

<https://www.msun.edu/news/pr-2008/NNNFeb29-08.pdf>

Congratulations to you also Mr. Jensen!

If you know somebody that should be highlighted in the NNN TidBit please e-mail me at [wjlanier1963@yahoo.com](mailto:wjlanier1963@yahoo.com)

Have a great 2016!