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## 2017 COMMON READ REFLECTS ON CAMPUS HISTORY

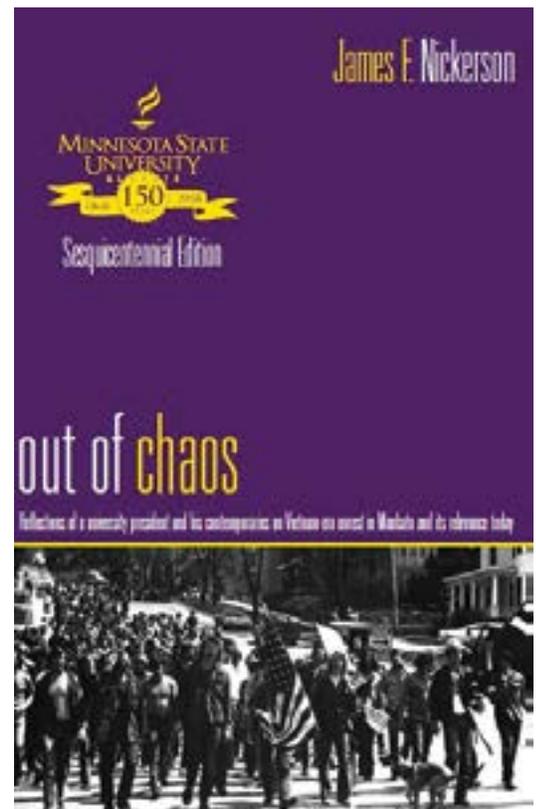
In celebration of the 150th anniversary of Minnesota State University, Mankato, *Out of Chaos: Reflections of a University President and his Contemporaries on Vietnam-Era Unrest in Mankato and its Relevance Today* will serve as the 2017 Common Read book. Compiled by former Mankato State College President, James F. Nickerson, the book is a collection of reminiscences from students, faculty, staff and community members focusing on the events that occurred on campus and in Mankato during the turbulent 1960s and 1970s.

With financial and staff support from Library Services, a documentary film, based on the events described in *Out of Chaos*, was created by students in the Film Studies program at Minnesota State Mankato. The film, *Two Weeks in May*, was also made possible through financial support from the English Department and a grant provided by the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council from funds appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature. Using historic photos, film footage, documents, audio recordings, and recorded interviews, the film tells the story of the May 1972 student protests at Mankato State College.

The World Premier of *Two Weeks in May* will be held at the Common Read Keynote Event in the Centennial Student Union Ballroom at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1, 2017. This event is free and open to the public. To view a trailer of the film visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dVWof-OvuCDU>.

The Common Read website, available at <https://www.mnsu.edu/commonread>, includes a calendar of events, book discussion questions, and resource lists. In addition, twenty Learning Activities were created to support the exploration and understanding of the book and the history of Minnesota State Mankato (<http://libguides.mnsu.edu/OutOfChaosActivities>). Topics include: the Vietnam War, the Draft, Abbas Kessel, Bomb Threats and Tear Gas, and more.

The Common Read Committee encourages anyone interested in *Out of Chaos* to begin first by reading alumnus David Phelps's section on pages 106 through 119. This section provides readers with an overview of the events that occurred on campus and in the country.

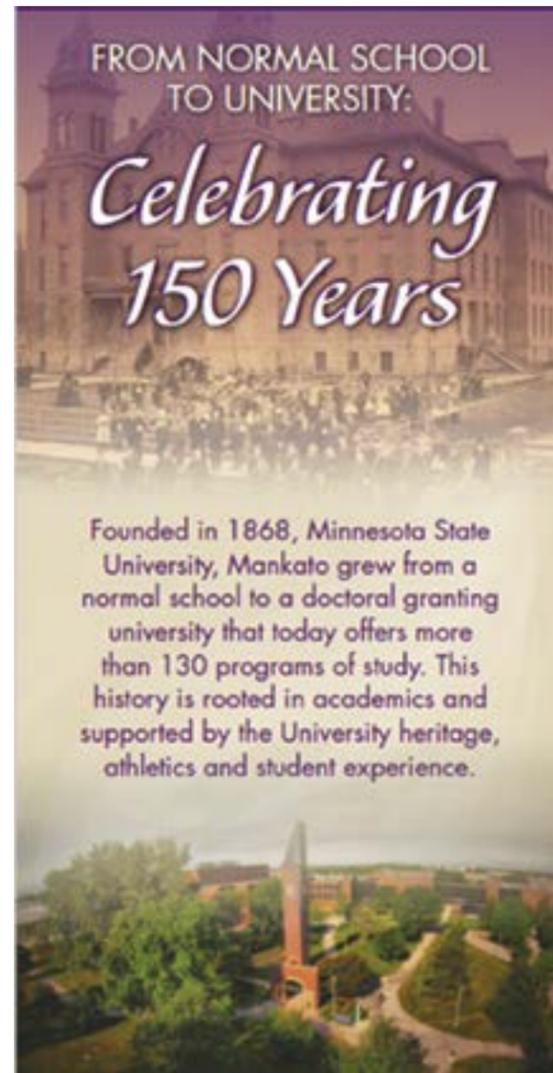


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For questions about the Common Read contact Monika Antonelli, Common Read Chair, at 507-389-2507 or [monika.antonelli@mnsu.edu](mailto:monika.antonelli@mnsu.edu). To purchase a copy of *Out of Chaos* visit the Barnes & Noble Booksellers on the university's campus or in the River Hills Mall or the Blue Earth County Historical Society. Copies of the book are available online at <http://cornerstone.lib.mnsu.edu/university-archives-msu-authors/1/> and available for check out from the Library.

## Sesquicentennial Portable Exhibit

Over the summer, the University Archives, working with stakeholders across campus, completed a portable exhibit celebrating 150 years of our University's history. The portable exhibit consists of 27 three foot by six foot individual panels and commemorate the heritage, athletics, academics, and student life of our University. The exhibit is available for checkout for your Sesquicentennial events on a first come first serve basis. Details on the exhibit are available at [http://www.mnsu.edu/150/events/exhibit\\_request.html](http://www.mnsu.edu/150/events/exhibit_request.html). For more information, contact the University Archives at [archives@mnsu.edu](mailto:archives@mnsu.edu) or 507-389-1029.



## SelectedWorks Showcases Faculty Works and Achievements

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## Graduate Online Symposium Highlights Student Research

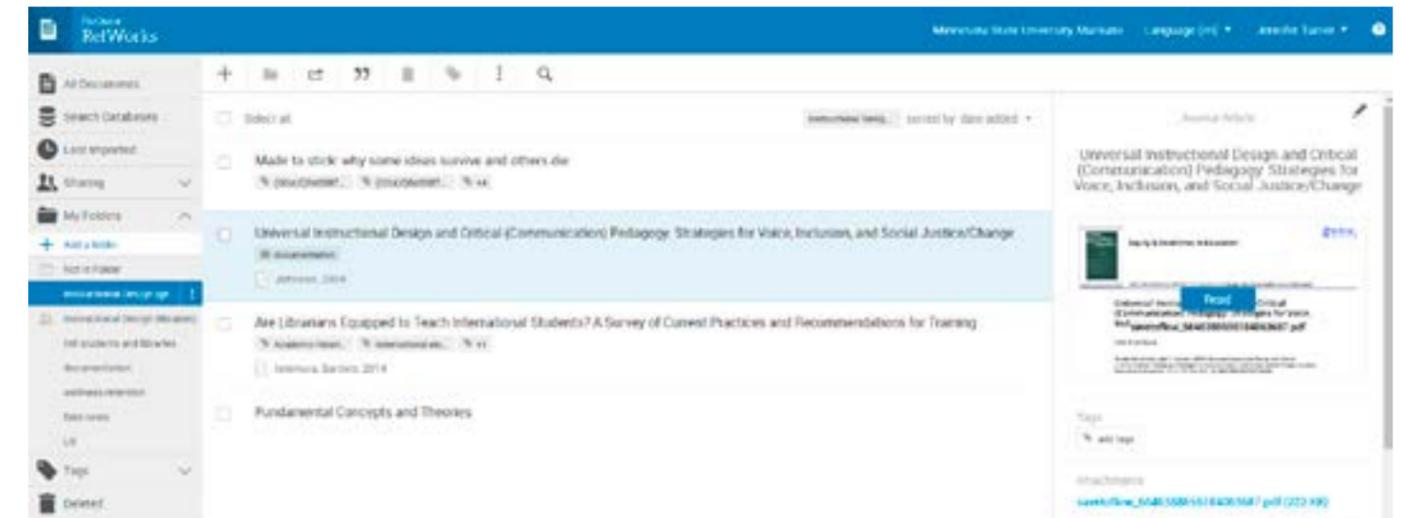
On April 17, 2017, eleven presentations were launched as part of the first Graduate Online Symposium. Sponsored by the College of Graduate Studies and Research, the Graduate Online Symposium is an opportunity for graduate students to give a brief presentation about their research and creative activities. Rather than presenting at a conference on campus, these digital presentations are made available online through Cornerstone, which preserves a record of the scholarship and creative activities of the University's masters and doctoral candidates. To view the presentations in the Graduate Online Symposium, visit <http://cornerstone.lib.mnsu.edu/gos/>. Details on the next Graduation Online Symposium will be coming soon, but if you have questions, contact Heidi Southworth, Digital Initiatives Librarian, at [heidi.southworth@mnsu.edu](mailto:heidi.southworth@mnsu.edu).

## New RefWorks is Here!

The RefWorks citation management tool has been redesigned! You can use RefWorks 2.0 to

- Import citations from online databases
- Store, organize, and annotate PDFs of articles
- Create bibliographies for research papers
- Share reading lists with project collaborators

Learn more about RefWorks, open an account, or migrate an existing account to the new platform at <http://libguides.mnsu.edu/refworks>.



## Cornerstone Records Over 400,000 Downloads!

Cornerstone is now beginning its fourth year with 3,845 items and 406,801 downloads! The two items in Cornerstone with the most downloads are: Michael Chavez's 2015 Master of Science thesis in Gender and Women's Studies titled *Representing Us All? Race, Gender and Sexuality in Orange is the New Black* with 15,108 downloads (<http://cornerstone.lib.mnsu.edu/etds/422/>) and Heidi Hemmer's article from the 2009 Journal of Undergraduate Research titled *Impact of Text Messaging on Communication* with 12,585 downloads (<http://cornerstone.lib.mnsu.edu/jur/vol9/iss1/5/>). People from 217 countries have viewed content in Cornerstone. To find out how you can contribute, contact Heidi Southworth, Digital Initiatives Librarian at [heidi.southworth@mnsu.edu](mailto:heidi.southworth@mnsu.edu).



## MEMORIAL LIBRARY 1967-2017 CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Minnesota State University, Mankato and Library Services invite the campus and the community to a celebration of Memorial Library's 50th year on Monday, October 2, 2017, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. While Memorial Library has experienced many changes over the last 50 years, one thing remains constant. Memorial Library continues to be the academic center for Minnesota State University, Mankato.

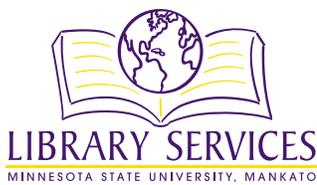
When the Memorial Library opened its doors on October 2, 1967 the Library's holdings included 160,000 volumes and 1,600 periodicals. Today, six times as many books (more than a million!) and 60 times as many online and print periodicals (more than 100,000!) are available to library users. In addition, the library building was expanded with a major building project in 1992, and today also has an "all-weather" pedestrian connection to other campus buildings.

Dr. Joan Roca, Dean of Library Services, encourages faculty, staff, students, alumni and all interested community members to come and experience the Library's transformations: *"It is very fitting that the University's celebration of the 150th year since its foundation include recognition that our 50-year-old Memorial Library can be proudly showcased as a modern facility offering a caring and professional staff, high quality services, carefully selected resources in many formats, state of the art technologies, and a variety of comfortable, flexible study spaces to serve the needs of 21st century students."*

If you would like more information about this celebration, please contact Leslie Peterson at 507-389-5952 or email at [outreach@mnsu.edu](mailto:outreach@mnsu.edu).



*Library Services faculty and staff look forward to the 2017-2018 academic year and to celebrating the 50th anniversary of Memorial Library.*



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