

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MOORHEAD PRESENTS

20th Annual

ANDREW B. CONTEH

Student Academic Conference

Student-Centered Education through Mentoring Student Research and Creative Activities







Since 1999







Greetings:

mong all the programs and activities that make Minnesota State University Moorhead a place of transformation where students achieve more than they believed possible, the Student Academic Conference stands out as a particularly special and transformative experience. In many ways, the conference exemplifies the qualities that make MSUM truly unique: our legacy as a university where the faculty-student relationship is at the heart of teaching and learning; our commitment to providing students with opportunities to explore and discover their passions; and the transformation that occurs when students discover their reason for being and feel prepared to pursue their purpose.

The projects being presented today represent countless hours of planning, problem solving, experimentation, investigation, innovation, and preparation. Behind every project there is not only a motivated student but also a

dedicated faculty mentor. It is the mentoring relationship—whether in the laboratory, the field, the theatre, the studio, the computer lab, or the classroom that makes these applied learning opportunities truly transformative.

Congratulations to the students who are presenting at the 2018 conference and the faculty mentors who worked side-by-side with those students to make their presentations possible. And thank you for exemplifying the spirit of exploration and discovery that enriches us all.

Sincerely,

Anne Blackhurst

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President

Conference Participants and Attendees:

ongratulations to everyone participating in the Andrew B. Conteh Student Academic Conference. ■ This event is one of the highlights of the academic year for the MSUM community. The projects being presented today are evidence of student/faculty engagement and MSUM's commitment to providing our students with opportunities for collaboration, experiential learning, and active participation in the learning process.

As I read the titles of the presentations for this year's conference, I am overwhelmed by the nearly 300 scholarly works that our students and faculty have prepared during this academic year. The wide variety of topics is also very impressive—artificial intelligence, social media, cancer research, sleep deprivation, autism spectrum disorder, diversity and inclusion, healthcare, fraud, and the 2017 eclipse—this is

only a small sample of the exciting and timely topics being presented at this year's conference. Your works contribute to and are examples of how MSUM addresses its strategic anchors: Student Achievement, Diversity and Inclusion, and Community Development.

Students, I applaud you on your preparation and hard work and I look forward with enthusiasm to listening to your presentations. Your work reflects critical thinking, problem solving, exploration and discovery necessary for engaged learning. Faculty, I thank you for your mentorship and collaboration with your students. Without your contributions this conference would not exist.

The Andrew B. Conteh Student Academic Conference is truly a transformative experience for every participant, including those of us who attend and have the unique privilege of being able to witness our promise to transform lives through exceptional student/faculty engagement.

Again, congratulations and I wish you well.

Marsha Weber

Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs

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20th Annual ANDREW B. CONTEH **Student Academic Conference**

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

8:30 a.m. Featured Graduate Student Lecturers

> **Whitney Balmer Ashley Schurr**

CMU 121

9:00 a.m. Poster Set-Up—Registration/Information Table

CMU Main Lounge

9:40 a.m. Presentation Session 1 and Poster Session 1

Various CMU Rooms and Poster Display Area

11:00 a.m. Seating for the Luncheon

CMU Ballroom

11:10 a.m. Luncheon Starts

CMU Ballroom

11:50 a.m. Welcome and Keynote Speaker

Marsha Weber, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs

Robert Haas, Vice President in Treasury **Quantitative Analytics at US Bancorp**

12:40 p.m. Presentation Session 2 and Poster Session 2

Various CMU Rooms and Poster Display Area

Break 2:00 p.m.

Presentation 2:10 p.m.





Robert Haas 2009 Economics

SUM alumnus Robert Haas graduated from Minnesota State University Moorhead in 2009 with a degree in economics and a minor in mathematics. He later went on to work at US Bancorp in September of 2012 after graduating from Colorado State University with an MA in economics. In February 2018, he was promoted to his current position as Vice President in Treasury Quantitative Analytics and currently manages a group of five quantitative analysts.

Since the beginning of his career with US Bancorp, he has been tasked to take on large, complex, econometric modeling projects

from the ground up. These projects required a tremendous amount of individual effort on his part and required him to work cross functionally among many different groups inside and outside of US Bancorp.

"No matter what the task, I step up to the challenge and deliver my best on a daily basis," said Haas. "I take time to consider other points of view knowing everyone I encounter has knowledge I can leverage to make our organization better. I give credit where credit is due, admit past mistakes, and strive to always learn on a daily basis."

Through his life journey, Haas has learned the importance and every day applications of MSUM's core values of grit, humility, and heart. In recent years, Haas has even had the opportunity to give back to MSUM students by inviting a group of them to the US Bancorp corporate headquarters in Minneapolis, where he gets to explain what he does and tell the story of how he ended up where he is today.

"To date, that was one of the most rewarding experiences I have had both personally and professionally," said Haas of speaking with MSUM students.

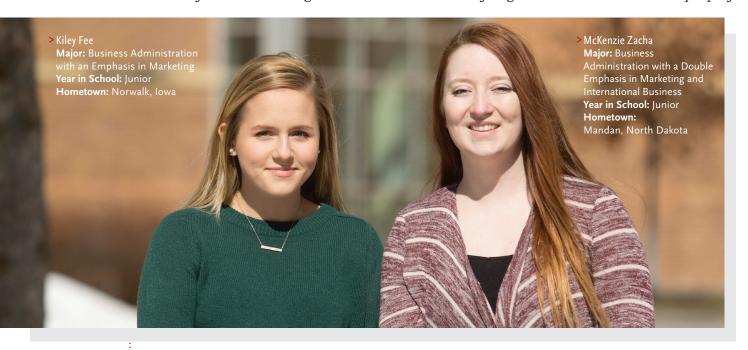
After his experience in the field and learning what it takes to advance in his career, Haas shares his secret to success.

"Never give up," he said. "Always keep pushing and striving to be the best you can be. Remember those that helped you along the way, and inspire others to do the same."



Kiley Fee & McKenzie Zacha

A Dual Process of Decision-Making in Our Choices: The Role of Cognition and Emotion in Everyday Life



> By Leah Schmitt

eft or right? Soup or salad? Name brand or off brand? MSUM or other?

As humans, we make more than 35,000 decisions a day, but have you ever thought about what influences you to make those decisions? That is exactly what Business Administration students Kiley Fee and McKenzie Zacha wanted to find out.

In their study, Fee and Zacha looked at consumers' behavior in a simple, everyday setting like the grocery store, and compared it to students' decisions to attend Minnesota State University Moorhead.

To conduct their study, they used keyword research to determine which elements of a decision were most important to people. For grocery store decisions, they looked at how price, time and product characteristics affected people's decisions, and for MSUM decisions, they looked at how price, education and campus characteristics affected people's decisions. They then placed the keywords they found on a cognitive and emotional scale to see how the decisions were made.

"We discovered that similar dimensions were present in both types of decision making," said Zacha. "However, how people approached each dimension was vastly different on an emotional and cognitive scale with each type of decision."

In the end, they learned making a decision in the grocery store is more cognitive than emotional, and making the decision to attend MSUM was more emotional than cognitive.

Fee and Zacha were intrigued by the idea of learning more about consumer behavior and were excited they had the opportunity to learn more about it in a hands-on setting.

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Stacy Meester Major: Psychology Year in School: Graduate Student Hometown: Hillsboro, North Dakota

Using Mindfulness and Yoga with First Graders to Increase Engagement



> By Leah Schmitt

ids are funny, energetic, brilliant...and they just can't sit still.

Studies show engaging students academically early on has a strong link to students' outcomes later in their schooling and their lives. But how do you get them to sit still long enough to engage them?

Stacy Meester, a graduate student in the School Psychology program, decided to explore ways of increasing students' engagement through mindfulness and yoga. Every day, for 10 weeks, a class of first graders spent five minutes in the morning and the afternoon, doing simple breathing and yoga exercises. Three students were monitored throughout the study to see if the exercises helped increase their engagement in the classroom. Only three students were monitored to ensure effective data was recorded.

"I know it's difficult to find the time right now in the classroom... it's full. There's a lot of learning going on," said Meester. "So taking only five minutes to do some mindfulness and see that engagement increase is a really positive thing."

Meester found for two of the three students, the intervention helped increase their engagement in the classroom. At the end of the day, Meester and her

cooperating teacher recorded on a range from 1 to 10 how well they thought each student was engaged that day; one meaning 10 percent engaged and 10 meaning 100 percent engaged. The goal was to see students' engagement reach an average of 80 percent.

Overall, Meester saw an increase in engagement throughout the entire classroom, not just in her subjects. While the success of the entire class wasn't tracked as a whole, she saw a shift in how students behaved.

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Andrea Hanson Major: Counseling and Student Affairs – Clinical Mental Health Year in School: Graduate Student Hometown: Fargo, North Dakota

Mental Health Awareness for College Athletics



> By Leah Schmitt

ost students face a dreadful to-do list—tests, papers, group projects and part-time jobs. The list keeps growing, and on top of the list are the personal demands and stressors that come with everyday life.

Student-athletes deal with all of this in addition to a vigorous workout schedule, practice and game days. It's enough to overwhelm anyone and may lead to mental health issues. However, student-athletes face barriers that prevent them from getting the help they need, namely not having a staff member specifically trained to help them navigate these troubling times.

Andrea Hanson, a graduate student in Counseling and Student Affairs, played college tennis for four years and is now an assistant tennis coach at MSUM. Expanding her knowledge of mental illnesses through her schooling has opened her eyes to the struggles studentathletes face every day, such as anxiety and depression.

Hanson created a training manual designed for coaches, athletic trainers and other athletic department personnel. The manual includes information on mental health issues that impact student-athletes and the symptoms and behaviors they may exhibit, such as excessive worry, fatigue or irritability.

The training demonstrates strategies on how to speak with student-athletes about seeking mental health services and provides case examples and role play scenarios to help coaches practice the skills gained through the training.

"After completing a review of current research, I wanted to do more to promote mental health to collegiate studentathletes," said Hanson of creating the manual. "Through this research, I am better able to understand the stressors they experience and the barriers they face to seeking mental health services."

Knowing what mental health issues college athletes face, Hanson is better able to talk to her athletes about these issues and find them help when needed.

"My passion for mental health has allowed me to gain a more complete picture of collegiate athletics and the role I play as an assistant coach," Hanson said.

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- Andrea Hanson

lenna Kalthoff Major: Finance Year in School: Junior Hometown: Richmond, Minnesota

Earnings Restatements and Crisis Communication Patterns



> By Leah Schmitt

n the era of "fake news" and "alternative facts," effective and accurate communication is key. Companies are learning this the hard way and are trying to find the best method to communicate with their stockholders about earnings restatements.

"An earnings restatement is used to correct errors in past earnings statements," said Finance student Jenna Kalthoff. "Earnings restatements typically cause a negative market reaction, so firms have started using different communication and release strategies."

The purpose of this study is to find the optimal technique, or techniques, companies should use when issuing earnings restatements. To do this, multiple earnings restatements will be gathered, and an event-study will be conducted to analyze the impact of the restatement.

While this study is still in the data-collection process, Kalthoff is optimistic about the results it will vield.

"The results will either help company executives minimize the negative market reaction of restatements through communication strategies or will show that media strategy is minimally effective," said Kalthoff.

Kalthoff worked with Dr. Thomas Hanson, an MSUM Finance professor, to conduct this study and other studies in the past. She enjoys the personal mentoring she has found at MSUM and the hands-on experience MSUM offers.

"Research has made me more aware of my skills and has improved my communication skills," said Kalthoff. "I have been very fortunate to work with exceptional people through the research process. They all deserve a million thanks!"

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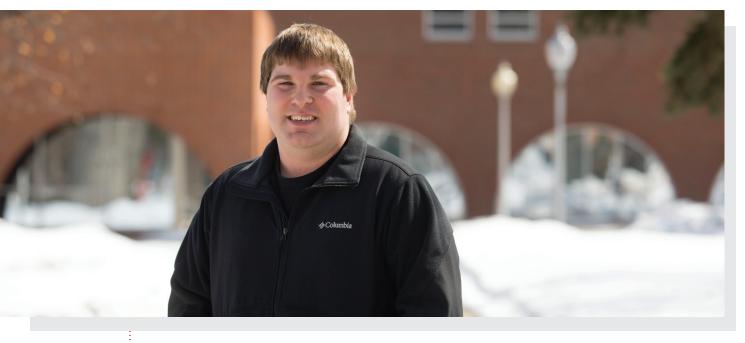
- Ienna Kalthoff



Joshua Noennig Major: Economics Year in School: Junior

Hometown: Sabin, Minnesota

Males and Undergraduate Education: The Rest of the Story



> By Leah Schmitt

n the last 50 years, female undergraduate enrollment has increased substantially while enrollment of male students has stayed roughly the same. Females now make up around 60 percent of undergraduates, while men only make up 40 percent. Why?

Joshua Noennig, a junior majoring in Economics, wanted to find the answer. In his study, Noennig looks at the gender enrollment gap in U.S. undergraduate enrollment in four-year institutions from 1962 to the present.

"This study looks at how cost and benefits influence male enrollment, and highlights specifically how posthigh school graduation alternatives for males attending college impact their decision," said Noennig.

To conduct his study, Noennig used data from the National Center for Education Statistics and the U.S. Census Bureau to see how the costs and benefits influence men who are recent high school graduates. He focused on a few key variables, which include college premium (the difference between the salary of someone with a college degree and a high school degree), average marriage age, and a military draft variable. He is also

looking at the affect male-dominated trade professions may have on low male enrollment.

Through his extensive research, Noennig hoped to explain why men have not seen increased undergraduate enrollment during a time when women's undergraduate enrollment has skyrocketed, and he may have found an answer.

"I found that men have been joining the workforce or military due to the benefits (such as money and freedom) being immediate, compared to the longterm benefits of college," said Noennig. "It appears that the perceived benefits of attending college for men are decreasing, or that they do not want to invest in education for four years before seeing the payoff down the road."

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Michael Betsinger

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Christine Lidenberg and Maxwell Sojka

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Gregory Anderson, Laura Wessberg, and Jonah Vigilant

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Isaac Heiser

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Do painted turtles captured at trapping "hot spots" reflect the population structure of the larger turtle population?

Joseph O'Flanagan and Dylan Leach

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Do Trapping "Hotspots" For Western Painted Turtles Remain The Same From Year-To-Year In Clay County, MN?

Megan Gates, Casey Coombs, and Cristiano Ricci

Advisor: Donna Stockrahm



Population control in urban Canada geese in Moorhead, Minnesota: what are the findings after eight Years?

Rachel Rusten and Eli Croaker

Advisor: Donna Stockrahm

Impacts of third-year restoration processes on small mammals in a western tallgrass prairie in Clay County, Minnesota

Sarah Sanderson and Miranda Sater

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Mark Lueders and Timothy Schmiesing

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Breanna Huynh and Tiffany Grieger

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Behavioral Effects of Neuroanatomical Differences in Mice

Anne Holzgrove

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Woody Encroachment on Bluestem Prairies in Cass County

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Influenza Occurrences in the United States Since 1997

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The frequency of Lyme disease in Minnesota over-time

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Multivariate Comparison of Fish in

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Population Distribution for the Western Meadowlark (Sturnella neglecta) in the

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Population distribution patterns of Song Sparrow (Melaspiza melodia) in

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Antibiotic-Producing Bacteria Found In Soil

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Deoxynivalenol (DON) Induced Change in IgA Concentration Through Intranasal

Exposure

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Advisor: Sumali Pandey

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Adaptations of non-pigmented Antarctic bacteria subjected to UV radiation

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Inhibition of pigmentation in antractic bacteria isolate cg 9_6 cells via mutagenesis

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Biofilm production in Antarctic bacteria under different stressors

Victoria Gilbert and Nellie Campbell

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Suman Koirala and Manish Dhakal

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Mark Arinaitwe, Nitesh Shankat, and Oluwadamilola Ajayi

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Adopting SCAN Methodology to Rearrange Images for More Efficient Lossless Compression

Charles Crandall

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Melat Tekie and Dawit Tekie

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Building Artificial Intelligence(AI) Assistant using Python

Priyanka Aryal, Suman Pradhan, and Ritesh K.C.

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Cryptocurrency Performance Prediction Using Convolutional Neural Networks

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Analyzing the Benefits of RESTful Architecture over WS-* in Utilizing a Web API for a Mobile Application

HouPha Vang, Michael Drawz, and Theodore Altobel

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Digitalization of Hendrix Clinic

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