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TOP NEWS:

PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION UPDATE: Late last year, the Board of Regents named a presidential transition committee charged with implementing an orderly and smooth transition between President Bruininks and his successor. The committee will provide regular updates to the University community about the transition. President Bruininks's term will end June 30. All executive decisions will continue to be made by President Bruininks and his executive team until President-Designate Kaler assumes his responsibilities on July 1. Bruininks and Kaler have begun regular discussions, and these will continue over the coming months. Kaler has visited the U twice since his selection in November and is planning to visit at least once per month for meetings and discussions with a range of U officials, students, faculty, community leaders, and others. For more information, see the [Presidential Transition website](#).

FEDERAL RELATIONS UPDATE: After an eventful election this fall, research universities like the U saw a number of desired outcomes during the lame-duck session, including renewal of the America COMPETES Act, which authorizes (but does not appropriate) funding levels for the National Science Foundation and the Department of Energy Office of Science, reauthorization of tax credits for students, and a fix for the Pell Grant program's funding shortfall. While COMPETES's passage was a welcome development among university advocates, it is clear that colleges, universities, and the associations that represent them have their work cut out for them in the 112th Congress. For more information, see [Federal Relations](#).

STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: January is typically a slow time in the legislative session; however, this year looks to be an exception given all of the new members, leadership, and the strong will to start working. Once Governor Dayton submits his budget in mid-February, the session will be in full swing. President Bruininks is scheduled to present an overview of the University before the higher education committees in both the House and Senate in the coming weeks. For more information, see [State Relations](#).

2011 LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING: The annual Legislative Briefing brings together U of M supporters to rally behind the U's 2011 legislative priorities. Attendees are invited to create their own personal "Because" message to be shared with their legislators. Jan. 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see [Support the U](#).

FEATURE: Turning fossil fuel into energy is easy: You just burn it, and live with the carbon dioxide by-product. But what if we could reverse the process and turn carbon dioxide back into fuel? Researchers Jane Davidson and Wojciech Lipinski and colleagues are using concentrated light energy equal to 3,000 suns to find the most efficient way to convert carbon dioxide and water into synthetic gas, or "syngas," with solar power. For more information, read ["From sunlight to syngas."](#)

U OF M MOMENT: The U's Water Resources Center has authored a first-ever, comprehensive report designed to protect and preserve Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and groundwater for the 21st century and beyond. Lead author and center codirector Deb Swackhamer recently presented the report to the Minnesota Legislature. Swackhamer says Minnesota's Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Act serves as a starting point for preserving the state's water supply. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

Awards and appointments

PEOPLE: Governor Mark Dayton named Boynton Health Service director Ed Ehlinger as his commissioner of health; David Beard (Writing Studies, UMD) and his co-author, William Keith, have won the Rohrer Award for Research of the American Forensics Association; Belinda Cheung has been named assistant vice provost for graduate education; U researchers Christopher De Jonge and Nancy Bossert were recognized in *Time* magazine's Top 10 Medical Breakthroughs for 2010; College of Veterinary Medicine faculty Elizabeth Wagstrom and Cindy Wolf have been appointed by agriculture secretary Tom Vilsack to the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Animal Health; U in the News features U faculty cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

Administrative information

A BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE (BI) INITIATIVE AT THE U aims to provide decision makers at all levels of the University with relevant, accurate, and consistent data as well as the tools and skills to analyze them. Now more than ever, these decisions need to be rooted in data. Examples of ways in which BI can be useful include: monitoring and predicting enrollment to inform course scheduling and support, and analyzing unit spending by category or item to improve allocation of resources. For more information, [join the listserv](#), email [Business Intelligence](#), or see [BI initiative](#).

THE COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC PROFESSIONALS AND ADMINISTRATORS (CAPA) spring 2011 brown bag series begins Jan. 20. The first session will be a presentation from U budget director Julie Tonneson, noon-1 p.m., 215 Donhowe. Bring a lunch and come listen, or participate via UMConnect. For more information on this and future sessions, see [CAPA brown bag](#).

UMORE PARK IS SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR ITS ACADEMIC MISSION ADVISORY BOARD. The board helps to identify and support mechanisms that integrate U research, education, and public engagement into the planning and development of UMore Park. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to apply. Self-nominate or nominate others by Feb. 7. For more information, see [UMore Park](#).

THE MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM IS SEEKING VOLUNTEER GUIDES to lead walking or bus tours of the gardens and to staff interpretive stations. The required training is 12 half-day sessions. Arboretum guides must commit to lead at least 10 tours or other educational activities. Learn more at an informational session, Jan. 31, 1-2 p.m., Snyder Building. To RSVP, email [Arika Paukner](#) or [Sandy Tanck](#).

Funding opportunities

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE GRANT-IN-AID spring 2011 competition. The Grant-in-Aid of Research, Artistry, and Scholarship Program in the Office of the Vice President for Research seeks to promote the scholarly and artistic activities of faculty and their graduate students and to foster academic excellence within the University. Deadline: Feb. 7. For more information, see [grant applications](#).

2011 IMAGINE FUND AWARD WINNERS WERE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED. The fund is a unique, systemwide program open to humanities, arts, and design faculty to support a range of projects and enhance the presence of these disciplines. The 151 recipients of this year's awards have been granted a total of more than \$755,000. For more information, including a detailed listing of 2011's award-winners, see [Imagine Fund](#).

CROOKSTON:

UMC STUDENT SHEILA CARLETON HAS WON THE STUDENT CONSERVATIONIST AWARD given by the Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society. The award gives recognition to students studying a wildlife-related major at a Minnesota college or university. For more information, see [award](#).

A PARTNERSHIP FOCUSED ON CONNECTING CHILDREN AND NATURE has awarded mini-grants to seven projects and is looking to fund a second round in February. The partnership includes UMC, Extension, Regional Sustainable Development Partnership, Northwest Regional Development Commission, International Water Institute River Watch, Polk and Mahnomen Public Health Programs, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. For more information, see [mini-grant](#).

DULUTH:

UMD HOSTED THE "FIRST" (FOR INSPIRATION AND RECOGNITION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY) ROBOTICS PREPARATION KICKOFF EVENT on Jan. 8. More than 200 high-school students from the Duluth area and the Iron Range attended. Nearly 100 pounds of robotic materials were distributed to each of the 14 schools participating. The high-school students will have six weeks to design and build a robot for the regional competition to be held in March at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center. UMD Swenson College of Science and Engineering students assisted the high-school students and will continue to mentor them with their ongoing projects. Swenson associate dean Stan Burns led the event.

UMD MEN'S AND WOMEN'S HOCKEY HAVE A NEW HOME at the AMSOIL Arena in the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center in downtown Duluth. The arena held the grand opening kickoff game on Dec. 30 with the UMD men's hockey team versus the University of North Dakota, playing before a sold-out crowd of 6,732 spectators. Governor Mark Dayton, chancellor Lynn Black, and Duluth mayor Don Ness dropped the ceremonial puck. For more information, see [hockey home](#).

UMD FOOTBALL COACH BOB NIELSON was recently named Liberty Mutual's NCAA Division II Coach of the Year. With this honor, Liberty Mutual awards \$50,000 to be disbursed among Duluth area charities designated by Coach Nielson. In addition, Liberty Mutual will donate \$20,000 to the UMD Alumni Association. The Association has earmarked a majority of the funds to endow the UMD Alumni Scholarship. For more information, see [Bob Nielson](#).

MORRIS:

UMM WAS NAMED ONE OF THE 100 BEST VALUES IN PUBLIC COLLEGES in *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* national ranking. The Morris and Twin Cities campuses were the only Minnesota institutions chosen for best value honors. For more information, see [best value](#).

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR ARGIE MANOLIS was chosen by the Morris Human Rights Commission as the 2010 recipient of the Morris Human Rights Award. For more information, see [human rights award](#).

THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE will be held Jan. 17. Students and community members are invited to celebrate King's life and legacy by joining in training related to diversity and social justice, learning about local volunteer opportunities, making a volunteer pledge for 2011, participating in a group service project, and enjoying a free meal and program. For more information, see [MLK day of service](#).

A 2010 IMAGINE FUND AWARD HAS CONTRIBUTED TO A STUDY OF WOMEN POLITICIANS IN INDIA by Pareena Lawrence, professor of economics and management and Division of the Social Sciences chair; and Jennifer Rothchild, associate professor of sociology. Their project, "From Autobiography to Political Empowerment in Haryana," took them to villages in the Indian states of Haryana and Himachal Pradesh. Lawrence and Rothchild are among 17 UMM professors who received 2010 Imagine Fund Awards. For more information, see [women politicians in India](#).

ROCHESTER:

THE BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS AND COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY (BICB) PROGRAM will hold a research symposium Jan. 14 in Rochester. The event will bring together teams of scientists, administrators, and students from UMTC, UMR, the Hormel Institute, the Mayo Clinic, and IBM, as well as other researchers working in the field. Keynote presentations will be given by the Mayo Clinic's Frank Prendergast, "Cancer: Bioinformatics, and the 'N' of One Problem;" and the U's Henning Schroeder, "U.S. Graduate Education in a Globalized Academic Marketplace." For more information, see [BICB research symposium](#).

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FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (FM) COMPLETED A SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM DEC. 31 THAT HAS REDUCED INJURIES AND COSTS. The program launched after 58 lost-time injuries in 2008 incurred workers' compensation costs in excess of \$1.25 million. In 2009, the first year of the program, the number of lost-time injuries dropped to 25, with \$535,000 in workers' compensation. Lost-time injuries held steady in 2010 at 26, but workers' compensation costs fell to \$197,586, a level not seen in more than 20 years. A new incentive program is expected to launch in July. For more information, see [safety program success](#).

A NEW PUBLICATION FOR STUDENTS, THE UNDERGRAD UPDATE will deliver concise student information that is current and relevant to the undergraduate population. The biweekly student email is a collaborative effort between the Office for Student Affairs and the Office of Undergraduate Education to streamline undergraduate communication at the UMTC campus. For the most current mailing and to see a timeline of future mailings, see [The Undergrad Update](#).

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE 2011 PRESIDENT'S STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD. The awards honor the accomplishments of outstanding students at UMTC. All faculty, staff, administrators, and students are encouraged to nominate current University students by Feb. 4. For more information, see [student award nomination](#).

Professional development opportunities

REFRESH YOUR WORK LIFE WITH WINTER TRAINING COURSES. There are still a few openings in some of the professional, career, supervisory, and leadership development courses being offered by the Organizational Effectiveness unit of Human Resources. Courses include Career Foundations, Working Across Generations, Goal Setting and Success, Conflict Fluency, Understanding Change, Leading Effective Meetings, Labor Relations at the University, Successful Manager's Leadership Program, The Gift of Feedback, and more. For more information, see [winter training](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

"RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF MINORITIES IN CLINICAL TRIALS: LESSONS LEARNED FROM EMPaCT" will outline how the U is tackling the disparity of high cancer rates among minorities coupled with low participation in clinical trials. The U launched the enhancing minority participation in Clinical Trials (EMPaCT) program, along with the Center for Health Equity, to examine why certain racial and ethnic minority groups suffer a greater incidence of cancer than the U.S. population as a whole, often with a higher mortality rate. [Selwyn Vickers](#) and [Jasjit Ahluwalia](#) will discuss goals to remove barriers, enhance recruitment, and pave the way for life-saving research. Jan. 21, 7:30-9 a.m., Coffman Union, Mississippi Room. For more information, see [minority health](#).

CELEBRATE THE LAUNCH OF THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S SERVICE in Ramsey County on Jan. 24, 4-6 p.m., Wilder Center, St. Paul. Local health experts and policy leaders will reflect on the health and well-being of children, today and in the future. A reception will follow. For registration and more information, see [children's study launch](#).

THE INTERDISCIPLINARY GRADUATE GROUP IN SOCIAL COMPUTING will hold monthly meetings with guest speakers and opportunities to learn about social computing initiatives at the U. Those with research focusing on social media or with an interest in sharing ideas with others about social computing are invited to attend and network with new colleagues. Jan. 27, 4-6 p.m., 402 Digital Technology Center. For more information or to join the mailing list, see [social computing](#).

DEINARD MEMORIAL LECTURE ON LAW AND MEDICINE: "New Technologies and Old Statutes: Challenges for 21st-Century Food and Medical Product Regulation," will be held Feb. 2, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. University of Wisconsin professor and U.S. Food and Drug Administration official R. Alta Charo is the featured speaker. Free and open to the public. For registration and more information, see [Deinard Lecture](#).

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR MINI MEDICAL SCHOOL. This winter, Mini Medical School focuses on the fascinating world of regenerative medicine. Renowned U researchers will describe a future where body parts can re-grow, victims of spinal cord injuries can walk, and a person's own immune system can fight cancer. Mondays, Feb. 14-March 14, 6-8:30 p.m., 2-650 Moos Tower. U faculty, staff, students, and others may receive a discounted rate of \$65 for the entire series. For registration and more information, see [Mini Medical School](#) or call 612-626-7072.

MORE EVENTS include Google: [The Undergrad Update](#) ([Jan. 14](#)); January Breakfast Series ([Jan. 19](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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Welcome! *Brief* welcomes returning faculty, staff, and students to the 2011 spring semester!

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TOP NEWS:

FEATURE: Deep in a basement under a Twin Cities campus library, Elmo, Itasca, and Blade are at work. They're running high-level quantum calculations in the war against anthrax and other biological and chemical weapons, led by Elizabeth Amin. Amin is an assistant professor of medicinal chemistry, and her three assistants are supercomputers. They all work together in the Minnesota Supercomputing Institute for Advanced Computational Research (MSI), uncovering clues in the search to find antidotes for biological weapons. For more information, read "[Elizabeth Amin, MSI Fellow.](#)"

FEATURE: University researchers are chasing down the mechanisms that switch genes on or off, affecting traits that range from the color of corn leaves to the risk of serious human disease. For more information, read "[Above and beyond the genes.](#)"

FEATURE: It happens to heart attack sufferers and highly fit marathoners alike. When a muscle isn't getting enough oxygen, it hurts. Yet while the pain is caused by lactic acid leaking from oxygen-stressed muscle, the amounts of acid are too low for pain nerves in muscle to detect. That paradox led U neuroscientist Robert Elde and his colleagues to investigate how oxygen-starved muscles get their SOS through to the nervous system. For more information, read "[Why heart attacks hurt.](#)"

U OF M MOMENT: Advances in video game technologies always bring big sales, but biomedical engineering professor Bin He's newest project goes beyond even Nintendo's latest offering—to 3-D mind control. Professor He also hopes that someday his work on brain-computer interfaces will give people who can only communicate with their minds some control over their environment. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

Awards and appointments

PEOPLE: Dean Meredith McQuaid has been elected president of NAFSA: Association of International Educators; Laura Babcock has been named the director of the Minnesota Technical Assistance Program; three College of Science and Engineering professors have been named fellows to the American Association for the Advancement of Science; *Chronology of the Evolution-Creationism Controversy*, a book by Randy Moore, Mark Decker, and Sehoya Cotner, has been selected as one of 13 winners of the Outstanding Reference Source Award; *The Berg Encyclopedia of World Dress and Fashion* was chosen as winner of the Dartmouth Medal for outstanding reference; U in the News features U faculty cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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CAPA 2011 OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD: The Council of Academic Professionals and Administrators (CAPA) is accepting applications for its annual Outstanding Unit Award, which recognizes units of the University that are judged to be exemplary in their support of P&A staff and the critical role P&A employees fulfill in supporting the U's mission. The application deadline is March 4. For more information, see [CAPA award](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

REGISTER TODAY FOR THE 2011 QUALITY FAIR & FORUM. This year's theme is "Working Together, Learning from Each Other," with a keynote address "[Hang Together or Hang Separately](#)" by UMR chancellor Stephen Lehmkuhle. Lehmkuhle will describe the forces that are changing higher education, the power of networks, the impact of collaborative leadership, and the critical development of a shared vision with all the U's partners. The fair will also include more than 40 poster displays featuring the year's most notable quality improvement initiatives, opportunities to network and learn from U colleagues, a snack buffet, and door prizes. Feb. 3, 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Carlson School of Management. For more information, see [Quality Fair 2011](#), or [register online](#).

IonE OUTBURST! Representatives from more than a dozen IonE-sponsored projects will each provide a five-minute overview of the big question they're addressing with their project, how they're doing it, and what it means for the rest of us. Topics will include measuring ecosystem health in great lakes, fostering innovation in social media, measuring sustainable development in Tanzania, leading travel adventures to global climate hot spots, and more. A live online broadcast will be available [via UMCConnect](#). Jan. 20, 3–5 p.m. For more information, see [Outburst!](#)

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE SPLIT ROCK ARTS PROGRAM'S FEBRUARY RETREATS: [Winter Landscape Photography](#), with Craig Blacklock; and [Reinventing Your Future](#), with Gerald Allan. Both take place Feb. 10–13, Cloquet Forestry Center. Faculty and staff can use the Regents Scholarship if taking the program for credit. For more information, see [Split Rock Arts](#) or call 612-625-1976.

Funding opportunities

INSTITUTE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (IonE) MINI GRANTS have been created to provide support for interdisciplinary teams that seek to organize and develop new activities around environmental research, education, or engagement. Grant amounts range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Proposals are due Feb. 1. The grants are meant to encourage collaboration across disciplines, units, or campuses at the U. For more information, see [IonE Mini Grants](#).

CROOKSTON:

THE 2011 LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING will be broadcast live Jan. 19, 116 Kiehle Building. Light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served at 5:30 p.m. For more information, see [Legislative Briefing](#).

THIS YEAR'S CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION will be supported by a \$10,000 grant from the Northwest Minnesota Regional Arts Council. The event is slated for April 15. For more information, see [grant](#).

AN EMERGENCY SIREN AND VOICE ALERT SYSTEM has been installed on campus in the parking lot just east of the Sports Center. In the case of an emergency, the system will sound and provide information. The project was funded by the U's Department of Emergency Management and was installed by UMC Facilities and Operations staff.

KRIS BRUCKERHOFF has been hired as a lecturer in the Business Department, where he will teach classes in management and marketing. He completed his undergraduate work in economics and sociology at Ohio Wesleyan University, and he earned his M.B.A. from St. Cloud State.

ANDREA REED has been hired as lab services coordinator for the equine science program in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department. The UMC alumna holds a bachelor of science in equine science.

DULUTH:

UMD TWEED MUSEUM OF ART PRESENTS "Landscapes of the Russian North" by Vladimir Labonov, a Russian artist from Petrozavodsk, one of Duluth's Sister Cities. The collection of watercolors portrays Labonov's travels around Karelia, Murmansk, and the countryside surrounding Petrozavodsk. The exhibit continues through Feb. 6. For more information, see [exhibit](#).

UMD PLANETARIUM INTRODUCES "Astronomy Lessons from Star Wars!" This show will reveal insights about the *Star Wars* universe and how it is similar to our own. Jan. 19 and 21, 7 p.m., Marshall W. Alworth Planetarium. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [Star Wars](#).

MATHEMATICS PROFESSOR JOSEPH GALLIAN and three of his summer research students received high awards at the annual joint meetings of the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) in New Orleans on Jan. 7. Gallian won the Gung and Hu Award for Distinguished Service to Mathematics, MAA's most prestigious award for service. He was cited for his work with summer research students in his REU Program (Research Experience for Undergraduates) at UMD, and also for his work with Ph.D.s new to the academic profession, and for communicating mathematics to the widest possible audience. For more information, see [Gallian award](#).

MORRIS:

ARCHITECTURE MINNESOTA FEATURED THE WELCOME CENTER in its January/February issue. For more information, see [Welcome Center](#).

"PRAIRIE YARD AND GARDEN" (PY&G) begins a new season on public television Jan. 20. Created and produced by Roger Boleman, Instructional and Media Technologies director, the series' success and longevity (nearly 25 years on the air) represents a cooperative alliance between Morris and Pioneer Public Television. PY&G has been the number-one-rated program of national or local origin on Pioneer for the last few years. For more information, see [public television](#).

"UNBRIDLED VISION AND NEW PAINTINGS opens in the Humanities Fine Arts Gallery on Jan. 20. The exhibit features the work of alumni Ken and Kathleen Kollodge. Ken's non-enhanced photographs focus on themes of nature, wildlife, abstract color, and political satire. Kathleen's paintings record travels in colorful images. For more information, see [exhibit](#).

"PROMISE OF THE PRAIRIE: EDUCATION IN THREE ACTS," a documentary created by Media Services, will be aired on the Pioneer Public Television Jan. 23, 6 p.m. For more information, see [documentary](#).

ROCHESTER:

A PLAN TO REDEVELOP DOWNTOWN ROCHESTER WAS APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL. Developed by a partnership that includes UMR, the Mayo Clinic, and the Rochester Downtown Alliance, the Downtown Master Plan is a 150-page blueprint for growth in the city's core. Among other things, it calls for increasing reliance on mass transit and de-emphasizing automobile commuting; for developing a university campus south of downtown and an arts and entertainment district along the Zumbro riverfront; and for adding as many as 4,000 new residences, 500,000 square feet of retail, offices, and classrooms, and 1,000 hotel rooms over the next 20 years. For more information, see the [Rochester Post-Bulletin](#).

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

COURSE RESERVES FOR Spring 2011: University Libraries can assist instructors in providing course materials, articles, textbooks, videos, and other information resources to students online and/or in the libraries. All materials are accessible from Moodle, via the Library Course Pages on the [Libraries home page](#), and through the "My Courses" tab in myU. In addition to course reserves, the Library Course Pages bring together academic research tools tailored to your course. For more information about placing materials on either print or electronic course reserves, see [reserves](#), email libraries, or call 612-624-3321. For additional information, see [instructor support](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE HENNEPIN-UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP, a program of the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA), will host a symposium aimed at strengthening and enhancing the collaborative work between Hennepin County and the U by learning from current projects and discussing new ideas for future work. The event will include breakout sessions, a panel discussion, and opportunities to network. Keynote speaker is Jennifer Godinez, associate director for the Minnesota Family Education Partnership. Feb. 4, 8 a.m.–1 p.m., Humphrey Institute. [Registration](#) requested by Jan. 21. For more information, see [Hennepin-U](#), email Amy, or call 612-625-9885.

CURA HOUSING FORUM: The Effects of Holistic, Values-Based Financial Literacy Programming on Housing Stability: A Case Study from North Minneapolis. Jan. 21, noon–1:30 p.m., West Bank. In the spring of 2010, CURA granted Build Wealth Minnesota a part-time research assistant to conduct a mixed-methods program evaluation of the Build Wealth Minnesota "Family Stabilization Plan." Hear about the findings and discuss the implications of this work with the researchers and executive director of the program. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [CURA forum](#). [Register online](#) or at 612-625-9040 by Jan. 20.

THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CONCERT will feature The Steeles, 4GIVEN, T. Mychal Rambo, and faculty member John Wright with The Langston Hughes Project: Jazz Moods for Dreamers. Jan. 23, 4–6 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Sponsored by the Office for Equity and Diversity and the School of Music. For more information, see [MLK concert](#).

THE 2011 GAYLORD ANDERSON CO-FOUNDER "Is There the Courage to Change the American Diet?" will be delivered by Kelly Brownell, co-founder and director of the Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity. Feb. 11, 10 a.m., Coffman Union Theater. A light breakfast buffet will precede the lecture. Free and open to the public. Registration is strongly encouraged. For more information, see [Gaylord Anderson](#).

THE THIRD ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FAIR will include breakout sessions and an information expo featuring training and development organizations from across the U. UMD Chancellor Lendley Black will deliver the keynote address. Space is limited. March 8, Coffman Union. For more information, see [development fair](#) or [register online](#).

UNIVERSITY DINING SERVICES ADDED FOUR NEW EATERIES TO CAMPUS over winter break: Topio's Pizza in Coffman Union's MINNESOTA Marketplace; Papa John's in Blegen Hall; Subway, inside Essential Market in Blegen Hall; and Cone 10 Café in the Regis Center for Arts. For hours and more information, see [UDS eateries](#).

MORE EVENTS include Walter Mondale, LearningLife Forum ([Jan. 20](#)); Carl Elliott "The Clinial Trial as Pharmaceutical Marketing Tool" ([Jan. 21](#)); Airborne: The Build Wealth Minnesota "Family Stabilization Plan." Hear about the findings and discuss the implications of this work with the researchers and executive director of the program. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [CURA forum](#). [Register online](#) or at 612-625-9040 by Jan. 20.

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TOP NEWS:

STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: A late-January State Relations update provides an overview of the progress thus far on the 2012–13 biennial budget. Last week, the legislature proposed legislation that reduces the state's deficit by about \$1 billion. The U's reduction would be \$89.2 million. The Republican leadership has said that this is part one of a budget solution and that there will be another round of cuts. The update also includes highlights from the 2011 Legislative Briefing held Jan. 19, and more. For more information, see [State Relations](#).

FEATURE: One by one, images of ordinary objects flashed on the computer screen. Each stayed up for only about 0.015 second. One psychologist couldn't even tell that any images were coming up, let alone name the objects. But a second rattled off their names without a hitch. The second, professor Stephen Engel, had a powerful advantage: He had trained himself to detect images that a "naïve" eye never could. Now he has discovered one of the brain's secrets for pulling off similar feats. For more information, read "[A mind of its own](#)."

U OF M MOMENT: Nearly half of sports fans leaving professional baseball and football games have consumed alcohol during those events, and eight percent of attendees are legally drunk when they leave, according to a new study from School of Public Health researcher Darin Erickson. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

Awards and appointments

PEOPLE: McKnight Land-Grant Professors for 2011–13 are Brian Aukema, CFANS; Aditya Bhan, CSE; Christopher Hogan, CSE; Chad Myers, CSE; Chengyan Yue, CFANS; Charles Baxter, Edelstein-Keller Professor of Creative Writing, had his most recent book reviewed by Joyce Carol Oates in the *New York Times*; Ron Huesman, associate director of the Office of Institutional Research, will serve as chair of the Association of American Universities Data Exchange Council; U in the News features U faculty cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

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OIP CHANGES NAME: The Office of International Programs is now the Global Programs and Strategy Alliance (GPS Alliance). The new name was chosen to better reflect the scope of work and increasing responsibilities of the unit. The core mission of the GPS Alliance is to be the driving force for the University in globalizing teaching, learning, research, and engagement. For more information, see [GPS Alliance](#).

AMPLATZ CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL ANNOUNCED A GIFT OF \$11.2 MILLION toward the goal of \$16.5 million to renovate the children's and adolescent behavioral health units. The gift was made by the hospital's lead donor, Caroline Amplatz, and sets in motion the initial renovation effort, which is scheduled for completion in 2014. For more information, see [Amplatz gift](#).

THE ROI (RETURN ON INVESTMENT) OF WELLNESS PROGRAMS. Three out of every four employers that provide health insurance also provide a wellness program. The programs are designed to improve health and reduce overall health care costs. But do they work? Is there a return on investment? U researchers have evaluated the U's wellness program over the last few years. Professor Jean Abraham says that not only are the U's programs saving money, but they are also improving the health of employees. For more information, see [healthy ROI](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN FOR THE 2011 QUALITY FAIR & FORUM. This year's theme is "Working Together, Learning from Each Other," with a keynote address by UMR chancellor Stephen Lehmkuhle, as well as opportunities to network and learn from U colleagues, a snack buffet, and door prizes. Feb. 3, 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Carlson School of Management. For more information, see [Quality Fair 2011](#), or [register online](#).

CROOKSTON:

THE NEW CENTURY LEARNING CONSORTIUM has added UMC as its 10th member. The consortium is designed to assist universities in implementing high quality, large-scale online and blended learning programs. For more information, see [learning consortium](#).

A FISHING TOURNAMENT IN MEMORY OF FORMER STUDENT JUSTIN KNEBEL will be held on Lake of the Woods at Zippel Bay Resort, Williams, MN. The tournament honors the memory of Knebel, who loved the Warroad area and outdoor sports in Minnesota. All proceeds support the Justin Knebel Memorial Scholarship Fund. Feb. 5. For more information, see [fishing fundraiser](#).

MAKING THE MOST OF A FIELD DAY WORKSHOP, including best practices on how to maximize the field day experience. Feb. 10, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Bede Ballroom. The \$15 registration fee includes lunch. For more information, see [field day](#).

RSVP OF THE RED RIVER VALLEY, sponsored by UMC, has received funding for 2011 from Land of the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging. The funds will be used to start two pilot projects in Crookston, East Grand Forks, Red Lake Falls, and Thief River Falls. The \$7,500 grant will help establish both the "RSVP Handyman Program" and "RSVP Groceries to Go Program" to help seniors remain safely and independently in their homes for as long as possible. For more information, see [RSVP funding](#).

DULUTH:

UMD MUSIC DEPARTMENT will present the opera *Hansel and Gretel*, composed by Engelbert Humperdinck and directed by UMD's Regina Zona. Performed in collaboration with the Minnesota Ballet and members of the Lake Superior Youth Chorus. Jan. 28 and 29, 7:30 p.m., and Jan. 30, 2 p.m., Marshall Performing Arts Center. For tickets, see [Hansel and Gretel](#).

THE WORK OF UMD PROFESSOR AND RESEARCH SCIENTIST MATTHEW ANDREWS is featured in the upcoming PBS TV series "Nova Science Now." Andrews's work is featured in the episode "Human Hibernation: Can we Live Forever?" The program will air Jan. 26, 7 p.m. WDSE TV (channel 8) in the Twin Ports. For more information, see [PBS TV](#).

A PIRATES OF THE CARROT BEAN promotional DVD will be part of a presentation to First Lady Michelle Obama's "Let's Move" executive team in Washington DC, Jan. 26. The presentation will highlight community engagement projects that address childhood obesity. The DVD was produced by UMD School of Fine Arts' Fine Arts Academy and performed by UMD Voyageurs. Since its inception in 2008, UMD Voyageurs have performed the musical-theatre production for more than 15,000 school children, bringing messages to address the national problem of childhood obesity.

MORRIS:

PRAIRIE GATE PREVIEWS, A SERIES OF FIVE FREE PUBLIC PROGRAMS, will introduce the public to each of the five writers who will be featured at the first annual Prairie Gate Literary Festival. The first program of the series will introduce Tom Hennen, a poet with family ties to the region, and who ran the Prairie Gate Press on campus for many years. Jan. 29, 11 a.m., Morris Public Library. The literary festival will be held March 25–26 on the Morris campus and will feature readings by the five previewed writers as well as workshops in writing drama, fiction, poetry, and nonfiction. For more information, see [public programs](#).

A NEW BOOK BY ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH BROOK MILLER, *America and the British Imaginary in Turn-of-the-Twentieth-Century Literature*, has been released by Palgrave Macmillan. A reception for Miller will be held Jan. 27, 4:30–6:30 p.m., LaFave House, 305 College Avenue. At 5:15 p.m., Miller will give a brief talk about writing and publishing the book. For more information, see [new book reception](#).

THE UMM CONCERT CHOIR has been invited to perform during Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion," which will be broadcast live from Morris on Feb. 19. Tickets are available through the Northrop ticketing system. For more information, see [Concert Choir](#).

ROCHESTER:

THE 8TH ANNUAL ROCHESTER ON TOUR AT THE CAPITOL, Rochester's largest advocacy and networking event of the year, will take place Feb. 2, 9 a.m., Minnesota State Capitol. With a new governor and state legislature, the stakes are higher than ever to make UMR's voice heard. Take advantage of this day to rally, promote Rochester, meet legislators, and enjoy a day full of networking. For more information, see [tour the capitol](#).

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APPLICATIONS FOR THE FIFTH ANNUAL TONY DIGGS EXCELLENCE AWARDS: Celebrating University Student Group Contributions are being accepted by Student Unions & Activities through March 2, by 5 p.m. Groups must be registered with Student Unions & Activities to be eligible. For more information on the nomination process, see [Tony Diggs](#), email Student Unions & Activities, or call 612-626-6919.

RECYCLE AND REPURPOSE AT THE ST. PAUL STUDENT CENTER during Green Week, Jan. 31–Feb. 4. The St. Paul Information Desk will be accepting eyeglasses and sunglasses (given to the Boynton Eye Center for those in need), cell phones (given to the Aurora Center for charities), batteries, and small electronics (iPods, chargers, cameras, etc.). For more information, see the [Student Unions events calendar](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

PREVIEW/REVIEW: UNIVERSITY EVENTS AND LECTURES is a periodic column highlighting events and lectures recently past and soon to come on the TC campus. This issue features a review of a talk by Wendell Potter about his book, *Deadly Spin*—an exposé of the health care insurance industry and his own involvement in what he calls an effort to mislead the American public. Previews include an author event with the U's own Charles Baxter, a classical singing competition, Hidden Gems of the Wine World, "A Sip of Science," and more. Faculty and staff are invited to contribute to the column. For more information, see [Preview/Review](#).

"ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE: ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVES ON PRICING ENVIRONMENTAL RISK," will mark the premier event of the new Heller-Hurwicz Economics Institute (HHEI). The premiere features two prominent alumni, Robert Litterman and Richard Sandor. Feb. 9, 5:30–7 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Launched in late 2010, HHEI is a global initiative created by the Department of Economics to inform and influence public policy by supporting and promoting frontier economic research and by communicating its findings to leading academics, policymakers, and business executives around the world. Free and open to the public. [Registration is required](#). For more information, see the [news release](#).

3M SEMINAR ON TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION, the second 3M seminar of academic year 2010–11, will feature Massoud Amin of the College of Science & Engineering, along with industry practitioners and Carlson School entrepreneurship instructors. The seminar will focus on technology commercialization opportunities via the smart grid. Sponsored by 3M and organized by the Holmes Center for Entrepreneurship. Feb. 5, 8 a.m.–noon, 1-109 Hanson Hall. For more information, see [3M seminar](#).

THE JOHN S. NAJARIAN LECTURE IN TRANSPLANTATION, "Anatomy of an Error," will be presented by Thomas Starzel, professor of surgery, University of Pittsburgh. Feb. 22, 8 a.m., Mayo Auditorium.

MOMENTUM 2011, IonE's new event series featuring leading environmental visionaries, will launch March 10 with eco-entrepreneur Majora Carter. Tickets are on sale now. Upcoming speakers also include international health guru Hans Rosling (Apr. 26) and oceanographer Sylvia Earle (May 12). For more information, see [Momentum 2011](#).

"DESIGNING AND CONDUCTING FOCUS GROUP INTERVIEWS" will provide practical approaches for using focus group studies, as well as information on design options, developing questions, recruiting participants, moderating skills, and analyzing results. The workshop will be taught by Richard Krueger, U professor emeritus. March 16–17, 8:15 a.m.–4 p.m., University Office Plaza. For more information, see [focus groups](#).

MORE EVENTS include Teaching Writing in Large Lectures ([Jan. 27](#)); The New Kingdom: When Egypt Ruled the East ([Jan. 31](#)); "Poetry and Funky Rap in Ghana: A Fieldwork Report" ([Feb. 1](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

FEATURE: Salamanders aren't that common in Minnesota. But salamanders are so common in high-elevation forests that their total biomass often exceeds that of rodents and birds, according to researcher Ken Kozak. They're such a critical link in food webs that anything affecting salamanders could have a cascading effect on mountain ecosystems. As an emerging international leader in the study of biological diversity and predicting the impact of climate change on organisms, Kozak was named a McKnight Land-Grant Professor for 2010-12. For more information, read a [profile of Kenneth Kozak](#).

FEATURE: Jenny Breen has donned virtually every chef hat imaginable: restaurant owner, caterer, cooking instructor, mother, health advocate, and cookbook author. Through it all, she has promoted local, sustainable foods. And it's a notion at the heart of every lesson she brings to adults and kids alike, as an instructor for the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and the U's College of Continuing Education. For more information, read [Jenny Breen](#).

FEATURE: A young woman looks fine to her friends, even though she's in great pain. Naturally, the friends find it hard to believe she has a life-threatening disease. Her situation typifies systemic lupus erythematosus, an autoimmune disease caused when the body's immune system attacks its own tissues. Researcher Emily Gillespie and her colleagues have found what may be chemical warning signs in the blood of lupus patients and have developed a test to detect them. For more information, read "[Toward a test for lupus](#)."

U OF M MOMENT: For some people, the Upper Midwest's brutal winters can lead to feelings of gloominess, mood changes, and overall sluggishness. These feelings are common symptoms of a mild form of depression called Seasonal Affective Disorder, or SAD, says Charles Schulz, head of the U's Department of Psychiatry. Schulz has some helpful advice for those suffering from SAD. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

Awards and appointments

PEOPLE: Vice President Steven Rosenstone has been named the next chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system; U in the News features U faculty cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

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"BECAUSE" STANDARDS RELEASED. The U's Driven to Discover *Because* campaign has released standards for colleges and units to use in adopting the campaign, including graphics, guidelines, and helpful examples that show how to capture the inspirational and forward-thinking tone of *Because*. The campaign is a chance to think big and be creative about the magnificent possibilities of your unit, students, faculty, and staff. 3D *Because* models for use in promotions are available for loan at no cost. For more information, see the [Because standards site](#).

UPDATE YOUR WIRELESS CONFIGURATION TO AVOID INTERRUPTION. This applies to UMTC, UMR, and some extension sites. Those who use the U of M Secure wireless network on the Twin Cities campus will need to make a slight configuration change to continue connecting to the network. In February, OIT engineers are installing a new security certificate, used to authenticate the network, "wireless.netaccess.umn.edu." This means users must change their computer configuration settings to "trust" the "AddTrust External CA Root" certificate authority. After February, users may remove trust configurations for the previously used "Thawte Premium Server CA" certificate authority. For help configuring your computer, see [wireless setup guides](#). For help, call 1-HELP, or see [OIT support](#).

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR ONLINE TRAINING IN GLOBAL HEALTH. Courses have been designed for local, national, and international health care providers who serve globally mobile populations such as immigrants, refugees, and/or travelers. Health care providers may register for any number of course modules. The Center for Global Health and Social Responsibility is offering the material to serve practicing health care providers who serve refugee and immigrant populations throughout the Twin Cities, in rural Minnesota and surrounding states, and internationally. For more information, see [global health registration](#).

Funding opportunities

REMINDER: CALL FOR PROPOSALS: The Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment & the Life Sciences is issuing a call for proposals addressing the societal implications of problems in health, environment, or the life sciences. Awards are available in two categories: for graduate/professional students, University-wide; and for consortium/joint-degree program members. Proposals are due Feb. 7. For more information, email [proposals](#), call 612-626-5624, or see [societal implications](#).

IREE RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANTS: The Initiative for Renewable Energy and the Environment (IREE) is offering \$4 million in funding for innovative projects that create the potential for technology breakthroughs in renewable energy while maximizing benefits to the environment. Funding is available to researchers for large grants (up to three years and \$750,000 each), early career grants (up to three years and \$150,000 each), and seed grants (one to two years and up to \$70,000 each). Proposals will be accepted until March 29. For more information, see [IREE Funding](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE FRONTIERS IN THE ENVIRONMENT LECTURE SERIES, a program of the Institute on the Environment (IonE), kicks off its spring 2011 programming on Feb. 2, with "Bringing the New Green Economy to Scale." Join IonE each Wednesday for a presentation and Q&A session, followed by a casual get-together in the IonE Commons. Upcoming lectures include "The War of Words About Science," Feb. 9; "Oil: Can't America Just Get Over It?," Feb. 16; and more. The lectures also air live online via UMConnect. For more information, see [frontiers lecture series](#).

REMINDER: THE 2011 QUALITY FAIR & FORUM is Feb. 3, 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Carlson School of Management. For more information, see [Quality Fair 2011](#).

THE U WILL HOLD ITS BROWN BAG FINANCIAL SERIES from noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays in February. Upcoming sessions include "Remaining Confident in a Volatile Market," Feb. 9; "A Perspective on Today's Economy," Feb. 16; and "Investment Perspectives Webinar," Feb. 23. The first two events will be held at 210 Donhowe or online through UMConnect. The third session will be a live webinar broadcast directly from the corporate offices of Vanguard Funds in Philadelphia. Registration is required for session #3. For registration and more information, or to participate online, see [Brown Bag finance](#).

GLOBAL SPOTLIGHT THEMES: The Global Programs and Strategy Alliance (GPS Alliance, formerly the Office of International Programs) Global Spotlight 2010-12 focuses on Latin America and the Caribbean and the pressing global impact of urbanization. Through the GPS Alliance, Global Spotlight cosponsors symposia, conferences, and cultural events through its small grants program to inform the U and local communities about the U's work in these areas. Global Spotlight also supports faculty and graduate student research and scholarly initiatives related to the themes. John Romano, assistant vice president for international scholarship, heads up the initiative. For more information, see [Global Spotlight](#).

CROOKSTON:

UMC AND NORTHWEST SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE ARIZONA SOCIAL will take place Feb. 18 in Mesa, AZ. Alumni and current or retired faculty and staff are invited to join in the annual event. RSVP to [Sue Dwyer](#) or call 218-281-8401.

DON CAVALIER, director of Career and Counseling Services, has been named the district governor for Rotary International District 5580 in 2012-13. Cavalier has been with UMC for the past 35 years. For more information, see [Rotary](#).

RECENT GIFTS TO UMC include a \$10,000 gift in support of students involved in North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) for their upcoming spring trip to the NACTA National Judging Competition conference in Modesto, CA; a \$5,000 gift in support of the Women's Volleyball and Soccer Locker Room Fund; and a \$50,000 gift from Altru Health System supporting the Altru Scholarship Fund and equipment needs in the Math, Science, and Technology Department.

DULUTH:

UMD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD A "BREAK THE ICE" EVENT Feb. 5, 5:30 p.m., Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center, AMSOIL Arena. A pre-game supper buffet hosted by the UMD Alumni Association will be followed by men's hockey—UMD Bulldogs versus UMC Gophers. All alumni are invited. For ticket information, call the UMD Alumni office at 218-726-7164 or 1-866-726-7164.

UMD ART AND DESIGN WILL PRESENT A VISUAL LECTURE SERIES with Dan Goods, visual strategist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Goods's aim is to give people experiences where they interact with something beautiful, meaningful, and/or possibly profound. Feb. 8, 6 p.m., 70 Montague Hall. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [visual lecture](#) or call 218-726-8225.

PROFESSOR [JOHN GOODGE](#) of UMD's Department of Geological Sciences returned from his 11th Antarctic expedition in the Transantarctic Mountains. Covering 932 miles, Goodge and his team collected 28 boxes of rocks for laboratory study. While on the expedition, Goodge blogged for the [New York Times](#).

A UMD THEATRE PRODUCTION WAS SELECTED BY THE KENNEDY CENTER AMERICAN COLLEGE THEATRE FESTIVAL (KCACTF) for participation in its Region V Festival. The production, Shakespeare's *Richard III*, directed by Professor Tom Isbell, was one of five plays in a six-state region chosen for the festival. For more information, see [theatre festival](#).

UMD HISTORIC GLENSHEEN ESTATE WINTER HOURS: 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., weekends only. Tours begin at 10 a.m., with the last beginning at 3 p.m. Weekday tours are available upon request. For more information, see [Glensheen](#).

MORRIS:

THE FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS EVENT will welcome approximately 200 students and their families to campus Feb. 4-5. The students will be competing for the Prairie Scholars Award and the Morris Scholars Award. For more information, see [Community of Scholars](#).

THE MORRIS HEALTHY EATING INITIATIVE is launching a campaign to increase access to and consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables—especially those locally grown—to improve the health of students and the region's population as a whole. The project researched the local food environment to determine barriers and assets to improving healthy eating. Findings are detailed in a 95-page report, available to the public. For more information, see [healthy eating](#).

A SECOND WIND TURBINE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT UMM. The new structure will stand 1,600 feet south of the West Central Research and Outreach Center turbine on city land. With the addition of a second turbine, wind energy should provide an average of 70 percent of campus electricity, with 100 percent possible. For more information, see [wind turbine](#).

ROCHESTER:

ELECTIONS WERE HELD RECENTLY FOR THE ROCHESTER STUDENT ASSOCIATION. The results of the elections are [available online](#).

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

A TEST OF TXT-U, THE U'S EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION TEXT MESSAGING SYSTEM for sending critical campus safety information to faculty, staff, and students, will occur Feb. 2, 1 p.m., to coincide with state emergency testing. TXT-U is used infrequently and only for real emergency situations or semester tests. For more information, see [Emergency Preparedness](#) and register for TXT-U by campus.

TECHNOLOGY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPRING 2011 are available for free, through the Office of Information Technology. For more information and a complete listing of courses, see [technology training](#).

CONSERVATION MADNESS. UMTC residence halls will take part in an energy conservation competition with the winning hall receiving a college basketball national championship tailgate party. The Office of Housing & Residential Life has teamed up with Facilities Management to create the competition. The hall that reduces its electricity use and waste by the largest percentage and recycles the most from Feb. 7-20 will win a tailgate party on Apr. 4, featuring pizza, refreshments, and door prizes. For more information, see [conservation competition](#).

THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (OIT) TECHNOLOGY FAIR will feature the latest technology products and services from vendor partners. Learn more about OIT services, enjoy refreshments, and enter a prize drawing. Feb. 17, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., Mississippi room, Coffman Union. For more information, see [OIT technology fair](#).

MINNEAPOLIS PASSPORT TRAVEL is hosting "No Friend Left Behind Day 2011." For one day only, no appointment or proof of travel is needed when applying for a passport. Feb. 8, 8 a.m.–2 p.m. For more information, [download the flyer](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

"MIGRATION AND CHINA'S URBAN TRANSFORMATION," the 10th annual Bob and Kim Griffin "Building U.S.-China Bridges Lecture," will be given by Weiping Wu, professor of urban and environmental policy and planning at Tufts University. Following the lecture will be a reception and celebration of the Chinese New Year. The lecture is sponsored by the China Center. Feb. 9, 4:30 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [lecture](#).

U OF M PHYSICS CIRCUS: Physics Force will present "Physics Circus," a unique mix of physics demonstrations and slapstick humor suitable for adults and children of all ages. Each year the show brings large-scale stunts and physics lessons to more than 20,000 school-age kids. The show is free, but there is a fee for Convention Center parking. Feb. 10, 7-8:30 p.m., Minneapolis Convention Center. For more information, see [Physics Circus](#).

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR MINI MEDICAL SCHOOL. This winter, Mini Medical School focuses on regenerative medicine. Mondays, Feb. 14-March 14, 6-8:30 p.m., 2-650 Moos Tower. U faculty, staff, students, and others may receive a discounted rate of \$65 for the entire series. For registration and more information, see [Mini Medical School](#) or call 612-626-7072.

THE INAUGURAL CANCER DISPARITIES GRAND ROUNDS will take place Feb. 15. Mayo Clinic professor of Oncology [Judith Kaur](#) will present "Walking the Talk of Cancer Control: Community-based Participatory Research in Action," noon-1 p.m., 450 Masonic Research Building. Kaur is the medical director for the Native American Programs of the Mayo Comprehensive Cancer Center. Her research also includes a special interest in women's cancers, particularly breast and cervical cancer. For more information, see [Grand Rounds](#).

FRIENDS OF EASTCLIFF BOOK CLUB, a sharing of literature and ideas at the historic home of the U's president and family, will next feature *Memories of Tartsy*, director of communications for the Graduate School, discussing her memoir, *Memories of Trees*, Feb. 17. The book club provides an opportunity for faculty, staff, alumni, and the community to participate in showcasing U of M authors. The club requires an annual membership fee. For more information, see [Friends of Eastcliff](#).

INTERNATIONALIZATION CONFERENCE: Registration is open for the second annual Internationalizing the Curriculum and Campus Conference. Organized by the Global Programs and Strategy Alliance, the conference will be held [March 25, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.](#), 3M Auditorium, Carlson School. For registration and more information, see the [conference website](#).

THE CENTER FOR OUTDOOR ADVENTURE and the Department of Recreational Sports have developed cross-country ski trails at the UMTC golf course, located off Larpenteur and Cleveland Avenues (near the St. Pauli Campus). For more information, see [ski trails](#).

DEALS AND DISCOUNTS at the Student Unions & Activities Information Desks include tickets for the Feb. 9 and Feb. 15 Minnesota Wild games. On Feb. 14 at Goldy's Gameroom, buy one game of bowling using Gopher GOLD value and get a free game, as well as a chance to win \$50 in Gopher GOLD. For more information, see [discounts](#), and [Goldy's Gameroom](#).

MORE EVENTS include The Voronezh State Ballet Theatre of Russia ([Feb. 3](#)); Out of Bounds: Challenging the Status Quo ([Feb. 4](#)); Literacy and Rhetorical Studies Spring Mixer ([Feb. 7](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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THE BOARD OF REGENTS WILL MEET FEB. 10 AND 11. Highlights of the meetings include action on the 2011 state capital budget request. A report to the Faculty, Staff, and Student Affairs Committee will present trends, issues, and benchmarks in academic retirement programs. Review and action will be taken on schematic plans for the proposed new Physics and Nanotechnology Building on the UMTC campus and capital budget amendments related to Eastcliff renovations, Central Corridor laboratory mitigations, and renovation of Northrop. For more information, including live-streaming of the board meeting, see [Board of Regents](#).

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND PROVOST TOM SULLIVAN announced that he will be stepping down from his position at the end of 2011. Sullivan, who has held the position since July 2004, will be returning to the faculty of the Law School, where he previously served as dean. President Bruininks praised Sullivan's wide range of accomplishments as senior vice president and provost. Sullivan has agreed to continue in his role as provost for the first six months of President-Designate Eric Kaler's term, to assist in Kaler's transition. Kaler has said that he intends to conduct a national search for Sullivan's successor. For more information, see [Sullivan](#).

FEATURE: It's no secret that having a college degree not only helps in getting a job, but also in keeping a job in a down economy. Yet thousands of students have left the U after completing 90 or more credits. The U is reaching out to some of those students with an initiative called GradUate Minnesota, and together with MnSCU, the program will eventually contact thousands of former students. For those who've nearly graduated, a little encouragement from the U might be just the nudge they need. For more information, read "[To degree, or not to degree](#)."

FEATURE: Tubby Smith arrived in Minnesota in March 2007—an unexpected bombshell of a hire that electrified the fan base for men's basketball. In his first season at the U, he brought a team that had won nine games the year before to a 20-win season—the largest single-season turnaround in school history. Despite an often challenging, injury-riddled season, Smith's Gophers continue to be a feel-good story, due in large part to the steady influence of their popular head coach. For more information, read "[Staring down adversity](#)."

U OF M MOMENT: The recent unrest in Egypt and Tunisia could spell big changes for politics in the region and beyond. Humphrey School of Public Affairs professor Ragui Assaad, who has spent significant time in Egypt and studies the politics and economics of the Middle East, says multiple factors caused the demonstrations abroad. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

Awards and appointments

PEOPLE: VP Rosenstone has been named chancellor of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities; associate professor of theatre Lou Bellamy will retire; School of Music clarinet professor Alexander Fiterstein was recently named to *Symphony* magazine's annual list of emerging artists; U in the News features U faculty cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS**UNIVERSITY-WIDE:****Administrative information**

THE FILING PERIOD FOR THE 2010 REPORT OF EXTERNAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (REPA) has been delayed for a few weeks in order to enable Electronic Grants Management System staff to reprogram the REPA form to include modifications requested by the Conflict of Interest Program. Look for an email notification in late February for the commencement of the 2010 REPA filing period. If filing a new REPA before then, please call 612-626-1462 or [email REPA](#).

THE SYSTEMWIDE U OF M JOB AND INTERNSHIP FAIR is open to all undergraduate and graduate students, as well as recent U graduates (2008–present). Last year's fair served 2,800 job seekers and nearly 200 employers. Feb. 25, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Minneapolis Convention Center. Online preregistration cost is \$10 prior to Feb. 22, \$25 at the door. For registration, see [2011 Job Fair](#).

Funding opportunities

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: The Minnesota Futures Grant Program in the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) promotes research and scholarship by fostering opportunities for researchers to cross disciplinary and professional boundaries. The program is designed to advance more in-depth work to convert ideas into viable research questions. Proposals may be for up to two years for a maximum of \$250,000 each. The program anticipates awarding two grants. For more information, including application deadlines and key program dates, see [OVPR website](#).

THE CENTER FOR URBAN AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS (CURA) invites U faculty to apply for the 2011–12 Fesler-Lampert Chair in Urban and Regional Affairs, an endowed one-year position that supports research activities on a project related to urban and regional affairs in Minnesota. Applications are due March 22, 4:30 p.m. For more information, see [CURA application](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE EXTENSION CENTER FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT will hold a free public symposium, "Exploring the impact of deployment on military youth and families: Recent research findings," with Angela Huebner, associate professor in human development at Virginia Tech. Huebner will present findings from several studies of both adolescents and parents and their experience of parental/spousal deployment since 9/11. Feb. 23, 10 a.m.–noon, McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see [military deployment impact](#).

SAVE-THE-DATE: THE SPRING GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION ASSEMBLY will feature keynotes by two national experts on academic program evaluation: Chris Golde, associate vice provost for graduate education, Stanford University; and George Walker, vice president of research and graduate studies, Cleveland State University. April 18, 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. Members of the U's graduate and professional education community are invited to attend. For more information, see [assembly](#).

CROOKSTON:

THREE UMC STUDENTS WILL REPRESENT THE CAMPUS AT A FEB. 10 luncheon with the Board of Regents. Junior Yangchen Gurung and seniors Heather Donati-Lewis and Derek Ricke were selected for their high academic standing as well as campus involvement and leadership.

WAR ON GERMS: Assistant professor Venu Mukku and associate professor Brian Dingmann are fighting back in the war against germs. The duo is working on research to discover compounds to combat *Staphylococcus* (staph) bacteria, a type of germ that, although common even to healthy individuals, can harbor the potential to cause serious infections. For more information, see [war on germs](#).

RECYCLEMANIA 2011: Crookston Students for Sustainable Development and the UMC Sustainability Committee announced efforts to recycle as part of RecycleMania, a recycling competition among more than 575 colleges and universities. All participating schools are required to report measurements (pounds of recycled materials divided by campus population) on a weekly basis. The contest runs through Apr. 2. For more information, see [RecycleMania](#).

DULUTH:

A SHORT DOCUMENTARY FEATURING NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED ARTIST AND UMD ALUMNUS CARL GAWBOY will premiere Feb. 11, 7 p.m., Weber Music Hall. "Carl Gawboy Portrait: The Art of Everyday," directed by Lorraine Norrgard, features the Ojibwe artist and Bois Forte Band member who is recognized for portraying the traditional life of the Ojibwe people through watercolors and acrylics. A reception will follow in the Tweed Museum. For more information, call the American Indian Learning Resource Center at 218-726-6379.

UMD PLANETARIUM PRESENTS *CLASH OF THE TITANS: THE REAL STORY*. The recent Hollywood movie *Clash of the Titans* was based on the ancient Greek understanding of the constellations—but Hollywood did not portray the complete story. Feb. 11, 7 p.m., UMD Planetarium. Free and open to the public. Ages 6 and up. For more information, see [Planetarium](#).

UMD SWENSON COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (SCSE) HAS NAMED SUSAN MACK its development director. Mack holds a master of arts degree in education from the University of St. Thomas and is in the final stages of earning her doctorate degree in education. For more information, see [SCSE](#).

MORRIS:

JENNIFER KOLPACOFF DEANE'S new book, *A History of Medieval Heresy and Inquisition*, has been released by Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc. An associate professor of history, Deane's recent publication reflects her research and expertise in the area of medieval religious history. For more information, see [history](#).

STUDENTS DEBBIE SCHNEIDERMAN AND MATTHEW LOVANDER have published research in a special issue of *Chemistry of Materials*. Working with Ted Pappenfus, associate professor of chemistry, their research documents the creation of the first known redox polymer that conducts electrons and holes—a significant discovery in organic materials research. For more information, see [chemistry](#).

A NEW 32-PANEL SOLAR-THERMAL ARRAY installed at the Regional Fitness Center (RFC) to heat the recreational pool will be celebrated Feb. 12. To mark the achievement, the Students Using Natural Energy team—working with Karen Mumford, assistant professor of environmental studies, and Troy Goodnough, sustainability coordinator—is gearing up for the first annual free solar swim. For more information, see [solar swim](#).

THE STUDENT THEATRE ORGANIZATION MEININGENS will present *Recent Tragic Events* by playwright Craig Wright. Set in a Minneapolis apartment in the wake of the September 11 attacks, the characters embark on a journey of courage, humor, and perseverance in the face of crisis. Feb. 10–12, Humanities Fine Arts Black Box Theatre. For more information, see [Recent Tragic Events](#).

ROCHESTER:

THE UMR BALLROOM DANCE TEAM is preparing for the state ballroom dance competition on Feb. 26. The team will also host a dress rehearsal, open to the public. The event is cosponsored by the Wellness Committee. Students will be selling red Valentine's Day feather pins to raise the funds to attend this competition and for the club's future activities. Feb. 14, 417 University Square. For more information, see [ballroom dance](#).

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VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HOST INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS attending an orientation in St. Paul. Hosts provide students a reassuring welcome and typically house them three to four nights, providing room and board as well as transportation to and from campus. Seeking volunteers on Feb. 14–15, March 21–22, April 4–5, or April 18–19. For more information, email [Susan VonBank](mailto:Susan.VonBank), call 612-625-8797, or see [Twin Cities Host program](#).

CENTRAL CORRIDOR LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (CCLRT) UPDATE: On Feb. 28, the Metropolitan Council is scheduled to begin work in earnest on the CCLRT line that will travel through campus on Washington Avenue. The size and complexity of the project will create many challenges and will significantly impact automobiles, buses, pedestrians, and bicyclists. For more information and to sign up for weekly email updates from the Metropolitan Council, see [Met Council Central Corridor](#). For more specific information on the Central Corridor and the U, see [CCLRT online](#).

THE UNIVERSITY RETIREES VOLUNTEER CENTER is seeking volunteer judges/evaluators for two science fairs. The Young Inventors and Fair needs evaluators of any discipline to judge 3rd–8th grade projects Feb. 24 and/or 25. The MN Academy of Science needs science expert judges for evaluating middle and high school papers and presentations March 20 and/or 21. For more information and to volunteer, email [Sally Schakel](mailto:Sally.Schakel).

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: THE CENTER FOR URBAN AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS (CURA) is inviting proposals for the summer 2011 semester for three of its Community Based Research programs. These community research projects typically place students in part-time research assistantships for one semester or over the summer. Students are selected by and report to the community organization. Organizations define and direct their research projects. Faculty and staff are encouraged to share this information with community organizations that could benefit from a research assistant. Applications should come directly from community organizations. The deadline for project proposals is March 15. For more information, see [CURA proposals](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

PREVIEW/REVIEW: UNIVERSITY EVENTS AND LECTURES is a periodic column highlighting events and lectures recently past and soon to come on the TC campus. This issue features no reviews, but a reminder that all faculty and staff are invited to contribute to the column. Previews include "Winter-take-all Politics: How Washington is Making the Rich Richer," Valentine's Day themed fun at the Raptor Center, a conference on Islam and the Humanities, and more. For more information, see [Preview/Review](#).

AN END TO DRUNK DRIVING? Susan Ferguson, program manager for a multimillion-dollar research program investigating driver alcohol-detection technologies, is the featured speaker at the CTS winter luncheon. She will discuss advanced systems that can be installed in all vehicles to noninvasively measure driver blood-alcohol concentration. Feb. 15, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see [CTS winter luncheon](#).

"TAKING THE POLLUTION OUT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION," part of the Moos Family Speaker Series on Water Quality, will be delivered by Craig Cox, vice president of the Environmental Working Group and a longtime advocate for soil and water conservation. Sponsored by the Freshwater Society and the College of Biological Sciences. Feb. 24, 7 p.m., St. Paul Student Center. Free and open to the public, but seating is limited and registration is required. For more information, see [Freshwater](#).

FINANCIAL CONSULTANT RUTH HAYDEN will give a lecture on how today's generation needs to think and plan differently for the future. The lecture is co-sponsored by the U's Women's Center and Securian Financial. A dessert reception and book signing will follow. Free and open to the public. March 9, noon–1 p.m., Mayo Auditorium. For more registration and more information, see [Hayden lecture](#) or email women.

VOTE FOR THE 2011 HOMECOMING THEME. Homecoming 2011 is just months away, and the largest campus-wide event is in search of a theme. Faculty, staff, and campus community members are encouraged to participate. For more information and to cast a vote, see the [Homecoming website](#).

MORE EVENTS ANDERSON author and humanitarian Izzeldin Abuwatah discusses *I Shall Not Hate*. [Feb. 10](#); Minnesota Planetarium visits campus ([Feb. 15](#)); Skywatchers and the Native Sky ([Feb. 16](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: In recent state government news, Governor Dayton released his capital bonding bill proposal, which includes funding for University projects. He also delivered his State of the State address to a joint session of the House and Senate, with one of his priorities being investment in education. The legislature's first bill of the session, however, included \$89.2 million in funding cuts to the U. On Feb. 15, Governor Dayton presented his budget proposal to the legislature. The state's budget forecast will be released on Feb. 28 and will project the actual budget deficit, which is critical for the development of the state's biennial budget. For more information, see [state relations](#).

AT THE BOARD OF REGENTS FEBRUARY MEETING, the Regents gave final approval to the \$81 million Northrop renovation project. The Facilities Committee approved schematic plans for the proposed new Physics and Nanotechnology building on the Twin Cities campus. The full board approved the 2011 state capital budget request. The Faculty, Staff, and Student Affairs Committee heard a report on trends, issues, and benchmarks in academic retirement programs. The board also approved the Retirement Incentive Option (RIO), an opportunity for voluntary retirement for eligible employees. For more information, see [Board of Regents](#).

FEATURE: Now in its fifth year, the 2011 incarnation of the Quality Fair tackled the theme "Working together, learning from each other." Centerpieces of the program were 42 posters demonstrating University improvement projects, each with a story far beyond the 2-D depth of the posters. This year's winning posters/projects featured everything from improving use of office space to the development of a sophisticated principal investigator dashboard to keep track of research progress. For more information, read [Quality Fair 2011](#).

FEATURE: A battle rages inside white blood cells of persons infected with HIV. The struggle pits many human and viral proteins against each other, but new University research suggests that the fight between just two of them may become a focal point for tipping the balance. For more information, read ["Turning the tables on HIV."](#)

FEATURE: A charismatic and provocative teacher, John Watkins was named a Distinguished McKnight University Professor last spring. He previously received the University's McKnight Land-Grant Professorship, was a CLA Scholar of the College, and has won every undergraduate teaching award available. For more information, see [John Watkins](#).

U OF M MOMENT: The best indicator of a stable romantic relationship might be how well partners are able to "move on" after a conflict, according to new research from psychology Ph.D. candidate Jessica Salvatore. If even one partner recoups well after a spat, the other partner can reap the benefits of a more happy union. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

Awards and appointments

INVENTORS RECOGNIZED. The Office of the Vice President for Research held a "University Innovations" event at McNamara Alumni Center on Feb. 10. The ceremony recognized a total of 161 inventors, representing 10 colleges, whose efforts generated 106 patents and 84 licenses in fiscal years 2009-10. The event also addressed the importance of research and innovation to the nation's economy, the U's role in Minnesota's economy, and the growth of U research. For more information, see [celebrate inventors](#).

PEOPLE: Carlson School of Management dean Alison Davis-Blake has been named as the new dean of the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business; the U.S. National Academy of Sciences has selected R. Lawrence Edwards to receive the Arthur L. Day Prize and Lectureship; Will Craig has been named a fellow of the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science; U in the News features U faculty cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

Funding opportunities

APPLICATIONS FOR EQUITY AND DIVERSITY TRANSFORMATION AWARDS (formerly known as IDEA Grants) are invited by the Office of the Vice President and Vice Provost for Equity and Diversity. Awards will fund projects, programming, events, and research that support the enhancement of safe and welcoming spaces for underrepresented and marginalized members of the University community. All academic and administrative units systemwide are eligible to apply; proposal applications are due March 31. For more information, see [transformation awards](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

A RALLY TO RESTORE AFFORDABILITY (also known as Support the U Day) will take place at the State Capitol on Feb. 22 at noon. More than 300 University of Minnesota students, faculty, and staff from throughout the state are expected to participate. Hosted by the Minnesota Student Association (MSA), the goal of the rally is to garner support for higher education funding and to raise awareness of the U as a key driver of Minnesota's economic growth. For more information, including a list of speakers and events, see [Rally to Restore Affordability](#).

U OF M EXTENSION HAS BEGUN OFFERING AN ONLINE COURSE IN RETIREMENT SAVING: "Invest Now: Money in Retirement." The course teaches the basics about saving and investing for retirement. For more information, see [retirement course](#).

CROOKSTON:

UMC THEATER WILL PRESENT *Dracula: the Musical*, Feb. 16, 7 p.m.; Feb. 18 and 19, 7:30 p.m.; and Feb. 20, 3:30 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium. For more information, see [theater](#).

THE INTERNATIONAL DINNER SERIES at UMC will feature the flavors and unique cultures of countries across the world. Dinners in the 2011 series, featuring China, Ghana, and Nepal, are scheduled for March 7, 21, 28, and Apr. 6. A limited number of tickets are available by emailing [Rae French](mailto:Rae.French) or calling 218-281-8339. For more information, see [dinner series](#).

TAKING THE FIRST STEP IN IMPLEMENTING THE ACADEMIC QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROCESS (AQIP), a team of faculty and staff consisting of Tom Baldwin, Peter Phaiah, Adel Ali, Sue Brorson, Sharon Stewart, Soo-Yin Lim-Thompson, Kevin Thompson, and Bill Peterson attended a Higher Learning Commission Strategy Forum for new institutions. The team became more familiar with AQIP processes, worked with other AQIP institutions, and developed initial action projects to implement on campus. Last November, UMC changed its institutional accreditation method from the traditional process to AQIP.

DULUTH:

CHANCELLOR LENDLEY BLACK WILL BE INAUGURATED AS UMD'S NINTH LEADER at a ceremony March 4, 2 p.m., Romano Gymnasium. A reception will follow. Beginning March 1, a weeklong series of events will celebrate the inauguration. For a complete list of events, see [inauguration](#).

UMD THEATRE PRESENTS *BLITHE SPIRIT*, one of Noel Coward's most celebrated and performed works, directed by Kate Ufema. Feb. 17-19, and 23-26, 7:30 p.m.; and Feb. 20, 2 p.m., Marshall Performing Arts Center. For tickets, see [UMD theatre](#).

THE ANNUAL POLAR BEAR PLUNGE TO BENEFIT THE MINNESOTA SPECIAL OLYMPICS is set for Feb. 19, 3 p.m., Canal Park. UMD's Labovitz School of Business and Economics is one of the sponsors raising money for the athletes—including the Duluth All-Stars, one of the state's largest delegations. This year, UMD and the City of Duluth have challenged St. Cloud State and the City of St. Cloud in the Polar Plunge Contest. The winning school will receive the coveted, traveling "Top Dog" trophy. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to participate. For registration and more information, see [Polar Plunge](#).

THE ALWORTH INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IS HOSTING THE 3RD ANNUAL "WORLDQUEST" COMPETITION, in which eight teams compete on their knowledge of international subjects. This year's featured subject is France. A donation to a favored charity is awarded to the top three teams. The event features door prizes, best costume awards, a buffet, and more. Feb. 24, 6 p.m., Kirby Student Center Ballroom. For more information or to register a team, see [WorldQuest](#) or call 218-726-7493.

MORRIS:

"HEADS vs. FEDS: THE DEBATE TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA," will bring together Steve Hager, editor-in-chief of *High Times* magazine, and Drug Enforcement Agency veteran Robert Stutman. Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m. For more information, see [marijuana debate](#).

A NEW UMM VIRTUAL TOUR of campus offers users three trails from which to choose: the general tour, the historic district tour, and the "green" tour. For more information, see [virtual tour](#).

THE COUGAR WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM, coached by Tim Grove, continues to place at the top of NCAA rankings in assists, three-point percentage, and field-goal percentage. Senior guard Brandi Cresap leads the nation in assist turnover ratio—the best in NCAA basketball, men or women, regardless of division. For more information, see [women's basketball](#).

ROCHESTER:

INFORMATION FOR THE NEW STUDENT HOUSING OPTION at 318 Commons beginning fall 2011 is available online. For more information, see [details and a slideshow of the units](#).

THE UMR FILM CLUB WILL SHOW *Invictus*, Feb. 17, 5-7 p.m., room 414. Pizza will be provided, with a discussion facilitated by Rebecca Bamford to follow the film. For more information, email [Kelsey Metzger](mailto:Kelsey.Metzger).

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

THE STUDENT EMPLOYMENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (SELP) offers workshops and activities to help student employees enhance their on-campus work experiences and develop workplace leadership skills. SELP invites supervisors to encourage their student workers to participate in this semester's SELP offerings on conflict fluency, leadership, and motivation. The program is open to any undergraduate student employee. For more information, see [student employee development](#).

SAVE THE DATE: "Building Successful Research Teams: Preventing and Managing Conflict," an interactive workshop for faculty and principal investigators, will focus on strategies for building successful teams by anticipating and preventing conflict, reducing the standard reactions of paralysis and avoidance, and developing skills for intervening and discussing difficult topics. Howard Gadlin, National Institutes of Health ombudsman and leader in higher education ombudsman work, will present. The event satisfies the awareness/discussion component of the Responsible Conduct of Research continuing education requirement. Apr. 11, 3-5 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union; or Apr. 12, 9-11 a.m., 145 Veterinary Science Room. For registration and more information, see [workshops](#).

U LIBRARIES WILL OFFER A VARIETY OF WORKSHOPS FOR FACULTY AND STAFF this spring, including "Getting Acquainted with Copyright," "Creating a Data Management Plan for Your Grant Application," and "Google: Increasing Productivity and Collaboration." For registration and more information, see [library workshops](#).

THE GOPHER TRAVEL TUNNEL THROUGH NORTHROP AUDITORIUM WILL CLOSE FEB. 21, due to construction. Travel between Nolte/Folwell/Williamson and Morrill/Johnston Halls still be possible utilizing the Church Street Garage. Please use caution in these areas. Signage will be posted. For more information, see [transportation](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE WORLD PREMIERE OF COMPOSER ALEX SHAPIRO'S *Immersion* will be performed by the University of Minnesota's Symphonic and University Bands Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. This three-movement electro-acoustic work is inspired by water and water-based life and will include multi-media visual film art created by School of Music student Jay'd Hagberg. For more information, see [Immersion](#).

A SHARE CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH will feature a civil rights activist Josie Johnson. She will share her take on the historical moments she helped spur. A civil rights activist since her teenage years, Johnson has firsthand experience of some of the most contentious and volatile times in American history. The event is the fifth installment of the College of Continuing Education's "LearningLife Forum, Witness to History" series. Feb. 17, 7 p.m., Continuing Education and Conference Center, St. Paul. Tickets are \$15. For more information, see [learning life](#).

AN INSTITUTE FOR MATHEMATICS AND ITS APPLICATIONS LECTURE, "Secrecy, privacy, and deception: the mathematics of cryptography," will explore the mathematical ideas behind keeping information safe and protecting online networks against intruders. March 9, 7 p.m., 175 Willey Hall. For more information, see [mathematics applications](#).

SAVE THE DATE: Nursing Research Day: "Technology and Telehealth: Changing the Face of Nursing Research and Practice." Apr. 29, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. School of Nursing faculty and students, along with the school's community partners, will showcase research studies and clinical innovations for ways to improve health outcomes across our state and beyond. Keynote by Diana Wilkie, College of Nursing, University of Illinois at Chicago. For registration and more information, see [Nursing Research Day](#).

MORE EVENTS include Seminar: Environmental & Policy Implications for Bioenergy Switchgrass in the SE ([Feb. 17](#)); Tax Reform that Can Pass...This Year ([Feb. 17](#)); Navigating the Aftermath ([Feb. 19](#)); Putting CO2 to Work—Turning Environmental Liability into Commodity that Makes Money ([Feb. 21](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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2011 STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS: President Bruininks will deliver the State of the U address March 3, 3 p.m., Coffman Union Theater. A brief question-and-answer period will follow the address. For online participation, see [State of the U online](#). The address will also be broadcast via ITV to all campuses: UMC, 220 Dowell Hall; UMD, 173 Kirby Plaza; UMM, Science Auditorium; UMR, 419 University Square. Disability accommodations will be provided upon request by calling 612-624-6868. For more information, see [2011 State of the U](#).

STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: On Feb. 15 Governor Dayton released his biennial budget. The Governor recommends a six percent reduction from the U's base in FY 2012 and FY 2013, for a total biennial reduction of \$77 million. On Feb. 22, chief financial officer Richard Pfitzenreuter provided the legislature with an overview of the U's finances and operations, followed by President Bruininks's testimony responding to how the U might accommodate a larger cut of 15 or 20 percent, which is proposed by the state legislature. For more information, see [state relations](#).

PRESIDENT BRUININKS, in a [letter to the U community](#) on Feb. 21, outlined some of the actions that the U is currently planning to take to ensure a balanced budget for 2011–12. Bruininks also testified before the House Higher Education Policy and Finance committee on Feb. 22. As the legislature debates the University's budget in the coming weeks, please consider adding your voice to the president's in making the case for strong state support by taking action through the U's [Legislative Network](#).

NEW REGENTS: The full Minnesota Legislature met Feb. 21 and elected four new members of the U of M Board of Regents: incumbent Regent David Larson was re-elected (3rd Congressional District), former state representatives Steve Sviggum (2nd Congressional District) and Laura Brod (at-large) were newly elected, as was David McMillan (8th Congressional District). All four will serve six-year terms and begin service immediately.

FEATURE: The Office of Information Technology launched a Data Center Modernization Program in mid-2010. Besides creating efficiencies for the University system, the program has created opportunities for colleges and individual departments to be more strategic about resource use. If widely adopted, the program will give IT staff more time to do work that directly supports the U's mission. For more information, read "[Data Center Modernization](#)."

U OF M MOMENT: It's an old sailor's axiom that staring at the horizon from the deck of a ship helps ward off seasickness. But why does focusing on a faraway point when on land sometimes cause dizziness? Kinesiology professor Tom Stoffregen's latest research attempts to explain the phenomenon. His findings are the first to scientifically prove thousands of years of sailing advice. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

Awards and appointments

PEOPLE: President Bruininks was honored by the Minnesota Elementary School Principals' Association with the "Champion for Children" award; U in the News features U faculty cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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THE BENEFITS ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS REQUESTING COMMENTS about experiences with UPlan medical, pharmacy, and wellness plans from January 2010 through the present. Comment deadline is March 11. Anonymous summaries of comments are used in performance reviews of UPlan health benefits. For more information, see [benefits](#) or enter your comments at [BAC 2010-11 UPlan](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FAIR 2011 will feature a keynote address, "How Did I Get Here?" by [UMD chancellor Lendley Black](#). Additional agenda items include informative breakout sessions covering career-enhancement topics such as emotional intelligence in the workplace, managing stress at work, goal alignment, and more. An information expo will feature training and development organizations from across the U. March 8, 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Coffman Union. For more information, see [development fair](#).

CROOKSTON:

CAMPUS LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING: State representative Debra Kiel and state senator LeRoy Stumpf plan to take part in a campus legislative briefing Feb. 25, 1–2 p.m., Youngquist Auditorium, Agricultural Research Center. Campus and community members are welcome to attend the session to discuss issues related to the current legislative session and the state budget.

GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION: Center for Rural Entrepreneurial Studies. March 1, 9–11 a.m., Prairie Room, Sargeant Student Center. A short presentation about the center will begin at 9:30 a.m. The center's mission is to encourage entrepreneurship through educational leadership, applied research, and insightful consulting by engaging the students, faculty, and research facilities with regional entrepreneurs. For more information, see [rural entrepreneurship](#).

DULUTH:

WEEK OF INAUGURATION EVENTS FOR CHANCELLOR BLACK: "TEDxUMD," March 1, 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Kirby Student Center; Equity and Diversity Panels, March 2, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m., and 3–4:30 p.m., Library Rotunda; keynote speaker Cathi Tactaquin: "Women, Global Migration and Human Rights," March 2, 7 p.m., Kirby Student Center Ballroom; Sustainability Panels, March 3, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m., and 3–4:30 p.m., Library Rotunda; and more. For a complete schedule, see [inauguration events](#).

"**GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS: PERSPECTIVES FROM ASIA**," Feb. 23, 7 p.m., UMD Library 4th Floor Rotunda. Presented by 2010–11 Hubert H. Humphrey Fellows Vipin Bhatt, Zhella Manrique, and Pepita Jane Petralba. For more information, see [Alworth lectures](#).

UMD MUSIC PRESENTS THE ENGLISH BAND MUSIC FESTIVAL with the Twin Ports Wind Orchestra, directed by Mark Whitlock with guest Keith Allen, conductor of the Birmingham Symphonic Winds in Birmingham, England, Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. The Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Concert Band, directed by Mark Whitlock and Daniel Eaton with Keith Allen, performs Feb. 27, 3 p.m. For ticket information, see [UMD music](#).

MORRIS:

PLAYWRIGHT FORREST MUSSELMAN will present a workshop Feb. 25. Musselman is the author of *Sophie and the Adventures of Ice Island*, the upcoming 2011 spring children's theatre production directed by Siobhan Bremer, associate professor of theatre. For more information, see [theatre](#).

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE INAUGURAL PRAIRIE GATE LITERARY FESTIVAL. The festival will bring together literary enthusiasts, aspiring writers, published authors, editors, and other professionals. Guest writers are poet Tom Hennen, novelist Eric Gansworth, memoirist and poet Mary Rose O'Reilley, novelist Kiese Laymon, and poet Phil Bryant. March 24–26. For more information, see [literary festival](#).

ROCHESTER:

THE ROCHESTER AREA ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF THE U WINTER LECTURE "Sources of Bacteria that Contaminate our Waterways and Beaches—Can we clean up our Environment?" has been rescheduled for April 7, 7 p.m., 414 University Square. For more information, see [alumni](#).

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CENTRAL CORRIDOR LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (CCLRT) UPDATE: On Feb. 26, the Metropolitan Council is scheduled to begin work on the CCLRT line that will travel through campus on Washington Avenue. Work on the Washington Avenue Bridge will restrict traffic on the bridge to one lane in each direction and significant traffic delays should be expected. Drivers are encouraged to consider University Avenue or Huron Boulevard as alternatives and should leave extra time to arrive at campus destinations. For more information and to sign up for weekly email updates from the Metropolitan Council, see [Met Council](#). For more specific information on the Central Corridor and the U, see [CCLRT online](#).

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PREVIEW/REVIEW: UNIVERSITY EVENTS AND LECTURES is a periodic column highlighting events and lectures recently past and soon to come on the TC campus. This issue features three reviews. Previews include The Immortal Life and Troubling Ethical Issues of Henrietta Lacks, The Rise and Fall of the Baseball Organist, a sustainability film series, and more. For more information, see [Preview/Review](#).

ALLAN D. SHOCKER LECTURE: Professor James Patell, Herbert Hoover Professor of Public and Private Management and co-director of the Product Realization Network at Stanford University, will discuss lessons learned in the development of "Entrepreneurial Design for Extreme Affordability," an interdisciplinary course at Stanford. In the course, graduate students apply design, engineering, and business skills to create comprehensive solutions for challenges faced by the world's poor. March 11, 2–4 p.m., 3M Auditorium, Carlson School. [RSVP is required](#). For more information, see [Shocker lecture](#).

"**BUILDING BRIDGES ACROSS THE PROFESSIONS: PROMOTING SUCCESSFUL INTRAPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATIONS**," March 30, 9–11:30 a.m., Coffman Union Theater. Jaime Lester, author of *Organizing Higher Education for Collaboration: A Guide for Campus Leaders*, will discuss ways to promote successful collaborations using a comprehensive approach that addresses the role of culture and leadership as well as interpersonal dynamics. For registration and more information, see [building bridges](#).

THE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF HEALTH DISPARITIES in minority, immigrant, and low-income populations will be the focus of "Accelerating the Future: The Changing Face of Health in America." The morning session will focus on policy-level strategies (i.e., the intersection of immigration and health care reform), while afternoon presentations will focus on institutional-based strategies to reduce health disparities. Apr. 19, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Coffman Union. For registration and more information, see [health disparities](#).

MORE EVENTS include Through the Trees: Tree Rings Help Us Understand MN Climate Change ([Feb. 23](#)); "The Humanities through Islamic Eyes: The Beginnings," by Wadad Kadi ([Feb. 24](#)); CURA Showcase ([Feb. 25](#)); *Queen of the Sun* Film Screening ([Mar. 1](#)). SEE THESE AND OTHER TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

2011 STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS: President Bruininks will deliver the State of the U address Mar. 3, 3 p.m., Coffman Union Theater. A brief question-and-answer period will follow the address. [UFacultyStaff Twitter](#) will be live-tweeting the speech. For online participation, see State of the U online. The address will also be [broadcast via ITV](#) to all campuses: UMC, 220 Dowell Hall; UMD, 173 Kirby Plaza; UMM, Science Auditorium; UMR, 419 University Square. Disability accommodations will be provided upon request by calling 612-624-6868. For more information, see [2011 State of the U](#).

U ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY. An economic impact study released Feb. 28 outlined the major role the University plays in Minnesota's economy. Among the findings: every dollar invested in the U by the state generates \$13.20 in the statewide economy; the U's overall economic impact in Minnesota totals \$8.6 billion annually; the U supports 79,497 jobs in Minnesota. The study was conducted by Tripp Umbach, a national leader in providing economic impact analyses. Additional findings from the report will be discussed during a work session at the Board of Regents meeting, Mar. 11. For more information, see [economic impact study](#) and the [news release](#).

STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: President Bruininks testified before the House Higher Education Committee on Feb. 22 to address the U's budget and the consequences of state funding cuts as deep as 15 to 20 percent. Part of Bruininks's testimony and a rally by hundreds of student supporters, faculty, and staff, have been [captured in a video](#). Earlier this session, the House leadership sent a letter to all state agencies, including the University, requesting financial data as well as an explanation of how such a reduction in funds would be absorbed. For more information, see [state relations](#).

FEDERAL RELATIONS REPORT: The House Appropriations Committee has introduced a bill containing the largest spending cuts in history. The House began debate on the bill, which would fund the remainder of current fiscal year, FY 2011—Mar. 5 to Sept. 30. The House bill would result in a cut of \$845 to the maximum Pell Grant, which is the most direct assistance that the federal government provides to low- and moderate-income undergraduates. The bill also includes cuts to health, science, and agricultural agencies. President Obama has signaled he will veto the bill if it comes to him in its current form. For more information, see [federal relations](#).

Features

FEATURE: Donna Whitney has been traveling to Turkey for about 20 years now, but she is no tourist. She drives and hikes with small groups of geologists wielding sledge hammers, chisels, self-sealing plastic bags, and in recent years, global positioning devices. She comes home with suitcases full of rocks. If Whitney sees the earth through a different lens than most of us, she's also a visionary among her colleagues. Her international renown and leadership led the U to name her a Distinguished McKnight Professor in 2010. For more information, read [Donna Whitney](#).

FEATURE: Graduate student Joel Korte will never forget walking up to a New York City construction worker to ask his opinions for a survey on stuttering. Now a student in the U's Department of Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences, Korte is training to become a speech-language pathologist for others who stutter. He is learning the ropes with clinical specialist Linda Hinderscheit, who says that while stuttering affects three million Americans—75 to 80 percent of them males—the cause isn't known. For more information, read ["Speaking of stuttering."](#)

U OF M MOMENT: A customer's perception of negative stereotyping, particularly in the areas of financial services and automobile sales and service, can cause consumers to fear being duped and forgo their purchases, according to new research by professor Kathleen Vohs. Vohs says many consumers would simply opt not to buy in situations where they felt they were being stereotyped. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

Awards and appointments

PEOPLE: Professor Jasjit Ahluwalia has been appointed to serve on the National Advisory Council on Minority Health and Health Disparities by U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius; the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association presented awards to professor emeritus Dale Sorensen, professor Robert Hardy, and associate professor Sheila Torres; U in the News features U faculty cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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Funding opportunities

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATIONS are being accepted until Apr. 18. The grant is for assistant professors with no independent national funding and who are engaged in cancer-related research. This is a one-year seed grant. Funding of up to \$30,000 is available. For an application, email [Nancy Morgan](mailto:Nancy.Morgan) or call 612-625-2912.

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THE PRESIDENT'S EMERGING LEADER'S PROGRAM (PEL) is accepting applications for its 2011–12 cohort. The program is designed to identify and further develop the leadership skills of talented P&A, Civil Service, and Bargaining Unit staff. PEL offers participants a structured but flexible development opportunity, featuring both educational and experiential components. Application deadline is Apr. 1. For more information, see [application instructions](#) or view a [presentation with testimonials](#) from past participants.

THE PROJECT AND CHANGE MANAGEMENT COLLABORATORS group will offer its first ever half-day workshop, Project Management 101: Suffering the Slings and Arrows of Outrageous Projects, Mar. 15, 9 a.m.–noon, 2-530 Moos Tower. The workshop features instructor John Skovbroten and is scheduled during spring break. Free and open to all U faculty and staff. RSVP for the program by using the enrollment key "pcmc" [at Moodle](#). For more information, see [project management](#).

THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE IN THE RESEARCH UNIVERSITY (SERU) PROJECT has published a survey about the student experience at the research university. SERU is a collaboration between academic scholars and institutional researchers devoted to creating new, policy-relevant data sources and analysis to help broaden the understanding of the undergraduate experience and to promote a culture of institutional self-improvement. The project includes 18 major U.S. research universities and is based at UCLA. For more information, see [SERU survey results](#).

THE CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE INSTITUTE (CTSI) can help investigators register clinical trials to ensure regulatory compliance and to prepare for publication of results. CTSI's coordination helps maintain Food and Drug Administration compliance and International Committee of Medical Journal Editors requirements. For more information, email [Kathy Mischke](mailto:Kathy.Mischke) and visit the [CTSI website](#).

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CROOKSTON:

SPRING SEMESTER CONVOCATION will feature speaker Terry Dullum, anchor and producer of "WDAZ News at 5." Crookston Student Association president Shawn Friedland will serve as master of ceremonies. Mar. 3, noon, Kiehle Auditorium. For more information, see [spring convocation](#).

A PASSPORT DRIVE, sponsored by the Office of International Programs at UMC, is open to anyone from the campus or the Crookston community. The drive is a convenient opportunity for community members to get their passports, which are no longer issued locally. Mar. 8, 1–6 p.m., Northern Lights Lounge, Sergeant Student Center. For more information, see [passport drive](#).

VOLUNTEERS ARE SOUGHT for a program to prepare communities for the Emerald Ash Borer. Training is scheduled Mar. 25, 6–8:30 p.m.; and Mar. 26, 8:45 a.m.–3:30 p.m.; 116 Kiehle. For more information, see [volunteers](#).

DULUTH:

CHANCELLOR LENDLEY C. BLACK WILL BE INAUGURATED AS UMD'S NINTH LEADER Mar. 4, 2 p.m., Romano Gymnasium. A reception will follow. For more information, see [inauguration](#).

UMD SUSTAINABILITY PANELS on a variety of subjects will be presented by UMD faculty, staff, and students Mar. 3, 11:30 p.m.–1 p.m., 3 p.m., and 4:30 p.m., Library Rotunda. For more information, see [inauguration activities](#).

THE 2011 BAEUMLER KAPLAN HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION AT UMD PRESENTS REMNANTS Mar. 6, 3 p.m., Kirby Student Center Rafters. Written and performed by noted psychology professor and playwright Henry "Hank" Greenspan, this one-person play is based on his ongoing conversations with Holocaust survivors. The play was initially produced for radio and broadcast on National Public Radio stations across the United States in 1991. A light reception and Q&A will follow. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [Remnants](#).

UMD BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT WILL PRESENT A HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: LOCAL FOODS, Mar. 8, noon, 323 Kirby Student Center. Biology department greenhouse director Deb Shubat will discuss ways to get local foods and important issues facing our food supply both locally and nationally. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [health training](#).

MORRIS:

ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMICS MAJOR WILL DOLEZAL has launched a composting initiative on campus to address waste stream analysis, composting operations, research, and tours and external contacts. For more information, see [composting initiative](#).

TOURING COMPANY NATIONAL PLAYERS will bring an innovative, "electronic twist" production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as part of the UMM Performing Arts Series. Mar. 5, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium. For more information, see [performing arts](#).

THE SYMPHONIC WINDS will perform the world premiere of jazz musician Joseph Carucci's *Scaphoid Void*. Carucci, assistant professor of music, composed the large ensemble piece with a jazz feel. The group will also present *Grand Pianola Music* with guest pianists Ann DuHamel, director of piano studies at Morris, and Jeanine Barrett, assistant artistic director of the Wirth Center for the Performing Arts. Mar. 6, at 3 p.m., Recital Hall. For more information, see [Symphonic Winds concert](#).

ROCHESTER:

TWO BUSINESS OWNERS who each began a start-up company will describe their experiences in creating their organizations. Speakers include Dharani Ramamoorthy of Xylo Technologies, Inc., and Dan Fox of Rushford Hypersonic. Professor Rajiv Vaidyanathan will follow their presentations with more information on the Duluth MBA program. April 4, 5:30 p.m.

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THE UNIVERSITY HAS LAUNCHED A SAFETY CAMPAIGN to raise awareness of the importance peers have in promoting positive decision making and campus safety. The "Stand Up" campaign focuses on three primary issues: high-risk drinking (the current theme), general safety (to be rolled out in late March), and sexual violence prevention (to overlap with national Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April). For more information, see [Stand up](#).

PROPOSAL DEADLINES TO LEAD AN EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAM are approaching. Those interested in taking students abroad can propose a short-term program during winter break, spring break, or May session 2011–12. Priority will be given to non-European locations and/or topics that appeal to a diverse student audience. For more information, see [education abroad](#) or email [Christine Anderson](mailto:Christine.Anderson).

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NORTHROP CONCERTS AND LECTURES will present the first performance outside of Northrop since its closing for revitalization. Northrop Dance presents the contemporary ballet troupe Aspen Santa Fe Ballet Mar. 8, 7:30 p.m., State Theatre. For tickets and more information, see [Northrop](#) or call 612-624-2345.

A JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY DEMONSTRATION will feature professor Fumio Watanabe of Yamagata University, Japan, as the tea master, as well as U students presently studying the tea ceremony. Come to one or more of the 6 ceremonies: thick tea ceremony, 4 p.m.; thin tea ceremony and standing bow tea ceremony, 4:30 p.m.; flower tea ceremony in a box, 5 p.m.; abbreviated tea ceremony on a tray, 5:30 p.m., and Uonohana tea ceremony in a box, 5:50 p.m. Free tea and a sweet will be served. Mar. 9, 4-6:30p.m., 140 Nolte.

MAJORA CARTER, internationally renowned leader in environment-centered urban renewal, will kick off IonE's New Momentum 2011 event series, with entertainment by Ananya Dance Theatre Mar. 10, Ted Mann Concert Hall. Future presentations include international health guru Hans Rosling with comedian Cy Amundson, Apr. 26, and oceanographer Sylvia Earle with musician Mason Jennings, May 12. For tickets and more information, see [Momentum 2011](#).

A FREE, MINI MEDICAL SCHOOL BONUS SESSION will take place Mar. 21, 5–8:30 p.m., 2-650 Moos Tower. Paul Iaizzo and Clifford Steer will talk about what bears can teach us about human heart health and treatments for heart attacks, stroke, and kidney failure. Seating is limited and [registration is required](#).

COMEDIAN SARAH SILVERMAN will perform Mar. 23, 8 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. General Admission tickets are on sale now. Seating is limited. For more information, see [Silverman](#).

MORE EVENTS include "1 Potato, 2 Potato, 3 Potato, 4; Host Plant Resistance... We Need More" ([Mar. 2](#)); The Founders: Making the Department of Landscape Architecture ([Mar. 3](#)); Out of Bounds: Challenging the Status Quo ([Mar. 4](#)); Yoga/Meditation Retreat ([Mar. 5](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE ERIC W. KALER HAS NAMED AMY PHENIX AS CHIEF OF STAFF. Phenix is currently director of communications and public relations at Macalester College. Phenix was also director of news and public information at the University of Minnesota from 1999-2004. She will rejoin the University in mid-April and will work on transition issues to prepare for Kaler's assumption of the presidency on July 1. The appointment is subject to approval by the Board of Regents. For more information, see the [news release](#).

THE BOARD OF REGENTS WILL MEET MARCH 10–11. Four newly elected Regents will be sworn in by the chief justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court. The Board will also hold a work session to hear the results of the recent economic impact study conducted by Tripp Umbach. In late February, the top-level findings of the study were presented, showing that for every \$1 of state investment the U generates more than \$13 in economic activity for Minnesota. In addition, state economist and U faculty member Tom Stinson will provide an update on Minnesota's economic forecast. For more information, including live-streaming of the board meeting, see [Board of Regents](#).

STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: On Feb. 28, Minnesota Management and Budget released the 2011 February budget forecast. The forecast includes a \$264 million projected increase in the expected ending balance for the current biennium combined with an \$896 million improvement in the budget forecast for the 2012–13 biennium, which reduces next biennium's projected budget deficit to just over \$5 billion. The results will be the basis for the budget decisions that will be made this session for the 2012–13 biennium. The legislature set Mar. 25 as the deadline for all budget bills to pass out of finance divisions and committees, so activity at the Capitol will intensify greatly in the coming weeks. For more information, see [state relations](#). For targeted information on the Minnesota budget and how it relates to the University, see [Minnesota's Budget and the U](#).

Features

FEATURE: Humans have bred horses to run hard and pull heavy loads, all on minimal feed. To do that, they must be able to store energy efficiently in their muscles. But storing energy too well can lead to diseases, some of which mirror human conditions. For researcher Molly McCue, that parallel makes her studies of equine metabolism all the more fascinating. McCue and her colleagues are in the thick of research that may help uncover the genetic underpinnings of human disorders linked to energy storage. For more information, read "[From horse to human](#)."

FEATURE: Suppose you were booked on a flight, and 97 of 100 mechanics said the plane would never make it to its destination. Would you board? Veteran Twin Cities news anchor Don Shelby told an audience of scientists, communicators, and the public that 97 percent of climate scientists agree that the Earth is warming, yet much of the public remain skeptical, due in part to the lack of factual information in the media. Shelby told that story and many others about media coverage of climate change during "Frontiers in the Environment," a free Wednesday noon lecture series by the U's Institute on the Environment (IonE). For more information, read "[Airing the issues](#)."

U OF M MOMENT: President Robert Bruininks gave his ninth and final State of the U address on Mar. 3. Bruininks said the University is strong despite financial challenges. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: FEB. 28–MAR. 4. A new weekly video feature from the U News Service, "This Week @Minnesota" provides a snapshot "week in review" at the U of M. In this installment, viewers see a breakdown of the U's impact on Minnesota's economy, go behind the scenes at President Bruininks's final "State of the U" address, and check out the new Animal Trauma Center. For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."

Awards and appointments

PEOPLE: The Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) has announced Faculty Fellows for 2011–12; professor emeritus Forrest "Frosty" Moore, who was instrumental in developing the field of international education at the University, died Feb. 28 at the age of 95; U in the News features U faculty cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

Funding opportunities

TEN MINI GRANTS HAVE BEEN AWARDED BY THE U'S INSTITUTE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (IonE). The grants went to proposals from across the U system, including development of a sustainable farming certificate program or minor at UMD, support for community conversations on campus sustainability at Crookston, boosting the exploration of microbial contamination of the food supply on the Twin Cities campus, and more. For more information, see [IonE Mini Grants](#).

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2010 FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT (FSA) CLAIMS DEADLINE: Employees with a remaining balance in their health care and/or dependent care FSAs for Plan Year 2010 must submit claims for Plan Year 2010 spending to Employee Benefits by Mar. 31, 2011. Claims must arrive by campus mail or be postmarked by Mar. 31. Qualifying Plan Year 2010 expenses are those incurred between Jan. 1, 2010, and Mar. 15, 2011. Pursuant to IRS regulations, any of these funds remaining in accounts after Mar. 31 will be forfeited. To view your account balance, see [Flexible Spending](#). For more information, call the Employee Benefits Service Center at 612-624-9090 or 1-800-756-2363, option 3.

THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE (CSC) will hold a public hearing on several proposed amendments to Civil Service Rules. Some amendments are the result of the CSC's regular review of the rules, while others are necessary to accommodate the transition to a Civil Service Senate governance model. Final drafts of the proposed revisions are available online. The hearing takes place Mar. 9, 2:30 p.m.–4 p.m., and will be open for participation on each campus: 165 Peik Hall (UMTC); 105 Kiehle Hall (UMC); 173 Kirby Plaza (UMD); 7 Humanities and Fine Arts (UMC); and room 321 (UMR). The hearing will also be [broadcast live online](#). To request disability accommodations for the hearing, email [Lori Nicol](mailto:Lori.Nicol). For more information, see [CSC public hearing](#).

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CROOKSTON:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: THE CITY OF CROOKSTON IS PLANNING A SANDBAGGING EFFORT to reduce the impact of potential spring flooding. Vans will be transporting UMC student volunteers to the Mar. 9 event, starting at 8:30 a.m., from Parking Lot A, just outside the north entrance of the Sargeant Student Center. Transportation will be provided throughout the day. For more information, see [volunteer sandbagging](#).

MORE THAN 400 HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS from regional schools will visit UMC for a career day to learn about different career options from approximately 40 local professionals. Sponsored by the Crookston Chamber of Commerce Education Committee. Mar. 15, 9 a.m.–2 p.m., multiple locations across campus. For more information, see [career day](#).

FREE CONCERT: PERFORMER, COMPOSER, AND PRODUCER GEORGE MAURER will deliver a jazz combo performance at Mar. 9, 7 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium. For more information, see [jazz combo](#).

DULUTH:

FOR THOSE WITH UPPER BODY DISABILITIES, a simple canoe paddle can be a barrier that keeps them from enjoying Minnesota's abundant lakes, rivers, and streams. One woman set out to change that by inventing a paddle that is fully functional using one arm. UMD's Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI) was able to help her move her idea forward with its rapid prototyping capabilities. For more information, see [NRRI paddle](#).

GRANDMOTHERS FOR PEACE will provide an informational brown bag session as part of Women's History Month. Jan Provost from the local Grandmothers for Peace chapter will speak about her involvement with the movement and its work. Mar. 9, noon, 333 Kirby Student Center. For more information, see [Grandmothers for Peace](#).

ALWORTH INTERNATIONAL LECTURE SERIES: "MY BIG FAT GREEK MUSEUM," Mar. 9, 7 p.m., Library, fourth floor Rotunda. Cultural heritage theorist and Greek tourist guide Smaragda Touloupa will speak about current economic instability and what limitations and opportunities exist for Greek state museums. For more information, see [Greek museum lecture](#).

JULLIARD SCHOOL OF MUSIC FACULTY MEMBER MARGO GARRETT will lecture and perform Mar. 10. Garrett will present, "Collaboration at the Heart of Making Music," at noon, followed by a 2 p.m. master class. Both events are free and will be held in Weber Music Hall. For more information, see [music](#).

MARSHALL W. ALWORTH PLANETARIUM PRESENTS "WHAT'S YOUR SIGN," Mar. 11 and 23, 7 p.m. The program focuses on the recent addition of a new horoscope sign, featuring several astronomical and historical reasons for this change. Great for ages 7 and up. For more information, see [What's your sign?](#)

MORRIS:

A PRINT BY ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF STUDIO ART Tracy Otten is on exhibit in Venice as part of the Tempus Fugit exhibition at the Scuola Internazionale di Graphica. Otten's piece, *For the duration*, is a combination lithograph and screenprint. For more information, see [Venice exhibit](#).

THE CENTER FOR SMALL TOWNS (CST) AND THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT are expanding their participation in Students In Service (SIS), an AmeriCorps program that encourages college students to enroll as part-time AmeriCorps members. CST alone increased the number of its SIS positions from 4 to 11 for spring semester and will have a total of 25 positions by the end of August. The purpose of the program is to meet the needs of the community while working to "foster within students an ethic of civic responsibility." For more information, see [Students In Service](#).

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE 33rd ANNUAL JAZZ FESTIVAL, April 7–9. The 2011 festival will feature Eric Alexander, tenor saxophonist, and Todd Coolman, bassist, as well as student jazz ensembles and the Alumni Jazzers. For ticket information, email jazz_fest or call 320-589-6080. For more information, see [jazz fest](#).

ROCHESTER:

UMR PROFESSOR MARK TSCHAEPE WILL PRESENT his paper, "What We Might Talk About When We Talk About Love: Scientific Language and Pragmatic Identity," on Mar. 12 at the [annual conference](#) for the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy in Spokane, WA. Tschaepe is responsible, in tandem with Rebecca Bamford, for teaching Humanities, Ethics, Philosophy of Science, and Technology Studies.

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THE U HAS JOINED IN AN EFFORT to support businesses impacted during Light Rail Transit construction. The Discover Central Corridor campaign will encourage consumers to support neighborhood restaurants, stores, and service providers. For every \$100 spent in locally owned small businesses, \$68 returns to the community through taxes, payroll, and other expenditures. Many businesses are offering deals and discounts through a Central Corridor Perks loyalty card program. For more information, see [Discover Central Corridor](#) or [connect on Facebook](#).

THE NATION'S FIRST ANIMAL TRAUMA CENTER was launched by the U's Veterinary Medical Center (VMC). Based on the human model for clinical trauma care, the center was created to leverage the expertise and capabilities of the VMC's specialists and to provide the comprehensive, team-based care important in treating dog and cat trauma and other serious emergency cases. Veterinary criticalist Kelly Hall says the hope is that the U's new model will be adopted by other large veterinary medical centers and teaching hospitals across the country. For more information, see [Animal Trauma Center](#).

THE OFFICE FOR EQUITY AND DIVERSITY (OED) is co-sponsoring this year's national White Privilege Conference, a gathering that examines concepts of privilege and oppression and offers solutions and team-building strategies to work toward a more equitable world. OED encourages faculty, staff, and students to attend. Early registration deadline is Mar. 15. U staff, and students receive an additional 20 percent discount (enter "20" at checkout). April 13–16, Sheraton Hotel, Bloomington. For more information, see [White Privilege](#).

MARCH TECHNOLOGY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: The Office of Information Technology offers a number of free technology training courses for faculty and staff. Upcoming courses include Collaborating with Web-Based Tools; Moodle 1.9: Creating Basic Course Web Sites; Google Calendar: Effectively Managing your Calendar; UMConnect 7: Web Conferencing for Meetings; Moodle 1.9: Collaboration; Wikis: Collaborative Content Development; Web Development: Dreamweaver CS5 Basics; and more. For a complete listing of courses, see [technology training](#).

THE CENTER FOR URBAN AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS (CURA) WILL HOLD A MARCH HOUSING FORUM featuring CURA's director, Ed Goetz, talking about his article "Housing Careers of Very Low Income Persons." Mar. 25, noon–1:30 p.m., Honeywell Auditorium, Carlson School. For more information, see [CURA housing forum](#).

CENTENNIAL TEA AND HISTORICAL FASHION SHOW: It's a centennial year for both the Campus Club and the U Women's Club, and they're celebrating in style. The Campus Club will serve a traditional English tea with a selection of finger sandwiches, scones, cake, pastries, and tea. The program will include a fashion show of dresses, suits, coats, and accessories from each decade that the Campus Club and the Women's Club have been in operation, from 1911 to present. Open to the U community, but reservations are required with payment (\$18) in advance. For more information, call 612-626-7788.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

PREVIEW/REVIEW: UNIVERSITY EVENTS AND LECTURES is a periodic column highlighting events and lectures recently past and soon to come on the TC campus. This issue features a review of the President's State of the U address in the form of selected "tweets" from Twitter coverage of the event. Previews include Girlfriends Night Out and Expo at the Arboretum, a screening of the film, *Ghost Bird*, a gourmet beer dinner, "Socialized Medicine in Bee Colonies," and more. For more information, see [Preview/Review](#).

DRAWING THE HUMAN FIGURE, an exhibit of large-scale drawings in a variety of media including video, is on display through Mar. 24, Katherine E. Nash Gallery, Regis Center for Art. Curated by Rochelle Woldorsky. A special installation is dedicated to the model Cynthia Amendt who lost her battle with cancer last spring. For more information, see [Nash Gallery](#).

SAVE THE DATE: Center on Aging 2011 Distinguished Lecture: "Beyond Bingo: Training Interdisciplinary Staff to Enhance Activities for Nursing Home Residents with Dementia." April 13, 4–5 p.m., Mayo Memorial Auditorium. For more information, call 612-624-1185.

MORE EVENTS include Expeditions Into Extreme Affordability ([Mar. 11](#)); 17th Annual Horticulture Day ([Mar. 12](#)); Religious Accommodation at the University of Minnesota ([Mar. 15](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: The Minnesota House and Senate leadership have announced budget targets. Unlike previous years, the targets for the higher education finance divisions are the same—\$2.5 billion. This number is 14.1 percent lower than the Minnesota Management and Budget Agency's forecasted base for higher education of \$2.9 billion. The two higher education committees will next produce their own omnibus bills that divide this reduction between the U, MnSCU, and state financial aid. In addition, on Mar. 8, the House Higher Education Committee heard legislation that would mandate a two-year tuition freeze and a tuition cap on future years. A call to contact legislators was issued to the [U's Legislative Network](#), a volunteer coalition of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members. For more information, see [State Relations](#).

AT THE BOARD OF REGENTS MARCH MEETING, the Regents heard the results of the recent economic impact study conducted by Tripp Umbach. In late February, the top-level findings of the study were presented, showing that for every \$1 of state investment the U generates more than \$13 in economic activity for Minnesota. State economist Tom Stinson provided an update on Minnesota's economic forecast. Regents also heard from Tom Sullivan and Robert Jones on the reports and recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Committees. The Board recognized five new McKnight Land-Grant Professors for 2011–13. For more information, read "[Board of Regents March meeting summary](#)."

Features

FEATURE: University of Minnesota researchers are using salmonella—the bacteria commonly transmitted through food that sickens thousands of U.S. residents each year—to do what was once unthinkable: help people. U of M Masonic Cancer Center researchers, including lead researcher Edward Greeno, believe salmonella may be a valuable tool in the fight against cancer in organs surrounding the gut. Researchers want to "weaponize" salmonella, allowing the bacteria to then attack cancer cells in its natural environment. For more information, including a video animation explaining the research, see [weaponize salmonella](#).

FEATURE: When School of Social Work professor Oliver Williams was approached by the Office of Violence Against Women at the U.S. Department of Justice nine years ago to study the relationship between domestic violence and prison reentry, he was struck by a lack of knowledge in field. As Williams listened to women who were involved with men coming out of prison, he realized they had different life stories than the women who domestic violence agencies were used to serving. Since 1993, Williams' Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community has sought out communities that are hardest hit by domestic violence. For more information, read [Oliver Williams on prison reentry and domestic violence](#).

FEATURE: 100 YEARS OF THE CAMPUS CLUB: The University of Minnesota Campus Club has come a long way—but hasn't strayed from its purpose—since its founding 100 years ago. Through world wars, a ban on women members and alcohol, several relocations, and more, the club has been witness to the highs and lows of history at UMTC, as well as many a lunch special. For more information, read "[Room to Ruminare](#)."

U OF M MOMENT: Much has been made of the plight of the honeybee, a species that has suffered severe population declines in recent years. U of M Bee Lab entomologist Gary Reuter and the U's Bell Museum will host a short course each spring to educate the public about the basics of bees and beekeeping. Reuter says beekeeping helps take the sting of out of Minnesota's long winters. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: MAR. 7–11. In this installment of the new weekly video roundup from the U's News Service, viewers look at U research that says salmonella could help fight cancer, and go inside a "smart house" at the Goldstein Museum. For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."

Awards and appointments

PEOPLE: Renee Sieving and Linda Bearinger have been inducted as fellows of the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine; Connie Delaney, dean of the School of Nursing, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing; U in the News features U faculty cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

Funding opportunities

APPLICATIONS FOR EQUITY AND DIVERSITY TRANSFORMATION AWARDS (formerly known as IDEA Grants) are invited by the Office for Equity and Diversity (OED). For spring 2011, OED will fund projects, programming, events, and research that support the enhancement of safe and welcoming spaces for underrepresented and marginalized members of the U community. All academic and administrative units across the U's campuses are eligible to apply; proposal applications are due Mar. 31. For an application and more information, see [equity and diversity awards](#).

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ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER (AHC) REVIEW: A website with information about the review of the Academic Health Center is now available. Information on the website includes an outline of the overall purpose and goals of the review, composition of the Executive Steering Committee and subcommittees, reference materials and background documents being used by the subcommittees, and other resources. Visitors may post comments. For more information, see [AHC Review](#).

CROOKSTON:

ALBERT SIMS, associate professor and director of operations at the Northwest Research and Outreach Center, was awarded the Meritorious Service Award from the American Society of Sugar Beet Technologists at the organization's 36th annual awards banquet in March. For more information, see [award](#).

UMC RECEIVED NEARLY \$80,000 in rebates and reimbursements for results achieved through Otter Tail Power Company's Campus Energy Challenge. The campus earned rebates for savings generated by lighting upgrades (\$33,109) and for variable-frequency drives with an automated control system (\$26,518). These technologies enable the campus to reduce its electricity use by 655,300 kilowatt-hours per year. The third payment of \$20,000 reimbursed UMC for expenses related to the ReDirect program, another component of the challenge. For more information, see [campus energy challenge](#).

DULUTH:

DIANA PURCEL, CFO OF FAMOUS DAVE'S OF AMERICA, WILL SPEAK ON BUSINESS AND CORPORATE OPERATIONS Mar. 22, 11 a.m., Weber Music Hall. Sponsored by the UMD's Labovitz School of Business and Economics. For more information, see [CFO of Famous Dave's](#).

UMD RESEARCHERS HAVE CONTRIBUTED AN ARTICLE TO THE JOURNAL, NATURE. The piece discusses climate changes, phases, and the future of the southwestern United States. Professor Erik Brown (geological sciences), associate professor Joseph Werne (chemistry and biochemistry), and graduate student/research assistant Melissa Burke, with a team of experts and affiliates, researched, compiled, and reviewed the article "Extended megadroughts in the southwestern United States during Pleistocene interglacials." For more information, see the [synopsis](#) or the [full article](#).

MORRIS:

CHANCELLOR JACQUELINE JOHNSON WILL DELIVER A KEYNOTE ADDRESS at the Faculty Leadership in Sustainability Midwest Regional Workshop Mar. 23–24, University of Wisconsin, River Falls. Johnson is a member of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Board of Directors. For more information, see [sustainability keynote](#).

SENIOR POLICY ANALYST FOR THE UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS and Twin Cities alumna Barbara Freese will speak on campus April 4. Freese is author of *Coal: A Human History*, a *New York Times* Notable Book. From 1986–99, she served as Minnesota's assistant attorney general. Her public address, "Power Struggle: Slowing Global Warming and Building Clean Energy in a Shifting Political Landscape," is sponsored by the Environmental Studies Program. For more information, see [clean energy address](#).

ROCHESTER:

UMR IS SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR THE CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT. Chancellor's Award recipients will be announced in April and honored at a special awards ceremony during the Minnesota Campus Compact Annual Summit on June 14 in St. Paul. For more information, see [Chancellor's Awards](#).

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"BUILDING BRIDGES ACROSS THE PROFESSIONS: PROMOTING SUCCESSFUL INTRAPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATIONS," Mar. 30, 9–11:30 a.m., Coffman Union Theater. Jaime Lester, author of *Organizing Higher Education for Collaboration: A Guide for Campus Leaders*, will discuss ways to promote successful collaborations using a comprehensive approach that addresses the role of culture and leadership as well as interpersonal dynamics. For registration and more information, see [building bridges](#).

PEACE CORPS 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: A special exhibit to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps and former vice president Hubert Humphrey's role in its development will run through the end of April. "50 Years of Service: Minnesota's Peace Corps Volunteers" opens with a reception, Mar. 21, 5–7 p.m., Humphrey Center Atrium, with keynote speaker Robert Klein (Ghana, 1961–63), who is working on a project to archive the stories of Peace Corps volunteers for the United States Library of Congress. Free and open to the public, the exhibit consists of training materials, personal objects, and cultural artifacts. For more information, see [Peace Corps anniversary exhibit](#).

DEALS AND DISCOUNTS: Faculty and staff receive 10 percent off reservations for events occurring Mon.–Fri., 8 a.m.–5 p.m., at the Gopher Spot Gameroom. For more information, see [discount](#).

TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR COMEDIAN SARAH SILVERMAN. Silverman will perform Mar. 23, 8 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. For more information, see [Silverman](#).

MORE EVENTS include Francene Christianson's Passing View Exhibit (through [June 3](#)); *Ghost Bird* Screening ([Mar. 17](#)); Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies Reading Discussion Group ([Mar. 22](#)); First Books ([Mar. 24](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: On Mar. 17, the House released its omnibus higher education bill. The bill would reduce the U's state funding by 17.8 percent, which represents a \$229.2 million reduction over the 2012–13 biennium. The U's annual general fund appropriation for fiscal year 2012 totals \$527.5 million, which is now less than 1998 appropriations. The reductions for the U vary between the operations and maintenance budget and the state specials. The legislature did not mandate a tuition cap, but did include an "expectation" that tuition revenue should not increase by more than \$76 million. Late on the afternoon of Mar. 22, the Senate bill entered committee. State Relations will have an update as the information becomes available. For more information, see [state relations](#).

LEGISLATION TITLED THE "HUMAN CLONING PROHIBITION ACT OF 2011" was considered and has been passed by several legislative committees. The legislation purports to ban human reproductive cloning, but in fact bans all methods of cellular cloning (somatic cell nuclear transfer). Many of these practices are believed by the scientific community to hold the promise of treatments and cures for many fatal and debilitating diseases. The U opposes this legislation and has issued a call to contact legislators through the U's Legislative Network, a grassroots coalition of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members. For more information, [join the network](#) and [take action](#).

BRIEF ON FACEBOOK: *Brief* is now on the social networking site, Facebook. Faculty and staff are invited to join in the conversation. Content will very often highlight faculty and staff at the U, as well as timely events and information. The page will not be a substitute for the official University of Minnesota faculty and staff weekly news digest. For more information, see [Brief on Facebook](#).

Features

FEATURE: Tex Ostvig has brought more than 10,000 schoolchildren to the U as part of the Kids on Campus program, putting a college education on their horizon. Ostvig coordinates the U program, which is designed to bring Minnesota youth to campus and expose them to the possibilities of a college education. For more information, read "[He connects with kids](#)."

FEATURE: Marc Hillmyer's office is a spare, bright green island on the second floor of Smith Hall. This is where the future of plastics is taking shape in the transition from petroleum to renewable sources. With more than 300 pounds of synthetic polymers produced per person per year in the United States—almost all from oil and only a fraction recycled—a lot is at stake. Because of his creative leadership in bridging organic chemistry and engineering for such a critical area, Hillmyer was named a Distinguished McKnight University Professor in 2010. For more information, read a [profile of Hillmyer](#).

U OF M MOMENT: Communities in the Red River Valley of Minnesota and North Dakota are preparing for spring floods once again after record-setting winter snow totals. Geography professor Scott St. George says that while weather plays a role, the region's unique geology is the underlying cause of such severe flooding. He says it makes flooding in the area like pouring water on a table. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: Mar. 14–18. This installment of the new weekly video roundup from the U's News Service features the Medical School's Match Day and newly licensed technology that collects sediment from storm water runoff to prevent pollution. For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."

Awards and appointments

PEOPLE: Alumni Association CEO Phil Esten has been named one of *Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal's* "40 Under 40"; legendary Gopher football head coach Murray Warmath passed away at age 98; U Libraries' "AgEcon Search" won an Innovation in Science and Technology Librarianship Award; U in the News features U faculty cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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THE AD HOC COMMITTEE appointed by regents chair Clyde Allen will meet to discuss and determine whether a conflict of interest exists for newly appointed regent Steve Sviggum. The committee met Mar. 22 to receive preliminary materials. A previously scheduled Mar. 24 meeting has been cancelled. Instead, the committee will meet Mar. 30, 3 p.m., West Committee Room, McNamara Alumni Center, to receive any additional materials and to discuss and determine whether a conflict exists. The full board will then meet to consider the recommendation of the ad hoc group on Mar. 31, noon, Boardroom, McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see the [news release](#).

A SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR THE NEXT SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND PROVOST has been appointed by president-designate Eric W. Kaler. The search committee will be led by vice president for research Tim Mulcahy, with broad representation from the University community. For more information including the full committee, see the [news release](#).

FOUR FINALISTS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED FOR DEAN OF THE HUMPHREY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS. The new dean will lead the country's third-oldest public affairs program, which currently ranks 14th among more than 280 schools of public affairs and administration across the United States, and sixth among all public universities. All candidates' public presentations will take place at the Humphrey School's Cowles Auditorium. The new dean is expected to start by fall semester 2011. For more information, see [Humphrey finalists](#).

PUBLIC HEALTH MOMENT: Caring for an aging parent. A few years ago, Robert Kane, a professor and expert on aging, was suddenly thrust into the role of caregiver for his mother. The problems he encountered with our nation's long-term care system prompted him to write a book, *It Shouldn't Be This Way: The Failure of Long-Term Care*. Now, Kane has written a second book, *The Good Caregiver*. Kane describes it as a survival guide for caregivers—to help them and to make their lives a little easier. For more information, see [Public Health Moment](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

CROOKSTON:

A MINI-GRANT FROM THE INSTITUTE ON THE ENVIRONMENT will help fund a series of bi-weekly, "sustainability supper seminars" designed to educate the campus and local community on sustainability applications. In the first seminar, Dan Svedarsky, professor and director of the Center for Sustainability, will address "The broad brush of sustainability, global and local." Systems design consultant Scott Johnson will also outline the application of the systems approach to complex campus-community sustainability initiatives. Mar. 24, 5 p.m., Bede Ballroom. For more information, including upcoming sessions, see [sustainability supper](#).

PRESIDENT BRUININKS WILL ADDRESS UMC GRADUATES during commencement on May 7, 2 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium. The ceremony will recognize the 103rd graduating class on the campus. For more information, see [commencement](#).

DORIS COOPER has been hired as a grants and contracts coordinator. Cooper will research, identify, and communicate potential sources of funding to support research projects and program development opportunities, coordinate sources of funding for future grants and contracts, and assist faculty members with grant writing and coordination of resources. She begins April 4.

DULUTH:

A NEW MASTER'S DEGREE IN TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE will begin fall 2011. Tadd Johnson, UMD American Indian Studies department head, will direct the graduate program. The deadline for applications is April 1. For more information, see [new degree](#).

THE MODERN DRAMA COLDER THAN HERE, written by Laura Wade and directed by Kelly Grussendorf, will be presented Mar. 24–26, 29, and Apr. 2, 7 p.m.; and Mar. 27, 2 p.m., Dudley Experimental Theatre, Marshall Performing Arts Center. The play portrays a woman battling cancer and her family's struggle through the process of accepting the death of a loved one. For tickets, see [Colder Than Here](#).

MORRIS:

THE ANNUAL JURIED STUDENT ART EXHIBITION will feature works by both art and non-art majors. Juror Ben Heywood, executive director of The Soap Factory, selected 52 pieces by 35 students. An opening reception will be held Mar. 24, 7–9 p.m., Humanities Fine Arts Gallery. For more information, see [student art exhibit opening](#).

WORLD TOUCH CULTURAL HERITAGE WEEK will be held March 26–31. "Unweaving the Journey of Our Ancestors" will be a series of events celebrating diversity on campus and throughout the country. Nearly all events are free and open to the public. For more information, see [cultural heritage week](#).

MORRIS WILL HOST THE FIRST INTERCOLLEGIATE GROUND QUIDDITCH TOURNAMENT IN MINNESOTA Apr. 16–17, Big Cat Stadium. The game is a combination of rugby, basketball, soccer, and dodgeball popularized in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter novels. Teams expected to vie for the "Prairie Cup" include UMM, UMTC, UMD, and St. Olaf College. For more information, see [Quidditch](#).

ROCHESTER:

CHANCELLOR STEPHEN LEHMKUHLE toured construction of the University of Minnesota-Rochester building, a 25,000-square-foot facility, which will open this fall, offering courses specializing in medical technology and health care. For more information, see [MPR](#).

TWIN CITIES:

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THE PROVOST OFFICE'S "ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE REPORT" chronicles the academic progress of the Twin Cities campus since the start of strategic positioning in 2004. Some highlights of the report: undergraduate applications have more than doubled from 18,500 to 39,000; total financial aid to Twin Cities undergraduate students increased from \$208 million in 2004–05 to \$311 million in 2009–10; the U had 13 doctoral programs rank within the top 5, 19 programs within the top 10, and 45 programs within the top 25 in the country, according to a 2010 National Research Council assessment; total R & D expenditures grew 41 percent, the third largest growth rate among the top 20 universities in the country. For more information, [download the full report](#).

OUTSTANDING STUDENT EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS honor the top 10 percent of undergraduate student employees on the UMTC campus. Faculty and staff who supervise undergraduate student employees may nominate a student and learn more about the award at [student employee recognition](#). Award nominations are due Mar. 31. For more information, email [Robin Stubblefield](mailto:Robin.Stubblefield@umn.edu) or call 612-624-3088.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

DURING NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK (NPHW) APRIL 4–8, the School of Public Health (SPH) will host two free events: SPH Research Day, Apr. 4, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union; and the NPHW Film Festival, Apr. 4–8, 5:30 p.m. Free food and beverages will be provided each evening. For more information, see [research day](#) and [film festival](#).

LECTURE: "SUNgas: A Vision for Renewable Fuels." Mechanical engineering professor and world-renowned solar researcher Jane Davidson will present her research team's efforts to solve one of the world's most pressing challenges—the need to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions while simultaneously meeting an exploding global demand for energy. Free and open to the public, but registration is required. Apr. 5, 7 p.m., Tate Laboratory of Physics, Van Vleck Auditorium. For registration and more information, see [renewable fuels lecture](#).

THE U'S WOMEN'S FACULTY CABINET will present Women, Work, and Reproduction: Conversations with Martha West. West will discuss sex-based employment discrimination and the accommodation of discrimination through delaying childbearing. The workshop consists of an Apr. 5 lecture, noon–1:15 p.m., Auerbach Commons, Law School; and an armchair discussion and cocktail reception, 5:30–7 p.m., William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul. RSVP to [Raya Hegeman-Davis](mailto:Raya.Hegeman-Davis@umn.edu). For more information, see [Women, Work, and Reproduction](#).

MORE EVENTS include Frontiers in the Environment lecture: "Managing Complex Dilemmas: Global Food Safety and Security" ([Mar. 23](#)); The Origin of Image Making: Behavioral Ecology of Cephalopods and Art ([Mar. 24](#)); "Unlucky Lucky Bodies" ([Mar. 25](#)); Eastern Mediterranean Influences on Opera and Music Theater in Europe ([Mar. 28](#)); 2011 Minnesota Cup Launch ([Mar. 28](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: Following release of the House omnibus higher education bill on Mar. 17, the Senate released its version of the bill, S.F. 924. The U's overall reduction is 18.9 percent, which represents a \$243.3 million reduction over the biennium. [President Bruininks issued a statement](#) in response. S.F. 924 also contains provisions for the U of M, including prohibitions on funds for stem cell research. It is expected that both the House and the Senate bills will go to the floor in their respective bodies for a vote during the week of Mar. 28. For more information, see [state relations](#).

SUPPORT THE U: JOIN THE LEGISLATIVE NETWORK. With Congress considering cuts to Pell Grants and research agencies, and the massive cuts being proposed by both the House and Senate of Minnesota, the University needs advocates now more than ever. Your voice, combined with other voices from across the state, has a powerful impact. Consider [joining the Legislative Network](#) and advocating the importance of the University to elected officials.

CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS, A MONTHLY FORUM to discuss issues of interest to the University community, will put its Mar. 31 focus on addressing the potential impact of deep cuts proposed for the University by the Minnesota Legislature. In the last two weeks both the Minnesota House and Senate Higher Education Committees have released their budget bills and the potential negative impact on the University is unprecedented. Presenters include Donna Peterson, associate vice president for government and community relations, and Bill Otto, legislative advocacy coordinator. A discussion period will follow. Mar. 31, 9–10:15 a.m., 209 Akerman Hall and remotely [via UMConnect](#). RSVP to [Internal Communications](#). For more information, see [Campus Conversations](#).

Features

FEATURE: Associate professor Masato Yamamoto was a young doctor in Japan when, 16 years ago, one of the largest earthquakes ever recorded in that country struck with an epicenter just 20 miles from his home in Kobe. It took the lives of more than 6,000 people—with well over half the casualties in his hometown. He went to the epicenter as a volunteer doctor. In the wake of the recent disaster in Japan, Yamamoto has taken small steps to help where he can. For more information, read "[A tsunami of giving](#)."

FEATURE: The best way to learn how a car works? Build your own, of course. And though it's far more complex, the same goes for a living cell. By isolating the molecular machinery that allows just one gene to be expressed, researchers Vincent Noireaux and Jonghyeon Shin gained unprecedented insight into how cells work—and how to build one. For more information, read "[How to build a cell](#)."

FEATURE: Pediatrician Paul Quie is a healer, peacemaker, mentor, and diplomat—and the U's least-known icon. Quie, the most senior physician on the staff of the Medical School, is also co-director of the International Medical Education and Research program. For more information, read the Alumni Association's profile of Quie, "[A Doctor and a Gentleman](#)".

FEATURE: Every year across the nation, hundreds of men and women return home from combat in battle zones around the world. Many suffer from post-traumatic stress. Can an online writing intervention be one way to bring relief to returning veterans? Patricia Frazier, a professor of psychology, aims to find out. She was named a Distinguished McKnight University Professor in 2010. For more information, read "[Patricia Frazier](#)."

U OF M MOMENT: "Base tanning" for Spring Break is not a good idea, says School of Public Health researcher DeAnn Lazovich. Lazovich has some helpful advice for those wishing to avoid sunburn. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: Mar. 21–25. This weekly video roundup from the U's News Service includes U student efforts to raise money for Japanese earthquake victims, the NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving National Championships, and public safety on campus. Watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."

Awards and appointments

PEOPLE: Morse-Alumni Award recipients for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education; recipients of the Outstanding Contributions to Postbaccalaureate, Graduate, and Professional Education Award; Gunda Georg named one of two new editors of *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry*; Heidi Lasley Barajas has been appointed executive director of the U's Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center; Tina Falkner was awarded the Thomas A. Bilger Citation for Service; U in the News features U faculty cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

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THE UNIVERSITY SENATE AND FACULTY SENATE will meet Mar. 31, 2:30 p.m., 25 Mondale Hall. Coordinate campuses and those who cannot attend in person are invited to [view the meeting on the web](#). For more information, see the full agenda at [University Senate](#).

NEW AND REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT. The revised Class Scheduling for Undergraduate and Graduate Classes policy specifies new collegiate requirements that will facilitate maximum access to class offerings for students and provides for the most efficient use of classrooms. The administrative policy Environmental Health (Food, Water, and Sanitation) outlines the U's expectations for protecting and ensuring environmental and public health. Two education policies, Credit for Nationally Recognized Exams for Undergraduate Students, and Departmental Exams for Proficiency or Credit for Undergraduate Students, cover how these credit opportunities are handled, and who has the authority for awarding credits. All four policies are available for a 30-day review at [Policy Library](#).

U OF M FLOOD RESOURCES: Predictions across the Upper Midwest are calling for floods in all rivers. The Institute on the Environment's River Life Program has put together a [website with flood information](#), diverse perspectives, and opportunities to share stories from across the state and region. University [Extension maintains an educational resource website](#), which provides a wealth of information for Minnesotans as they deal with spring flooding.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

FOURTH ANNUAL DOCTORAL RESEARCH SHOWCASE will feature more than 60 of this year's top doctoral students and candidates talking about their work in more than 40 fields, from engineering to English. The showcase is designed for students to develop their ability to talk about their work to non-specialists, to raise the visibility of doctoral research, to provide an opportunity for entrepreneurs and leaders to talk to the next generation of researchers and thinkers, and to encourage undergraduates to consider graduate education. Free and open to the public. Apr. 5, noon–2 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union. For more information, including a list of participants, see [doctoral research showcase](#).

SPRING GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION ASSEMBLY will engage students and faculty in a conversation about program evaluation: How should a graduate student experience be evaluated? What should program assessment include, and what should be the outcomes? Keynote speakers and facilitators will be Chris Golde and George Walker, experts in program evaluation and national leaders in the Carnegie Initiative on the Doctorate. This interactive assembly will explore ways to create a new process for improving program quality and outcomes that enhance student learning and productivity. All seats for the event are full, but participation via webcast is invited. Apr. 18, 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m. For more information, see [education assembly](#).

TEACHING AND LEARNING CONFERENCE: The Academy of Distinguished Teachers and the Center for Teaching and Learning will host a one-day conference, *Teaching and Learning in a Changed World*. The event will feature keynote speaker Stephen Brookfield, University of St. Thomas Distinguished University Professor. Apr. 25, 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. The call for proposals deadline has been extended to Apr. 4. For more information, see [teaching and learning](#).

THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS LAUNCHED THE ROTHENBERGER INSTITUTE, an organization dedicated to improving the health and well-being of college students by offering online courses developed by top public health experts. For more information, see [Rothenberger Institute](#).

CROOKSTON:

UMC'S REDESIGNED RECRUITMENT AND MARKETING PIECES HAVE EARNED AWARDS for local communications firm SimmonsFlint. The firm worked with the Office of Admissions and with University Relations staff to design and develop the materials for the campus. For more information, see [marketing awards](#).

A SPRING SEMESTER CAMPUS ASSEMBLY MEETING will be held Mar. 31, 12:30–2 p.m., Bede Ballroom. For more information, [see the agenda](#).

CANTUS WILL PERFORM AT UMC on Mar. 31, 7:30 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium, as part of Classical MPR's Artists-In-Residence program. A reception follows the concert. For more information, see [Cantus](#).

DULUTH:

"THE U.S. AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE: Or, Why Obama Won the Nobel Peace Prize." Presented by Mary Durfee, associate professor of government, Michigan Technological University. Mar. 30, 7 p.m., 4th floor Library Rotunda. For more information, call 218-726-7493.

22nd ANNUAL LATIN AMERICA FIESTA will feature foods from Mexico, Brazil, Puerto Rico, and Cuba, as well as entertainment including a mariachi band, a salsa group, and Aztec dancers. Apr. 2, 5 p.m., Kirby Student Ballroom. Sponsored by the UMD Latino/Chicano Association. For tickets, see [Latin America fiesta](#).

MORRIS:

2011 JOOINN LEE LECTURE: "Inside Congress: Legislating in Polarized Times." Brookings Institution senior fellow in governance studies and George Washington University professor of political science Sarah Binder will serve as the 2011 Jooinn Lee Lecturer. Binder specializes in Congress and legislative politics. Free and open to the public. A reception follows. Apr. 14, 7:30 p.m., 109 Imholte Hall. For more information, see [Jooinn Lee Lecture](#).

THE 11th ANNUAL UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM is a celebration of student research, creative, and scholarly work. This year, the event will be held on a Saturday, Apr. 16, to accommodate parents and families. The symposium represents the divisions of education, the humanities, science and mathematics, and social sciences. Schedule: 10:30 a.m. poster sessions; 1:30 p.m. featured presentations; 2 p.m. oral sessions.

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I-35W RAMPS IN MINNEAPOLIS WILL CLOSE MAR. 30 AND APR. 4 DUE TO LIGHT RAIL CONSTRUCTION. U of M motorists will encounter delays. The I-35W ramp from eastbound 4th Street S to southbound I-35W will close Mar. 30; it will reopen this summer. The ramp from northbound I-35W to east bank via Washington Avenue will close Apr. 4; it will reopen in winter (Nov./Dec.) 2012. Motorists should follow all posted detours. For more information about the project and to sign up for the weekly email update from the Metropolitan Council, see [Central Corridor LRT](#) or the [Met Council](#).

THE MAYO CIRCLE WILL CLOSE TO ALL VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC APRIL 4 THROUGH AUGUST 2011 to accommodate sensitive research equipment moving into the former Mayo garage space below the circle. All shuttle service will move to the [Variety Club Research Center](#). For more information, see [Mayo Circle closure](#).

CALL FOR HOMECOMING ROYALTY NOMINATIONS: Faculty and staff are encouraged to nominate undergraduate (with at least 60 credits) and graduate/professional students to be the 2011 Homecoming king and queen. Student nominees should work closely with faculty or staff, possess strong leadership skills, and maintain high academic standards. The application deadline is Apr. 18. To nominate a student, email [homecoming](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

PREVIEW/REVIEW: UNIVERSITY EVENTS AND LECTURES is a periodic column highlighting and lectures/reviews recently past and soon to come on the TC campus. This issue features a review of "First Books," an annual reading sponsored by the Creative Writing Program featuring debuting poets, fiction writers, and nonfiction writers, all with a U connection. Previews include "Learn to save money and the planet," Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction discounts for faculty and staff, as well as robots, killer cookies, muckraking, and more. For more information, see [Preview/Review](#).

THE AURORA CENTER WILL CO-SPONSOR "SHE FEARS YOU," a presentation by Keith Edwards on sexual assault prevention. Edwards will use dialogue, activities, and a multimedia presentation to encourage both men and women to be active in changing a culture that encourages or condones rape. Apr. 4, 7–9 p.m., Sports Pavilion. For more information, see [The Aurora Center](#).

THE MEDICAL SCHOOL'S PROGRAM IN HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH will hold a community open house highlighting the work of local organizations and researchers that share its mission of reducing and eliminating health disparities. March marks the fifth year of the program. Apr. 8, 3–7 p.m., Center for Changing Lives, 2400 Park Avenue S., Minneapolis. Free and open to the public. [RSVP by Apr. 4](#). For more information, see [Health Disparities Research](#).

FACULTY AND PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR WORKSHOP: "Building Successful Research Teams: Preventing and Managing Conflict" will be presented by Howard Gadlin, NIH ombudsman and nationally recognized leader in higher education ombudsman work. The workshop will focus on strategies for building successful research teams by anticipating and preventing conflict, reducing the standard reactions of paralysis and avoidance, and developing skills for intervening and discussing difficult topics. The event satisfies the awareness/discussion component of the Responsible Conduct of Research continuing education requirement. Apr. 11, 3–5 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union; and Apr. 12, 9–11 a.m., 145 Veterinary Science. For registration and more information, see [workshop](#).

AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE FOR THE POOR: The Center for Health Equity will host a talk with Devi Shetty, world-renowned cardiac surgeon and founder and chairman of Bangalore's Narayana Hrudayalaya, one of the largest hospitals in the world. Shetty was the first Indian to perform heart surgery on newborns, and was the first to use a microchip camera to close holes in the heart. Shetty will share his insights on providing affordable health care for the poor. [Apr. 18, 12:15–1:15 p.m.](#), 2-650 Moos Tower. Lunch will be provided. For more information, see [health care disparities](#).

3M SEMINAR ON TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION: Securing Intellectual Property. The third and final 3M seminar of the academic year will be held Apr. 20, 4–6 p.m., 2-206 Carlson School of Management. This two-hour session will provide an overview of intellectual property and suggest procedures for cost-effectively securing IP assets with science and technology related businesses. Attendees with extensive experience in intellectual property will lead the discussion. [RSPV to Holmes Center](#). For more information, see [3M seminar](#).

2011 GUY STANTON FORD MEMORIAL LECTURE: "MORALS, MARKETS, AND CIVIC LIFE AFTER THE FINANCIAL CRISIS." Popular American political philosopher and Harvard professor Michael Sandel will address issues such as Do bankers deserve to make hundreds of times what school teachers earn? Is the free market fair? What have we learned from the financial crisis? What is the role of markets in achieving the public good? Apr. 21, 12:15–1:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. For more information, see [Ford memorial lecture](#).

Professional development opportunity

THE 2011–12 POLICY FELLOWS PROGRAM AT THE HUMPHREY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS is now accepting applications. The program brings together emerging leaders from business, government, and nonprofit sectors to hone their leadership skills, build their professional networks, and learn how to tackle "common good" challenges facing the state and nation. Fellows meet monthly between September and June for full-day workshops and seminars and participate in a three-day study trip to Washington, D.C. Applications are due June 1. For more information, see [Humphrey fellows](#).

MORE EVENTS include Mark Tredinnick reading ([Mar. 31](#)); Engaging Controversies: Writing Class ([Apr. 1](#)); 2011 Kerlan Award: Jane Kurtz ([Apr. 2](#)); Time Lag Zero: A James Dillon Portrait featuring Ensemble Dal 4 ([Apr. 3](#)); Cutting the Fuse: The Explosion of Global Suicide Terrorism and How to Stop It ([Apr. 4](#)) SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: On Mar. 29, the Minnesota House and Senate passed their respective omnibus higher education bills after lengthy debates. A conference committee, composed of members from the House and Senate, will meet to discuss the differences between the two versions of the bills and agree upon one final bill. For more information, view the amended bills and read a letter from Governor Dayton to Republican leaders at [State Relations](#).

Features

FEATURE: The best route to deliver therapies for brain diseases may be through the nose. Not only can "snorted" drugs and even stem cells reach the brain, they can exert therapeutic effects. U researcher William Frey's method of delivering therapies to the brain via the nose can be effective in persons with Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases. For more information, read "[Sniffing out brain diseases](#)."

U OF M MOMENT: The institution of marriage has evolved significantly over the course of the 20th and 21st centuries, says marriage therapist and family social sciences professor Bill Doherty. He says today's married couples come together for very different reasons than previous generations. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: This weekly video roundup from the U's News Service includes student spring fashion trends, a robotics competition on campus, and a "Support the U" advocacy effort. For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."

Awards and appointments

PEOPLE: Distinguished McKnight University Professors for 2011 are Saif Benjaafar, Mark Distefano, Marc Hirschmann, and Deniz Ones; recipients of the 2010 Award for Global Engagement honored; Howard Oransky named director of the Katherine E. Nash Gallery; Zhi-Quan (Tom) Luo named a 2011 Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics Fellow; five Academic Health Center schools made gains in the latest rankings from U.S. News & World Report; the Governor of South Dakota named Mar. 25, 2011, as John Fraser Hart Day in celebration of Professor Hart's contributions to geography; Siri Simons has been awarded a 2011 Morris K. and Stuart L. Udall Scholarship; four U students have been named 2011 Barry M. Goldwater Scholars; U in the News features U faculty cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

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NEW AND REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT. The new President's Delegations of Authority policy communicates the accountability for employees to act within their scope of delegated and documented authority, and conveys consistent standards for assigning, communicating, recording, and maintaining up-to-date delegations. The revised Use and Lease of Real Estate policy combines two existing real estate policies into one, with separate procedures, and also provides greater accountability and transparency as to how space is leased. These policies are available for a 30-day review at [Policy Library](#). In addition, the revised [Hospitality, Alcohol, and Other Special Expenses Allowability Grid](#), now in effect, brings together three prior documents into one to answer many questions about which conditions or funds are applicable for a type of special expense.

UMORE PARK WILL HOST A COMMUNITY FORUM to help shape sustainability goals for the future community. A brief program will highlight health, community culture, job creation and economic development, transportation, renewable energy, the environment, and other areas. Participants are encouraged to share their ideas about what makes a community sustainable, view ideas contributed to date, and visit with resource people. Apr. 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Rosemount Community Center. Refreshments will be served. For more information and to RSVP, see [UMore Park Forum](#).

2011 MINNESOTA CUP LAUNCH: Faculty, staff, students, and alumni are invited to enter the 2011 Minnesota Cup. The statewide contest is designed to seek out, support, celebrate, and promote Minnesota's newest and most innovative business ideas. The competition offers more than \$150,000 in prizes across six award divisions. Deadline for submission is May 20. For more information, see [Minnesota Cup](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM will host Steve Tobin, creator of the "Steelroots: Touching Earth & Sky" outdoor exhibition, for a public talk. The event is an opportunity to meet the artist and learn about the process and inspiration behind his artistic creations. Apr. 14, 7:30-9 p.m. Cost: \$20 arboretum member, \$30 nonmember. For registration and more information, see [Steelroots](#).

CROOKSTON:

GRAD FEST 2011 for graduating seniors will be held Apr. 6, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., International Lounge, Sargeant Student Center. For more information, see [Grad Fest](#).

INTERNATIONAL DIMENSIONS OF SUSTAINABILITY will be the theme of the second "sustainability supper seminar," a series designed to educate the campus and local community. Apr. 7, 5 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. For more information, see [sustainability supper](#).

THE UMC STUDENT ASSOCIATION IS HOSTING A FACULTY AND STAFF APPRECIATION DAY Apr. 12, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. Lunch and other events are planned.

DULUTH:

CHALLENGES TO A "FLAT WORLD": Lessons from Global Pockets of Sustainability. Presented by William Powers—freelance writer, speaker, and senior fellow at the World Policy Institute. Apr. 6, 7 p.m., 4th floor Library Rotunda. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [sustainability](#).

"THE LAND BETWEEN HITLER AND STALIN," a 2011 Baeumler-Kaplan Holocaust Commemoration event featuring Leonore Baeumler and Deborah Petersen-Perlman discussing the additional dimensions of terror during WWII, will take place Apr. 7, noon, 4th floor, Library Rotunda. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [land between](#).

NCAA FROZEN FOUR TOURNAMENT: UMD Bulldogs will play Notre Dame in the Div I Men's Hockey Championship, Apr. 7, 3 p.m. Several viewing parties will celebrate the game day starting at 2:30 p.m. For viewing party locations, see [Frozen Four](#).

MORRIS:

PRESIDENT BRUININKS AND SUSAN HAGSTRUM will attend the 2011 [Jazz Fest](#) and be honored at a meet-and-greet [Community Coffee event](#) April 9, 9-10 a.m., Welcome Center.

STUDENT JOSEPH HARTMANN will serve as Morris's first National Wildlife Federation Campus Ecology Fellow. Hartmann will work with Troy Goodnough, campus sustainability coordinator. The program allows recipients to pursue their vision of an ecologically sustainable future through projects that confront global warming on campus and in the community. For more information, see [ecology fellow](#).

ALUMNUS SCOTT TURNBULL has been named the new head coach of the Cougar men's soccer team. For more information, see [men's soccer](#).

CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRODUCTION PREMIERE: *Sophie and the Adventures of Ice Island*. The innovative, environmentally friendly production was written by playwright Forrest Musselman in collaboration with Siobhan Bremer, associate professor of theatre and the show's director. Apr. 15, 7 p.m.; Apr. 16, 1 p.m., Raymond J. Lammers Proscenium Theatre. West central Minnesota school children will attend scheduled matinees during the school week. For more information, see [children's theatre](#).

ROCHESTER:

"SOURCES OF BACTERIA THAT CONTAMINATE OUR WATERWAYS AND BEACHES—CAN WE CLEAN UP OUR ENVIRONMENT?" Professor Michael Sadowsky, director of the U's BioTechnology Institute, will discuss where the bacteria that contaminate our waterways and beaches come from and whether that contamination can be prevented in the future. Apr. 4, 7 p.m., 414 University Square. Free. For more information, see [clean waterways lecture](#).

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20 BY 20: AN OIT PECHA KUCHA EVENT: The Office of Information Technology (OIT) and the Academic Technology Advisory Committee will host a pecha kucha-style event on the topic "Mobiles." Pecha kucha (pronounced "peh-CHAK-cha") presentations are narrated slideshows that are concise, engaging, and entertaining. Apr. 12, 10-11:30 a.m., 402 Walter Library. For more information, see [OIT Pecha Kucha](#).

A RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE AND SERVICE WORKSHOP will provide information on putting together nominations for the honorary degree, Outstanding Achievement Award, Award of Distinction, Alumni Service Award, and naming of buildings, with a panel discussion on the importance of building a culture that supports recognition and demonstrates commitment to excellence and service. Apr. 15, 10-11:30 a.m., President's Room, Coffman Union. For registration and more information, email [Vickie Courtney](#).

BEAUTIFUL U DAY 2011 will feature a used bike sale, a focus on green transportation choices, and the ever-popular "Clean Up Cookies" to encourage University departments to organize a clean-up of their own work areas. In cooperation with local bike stores and the U's ReUse center, hundreds of used bikes priced under \$80 will be offered to the U community in a sale on Northrop Plaza. Attendees will be able to get free or reduced bike tune-ups and watch a competition to build the coolest "Frankenstein Bike" from spare parts. A Transportation Expo will highlight the campus community's sustainable transportation options. Apr. 20. For more information, see [Beautiful U 2011](#).

TECHNOLOGY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: The Office of Information Technology offers a number of free technology training courses to U faculty and staff. Upcoming courses include Gmail and Google Calendar Overview; Moodle 1.9: Creating Basic Course websites; File Storage—Learning Bytes; Google Calendar: Effectively Managing your Calendar; and more. For more information, including a complete listing of courses, see [Technology Training](#).

THE EARLY CAREER TEACHING PROGRAM has limited spaces available for 2011-12. Sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning, the program is for faculty and instructional staff who are in their first five years of teaching in any environment—classroom, clinic, lab, or studio—and who are responsible for teaching at least one course while enrolled in the program. The opportunity is designed to develop and enhance teaching skills. Participants receive a stipend upon completion of the program. For registration and more information, see [early career teaching](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC UNIVERSITY OPERA THEATRE will present Johann Strauss Jr.'s classic *Die Fledermaus* with a 1920s Hollywood twist. Two for one tickets are available for U faculty, staff, students, alumni, and retirees. Apr. 7-10. [Minnesota Magazine](#) recently featured the production in its story, "Strauss Goes Hollywood." For more information, see [U Opera Theatre](#).

INSTITUTE FOR MATHEMATICS AND ITS APPLICATIONS PUBLIC LECTURE: "Recommender systems for fun and profit." Apr. 13, 7 p.m., 175 Willey Hall. For more information, see [IMA public lecture](#).

UNDERGRADUATE SYMPOSIUM: More than 250 University undergraduates will present the results of their research projects, which span a wide and diverse spectrum of disciplines. Apr. 13, Great Hall, Coffman Union. Presentations are in three sessions: 11:30-1 p.m.; 1:15-2:45 p.m.; and 3-4:30 p.m. Faculty and staff are invited to attend. For more information, see [undergraduate research](#).

"TRANSFORMING NURSING: WHAT'S HAPPENING NATIONALLY AND IN MINNESOTA?" Join the School of Nursing for presentations and discussion with national and state policy leaders. Following the presentation, participants will discuss the impact of the report, "The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health," which was released last October and has generated much discussion in nursing organizations across the country and in the health care industry. Apr. 19, 4-6 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see [Transforming Nursing](#).

THE COLLEGE OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES ANNUAL PLANT SALE will include a large selection of blooming annuals, tropical plants, herbs, carnivorous plants, succulents, and orchids. An orchid and succulent expert will be present during the sale. Apr. 20 and 21, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Minnesota Commons Room, St. Paul Student Center. For more information, call Jodi Bjork or Ric Roderick at 612-625-4788.

A DISCUSSION OF NEW TAX LAWS AND A REVIEW OF ESTATE AND GIFT PLANNING BASICS sponsored by the University of Minnesota Retirees Association will be held Apr. 26, 2 p.m., Campus Club. Jane Goodnight, director of trusts and estates from the U of M Foundation, presents. RSVP by Apr. 21 to 651-698-4387 or [email Leahy](#). For more information, see [tax planning PDF](#).

SAVE THE DATE: THE 10TH SUMMER PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTE offers 48 courses in nine public health areas and features 23 new offerings. Local, national, and international faculty and leading experts teach in fast-paced, interactive settings with an emphasis on theory to practice with opportunities for field trips, case studies, hands-on labs, and simulations. May 23-June 10. For registration and more information, see [Public Health Institute](#).

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 2011 GOPHER ADVENTURE RACE. This year the event is open to faculty and staff. Participants race in teams of two, traveling by foot and campus transportation to take on physical and mental challenges while deciphering clues. Registration cost: \$25 from Apr. 1-May 14. Race takes place Oct. 7. For more information, [watch a video from last year](#) or register at [Gopher Race](#).

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S STUDY SPEAKERS' SERIES PRESENTATION: William Toscano, professor and Head of the Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, School of Public Health, will present the topic of Endocrine Disruptors and Children's Health. Following the event will be a brief presentation and Q&A session about the National Children's Study Ramsey County location. May 2, 3-4:30 p.m., Wilder Center, St. Paul. For registration and more information, see [Children's Study speaker](#).

THE CAMPUS CLUB WILL AGAIN BE A COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA) drop-off site this summer for the Women's Environmental Institute (WEI), a CSA farm. Any member of the University community and surrounding neighborhoods may participate. For more information, see [WEI CSA](#).

MORE EVENTS include Dr. Annemarie Steidl, "Good luck will rub off." ([Apr. 7](#)); Department of Political Science Public Speaker Series: Professor Joseph Wong ([Apr. 8](#)); Freedom Design Annual Art Auction ([Apr. 9](#)); Gracious Acts of Geometry: Stereotomic and Underlying Geometry Analysis of Three 16th-Century Vaults in Oaxaca, Mexico ([Apr. 12](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

THE REGENTS INVITE THE U COMMUNITY TO AN OPEN HOUSE WITH PRESIDENT ROBERT BRUININKS AND SUSAN HAGSTRUM to celebrate their leadership of and dedication to the University of Minnesota. All faculty, staff, and students are welcome to attend. Apr. 27, 9–11 a.m., DQ Room, TCF Bank Stadium. Please enter TCF Bank Stadium at the Benton County Premium Entrance on the southwest side.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DULUTH BULLDOGS won their first-ever national championship in men's hockey Apr. 9 at the Frozen Four in St. Paul. Kyle Schmidt's goal 3:22 into overtime—on a deft pass from Travis Oleksuk—gave the Bulldogs a 3–2 victory over Michigan in front of 19,222 fans at the Xcel Energy Center.

Features

FEATURE: A new study by a worldwide web of ecologists headquartered at the U should bolster efforts to contain the spread of destructive exotic plants by providing solid data about the likelihood of such events, says Elizabeth Borer. She and Eric Seabloom, both associate professors of ecology at the University, are among the authors of the study, which is published in the journal *Ecology Letters*. For more information, read "[A new side of invasive species](#)."

FEATURE: As a specialist in systems biology, Chad Myers of the College of Science & Engineering is at the forefront of a generation of young scientists finding out where computational methods are relevant to biological questions. This year he was named a McKnight Land-Grant Professor because of his role in developing computational approaches to tackle challenges related to genetics and disease. For more information, read a [profile of Chad Myers](#).

FEATURE: A team of U of M Medical School researchers have identified what may be one of the earliest known precursors to neurodegenerative disorders such as Alzheimer's disease: an abnormal buildup of a protein known as "tau" in the brain. According to neuroscientists Karen Hsiao Ashe and Dezhi Liao, a buildup of tau can disrupt the brain's communication abilities even before noticeable symptoms occur. For more information, see [Searching for precursors to degenerative brain diseases](#).

U OF M MOMENT: A new U of M study found workplaces that allow employees to change when and where they work positively affects work-family balance and reduces turnover. Researcher Erin Kelly says Results-Only Work Environment, or ROWE, benefits both employee and employer. Phyllis Moen says ROWE moves workers away from the "time cages" created in the middle of the 20th century. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#). U employees can find out more about flextime options at the U at [OHR Flex](#).

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: SPECIAL GOLDY GOPHER EDITION. This weekly video roundup from the U's News Service is all about Goldy Gopher—what's a typical week like for the world's greatest mascot? For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."

Awards and appointments

PEOPLE: Lesa Covington Clarkson is the recipient of the 2011 Josie R. Johnson Human Rights and Social Justice Award; the Council of Graduate Students (COGS) has announced the winners of its 2011 Outstanding Faculty Award; Thomas Proehl, producing director of the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance, has passed away; U in the News features U faculty cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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THE RETIREMENT INCENTIVE OPTION (RIO) WILL CLOSE MAY 15. RIO is an opportunity for voluntary retirement for eligible U employees. Interested faculty, P&A, civil service, union represented employees must complete an application and meet the program requirements before this closing date. All faculty and staff employees who elect to participate in RIO must retire at a date mutually acceptable to the employee and his/her unit, but no later than Jan. 11, 2012. A list of frequently asked questions is now online. For more information, see [Retirement Incentive Option](#).

THE UNIVERSITY SENATE AND FACULTY SENATE will meet Apr. 14, 2:30 p.m., 25 Mondale Hall. Discussion topics will include the University budget, health insurance issues, and Faculty Retirement Plan changes. Coordinate campuses and those who cannot attend in person are invited to [view the meeting on the web](#). For more information, see the full agenda at [University Senate](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE 2011 COMMUNICATORS FORUM CONFERENCE "Making Our Case" will feature keynote speaker John Moe, host of American Public Media's "Marketplace Tech Report." The registration fee for the conference includes breakfast, lunch, door prizes, the keynote, and three breakout sessions on a wide variety of communications issues and trends. You must be a Communicators Forum member to attend and may join at the time of registration. Register before Apr. 27 and receive a \$25 discount. May 12, 8 a.m.–4 p.m. The Forum is a professional growth, networking, and career development organization. For registration, more information about the conference, and Forum membership, see "[Making Our Case](#)."

DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARDS CEREMONY: Fifteen U faculty members will be inducted into the Academy of Distinguished Teachers as recipients of the Distinguished Teaching Awards, the U's most prestigious awards for excellence in teaching. Apr. 25, 3:30–5 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. The awards ceremony is free, but registration is required. For registration and more information, see [awards ceremony](#). In addition, registration for the related Academy of Distinguished Teacher's conference on Teaching and Learning is still open. For more information, visit the [conference website](#).

CROOKSTON:

A WEEKEND OF ENGAGING ARTS, HISTORY, AND OUTDOOR EVENTS in Crookston, Apr. 15–17 will begin with "Fiesta in the Spirit of Cinco de Mayo" at UMC. Dan Svedarsky, professor and director of the Center for Sustainability, will give a lecture on the "Greater Prairie Chicken" Apr. 16, 4 p.m., Presbyterian Church, 510 N. Broadway. For more information, see [arts weekend](#).

STUDENT CONSERVATIONIST AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS for 2011 are seniors Timothy Knudson, Monticello, MN, and Adam Kleinschmidt, Glenwood, MN. This marks the eighth time in the last 10 years that a UMC student has received the honor, awarded by the Minnesota Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. For more information, see [conservation award recipients](#).

THE STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE TEAM were named Regional Champions for a 12th consecutive time at the 2011 Regional Competition on Mar. 30. The team is coached by business instructors Kenneth Johnson and Rachel Lundbohm. For more information, see [regional champs](#).

DULUTH:

THE UMD BULLDOGS MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM WON THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE April 9, and to celebrate the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center is hosting a reception for the Bulldogs and their fans. It will include a team autograph session and a post-reception party. Apr. 13, 6 p.m., AMSOIL Arena. Free and open to the public, with free parking.

THE DEPARTMENT OF ART AND DESIGN will hold a student-run Open Studio event Apr. 16, 11 a.m.–6 p.m., in conjunction with the annual Duluth Gallery Hop and the Tweed Museum of Art's annual student exhibition. Free to the public, this event will include studio tours and activities. For more information, see [open studio](#) or email [Elizabeth James](mailto:Elizabeth.James).

THE SPRING 2011 BIENNIAL SUSTAINABILITY FAIR Apr. 19–20 will feature discussions and presentations focusing on issues that overlap into government, economy, health, and social justice. Guest speaker Don Shelby will talk about the failure of American journalism to tell the story of global climate change. Apr. 19, 6:30 p.m., 200 Chemistry. For more information, see [sustainability fair](#).

THE 19th ANNUAL LABOVITZ ENTREPRENEURIAL AWARDS will be presented Apr. 20, Duluth Entertainment Convention Center, Harbor Side Ballroom. Tickets are \$25 per person. Register by Apr. 15. For information, see [awards](#) or call 218-726-7298.

MORRIS:

POET AND LECTURER ATHENA KILDEGAARD will read from her new book, *Bodies of Light*, Apr. 14, Common Cup coffee house. The reading is part of the Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance annual meeting. For more information, see [author reading](#).

EARTH WEEK 2011 is packed with opportunities to engage and to learn. Speakers are [Chris Farrell](#), author of *The New Frugality: How to Consume Less, Save More, and Live Better*; [Jim Farrell](#), St. Olaf College professor and author of *The Nature of College: College Culture, Consumer Culture and the Environment*; and [Cyrus Bina](#), *Morris* professor of economics, who will discuss his newly released book, *Oil: A Time Machine—Journey Beyond Fanciful Economics and Frightful Politics*. Events include green energy tours, sustainability conversations, a clothing swap, screening of *The Human Footprint*, and an Earth Day Critical Mass event to promote commuting by bicycle. For more information, see [Earth Week](#).

THE 25th ANNUAL EDITH R. FARRELL FRENCH POETRY READING CONTEST, hosted by the Entre Nous student organization and the French department, provides a showcase for students to celebrate the beauty of the French language and verse from across the francophone world. Apr. 19, 7 p.m., Oyate Hall, Student Center. For more information, see [French poetry reading](#).

ROCHESTER:

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE U'S RAPTOR CENTER will bring three raptors for a "Get to know your Mascot" event. Center staff will share information about raptors with students, faculty, and staff, and answer questions. Apr. 18, 12:30–2:30 pm, 3rd floor atrium. For more information, see [raptors](#).

THE STOP LOSS ALCOHOL AND TEXTING SIMULATOR will be on campus to give students a chance to experience drunk driving without actually being under the influence, and see the effects alcohol and texting have on reaction time. Students are encouraged to sign up ahead of time to ensure they get a chance to take part in the simulation. This event is open to the public. Apr. 21, 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Peace Plaza. For more information, see [driving and texting](#).

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COMING SOON: BEAUTIFUL U DAY 2011, featuring a Sustainable Transportation Expo, a used bike sale, bus shelter cleaning, and "Clean Up Cookies." Rich Wieber's Bicycle Stunt Show will dazzle Northrop Mall over the noon-hour as the ReUse Program bike sale offers hundreds of used bikes priced under \$80 to the U community. The Expo on Northrop Plaza will feature the U's sustainable transportation options, free or reduced bike tune-ups, and a competition to build the coolest "Frankenstein Bike" from spare parts. Sustainable commuters will receive a breakfast treat upon arrival at the campus carpool lot, bus stops, or bike racks. Apr. 20. For more information, see [Beautiful U 2011](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

A KEYNOTE ADDRESS, "IGNITING THE POWER AND DISABILITY" will be given by Gene Chelberg, founder of the U's Disabled Student Cultural Center. Chelberg is currently associate VP for student affairs and director of the Disability Programs and Resource Center at San Francisco State University. Chelberg will share his journey, beginning when he became blind at the age of 13, and exploring how his multiple identities have been a catalyst for him in becoming a successful university administrator and the first American Council on Education Fellow with a disability. Apr. 18, 5:30 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. A dinner buffet will follow his keynote. Tickets: \$5. For more information, see [Disability Services](#).

"ACCELERATING THE FUTURE: THE CHANGING FACE OF HEALTH IN AMERICA" will feature experts exploring strategies that target the underlying causes of health disparities in minority, immigrant, and low-income populations. Apr. 19, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Coffman Union. For registration and more information, see [health in America roundtable](#).

2011 GUY TROTTER FORD MEMORIAL LECTURE: "MORALS, MARKETS, AND CIVIC LIFE AFTER THE FINANCIAL CRISIS." Popular American political philosopher and Harvard professor Michael Sandel will address issues such as Is the free market fair? What have we learned from the financial crisis? What is the role of markets in achieving the public good? Apr. 21, 12:15–1:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. For more information, see [Ford memorial lecture](#).

"SUSTAINABLE MODELS FOR SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS," an event especially for, but not exclusive to, faculty editors, will be presented by the University Libraries and the Office of the Vice President for Research. Special guest speaker A. Townsend Peterson, University of Kansas, will present along with U faculty panelists Douglas Arnold, Jean Wyman, and Becky Yust. Apr. 25, 2–4 p.m., 120 Elmer Andersen Library. Free and open to the public, but reservations are requested. For more information, see [sustainable models](#).

"FROM RESEARCH TO POLICY: USING SCIENCE TO INFORM AND DESIGN EFFECTIVE INJURY CONTROL POLICY" will focus on linking public health policy to science, and the importance of evaluating policy for intended and unintended consequences. The featured speaker is Linda Degutis, director of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Apr. 27, 2–5 p.m., Mayo Memorial Bldg. For more information, see [health policy](#).

"THE CTSA ERA: A CULTURAL REVOLUTION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN" will be the topic of Marc Drezner, director of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Institute for Clinical and Translational Research. He will share his expertise, best practices, and lessons learned in guiding the work of an institution with a rich clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA). A light lunch will be provided. Apr. 29, noon–1 p.m., Mayo Memorial Bldg. For more information, see [Translational Science lecture](#).

THE FINAL EPISODE OF DRIVEN TO DISCOVER: THE RESEARCH SERIES, an Office of Information Technology (OIT) short-film series, is now available online. *Africa Perspectives* was produced by Paul Peculunas, OIT, and Megan Lewis, Theatre Arts and Dance. For more information, see [OIT research series](#).

THE LATEST PERMANENT EXHIBIT AT THE SCIENCE MUSEUM OF MINNESOTA was designed in part by Center for Early Education and Development (CEED) faculty member [Karen Cadigan](#), policy director at the U's Children, Youth and Family Consortium. The exhibit "Wonder Years" shows the world through the eyes of the child. Visitors learn what happens in early development, by exploring how young children learn from the world around them, and how scientists learn about children's development. For more information, see [Wonder Years](#).

THE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION is [seeking volunteers](#) for the Young Authors Conference, May 24–27, sponsored by Success Beyond the Classroom. The four-day writing conference for 4th through 8th grade metro area students is held every year at Bethel University, Arden Hills. More than 3,600 students will attend. Volunteers assist with registration, distribute programs and folders, usher students in the great hall, guide students in the hallway between sessions, monitor the book fair, and monitor the lunch area. For more information, email [Retirees Volunteer Center](#) or call 612-625-8016.

RESERVATION SPACE IS AVAILABLE for end-of-year banquets at Coffman Memorial Union and the St. Paul Student Center. For more information, see [reservations](#).

MORE EVENTS include "Migration Futures in a Warmer World" ([Apr. 14](#)); Motionpoems ([Apr. 15](#)); The Vagina Monologues by Eve Ensler ([Apr. 17](#)); Beauty and Brutality: An uncustomary journey into global medicine ([Apr. 18](#)); Affordable Healthcare for the Poor: Dialogue with Dr. Devi Shetty ([Apr. 18](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

FEDERAL RELATIONS UPDATE: On April 14, Congress passed a long-term continuing resolution that funds the government through Sept. 30, the end of fiscal year 2011. In general, and especially in light of the drastic cuts proposed in a preliminary bill passed by the House, U priorities fared well in the final bill: Pell Grants maintained their current maximum grant level and large research agencies received nicks rather than large cuts. Congress is already turning its attention to next year's budget, with the House passing a budget resolution premised on cutting education and research programs back to 2008 levels, and the need to raise the national debt ceiling, which budget spending hawks have vowed to use to extract more cuts. For more information, see [Federal Relations](#).

Features

FEATURE: Like many human retirees, some monarch butterflies have taken up residence in Florida, where they need not migrate to find winter warmth. Cushy as that life may seem, however, the Florida populations would probably enjoy better health if, like their northern cousins, they flew 1,500 miles south into central Mexico for the winter. In a new study, U monarch researcher Karen Oberhauser and three colleagues showed that long migrations tend to rid butterfly populations of parasites. For more information, read "[Keeping monarchs on the move.](#)"

U OF M MOMENT: U researchers have found that being a parent is directly associated with making unhealthy choices, especially for mothers. U physician Jerica Berge says the study demonstrates the need to support and encourage mothers and fathers on their quest to remain healthy. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: April 11–15. This installment of the weekly video feature from the U's News Service includes the revelation of the 2011 Spring Jam headline band, a look at new research on the health habits of young parents, and congratulations to a U dance professor for winning a prestigious Guggenheim award. For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota.](#)"

Awards and appointments

PEOPLE: Reuben Harris has received a five-year, \$10 million grant to direct an innovative HIV research program; professor Peter Reich named a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; associate professor Ananya Chatterjea is one of 180 artists, scientists, and scholars to receive a 2011 Guggenheim Fellowship; professor David Anderson, former head of neurology, received the A. B. Baker Award for Lifetime Achievement in Neurologic Education; U in the News features U faculty cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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UPDATE ON AHC REVIEW. The executive steering committee for the review of the Academic Health Center (AHC) has [posted an online update of its work](#). The committee and its three subcommittees are exploring a full range of options regarding the mission, value, and role of the AHC at the University; its organizational structure; its administrative services; and its interdisciplinary academic centers. The Mission and Value Subcommittee has developed a survey, open until Apr. 30, to gather input from the U community. For more information and a link to the survey, see [AHC Review](#).

Funding opportunities

INSTITUTE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (IonE) RESIDENT FELLOWS PROGRAM is now accepting applications. IonE resident fellows pursue interdisciplinary research and problem solving, create new educational models, participate in professional and leadership development, and engage with IonE-wide initiatives. Fellows are appointed for three years and receive \$25,000 to support their new research, teaching, outreach, or leadership activities. IonE also provides space, staff, and technical support, as well as in-depth leadership and communications training. Applications are due June 15. For more information, see [IonE fellows](#).

CROOKSTON:

BEAUTIFUL U DAY: At noon, Apr. 20, Youngquist Auditorium, UMTC professor Larry Baker will present "Urban Heat Islands and Global Climate Change." Baker also will be the featured speaker in the evening as part of a "sustainability supper seminar" beginning with a meal at 5 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. His evening presentation, "Urban Ecosystems and Implications for Global Survivability," will follow, beginning at 6 p.m., Youngquist Auditorium. For more information, see [Beautiful U Day](#).

MARK BELANGER AND DANA TRICKEY have joined the staff of the Center for Adult Learning as online student personnel coordinators. Belanger is a 2008 alumnus with degrees in information technology management and business management. Trickey also graduated in 2008, with a degree in communication.

A CEREMONY IN SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA, RECOGNIZED A \$100,000 GIFT from the Korea Preparation Center (KPC) and Joong Ang G & S, an affiliated company of the Samsung family, in support of international programs. KPC and Joong Ang G & S have pledged an additional \$100,000 gift to UMC in support of international programs for 2012. Peter Phaiiah, associate vice chancellor of student affairs, and Sean Shin, director of international and ESL student recruitment, attended the Mar. 28 event, held at Seoul National University of Education.

DULUTH:

"WEALTH AND INEQUALITY IN THE UNITED STATES: Contextualizing the Effects of Race, Class, and Gender" will be presented by UMTC professor Rose Brewer, from the Department of African American and African Studies. UMD will inaugurate its new African and African American studies minor with the presentation. Apr. 27, 2 p.m., Library Rotunda. For more information, see [inauguration of new minor](#).

"ODYSSEY SKIES" at the Marshall W. Alworth Planetarium teams up with the Theatre Department musical, *The Odyssey*, adapted by UMD's Tom Isbell. In conjunction with the musical, the Planetarium's "Odyssey Skies" will feature the mythology of *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey* as it relates to the stars. Apr. 20, 22, 25–26, 7 p.m.; and Apr. 24, 12:30 p.m. The musical runs Apr. 21–23 and Apr. 27–30, 7:30 p.m.; and Apr. 24, 2 p.m. For more information, see [Odyssey Skies](#).

MORRIS:

NEIL LEROUX, professor of communication, media, and rhetoric, has been honored with the 2011 UMM Faculty Distinguished Research Award. The award recognizes sustained research over the course of a faculty member's career. Since graduate school, Leroux has researched the rhetoric of Martin Luther (1483–1546). For more information, see [Leroux research award](#).

CYRUS BINA'S NEW BOOK, *Oil: A Time Machine—Journey Beyond Fanciful Economics and Frightful Politics*, a systematic study of oil in its historical stages, has been released. A reception and book signing will be held Apr. 21, 4:30–6 p.m., LaFave House. Bina will speak about his book at 5 p.m. For more information, see [Cyrus Bina](#).

OPENING RECEPTION: "EESOME," the 2011 Senior Art Exhibition, will be celebrated in the Humanities Fine Arts Gallery Apr. 21, 7–9 p.m. The artists will be introduced at 7:30 p.m. The show features sculpture, digital imaging, printmaking, drawing, painting, and mixed media. Pieces exhibited represent the culmination of studies in the Studio Art department. For more information, see [art opening](#).

THE RODNEY A. BRIGGS LIBRARY ASSOCIATES ANNUAL MEETING will feature special guest Richard Terrill, an award-winning author of nonfiction and poetry. Apr. 21, 7:30 p.m. Open to the public. His presentation will follow a brief business meeting and grant awards announcement. For more information, see [annual meeting](#).

ROCHESTER:

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA'S UNIQUE ROLE IN MINNESOTA'S ECONOMY will be addressed at the next UMR Connects event, featuring guest speaker Greg Cuomo, associate dean for Extension and Outreach in the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences. Learn about the U's role in building and sustaining a strong economy, and its impact throughout Minnesota, particularly through its research and outreach centers. For more information, see [UMR Connects](#).

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STADIUM VILLAGE LRT STATION AREA PLAN OPEN HOUSES will introduce the staff and consulting team, review the scope of the project, and give the community a chance to share input. Attendees will have the opportunity to view maps and exhibits and speak with the team members about the plan. Representatives from the city of Minneapolis, U of M, and Hennepin County will present ideas on addressing parking concerns along the line and around the U campus, explore options for future development, and provide an overview of the conditions and trends shaping the area. Apr. 27, 3–5 p.m., Rapson Hall; and May 3, 7–9 p.m., Profile Event Center, 2630 University Ave SE. For more information, see [LRT Stadium Village station open houses](#).

Funding opportunities

THE AMERICAN NURSING FOUNDATION has released its list of 2011 Nursing Research grants. Thirty grants are available for both beginning and experienced nursing researchers. Criteria restrictions vary depending on the grant. Funds range from \$3,500 to \$25,000. Applications are due May 2. For more information, see [nursing grants](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

PREVIEW/REVIEW: UNIVERSITY EVENTS AND LECTURES is a periodic column highlighting events and lectures recently past and soon to come on the TC campus. This issue features a whopping three reviews, including a CURA housing forum, a Humphrey School discussion on Minnesota's budget, and a wine class at the Campus Club. Previews include the Guy Stanton Ford Lecture, urban farming at the arboretum, and more. For more information, see [Preview/Review](#).

BEAUTIFUL U DAY IS APRIL 20. Free coffee and hot chocolate for those who take in the Sustainable Transportation Expo under the Big Top Tent on Northrop Plaza from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Show up for President Bruininks's address at 2:30 p.m. for a chance to win one of the bikes assembled from used parts by bike shops participating in the "Franken-bike" competition at 2 p.m. For more information, see [Beautiful U Day 2011](#).

A FREE INTERNATIONAL TASTER LUNCHEON sponsored by the Institute of Linguistics will consist of small portions of authentic foods from several countries around the world. Seating is limited, [must make reservations](#), and must be a group of three. Apr. 20, 23, 24, and 27; from 10:45–11:45 a.m., 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., and 12:15–1:15 p.m.

A RECEPTION WILL BE HELD for the Barajas Research and Outreach/Engagement Center's newly appointed executive director, Heidi Barajas. Senior VP Robert Jones will host the informal event. All members of the University community are invited to attend; appetizers and beverages will be served. Apr. 22, 3:30–5:30 p.m., with a short program at 4:15 p.m.

THE CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE INSTITUTE WILL HOST A SCIENCE CAFÉ with adjunct professor John Schousboe. Schousboe's collaborative cross-state research is changing the way practitioners treat osteoporosis patients to prevent fractures. Schousboe is the medical director of research at the Park Nicollet Institute. Apr. 29, 7:30 a.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. For more information, see [Science Café](#).

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH AT THE CAMPUS CLUB (May 8) is open to nonmembers this year, especially University faculty, staff, and alumni. Reservations are required at 612-262-7788. For the event, executive chef Beth Jones has created a menu for this traditional family occasion with a focus on organic and local food. Cost: adults, \$23.95; children, \$13.95. Seating starts at 11 a.m. and continues as late as 1:30 p.m. For more information, see [Mother's Day](#).

MORE EVENTS include Bike Sharing in the Twin Cities ([Apr. 20](#)); 'Saving Babies for Two Dimes a Day': The Politics of Hunger and Race in Memphis ([Apr. 21](#)); Dog Day at the Arboretum ([Apr. 23](#)); Distinguished Teaching Awards Ceremony ([Apr. 25](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

Features

FEATURE: Every year about this time many of us plant a garden. Whether by overwatering, underwatering, animal appetites, or more, many of us fail. But there's help. In 2010, U of M Extension master gardeners gave more than 127,000 hours of service to their communities. Put a dollar amount on that service, and you've got a public value worth about \$2.6 million. Master gardeners can tell you everything from how to protect that carrot from a rabbit's nibbling mouth to which long-rooted plants best stabilize shorelines in times of flooding. Julie Weisenhorn, Extension assistant professor, has been leading the master gardener program since 2007. For more information, read "[Gardening Minnesota](#)."

FEATURE: A University team is out to coax bacteria to make petroleum fuels from carbon dioxide. This novel idea for making renewable fuels that you can put in your gas tank won the team a \$2.2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy in October 2009. Led by biochemistry professor Lawrence Wackett, the researchers are assembling a "co-culture" system in which two types of bacteria grow on opposite surfaces of a thin latex film. For more information, read, "[How to make 'green' fossil fuels](#)."

FEATURE: Chris Hogan is a mechanical engineer on the trail of nanoparticles—clusters of molecules—specifically those suspended in air and other gases. His approach spans the fields of mechanical engineering, chemistry, and materials science. Because his work is highly original with such a strong potential to advance basic science related to many critical questions, he was named a McKnight Land-Grant Professor for 2011–13. For more information, read a [profile of Christopher Hogan](#).

U OF M MOMENT: Farm animals descended upon the U's Church Street at the second annual "Ag Awareness Day," Apr. 19. Caitlin Kasper, a senior agricultural education major, helped organize the event and says it's important to raise awareness of the role agriculture plays in Minnesota's economy. Kasper says bringing the sights and sounds of a Minnesota farm to the heart of the U's East Bank makes for some interesting reactions from onlookers. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#). Also be sure to check out the [Facebook photo album](#) from the event.

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: April 18–22. This installment of the weekly video feature from the U's News Service features cyclists on Northrop Plaza during "Beautiful U" Day, a preview of the Dalai Lama's May 7–8 visit to campus, and farm animals on the U's East Bank for Ag Awareness Day. For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."

Awards and appointments

PEOPLE: Regents Professor Thomas Johnson has been named a fellow of the American Geophysical Union; Jasjit Ahluwalia has joined the editorial board of the *Journal of General Internal Medicine*; Lisa Johnston, a research services librarian, has been named the recipient of the first annual Academic Innovators Award; the National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded a 2011 summer stipend to associate philosophy professor Michelle Mason; Kola Okuyemi was named the Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians' 2011 Researcher of the Year; U in the News features U faculty and staff cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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NEW ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT: Individual Conflicts of Interest policy: Standards that Govern Those Involved in Clinical Health Care, replaces the prior clinical health care appendix with a stand-alone policy. This policy expands application of these standards to all units within the University who have faculty and staff involved in clinical health care. It is [available online for review and comment](#) through May 20.

THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ANALYSIS (OPA) is launching the Survey Peer Network (SPN), a communications platform designed to connect U faculty and staff with survey-related resources—and with each other. A kickoff meeting on May 10, facilitated by Jeff Stafford (Organizational Effectiveness), will engage participants in determining the future direction of the group. For registration and more information about the meeting, see [SPN kickoff](#). For more information about the SPN, see OPA's new survey website, [The Survey Connection](#).

THE INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE ERIC W. KALER will take place Sept. 22, 11 a.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. In addition, a variety of inaugural activities will be held during the week of Sept. 19. Regents Professor Frank Bates, head of the Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science, will chair the Honorary Inauguration Advisory Committee. More information will be made available as details are finalized. Colleges that have activities or events planned for the week of Sept. 19 are asked to email Bobby.Wanqaard to discuss coordination of events.

Funding opportunities

HEALTHY FOODS, HEALTHY LIVES INSTITUTE has released its spring RFP, requesting applications for grants to fund innovative community/University partnerships related to food, nutrition, and health. Projects should include participatory action research or other creative strategies for addressing community identified problems by bringing together academic and community partners. Three to four proposals will be funded. The institute will award a grant of up to \$50,000 for one year to each winning proposal. Project teams have the potential for a one-time renewal for one year. Proposals are due May 31. For more information, see [Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives](#).

CROOKSTON:

UMC CELEBRATED ENERGY SAVINGS associated with the Campus and Community Energy Challenge, sponsored by Otter Tail Power Company. In 2010, UMC achieved metered kilowatt-hour savings of approximately 7 to 8 percent. When all technology improvements and behavioral change initiatives have been in place for a full year, and when results are adjusted for changes in weather and growth, UMC is on track to save 17 percent of its prior electricity use. For more information, see [UMC energy savings](#).

JOHN LOEGERING, associate professor in UMC's Agriculture and Natural Resources Department, has been chosen president-elect of the North Central Section of The Wildlife Society. The three-year commitment includes serving as the section's president and past-president as well. For more information, see [Loegering](#).

A STUDENT-SPONSORED AWARDS PROGRAM RECOGNIZED FACULTY AND STAFF at a recent event. Associate professor Brian Dingmann, Math, Science and Technology Department, received an award for Most Creative Use of Technology; assistant professor Kevin Thompson, Liberal Arts and Education Department, received the Outstanding Educator Award and the Most Supportive of Students Award; and Pam Sullivan, who oversees operations in Eagle's Nest, received the Outstanding Service to Students Award. For more information, see [awards](#).

DULUTH:

THE UMD SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE IS SEEKING FEEDBACK from faculty, staff, and students on UMD's Energy Action Plan. UMD hopes to achieve a 25 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2020. For more information and to comment on the plan, see [Energy Action Plan](#).

THE SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS AND THE NEW YORK TIMES will join together in a two-part online course, Theater and Global Change, May 12–June 8. The second part of the course will be offered in the fall. UMD School of Fine Arts professor and interim dean Bill Payne will team-teach with Ben Brantley, chief theater critic of The New York Times. For more information, see [UMD Fine Arts](#).

CIVIL ENGINEERING STUDENTS WERE AWARDED second place in strength, third place in prediction, and an overall "Outstanding University" title in the American Concrete Institute international competition. For more information, see [Civil Engineering](#).

MORRIS:

THE FACULTY AND STAFF RECOGNITION DINNER to congratulate 2011 award recipients and thank faculty and staff retirees for their service will take place Apr. 28. Honored retirees are Joyce Amborn, Jim Anderson, Paul Keitzman, Ron Kubik, Margaret Larson, Neil Leroux, Jenny Nellis, Judy Van Eps, and Randy Wenz. Faculty award honorees are Michelle Page, Neil Leroux, and Jennifer Rothchild. Staff award honorees are Jane Harstad, Pat Nelson, Lou Logan, and Marge Kleinhans. For more information, see [recognition dinner](#).

MORRIS HEALTHY EATING will host the premier of filmmaker Chris Bedford's *Getting Real about Food and the Future* Apr. 28, 7 p.m., 109 Imholte Hall. The event features a discussion with Bedford. For more information, see [healthy eating](#).

STUDENTS ARE RECEIVING HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH MORRIS WIND TURBINES. The students, from Minnesota West Community and Technical College in Canby, are receiving the experience as part of the partnership between the Minnesota State Colleges and University system and the University of Minnesota to reach a common goal: to provide learning opportunities to benefit and advance sustainability. For more information, see [wind turbine](#).

UMM COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER FOR 2011 will be alumnus Doug Lennick, CEO and cofounder of the Lennick Aberman Group. An internationally known speaker on the development of successful individuals and organizations, Lennick's expertise is in the practical applications of the art and science of human behavior. For more information, see [2011 commencement](#).

ROCHESTER:

RECIPIENTS OF THE CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT will be recognized at an event Apr. 27, 3:30–4:30 p.m., 3rd floor, Student Commons, University Square. Snacks and refreshments provided. For more information, see [Chancellor's Award](#).

PUTTING YOUR BEST SELF FORWARD: RESUME WRITING, INTERVIEWING, AND OTHER SKILLS, will feature an evening of networking and education as human resources consultant Susan Stehr helps participants present work experience and accomplishments in an effective market-driven resume and cover letter; as well as discusses interviewing and other skills for successful career planning strategies. Apr. 27, 5:30–7 p.m., 417 University Square. [RSVP to Jenny Casper](#).

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THE BROADER IMPACTS & ENGAGEMENT EXPO is an opportunity for the U research community to learn more about current modes of public engagement and broader impacts on funded proposals through discussions, presentations, and demonstrations. The Expo is a collaborative effort by the University and other organizations to assist researchers in creating broader impacts as a key portion of grant proposals and providing collaboration on the public engagement component of projects. Refreshments will be served. Apr. 28, 3:30–6:30, Atrium of Learning and Environmental Sciences. For more information, see [impacts and engagement](#).

A CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY FORUM will be held to discuss UMTC'S proposed [Climate Action Plan](#). The Twin Cities Sustainability Committee is seeking feedback on how the U can reach climate neutrality by 2050. Visit the [Sustainability Committee website](#) to learn about its work and to submit ideas to help the University achieve its sustainability goals. May 5, 9–11 a.m., 365 Borlaug Hall.

UNIVERSITY STORES LABFEST 2011 will feature 60–70 scientific vendors and multiple University departments. The event is an opportunity to learn about the products available in-stock and online from University Stores, and the U-wide lab contracts available to researchers. May 4, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., second floor ballroom, University Radisson; May 5, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Northstar ballroom, St. Paul Student Center.

E-LEARNING COURSES FOR OFFICE MICROSOFT WINDOWS 7: The Office of Information Technology provides free e-learning courses for Office 2010 and Office 2010 and Windows 7, in addition to courses for Office 2007, Office 2003, Windows XP, and Windows Vista. For more information, including a complete listing of courses, see [technology training](#).

SAVE THE DATE: A GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE NEW CANCER AND CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH BUILDING in the Biomedical Discovery District will take place May 11, 3:30–5:30 p.m., at the intersection of 6th Street SE and 23rd Avenue SE, next to the TCF Bank Stadium. For more information, see [Cancer and Cardiovascular Groundbreaking](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS (AAUP) Twin Cities Chapter will host "Economic and Political Challenges for the Public University: Crafting an Active Role for the AAUP in Our Academic Future." Cary Nelson, AAUP president, will give a keynote address, followed by a discussion with Minnesota Senator Sandra Pappas and U law professor Carol Chomsky. Apr. 29, 5 p.m., Campus Club, Coffman Union. A reception will follow. Free and open to all faculty, graduate students, and others. For more information, email Paige.Sweet.

THE OFFICE FOR EQUITY AND DIVERSITY and its Systemwide Equity and Diversity Action Network will present "[Cyberbullying and Cybervictimization](#)." The New Rage against Racial, Gendered, and Sexual Differences." May 3, 12:30–1:45 p.m., followed by a [breakout session](#), 2–3 p.m.

2011 CHASE LECTURE: Jerry Pinkney will deliver the 2011 Chase Lecture: "A Sense of Place, Real and Imagined." Pinkney has illustrated more than 100 children's books since 1964. The lecture will be followed by a reception and book-signing. Free and open to the public. Cosponsored by the College of Education and Human Development, Department of Curriculum & Instruction, and the Children's Literature Research Collections/Kerlan Collection. May 4, 4:30–6:30 p.m., 120 Elmer L. Andersen Library. For more information, see [Chase Lecture](#).

2010–11 NORTHROP DANCE SEASON FINAL EVENT: THE WHIZ: MONEYAPOLIS. Featuring choreography by New York City-based Nicholas Leichter Dance and a commissioned score by club performer Monstah Black with added musical selections. May 4–7, 8 p.m.; May 8, 7 p.m., Intermedia Arts. For more information and to buy tickets, see [Northrop Dance](#).

UNIVERSITY WOMEN OF COLOR (UWOC) WILL HOLD ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION on May 5, 3–6 p.m., Urban Research and Outreach/Engagement Center (UROC), 2001 Plymouth Avenue North, Minneapolis. The program begins at 4 p.m. The keynote, speaker UWOC R. John. RSVPs are encouraged. To RSVP or request disability accommodations, please email UWOC by Apr. 29.

WINEFEST NO. 16—A TOAST TO CHILDREN'S HEALTH benefits children's health research, education, and care at University of Minnesota Amplatz Children's Hospital. The two-day food and wine event takes place May 6–7, The Depot, downtown Minneapolis. This year, University first lady Susan Hagstrum will be honored for her support of children's health. For more information or to purchase tickets, see [WineFest](#).

SAVE-THE-DATE: "Integrative Global Leadership: Leading Across Boundaries for the Common Good" will focus on how leaders can bring together diverse groups of people to tackle shared problems and achieve the common good. U associate professor Barbara Crosby will offer insights from her research on integrative leadership—the work of leading across boundaries to achieve the common good. May 24, 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. For more information, see [common good leadership](#).

STAFF BOWLING RESERVATION DEALS at the Student Unions & Activities Gamerooms: Faculty, staff, and department reservations made through June 30 will receive a 15 percent discount on the reservation and 10 percent off all advance food orders. For more information, see [bowling](#).

PARTICIPATE IN THE 2011 HOMECOMING PARADE: University student groups and departments can sign up now for the Homecoming 2011 Parade, scheduled for Oct. 21, 7 p.m. The parade is the signature event of Homecoming Week as students, alumni, staff, and the campus community gather together to show pride and spirit for the U. For more information, see [Homecoming 2011](#).

MORE EVENTS include Open House for President Robert Bruininks and Susan Hagstrum ([Apr. 27](#)); Festival of Community Bands ([Apr. 30](#)); University Singers Spring Concert: Music for Choir and Organ ([Apr. 30](#)); Bud Break 5K Run/Walk ([May 1](#)); Jeff Gillman discusses *How the Government Got in Your Backyard* ([May 4](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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Brief publication calendar: The last regular issue of *Brief* for the academic term will be May 18, after which *Brief* moves to an every-other-week schedule. Summer publication dates will be June 1, 15, and 29; July 13 and 27; Aug. 10 and 24; and Sept. 7. The weekly schedule returns Sept. 14.

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TOP NEWS:

WASHINGTON AVENUE ON THE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS WILL CLOSE TO ALL TRAFFIC between Pleasant Street and Oak Street on May 16 as construction begins on the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) line. While the Washington Avenue Bridge will still be open with one lane of traffic in each direction, the closure will impact city and campus bus stops on Washington. For city bus stop changes, see [Metro Transit](#). For U of M campus connector and circulator changes, see [Parking and Transportation Services](#). For updated navigation and campus maps, see [UMTC maps](#). See comprehensive LRT information at [Central Corridor.org](#).

Features

FEATURE: Self-control can be thought of as a limited resource, and new research by the U's Kathleen Vohs suggests that people who have to bottle up emotions all day are more at risk for aggressive behaviors. That has implications for almost everyone, especially those who must frequently deal with stress and emotional situations. Vohs has been studying self-control as a limited resource for more than a decade. For more information, read "[The limits of self-control](#)."

U OF M MOMENT: Graduation day is right around the corner for thousands of college students in Minnesota and across the country. Paul Timmins, career services director at the U's College of Liberal Arts, says he believes the job market for recent college graduates is finally on the upswing. Timmins says that there are steps soon-to-be grads can take to improve their post-graduation job prospects. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: April 25–30. This installment of the weekly video feature from the U's News Service looks at timbersports with the U's Forestry Club, the opening of the new Amplatz Children's Hospital, and a lecture by noted author and CNN contributor Fareed Zakaria. For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."

Awards and appointments

PEOPLE: Geology and geophysics professor R. Lawrence Edwards was elected to the National Academy of Sciences; Ann Masten, Distinguished McKnight University Professor at the Institute of Child Development, has been named the 2011–12 Fesler-Lampert Chair in Urban and Regional Affairs; vice president and CIO Steve Cawley has accepted the position of vice president for information technology and CIO for the University of Miami; Marc Hirschmann, Robert Lysak, and William Seyfried, have been named fellows of the American Geophysical Union; U in the News features U faculty and staff cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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A RECEPTION TO HONOR VP STEVEN ROSENSTONE for his leadership and service to the University will be held May 9, 3–4:30 p.m., Maroon and Gold Room, McNamara Alumni Center. The reception is open to members of the University community. Rosenstone was named the next chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system in February.

GRADUATE EDUCATION UPDATE: POLICY DRAFTS AVAILABLE. A list of graduate education policy drafts under discussion and draft policies are now available. The Graduate Education Policy Review Committee was charged last year to review, update, and integrate existing graduate education policies and procedures with University-wide academic program policies, procedures, and definitions. It is chaired by faculty member Nita Krevans and meets several times per month. For more information, see the [Graduate Education Transition website](#).

U ECONOMIC IMPACT: The Office of the Vice President for Research has released additional resources regarding the recent economic impact study, including a website for [external audiences](#) and one geared towards [internal audiences](#). The latter includes an array of tools for use in communicating about the study. The goal of the resource is to make sure that units across the University can access and share these results as support for the good work they are doing. The final report and executive summary will be completed in early May.

ACCOUNTING SERVICES IS COLLECTING INFORMATION ON UNCLAIMED PROPERTY for its fiscal year 2011 unclaimed property state report filings. Data requested includes names, addresses, and contact information for items such as uncashed checks or credit balances outstanding for three years or more, or other tangible financial property that the University is unable to return to the rightful owner. Send information by email to accounting@umn.edu, or call Barb Hillstrom at 612-625-7133. For more information, see [unclaimed property](#).

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR "ONE HEALTH LEADERSHIP IN A GLOBAL SETTING," a School of Public Health roundtable focusing on One Health—the convergence of animal, human, and environmental health—and leadership at a global level. The keynote speaker is Lertrak Srikitjakarn, dean and faculty member of Veterinary Medicine, Chiang Mai University, Thailand. June 9, 9 a.m.–noon, Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. For more information, see [One Health](#).

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR A NATIONAL FORUM ON ACTIVE LEARNING SPACES. All U faculty, instructional staff, and P&A teaching staff are invited to attend. The forum will convene members of the higher education community to examine central issues on teaching and learning in emerging technology-rich classrooms. Featured speakers are Bob Beichner, North Carolina State University, Larry Michaelsen, University of Central Missouri, and Robin Wright, University of Minnesota. Aug. 4–6, Science Teaching and Student Services Building. For registration and more information, see [active learning spaces](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE U'S LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM will host Richard Louv, author of *The Nature Principle: Human Restoration and the End of Nature-Deficit Disorder*. Louv will discuss the "nature principle," sign copies of his new book, and give the keynote address at a public policy conference on how interaction with nature improves the health of humans and the earth. May 16–17, U of M Landscape Arboretum. For more information, see [Richard Louv](#).

CROOKSTON:

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES FOR THE CLASS OF 2011 will be held May 7. A pre-ceremony reception will take place 11 a.m.–1 p.m., Sargeant Student Center. The ceremony will begin at 2 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium, UMC Sports Center. The Office of International Programs will host a reception for international student graduates immediately following commencement ceremonies in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.

THE CENTER FOR ADULT LEARNING will continue to serve as the University of Minnesota Digital Campus Calling Center. The U's Digital Campus brings together both the University's online educational opportunities and classroom-based, noncredit classes offered throughout the state. The calling center serves all five University campuses.

PATRICK BAYNES began an appointment as interim director of Facilities and Operations at UMC on Apr. 25. The 60-percent-time appointment will continue until a search is completed for a new director. Baynes has a broad range of experience in both the private and public sector, including an appointment on the Twin Cities campus from 1997–2006.

DULUTH:

HISTORY PROFESSOR JUDITH ANN TROLANDER recently published *From Sun Cities to The Villages: A History of Active Adult, Age-Restricted Communities* through the University Press of Florida. For more information, see [Trolander](#).

A NEW UMD NEWS BLOG will highlight campus events, people, awards, and departments with daily posts on the "Area Voices" *Duluth News Tribune* website. For more information, see [Area Voices](#).

MORRIS:

MICHELLE PAGE, associate professor of education, is a 2011 recipient of the Horace T. Morse-University of Minnesota Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education. Multicultural education and faculty development are central to Page's educational philosophy, but teaching secondary education students, she says, is her greatest privilege and greatest joy. For more information, see [Michelle Page](#).

JENNIFER ROTHCHILD, associate professor of sociology and anthropology, received the 2011 Morris Alumni Association Teaching Award. Nominators commended Rothchild as a professor for whom research, teaching, and service are deeply intertwined. Her research on girls' schooling in Nepal is rooted in her sociological interest in gender and education, and detailed in her book, *Gender Trouble Makers: Education and Empowerment in Nepal*. For more information, see [Jennifer Rothchild](#).

UMM WILL SPONSOR AND PARTICIPATE IN THE 2011 LIVING GREEN EXPO, a family friendly event that seeks to inspire people to lead healthier and more sustainable lives. The event takes place May 7, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; and May 8, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Minnesota State Fairgrounds, St. Paul. For more information, see [Living Green](#).

ROCHESTER:

UMR PHILOSOPHERS Rebecca Bamford and **Mark Tschaepe** have co-authored a paper that has been accepted for publication in *AJOB Neuroscience* (American Journal of Bioethics magazine), entitled "Biophysical models of human behavior: Is there a place for logic?"

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PUBLIC SURVEY ON THE FUTURE OF THE STADIUM VILLAGE AREA: The City of Minneapolis, U of M, and Hennepin County are engaged in a joint planning study for the Stadium Village/University Avenue area, from the U's East Bank to the St. Paul border. The groups are conducting a survey of those who have an interest in shaping priorities such as development, land use, parking, transportation, and connectivity. Those who [complete the survey](#) will be entered into a drawing for one of two \$25 gift cards. Survey deadline is May 15. For more information, see [Stadium Village light rail station plan](#).

Training & professional development opportunities

THE SUMMER TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR COURSES THROUGH THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (OIT) is now available on OIT's technology training website. For more information, see [List of Courses](#) in the left navigation bar.

RESCHEDULED: CONFLICT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS with Howard Gadlin, National Institutes of Health (NIH) ombudsman and nationally recognized leader in higher education ombudsman work; and Michelle Bennett, deputy scientific director for the Division of Intramural Research at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute at NIH; have been rescheduled for June 1 and 2. For registration and more information, see [conflict management](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

PREVIEW/REVIEW: UNIVERSITY EVENTS AND LECTURES is a periodic column highlighting events and lectures recently past and soon to come on the TC campus. This issue features a review and a photo album of the new Steelroots exhibit at the U's Landscape Arboretum. Features include invisible learning, an author event with the U's Jeff Gillman, a plant sale, the Spring Raptor Release, and more. For more information, see [Preview/Review](#).

DALAI LAMA VISIT: The Center for Spirituality & Healing and the Tibetan American Foundation will host a special Twin Cities visit by the Dalai Lama, his first official trip to the state since 2001. The theme is "One Heart, One Mind, One Universe." Events range from a full-day retreat to a shorter public address. May 8. For more information, see [Dalai Lama visit](#).

A PANEL DISCUSSION ON PERINATAL ISSUES AND WOMEN'S MENTAL HEALTH, sponsored in part by the Deborah E. Powell Center for Women's Health, will focus on understanding the benefits of screening for depression within the context of other psychosocial risk factors, gaining a better understanding of the effects of exercise on the prevention and treatment of postpartum depression, and developing a basic understanding of evidence-based practices in the treatment of perinatal depression. May 9, 4–5 p.m., 5-125 Moos Tower.

GRADING RETREAT: The Center for Writing will host an end-of-semester grading retreat, described as "a supportive (but quiet!) community of fellow teachers." Participants may come and go as they please; however, advanced registration is appreciated. Refreshments will be provided. May 12, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., 15 Nicholson Hall. For more information, see [grading retreat](#).

THE DISTINGUISHED VISITING SCHOLAR SERIES ON HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH will host Stephen Thomas, director of the Center for Health Equity at the University of Maryland in College Park. One of the nation's leading scholars in the effort to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities, Thomas has applied his expertise to address a variety of conditions from which racial and ethnic minorities generally face health disparities, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, obesity, and HIV/AIDS. May 17, noon–1 p.m., Mayo Auditorium, and broadcasted to 160 Life Science on the UMD campus. Lunch will be provided for the first 50 guests. Registration is not required. For more information, see [health disparities research](#).

AN UNDERSTANDING PALLIATIVE CARE ACROSS SETTINGS summer institute, sponsored by the Center on Aging, will feature keynote speaker J. Andrew Billings, co-director of the Harvard Medical School Center for Palliative Care. The institute is designed for students and professionals in a variety of fields to learn about the implementation of palliative care programs (programs caring for patients who are not responsive to curative treatment). Current palliative care initiatives in Minnesota will be discussed. The institute has been approved for a maximum of 6.5 continuing education credits (AMA PRA Category 1 Credits). June 1, College of Continuing Education Conference Center, St. Paul campus. For registration and more information, see the [Center on Aging](#).

MORE EVENTS include Sixth Annual Light Fair ([May 4](#)); "Minnesota Wine Research: Present & Future" ([May 4](#)); Sabo Lecture with James Oberstar ([May 6](#)); Better Next Time: A Workshop to Revise Our Country Designs ([May 10](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

THE BOARD OF REGENTS WILL MEET MAY 12–13. The board will recognize and honor a range of University award winners, including Distinguished McKnight University Professors, the Academy of Distinguished Teachers inductees, the awardees of the John Tate Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising, winners of the Josie R. Johnson Award for Human Rights and Social Justice, and the Outstanding Community Service Award winners. In addition, the board will preview the budget for FY 2012, receive an update on the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit line (CCLRT) project, and recognize the UMD men's hockey team, which won the NCAA Men's Division I Ice Hockey Championship title earlier this year. For more information and live streaming of the meeting, see [Board of Regents](#).

PRESIDENT BRUININKS testified before the legislature's higher education budget conference committee on May 3. Bruininks updated faculty and staff in a letter dated May 5, in which he highlighted the steps the University is taking to balance the budget, including budget reductions, productivity gains, and a modest tuition increase. Bruininks urged faculty and staff to continue to [speak out on behalf of the University through the online Legislative Action Center](#). For more information, see the [President's May 5 letter](#).

Features

FEATURE: Effective May 16, Washington Avenue will close for good to automobile traffic between Pleasant and Oak Streets as construction of the CCLRT line begins in earnest. This will mean different routes for both buses and cars, and new patterns to get accustomed to for faculty, staff, and students. When construction concludes in 2014, the CCLRT will link three of the greatest traffic generators in the region—downtown Minneapolis, the University of Minnesota, and downtown St. Paul. For more information, including resources to keep track of the changes and a virtual ride on the new train, see ["The light-rail trail begins."](#)

FEATURE: Numerous hi-tech firms around the state are contributing partners of the U's Institute for Mathematics and Its Applications (IMA). Through its "Industrial Postdocs" program, the IMA pairs newly minted math Ph.D.s—postdoctoral fellows, or "postdocs"—with companies that can use their expertise to improve their product lines—or their bottom lines. IMA director Fadi Santosa says that Ph.D. students help companies see through difficulties, which can lead to new or improved products. For more information, read ["They do the math."](#)

FEATURE: Assistant Professor Chengyan Yue's position spans two departments—horticulture and applied economics. Because of her leading research in the emerging intersection of these fields and its potential impact on plant, human, and economic health, Yue was named a McKnight Land-Grant Professor for 2011–13. For more information, read a [profile of Chengyan Yue](#).

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: May 2–6. This installment of the weekly video feature from the U's News Service looks at a unique toy design class at the U and the groundbreaking for the new Rec Center expansion. For more information, watch ["This Week @Minnesota."](#)

Awards and appointments

PEOPLE: Recipients of the 2011 President's Award for Outstanding Service; John Bryson was awarded the 2011 Dwight Waldo Award from the American Society for Public Administration; Riv-Ellen Prell has been selected for the 2011 Marshall Sklare Memorial Award; Moin Syed and Steven Yussen are the recipients of this year's Faculty Interactive Research Program grants from the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs; U.S. Department of State has selected artwork by U of M professor David Feinberg for display in Kinshasa; School of Dentistry dean Patrick Lloyd has been named dean of the College of Dentistry at Ohio State University; U in the News features U faculty and staff cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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A RECEPTION TO HONOR VP CAROL CARRIER for her leadership and service to the University will be held May 24, 3–4:30 p.m., A. I. Johnson Room, McNamara Alumni Center. The reception is open to members of the University community.

THE WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE is accepting applications for its 2011–12 program. The institute offers University women an opportunity to grow as leaders. Participants meet monthly throughout the year to encourage self-reflection and learn from each others' skills and experiences. The application deadline is May 27. For more information, see [Women's Leadership Institute](#).

THE UPPER MIDWEST HIGHER EDUCATION RECRUITMENT CONSORTIUM (HERC) will meet June 6. JoAnn Moody, a national specialist in campus diversity and faculty development, will lead a workshop on identifying cognitive biases in faculty recruitment and evaluation processes. For more information, see [consortium](#) or email [Mary Everley](mailto:Mary.Everley@umw.edu), director of the U's relocation assistance program and HERC.

Funding opportunities

A \$3 MILLION GRANT from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute will expand the National Academies Summer Institute for Undergraduate Education in Biology from a single location in Madison to a total of nine regional centers over the next five years. The award offers funding to enable science faculty to receive intensive professional development aimed at improving undergraduate biology education. Interested faculty can apply for summer institutes online. For more information, see [undergraduate biology](#).

CROOKSTON:

AN OPEN HOUSE sponsored by the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department and the Liberal Arts and Education Department will honor Harouna Maiga, associate professor and recipient of the 2010 University of Minnesota Award for Global Engagement; and Soo-Yin Lim-Thompson, associate professor and recipient of the 2010–2011 Horace T. Morse Alumni Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Education and inductee into the U of M Academy of Distinguished Teachers. May 12, 10–11:30 a.m., Bede Ballroom.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR TWYLA TREANOR was awarded an Honorary State Future Farmers of America (FFA) Degree at the FFA convention in early May for her longtime, exceptional service and support for FFA and agricultural education. Treanor teaches in the Math, Science, and Technology Department. For more information, see [Treanor](#).

A RACE TO RAISE FUNDS to benefit academic co-curricular programs at Crookston High School took place in mid-April on the UMC campus. Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society president Heather Donati-Lewis, a 2011 UMC graduate, presented the proceeds to Wayne Gilman, superintendent of the Crookston Public Schools and Lon Jorgenson, principal at Crookston High School. For more information, see [race funds](#).

DULUTH:

A UMD STRATEGIC PLAN WAS APPROVED on May 3 by Chancellor Black. The plan will guide UMD's development over the next five years. Recommended by the Strategic Planning Steering Committee on Apr. 11 and endorsed by the Campus Assembly on Apr. 26, the strategic plan is the culmination of seven months of work and input from more than 2,000 people from the University and the community. For information, see [strategic planning](#).

FACULTY AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2010–11 were honored at a May 4 awards ceremony for excellence in research and teaching, commitment to public service and community engagement, and dedication to quality education. For more information about the recipients and the ceremony, see [faculty award recipients](#).

MORRIS:

CONSUMERS DIGEST HAS RANKED 100 colleges and universities as "top values" from among more than 2,000 U.S. institutions that offer four-year degrees. Among 50 public institutions cited, UMM scored second in the nation. For more information, see [top value](#).

STUDENT NAOMI WENTE HAS BEEN HONORED AS A NEWMAN CIVIC FELLOW, an award that recognizes inspiring student leaders. Wente has been integral in bringing the campus and community together in the movement toward more sustainable food production in the Morris community. She leads "One Toilet at a Time," an effort she began at age 14, to provide Cambodian girls with access to sanitation and water. For more information, see [Newman Civic Fellow](#).

MORE THAN 300 SENIORS WILL RECEIVE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREES at the 48th commencement ceremony on May 14. The celebration begins with division receptions from 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m., followed by the ceremony on the mall at 1:30 p.m. Two special events will be held on May 13, prior to Commencement: the Honoring Ceremony for American Indian graduates will be held in the afternoon, and the Honors and Awards ceremony recognizing the accomplishments of Morris students will be held in the evening. For more information, see [48th commencement](#).

ROCHESTER:

INNOVATIONS AT UMR have caught the attention of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education. For more information, see a [recent article about UMR](#).

A NEW WEBSITE PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATION in Nietzsche studies was launched by UMR philosopher Rebecca Bamford. The site was developed in collaboration with Linda Dick, webmaster for UMR's Information Technology department, and with hosting provided by UMR. Support for the research initiative was made possible by Claudia Neuhauser, vice chancellor and director of the Center for Learning Innovation, who made the decision to designate UMRIT as an academic unit at UMR. The site is available at [Nietzsche studies](#).

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BIOMEDICAL DISCOVERY DISTRICT ROAD CONSTRUCTION will shut down portions of 6th St. S.E. beginning May 17 because of utility work to support the new Cancer and Cardiovascular Research Building. This will impact those who visit and work in the Lions Research Building/McGuire Translational Research Facility, the Center for Magnetic Resonance Research, and Wallin Medical Biosciences Research. The work is divided into three phases and is expected to last until Aug. 24. For details, maps, and timeline, see [road construction](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LANGUAGE TEACHER EDUCATION, Expanding Our Horizons, will address the education of teachers of all languages, at all instructional and institutional levels, and in all the many national and international contexts in which this takes place. These contexts include English as a second or foreign language instruction, foreign/modern/world language teaching, bilingual education, immersion education, indigenous and minority language education, and the teaching of less commonly taught languages. May 19–21, Radisson University Hotel. For more information, see [language conference](#) or [register online](#).

THE FINAL MOMENTUM 2011 PRESENTATION "Sustainable Seas: The Vision, the Reality" featuring *National Geographic* explorer-in-residence, oceanographer, author, and deep-sea diver Sylvia Earle, will take place May 12, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. The event includes a performance by musician Mason Jennings and will be hosted by Robyne Robinson. For tickets and more information, see [Momentum 2011](#).

THE 20TH ANNUAL RUTH STRICKER MIND-BODY LECTURE, "The Neuroscience of Play," with Stuart Brown, will take place May 16, noon–1:30 p.m., Mayo Memorial Auditorium. Brown will take a close look at the evolution, neurobiology, and characteristics of play behaviors and the growing data on the relationship of play to performance, emotional regulation, and overall well-being. For more information, see [mind-body lecture](#).

"SHATTERED HEARTS: THE COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION OF AMERICAN INDIAN GIRLS AND WOMEN" will feature Suzanne Koeplinger, executive director, Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center. Koeplinger is a European and Canadian Mohawk ancestry and holds a master's degree in the Art of Leadership from Augsburg College. She serves on the steering committee of the Sheila Wellstone Institute and the FBI Civil Rights Advisory Group. May 27, 11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m., Hubert H. Humphrey Center Atrium. For more information, see the [School of Public Health](#).

SUMMER AT THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC: Rekindle a passion for music with the U's School of Music this summer by joining Summer Orchestra, Summer Chorus, Music Theatre at Minnesota, Bravo!, The Art of Wind Band Teaching Symposium, and the All State Choir Summer Workshop. For more information, see the [School of Music](#).

MORE EVENTS include Common Myths in Sex Therapy ([May 11](#)); Grading Retreat ([May 12](#)); Bog Bash ([May 15](#)); Evening with Richard Louv ([May 16](#)); World Languages Day 2011 ([May 17](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: Conference committees have completed their work and it is expected that the governor and the legislative leadership will now begin serious negotiations in an attempt to find a total state budget compromise. The higher education conference committee reached an agreement that reduces the funding level for the University by \$243.6 million for the FY2012–13 biennium. The bill also includes language banning the use of state or federal funding for human cloning or to pay for any expenses incidental to human cloning. The constitution requires that the last day of the session is May 23. If by then the leadership has not arrived at a budget compromise with the governor to reach a balanced budget, the governor must call a special session for the purpose of passing the budget. For more information, see [State Relations](#).

BOARD OF REGENTS MAY MEETING SUMMARY: At the May 13 Board of Regents meeting, the president presented the FY2012 budget overview. The board also recognized and honored a range of University award winners, including 2011 Distinguished McKnight University Professors. For more information, see [Board of Regents May meeting summary](#).

THE BOARD OF REGENTS will host a public forum on the FY2012 University Budget June 10, noon, sixth floor boardroom, McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see [public forum](#).

Features

FEATURE: U researchers Abigail Gewirtz and Laurel Bidwell are partnering with the Minnesota National Guard and Reserves to develop and test parenting resources for families with children ages 5–12 who have recently gone through the deployment process. Called ADAPT (After Deployment: Adaptive Parenting Tools), the project examines the effectiveness of an evidence-based parenting intervention that's been modified for military families in the National Guard and Reserves. For more information, read "[Helping parents to ADAPT](#)."

FEATURE: Everyone is familiar with toys, says Barry Kudrowitz, the instructor of Toy Product Design. What people often don't realize, he says, is that toy design is challenging. The turnaround time is short, it has to pass a lot of safety tests and quality assurance, and it has to be made inexpensively. Toy design is a \$22 billion industry in the United States—\$80 billion worldwide. For more information, read "[Jumping into toy design](#)."

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: May 9–14. This installment of the weekly video feature from the U's News Service looks at graduation and commencement at the U, the closing of Washington Avenue due to the Central Corridor Light Rail project, and "A Prairie Home Companion" host Garrison Keillor speaking at the Friends of the University of Minnesota Libraries dinner. For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."

Awards and appointments

PEOPLE: Assistant professor Bic Ngo is one of five exceptional early career researchers recently selected as a William T. Grant Scholar; School of Music professor James Dillon received a top classical music honor in London; School of Nursing dean Connie Delaney was selected as one of 25 Women Industry Leaders in the Twin Cities; U in the News features U faculty and staff cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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PEOPLESOFT OUTAGE: MAY 28–29. Beginning May 28 at 2 p.m. PeopleSoft Campus Solutions and PeopleSoft Financials will be unavailable for use. Full functionality will be restored by 4 p.m. on May 29. During this time, access to all of the PeopleSoft core applications, as well the many other applications that depend upon them, will be unavailable. This outage is necessary for an upgrade to PeopleTools version 8.5. Please plan your work accordingly. Updates will be posted throughout the maintenance window on the [system status page](#). For more information see [OIT support](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

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THE 22nd ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH CONFERENCE will feature Minnesota leaders and national experts discussing pros and cons of the increasing role of the private sector in public transportation projects. The conference is a forum for researchers and practitioners from Minnesota and the Upper Midwest to share their research findings in a variety of transportation-related areas. May 24–25, Crowne Plaza Hotel, St. Paul. For a full conference schedule, fees, and registration, see [transportation conference](#).

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR "ONE HEALTH LEADERSHIP IN A GLOBAL SETTING," a School of Public Health roundtable focusing on One Health—the convergence of animal, human, and environmental health—and leadership at a global level. The keynote speaker is Lertrak Srikitjakarn, dean and faculty member of Veterinary Medicine, Chiang Mai University, Thailand. June 9, 9 a.m.–noon, Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. For more information, see [One Health](#).

THE 2011 NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY COUNCIL's annual conference will focus on the theme, "Food Security: The Intersection of Sustainability, Safety and Defense." The conference will address a wide variety of issues including future threats and risks to food security, sustainability in developing countries, and how biotechnology can protect food and water supplies. Cathie Woteki, undersecretary for research, education, and economics at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will deliver the conference keynote. June 15–17, Airport Hilton hotel, Bloomington, MN. To register or for more information, see [biotech conference](#).

CROOKSTON:

UMC's "CROOKSTON CREW" PLANTED 4,500 red pine seedlings at the 29th consecutive tree-planting trip for the U.S. Forest Service. Eighteen members of the Natural Resources Club, along with several natural resources faculty and staff, returned to the Little Cutfoot Sioux region of the Chippewa National Forest the weekend of Apr. 30 for the event near Talmoon, MN. For more information, see [tree planting](#).

THE UMC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS will meet May 25, 6:30–8:30 p.m., 116 Kiehle. Agenda items include 2011 homecoming planning. Director of student activities Lisa Samuelson and alumna Beth Jacobson will participate in the discussion.

DULUTH:

THE MINNESOTA SENATE AND HOUSE HONORED THE UMD BULLDOGS for their 2010–11 championship titles (hockey and football) in a resolution passed May 9 at the State Capitol. For more information, see [Bulldogs](#).

2011 COMMENCEMENT AT THE DECC AMSOIL ARENA was presided over by Chancellor Lendley Black. UMD conferred 1,950 undergraduate degrees, 225 graduate degrees, and 14 doctoral degrees—13 of which are the first cohort to graduate from the new [education doctoral degree](#) offered exclusively on the UMD campus. For more information, see [ceremonies](#).

MORRIS:

ROGER ROSE, associate professor of political science, researches public service motivation. He is one of few scholars to separate teaching from other forms of public service like nonprofit or government work. His recent online survey gauged interest in government, nonprofit, and teaching professions. For more information, see [Rose](#).

BRADLEY DEANE AND JENNIFER KOLPACOFF DEANE, associate professor of English and associate professor of history, respectively, are 2011 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend award recipients. Bradley will research and complete a chapter of *Better Men*, in which he examines historical and literary instances of cultural cross-dressing in British Popular Literature, 1871–1914. Jennifer will complete archival research in Germany in preparation for drafting a chapter of her book on beguine communities from the 13th through 16th centuries. For more information, see [summer stipend](#).

SARAH BUCHANAN, associate professor of French, will conduct research in Mali for her work on Souleymane Cissé's 1987 *Yeelen (Brightness)*, a highly allegorical and densely coded film. The francophone specialist will examine the cultural intersections between the Bambara and Dogon ethnic groups, particularly through a shared belief in "nyama," the powers of creation and destruction inherent in spoken word. For more information, see [film research](#).

ROCHESTER:

UMR FACULTY MEMBERS Marcia Nichols, Rebecca Bamford, Robert Dunbar, and Xavier Prat-Resina are recipients of a research grant from the Interdisciplinary Studies of Writing program to support inquiry into writing in and across the disciplines. They will examine whether there is a correlation between student writing performance in humanities classes and student writing performance in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) subjects, and if that performance correlates to overall performance in STEM subjects. For more information, see [research grant](#).

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

AN INFORMATION SESSION ON THE UMTC CAMPUS CLIMATE ACTION PLAN will be held May 25, 6:30 p.m., Van Cleve Park Recreation Center, 901 15th Avenue SE, Minneapolis. The plan proposes strategies to cut the campus's carbon footprint in half by 2020. For more information about the committee and to submit ideas and comments, see [UMTC sustainability committee](#).

FACULTY AND PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR WORKSHOP: "Building Successful Research Teams: Preventing and Managing Conflict" will be presented by Howard Gadlin, NIH ombudsman and nationally recognized leader in higher education ombudsman work, and Michelle Bennett, deputy scientific director for the Division of Intramural Research at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute at NIH. June 1, 3–5 p.m., 114 Science Teaching and Student Services, or June 2, 9–11 a.m., 145 Veterinary Science. For registration and more information, see [workshop](#).

Funding opportunities

DOCTORAL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR THE 2011 JURAN FELLOWSHIP AWARD through the Carlson School of Management. The \$10,000 fellowship will be awarded to a doctoral student whose thesis research contributes to the study of process excellence and quality in their field. Research should meet the highest standards of scholarship and focus on important problems that impact society. Full applications are due July 15, but candidates should email a [statement](#) of intent to the Juran Center by June 17. For more information, see [Juran Fellowship](#).

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CURA HOUSING FORUM: Toward Culturally Sensitive Housing. Minnesota's cultural landscape has changed drastically in the last few decades. Understanding and responding to cultural differences through housing that supports various ways of living can facilitate healthy lifestyles and improve the health and well-being of Minnesota's diverse communities. Associate professor Tasoulla Hadjiyanni, Department of Design, Housing, and Apparel, will shed light on the opportunities and challenges involved in pursuing culturally sensitive housing in both policy and practice. May 20, noon–1:30 p.m., L-110, Honeywell Auditorium, Carlson School of Management. For more information, see [CURA Housing Forum](#).

"INTEGRATIVE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP: Leading Across Boundaries for the Common Good" will focus on how leaders can bring together diverse groups of people to tackle shared problems and achieve the common good. U associate professor Barbara Crosby will offer insights from her research on integrative leadership—the work of leading across boundaries to achieve the common good. May 24, 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. For more information, see [common good leadership](#).

NORTHROP CONCERTS AND LECTURES has announced its 2011–12 Northrop Dance Season, featuring six of the world's best ballet and modern dance companies. During the Northrop Auditorium renovation period (now through Sept. 2013), programming will move to downtown Minneapolis in the Historic Theatre District on Hennepin Avenue. All six of these dance performances will be held at the Orpheum Theatre, but all discounts, rush tickets, and U staff payroll deduction services will continue to be in place. For more information, see [Northrop 2011–12](#).

MORE EVENTS (May 21); Happy 100th Birthday Hubert Humphrey! ([May 26](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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University News and Events[Top News](#) | [University-wide](#) | [Crookston](#) | [Duluth](#) | [Morris](#) | [Rochester](#) | [Twin Cities](#)**TOP NEWS:**STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: 2011 Legislative Session Adjourns. The Minnesota Legislature adjourned the 2011 regular legislative session without reaching agreement with Governor Dayton on a balanced budget for fiscal year 2012-13. The legislature and governor will need a special session to address the state's \$5 billion budget deficit. According to the state constitution, the governor and legislature must address the budget deficit prior to June 30, or risk a shutdown of state government. For more information, see [state relations](#).**Features**FEATURE: With memories of a harsh winter finally fading, this summer you can truly thaw your mind and move your body with education and fun in the great outdoors with the University of Minnesota. U faculty and staff can enjoy science, art, food, theatre, stargazing, gardening, camps for kids and adults, and much more. For more information, read "[Thaw your mind](#)."FEATURE: Aditya Bhan's office seems too small to contain his energy—in fact, he seems to have a hard time sitting down for very long. He gets up to reach for a model of a molecule...then another one. His quest is to develop methods to turn non-food biomass into fuels...and to do it in a highly decentralized way. Instead of a few huge reactors that require elaborate grids to transport energy, Bhan envisions many small energy-producing hubs distributed across the landscape, turning bio waste into energy that is accessible to everyone. Because of the potential for his work to transform energy production and its strategic and long-term importance, Bhan was awarded the McKnight Land-Grant Professorship for 2011-13. For more information, see [Aditya Bhan](#).U OF M MOMENT: The summer movie season has already begun, with audiences flocking to blockbusters like *Thor* and *Pirates of the Caribbean 4*. But Megan Lewis in the U's Department of Theatre Arts and Dance says Hollywood is caught in a vicious cycle of sequels, churning out movies that make lots of money but offer little in terms of originality. Lewis says movies are quickly becoming more like television—serialized and episodic. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: May 23-27. This installment of the weekly video feature from the U's News Service looks at the U's relief efforts for those affected by the recent tornado in North Minneapolis, a celebration of Hubert H. Humphrey's 100th birthday, and an intensive job search seminar for young grads. For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."**Awards and appointments**PEOPLE: Star football player and alumnus Richard "Pinky" McNamara has passed away; biostats faculty member Sudipto Banerjee has won the 2011 Mortimer Spiegelman Award; Kay Thomas, director of International Student and Scholar Services, will retire June 30 after more than 40 years of service; U in the News features U faculty and staff cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE:**Administrative information**A NEW UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA HOME PAGE HAS LAUNCHED. The new home page provides primarily Twin Cities content with a customizable experience by allowing individuals to self-select an "audience view." U faculty and staff may select a "staff" or a "faculty" view, or easily switch between other views if they identify with more than one audience. Other views include current students, future students, donors & alumni, parents, and sports fans. The lower right corner of the page includes a "Tell Us What You Think" link to share your feedback. For more information, see [new U of M home page](#).NETFILES 7 UPGRADE SCHEDULED: On June 26 (Sunday), NetFiles will be upgraded to version 7. The upgrade includes several new features and improved functionality in an easier-to-use interface. For more information, see [NetFiles upgrade](#).THE INTERNET SOCIETY HAS PLANNED WORLD IPv6 DAY FOR JUNE 8. IPv6 (Internet Protocol, version 6) is the new version of the Internet address protocol that has been developed to supplement and eventually replace IPv4. On that day, many major Internet web powers such as Facebook, Google, and Yahoo!; and important content delivery network providers, including Akamai and Limelight Network, will offer their content over IPv6 for a 24-hour "test flight." For more information, see [World IPv6 Day](#).**Funding opportunities**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: MCKNIGHT LAND-GRANT PROFESSORSHIPS. The Office of the Vice President for Research has announced the competition for the 2012-14 McKnight Land-Grant Professorships, a program of career development awards for junior faculty. Faculty and staff are encouraged to nominate outstanding professors. The recipients named to this endowed professorship will begin their appointments July 1, 2012, and will be awarded a research grant in each of the following two years. Nominations are due Oct. 3. For more information, see [McKnight nomination](#).**Lectures, exhibits, and other events**WORLD-RENOWNED PHOTOGRAPHER Daniel Beltrá will speak at the U of M Landscape Arboretum June 11. A special price of \$30 (regularly \$40-\$50) is available to U faculty, staff, and students by calling 952-443-1422. The discount is only available with the phone call. In addition to Beltrá, participants will hear from award-winning photographer, ecologist, and interdisciplinary educator Molly Steinwald. For more information, see [photo symposium](#).**CROOKSTON:**UMC HAS BEEN NAMED TO THE PRESIDENT'S HIGHER EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE HONOR ROLL by the Corporation for National and Community Service. This is the fourth time the campus has earned the honor. To be named to the Honor Roll, a school must demonstrate that its students, faculty, and staff are engaged in meaningful service that achieves results in the community. For more information, see [honor roll](#).TREASURER OF UMC TEAMBACKERS, Adam Maruska, presented a check for \$20,000 to Chancellor Charles Casey to support scholarships for student-athletes on the Crookston campus. The Teambackers Club, an athletic promotion and fundraising organization for UMC, operates in conjunction with the development office, athletic department, and the U of M Foundation. For more information, see [scholarship money](#).**DULUTH:**UMD HAS NAMED BOB SHERMAN AS DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR for the College of Education and Human Service Professions. Sherman joins UMD with 14 years of fundraising experience, the majority of which has been for colleges and other educational organizations. For more information, see [development director](#).JOIN THE BULLDOGS at UMD's Alumni Association hospitality tent during Grandma's Marathon to cheer on the runners and enjoy food, beverages, and games with UMD athletes and Champ. June 18, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. For more information, see [Grandma's Marathon](#).GLENSHEEN OUTDOOR CONCERTS will take place every Wednesday in July, 7 p.m. Enjoy the tunes while taking in the view on Glensheen's Lake Superior shoreline. The event was named a "best bet" by the *Duluth News Tribune*. Free. For more information, call 218-726-8910 or 1-888-454-GLEN.**MORRIS:**DONNA CHOLLETT, associate professor of anthropology and Latin American area studies coordinator, received a 2011 Imagine Fund award to explore the question "Are Social Movements Morally Noble? Challenging the Intrinsic Virtuosity of Grassroots Social Movements." Chollett's interest in rural communities and sociocultural change in Latin America will take her back to her established research site in Puruarán, Michoacán, Mexico, this summer to learn why a worker-run sugar mill cooperative failed to live up to its potential for modeling democratic ideals and ensuring economic stability. For more information, see [Chollett Imagine Fund award](#).THE CENTER FOR SMALL TOWNS (CST) has been awarded \$91,877 through the Otto Bremer Foundation. The grant will allow CST to sponsor more faculty research projects, strengthen statistics and data resources, and enhance student involvement initiatives. For more information, see [CST grant](#).A NEW 32-PANEL SOLAR-THERMAL ARRAY now heats the Regional Fitness Center's (RFC) recreational pool. Several inaugural events marked the successful installation, part of an energy awareness week: two solar swims, one open to the community and one for students, were held; and the RFC hosted a seminar for senior citizens. Speakers included Senator Amy Klobuchar. For more information, see a [video of Klobuchar's address](#) or [solar swim](#).THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PRESENTED AWARDS at an end-of-the-year celebration to students, faculty, staff, and community partners who created or supported exemplary partnerships with the broader community. Ray Schultz, associate professor of theatre, received the Faculty Award for Service Learning. Jennifer Goodnough, associate professor of chemistry, and Troy Goodnough, campus sustainability coordinator, received the Faculty/Staff Community Engagement Award. For more information, see [awards](#).**ROCHESTER:**THURSDAYS ON FIRST & 3RD will feature a weekly outdoor market of more than 100 vendors, food, arts and crafts, and live entertainment throughout the summer—right by UMR's location at 111 South Broadway. Relax with friends and family with live dance and performing arts, live music, and more. June 9-Sept. 1, 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. For more information, see [Thursdays](#).**TWIN CITIES:****Lectures, exhibits, and other events**BEST-SELLING AUTHOR MITCHELL ZUCKOFF will present "Lost in Shangri-La: A True Story of Survival, Adventure and the Most Incredible Rescue Mission of World War II." The book by the same name is a true adventure story featuring John McCollum and his twin brother Robert (both were class of 1942 University of Minnesota Aerospace Engineering and Mechanics alumni). Free and open to the public, but registration is required. Space is limited. For registration and more information, see [Lost in Shangri-La lecture](#). June 16, 6:30 p.m., doors; 7 p.m., lecture; 3-210 Keller Hall.ONE NIGHT ONLY: SUMMER MINI MEDICAL SCHOOL will present a one-night-only summer session, "Heads, Helmets and Health: All about Concussions." Learn how concussions impact Minnesotans of all ages every day. Instructors are sports medicine expert Suzanne Hecht, and neuropsychologist Jeff Wozniak. June 20, 6-8:30 p.m., \$10, 2-650 Moos Tower. For registration and more information, see [Mini Medical School](#).SUMMER BUSINESS CARD DRAWING: Drop your U business card in the fish bowls at the Information Desks, Faculty's Gardener Spot, or at the Desks Express locations to enter for a chance to win a \$30 gift card redeemable at the Information Gopher. For more information, see [gift cards](#).MORE EVENTS include An evening with architect and author Ross Chapin ([June 6](#)); June 2011 First Tuesday ([June 7](#)); First Ave: TOO MUCH LOVE on Campus ([June 8](#)); Impulsive/Compulsive Sexual Behavior versus Sexual Addiction ([June 8](#)); One Health Leadership in a Global Setting ([June 9](#)); Beyond Paisley and Peacocks opening reception ([June 10](#)); The Global Impact of Food Protection and Defense ([June 10](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS: [Golden Gophers](#) | [UMD Bulldogs](#) | [UMM Cougars](#) | [UMC Golden Eagles](#)*Brief* is the official University of Minnesota staff and faculty weekly news digest, featuring human resource, employee benefit, administrative, legislative, budgetary, event, and other pertinent information.Published by [Internal Communications](#) in the [Office of University Relations](#) at the University of Minnesota. Please send comments, questions, or submissions to the editor at brief@umn.edu. The deadline for submissions is **noon** on the Friday before publication. All Twin Cities events submissions are handled through the events calendar at <http://events.tc.umn.edu>.*Brief* is published by email and on the web. [Subscribe to Brief](#).

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TOP NEWS:

BOARD OF REGENTS JUNE MEETING SUMMARY: At the June 10 Board of Regents meeting, the board heard a formal presentation of the president's recommended FY2012 provisional budget. The board also recognized a number of individuals, including President Robert Bruininks and his wife, Susan Hagstrum, for their service to the University, as well as the recipients of the 2011 President's Award for Outstanding Service. The board elected Linda Cohen as its new chair and David Larson as vice chair. For more information, see [Regents summary](#).

THE U HAS BEEN AWARDED A \$51 MILLION CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE AWARD (CTSA) by the National Institutes of Health (NIH)—the largest single-institution NIH award ever received by the University. In addition to maximizing community involvement, the \$51 million CTSA grant will support both new and existing University programs designed to push new treatments, therapies, and clinical trial outcomes to patients faster, offering more immediate benefits from discoveries. For more information, see [\\$51 million NIH award](#).

Features

FEATURE: As Bob Bruininks prepares to step down as the 15th president of the University of Minnesota, he reflects on his nine years in Morrill Hall and expresses his frustration with the lack of vision and leadership at the Minnesota state Capitol. For more information, read "[Because of Bob](#)."

FEATURE: The U's Urban Research and Outreach/Engagement Center (UROC) is dedicated to University-community engagement and urban problem solving. In the aftermath of the tornado that devastated a large swath of North Minneapolis May 22, the center took on a new role: headquarters for an impromptu disaster relief effort. UROC's "Hand to Hand" effort had volunteers going door to door to check in with residents, drop off food and household supplies, and provide information about community resources they might access regarding housing, health, and other types of assistance. For more information, read "[Reaching out to Northside neighbors](#)."

FEATURE: A new study shows that disadvantaged children who receive high-quality education between age three and third grade reap benefits to their economic and social well-being decades later, at age 28. Moreover, the strongest benefits went to those at highest risk; namely, males and preschool children whose parents were high school dropouts. The study complements an earlier one led by the same researcher—child development professor Arthur Reynolds—that reported high economic returns on investment in early education, including 18 percent for a strong preschool program. For more information, read "[A good way to break the grip of poverty](#)."

U OF M MOMENT: It seems that doing good isn't always good for business, according to new research from the U's Carlson School of Management. The discovery, says marketing professor Carlos Torelli, found that corporate social responsibility has the potential to backfire for luxury brands associated with a self-enhancement concept. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: June 4–11. This installment of the weekly video feature from the U's News Service looks at New Student Orientation, where incoming freshmen and their parents will learn about University life; the Northrop Summer Concert Series; and a taste of the ice cream at the U's Dairy Lab. For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."

Awards and appointments

PEOPLE: Eric Schwartz has been named dean of the U's Humphrey School of Public Affairs; Cynthia Scott has been named associate to president-designate Kaler; the Carlson School of Management appointed professor Art Hill associate dean of MBA programs and professor Connie Wanberg associate dean of its undergraduate program; Jim Litsheim was awarded the 2011 Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Award for his work at the University; 2011 best dissertation award winners announced; U in the News features U faculty and staff cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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THE U'S REGIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIPS (RSDP) are seeking faculty and staff experts in a range of disciplines for a federally funded regional development plan for central Minnesota. The Central Minnesota Sustainable Development Plan is designed to jumpstart central Minnesota's economy, sustainable housing, and transportation needs. RSDP will tap experts from the U in areas of transportation, housing, and land use, while relying on the guidance and input of residents of Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena counties. For details on faculty and staff opportunities, email [Jean Coleman](mailto:Jean.Coleman) or call 612-588-4904. For more information, see [sustainable development](#).

SYSTEMWIDE SURVEY SOLUTION FORUMS: Faculty, staff, and students who use surveys for research or administrative purposes are invited to forums to help identify a survey solution (or suite of tools) that can be deployed systemwide. The forums are June 23, 1–2 p.m., 114 [Science Teaching and Student Services building](#); and June 29, 11 a.m.–noon, 64 Biological Sciences Center, 1445 Gortner Avenue, St. Paul. The Office of Planning and Analysis and the Office of Information Technology are seeking broad input for the effort, which is overseen by System Academic Administration. For more information and to leave feedback on survey use or schedule an information session for your unit, see [survey solution](#).

NIH RESOURCES FROM THE FACULTY AND PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR WORKSHOP: "Building Successful Research Teams: Preventing and Managing Conflict," held in early June, are posted online. Dean Allen Levine and VP Tim Mulcahy introduced the NIH presenters and spoke of the importance of successful research collaborations to the University. For more information, see [NIH resources](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

A NATIONAL FORUM ON IMPROVING UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION THROUGH ACTIVE LEARNING SPACES will convene members of the higher education community to examine central issues on teaching and learning in emerging technology-rich classrooms. Featured speakers are Bob Beichner, North Carolina State University; Larry Michaelsen, University of Central Missouri; and Robin Wright, University of Minnesota. The poster and demonstration deadline is June 30. All U faculty, instructional staff, and P&A teaching staff are encouraged to attend. Aug. 4–6, Science Teaching and Student Services Building. For more information, including registration and poster and demonstration guidelines, see [active learning spaces](#).

CROOKSTON:

THE NORTHWEST SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE ALUMNI REUNION will include both new and traditional alumni events. June 25. For more information, see [reunion](#).

THE MATH, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT (MST) has hired two instructors to teach in the Software Engineering Program. Bouchaib Falah holds a Ph.D. in software engineering from North Dakota State University, where he has served as a graduate teaching assistant for data structures, programming, and mathematics courses since 2007. He also served as an adjunct faculty member at Concordia College in Moorhead during that time. Kun Tian holds a Ph.D. in computer science from the Eric Johnson School of Engineering at the University of Texas at Dallas, where he has served as a graduate teaching assistant for software engineering and programming courses since 2006. Both instructors will begin teaching in August.

THE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT will host its first Land Management Field School June 21–24 on campus. The four-day, residential camp is intended to help new employees of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service gain an understanding of the fundamentals of land use in Northwest Minnesota from an agricultural and natural resource perspective. For more information, call Dan Svedarsky at 218-281-8129.

DULUTH:

THE 2011 WILLIAM PLATER AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP IN CIVIC ENGAGEMENT was presented to Vince Magnuson, UMD's vice chancellor of Academic Administration and chief academic officer, by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. For more information, see [leadership award](#).

UMD'S HERITAGE ORCHARD WON A NATIONAL COMPETITION sponsored by Edy's Fruit Bars. More than 130 communities from around the United States participated in the "Communities Take Root" contest. The top five winners will receive more than 50 trees, a full year of orchard maintenance with community workshops, and more. For more information, see [Communities Take Root](#).

MORRIS:

FOUR ALUMNI WERE CHOSEN for the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award by the University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni Association Board of Directors. The award honors alumni who have made noteworthy contributions in their professional lives, in public service, or in service to the U. The recipients are David Eckmann '78, Gary McGrath '68, the late Thomas McRoberts '68, and John Tavis '85. For more information, see [alumni award](#).

THE MORRIS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT'S combined efforts have earned it a second place finish in the final Kruse Award standings, which measure all-around success of the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference's (UMAC) eight member institutions. For more information, see [Cougar athletics](#).

2011 CESAR CHAVEZ AWARD: Students Angela Laidlaw and Yuri Machkasov, and geology professor James Cotter, received the 2011 César Chavez Award. Recipients of the award personify service to others, sacrifice, desire to help the neediest in society, determination, nonviolence, tolerance, respect for life, celebrating community, knowledge, and innovation.

ROCHESTER:

UMR HAS ANNOUNCED THE INAUGURAL CLASS OF A NEW DEGREE PROGRAM, a bachelor of science in health professions. Students in the junior admitting program complete the first two years at UMR, MnSCU institutions, or other universities and colleges by taking required liberal education and prerequisite courses. Students meeting admission requirements will be jointly admitted as juniors by UMR and Mayo School of Health Sciences. For more information, see [new UMR degree](#).

TWIN CITIES:

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UMTC'S DONHOWE BUILDING IS THE FIRST campus building to be rated as an Energy Star Building by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). To earn the rating, the Donhowe Building's energy consumption data were compared to hundreds of similar buildings. Buildings that are more energy efficient than 75 percent of all similar buildings qualify for the Energy Star label. The Donhowe building earned a rating of 88, putting it in the top 12 percent. The Donhowe Building's high energy efficiency came about as the result of the U Energy Management group's [recommissioning project](#) in 2009. For more information, see [Donhowe](#).

Funding opportunity

THE MULTICULTURAL TEACHING AND LEARNING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM is accepting applications for 2011–12. The Center for Teaching and Learning facilitates the fellowship, which supports course development, course revision, development of teaching resources, and other projects related to multicultural teaching and learning. Applications will be accepted through July 15. For more information, email [Anita Gonzalez](mailto:Anita.Gonzalez) or see [fellowship program](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

"MANAGING INNOVATION AND TRANSFORM IN HEALTHCARE: ACCESS, QUALITY, COST," the seventh annual American and German trans-Atlantic experts forum, will take place June 21–22, McNamara Alumni Center. Healthcare policy experts and decision makers from Germany and the United States will discuss the full range of healthcare policy constituencies: local, state, and national government; doctors; insurers; pharmaceutical companies; employers; and patients. Sponsored by the U's Center for German and European Studies. For registration (required) and more information, see [health care](#).

THE ALASKAN WILDERNESS WILL BE FEATURED IN A NEW BELL MUSEUM EXHIBIT opening June 25. As the United States continues to debate its national energy policy, Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) remains in the discussion's limelight. The exhibit presents images of and information about this wild region. For more information, see [Alaska exhibit](#).

GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCS interested in learning more about the academic job search process at community, technical, and liberal arts colleges and comprehensive universities are invited to attend a panel discussion sponsored by the Upper Midwest Higher Education Recruitment Consortium, Postdoctoral Association, Graduate School, and Preparing Future Faculty. The session will be particularly relevant for graduate students and postdocs in the biological and physical sciences. June 28, 3–4:30 p.m., 2-520 Moos Tower. For registration and more information, see [email job search](#).

THE INSTITUTE FOR ENGINEERING IN MEDICINE'S 2011 EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM, "The Heart-Brain Connection," will cover the topics of basic and applied research, clinical symptoms of heart/brain interactions, prevention and clinical management, and surgical treatments and resuscitation. Open to members of the University community and representatives of local industry. Early registration is suggested. Cost: U attendees, free; non-U attendees, \$50. July 27, Mayo Auditorium. For registration and more information, see [engineering in medicine](#).

MORE EVENTS include *Plains & Music* ([June 15](#)); *The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* ([June 17](#)); *Minnesota River Floodplain* ([June 19](#)); *Mini Marcol of Fleet Street* ([June 20](#)); *Author and psychologist Jesse Bering discusses The Belief Instinct* ([June 23](#)); *Remembering Smell: Fragrance in the Garden* ([June 23](#)); *Pet-a-Palooza* ([June 25](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT KALER: President Kaler officially begins as the U's 16th president July 1, but he and his wife Karen have already completed their move from New York to Minnesota. In a letter to faculty and staff, the president shared his excitement about becoming the president of what he called an energetic, diverse, curious, and innovative University, among the very best in the country. For more information, read a [greeting from President Kaler](#).

THE U WILL REMAIN OPEN IN THE EVENT OF A STATE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN. U officials will closely monitor the situation at the Capitol and continue developing contingency plans in case the shutdown should stretch into late summer. For more information, see the [news release](#).

Features

FEATURE: Most people turn away from conflict. U professor Mark Umbreit has dedicated his life's work to facing it head on. From conflicts in some of the most war-torn countries in the world, to crimes in American communities that range from murder and rape to less serious crimes like juvenile fighting in schools, Umbreit has pioneered an end to conflict using nothing more novel, and more powerful, than conversations. Conversations which, to many of us, may seem incomprehensible. For more information, read "[Peace takes practice](#)."

FEATURE: Brian Aukema is a world expert in diagnosing insect outbreaks that threaten forests. The Emerald Ash Borer does just that. Minnesota has more ash trees than any state—well over 900 million. Aukema was recruited to an open position in Minnesota because he's a world expert in diagnosing insect outbreaks that threaten forests. This year, he was named a McKnight Land-Grant Professor because his research is so critical to addressing urgent needs for the state and nation. For more information, read a [profile of Brian Aukema](#).

FEATURE: Pictures of the Arctic and Antarctic can barely do justice to the beauty of mile-wide glaciers flowing between jagged mountains or sculpted white ice floating in an azure sea. In these days of global climate change, however, monitoring the state of these near-pristine ecosystems is more important than ever. Doing this requires knowledge of polar landscapes, plus the ability to identify and track changes in features ranging from glaciers and meltwater lakes to Weddell seal and penguin populations. For that, researchers around the nation turn to Paul Morin and his staff at the U's Polar Geospatial Center. For more information, read "[Getting the pole positions](#)."

FEATURE: A University of Minnesota-led team of researchers has discovered how a genetic "switch" controls the spread of antibiotic resistance in certain pathogenic bacteria. The discovery points the way toward developing a means of keeping the switch "off" in order to thwart the spread of resistance, a growing threat to global health and lives. For more information, read "[Toward making resistance truly futile](#)."

U OF M MOMENT: The Independence Day weekend is just around the corner, and that means cookouts, parties, and fireworks. While fireworks displays may be fun to watch, each year more than 8,800 people nationwide require a trip to the emergency room for firework-related injuries. Matthew Putnam, a professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the U who specializes in hand surgery and trauma, explains the scope of these injuries. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: June 17–24. This installment of the weekly video feature from the U's News Service looks inside the US Open Qualifiers at the Baseline Tennis Center; shows the best deals for bowling, billiards, and food on campus; and gives you an inside look at the Mini Medical School's most recent class on concussions. For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."

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PEOPLE: Maureen Reed, executive director of the Nobel Peace Prize Forum, has been elected volunteer national chair of the University of Minnesota Alumni Association; George John has been named associate dean of faculty and research at the Carlson School; Ted Labuza received the Life Achievement in Food Engineering from the International Association for Engineering and Food; Tryphon Georgiou was elected a foreign member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences; Peter Zetterberg passed away June 22, at the age of 61; Kris Nelson, director of neighborhood programs at CURA, passed away June 17; U in the News features U faculty and staff cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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THE U RECENTLY ANNOUNCED MAJOR INVESTMENTS IN 11 RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, with funding for the initiative derived from technology commercialization revenue. VP for research Tim Mulcahy announced that more than \$12 million will be invested to enhance key infrastructure in support of research and scholarship at the University of Minnesota. This one-time funding follows recent investments of an additional \$15 million, bringing the U's total investment of technology commercialization royalties in critical infrastructure needs to \$27 million over the past 18 months. For more information, see [research infrastructure investments](#).

STATE FAIR EXHIBITION SPACE 2011: Looking for an opportunity to connect with the people of Minnesota and share the work your unit is doing while experiencing food on a stick? Your department is invited to join groups like the Confucius Institute, Tucker Center, and Youth Studies, which are already planning 2011 exhibits at the U's State Fair building. The U location sees tens of thousands of visitors each day. Fair dates are Aug. 25–Sept. 5. To book a time or for more information, email [Drew Swain](mailto:DrewSwain) or call 612-625-8962.

ONE STOP STUDENT SERVICES WILL LAUNCH A REDESIGNED HOMEPAGE ON JULY 8. The redesign will more effectively alert users to timely information related to registration, financial aid, billing, and degree planning. The architecture of the site will remain the same, and no links will change. Highlights of the new design include timely feature topics that will change to meet the needs of students, a 14-day look at the academic calendar, and more prominent links to information for new and former students, parents and guests, and others. The web address will remain onestop.umn.edu.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE U LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM WILL HOST ITS POPULAR TOAST & TASTE IN THE GARDENS event, highlighting top Twin Cities restaurants and local wines. The evening will serve up tastes of in-season, fresh, local cuisine from 25 top independent restaurants in the Twin Cities and surrounding area. Minnesota and regional wineries will pour samples in the gardens. July 28, 6–9 p.m. Cost: \$75 for general admission from 7 to 9 p.m.; \$125 for patron-level early admission at 6 p.m. Reservations are required. Proceeds benefit the Arboretum. For reservations and more information, call 612-625-9875, or see [Toast & Taste](#).

CROOKSTON:

UMC will be at this year's Polk County Fair in Fertile, Minn., June 30–July 3. For more information, see [Polk County Fair](#).

THE BOARD OF REGENTS APPROVED THE ONLINE DELIVERY of the information technology management and health management degrees during its May 2011 meeting, and an online communication degree was approved during the Regents' June meeting. The new online degrees join seven existing online programs, including accounting, applied health, applied studies, business management, marketing, manufacturing management, and quality management.

UMC IS HOSTING AN ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) SUMMER CAMP AND CULTURAL EXPERIENCE through July 5 for 11 students from Korea. Each day, the students have three hours of classroom work in the morning and a cultural experience in the afternoon. Working with Extension educators, the program also connected the ESL group with visiting students from the White Earth Reservation on June 27. The students are [logging about their experiences online](#).

DULUTH:

THE SECOND ANNUAL UMD BIKE/WALK TO WORK WEEK will take place July 5–8, with scheduled on-campus activities and prizes. Sponsored by the UMD Employee Wellness Program. Register online by June 30. For more information, see [Bike/Walk](#).

ART HISTORY PROFESSOR EMERITUS Thomas Hedin published an article in *Art Bulletin: Centennial Anthology*. Hedin's article, "The Petite Command of 1664: Burlesque in the Gardens of Versailles," is included in an online collection of the 32 best or most influential essays from the first century of the journal. For more information, see [most influential essays](#).

PSYCHEDELIC SIGNATURES: Rock Posters from the Andrew and Victoria Olson Collection will be presented by the Tweed Museum of Art through Jan. 15. The exhibit features classic rock music posters from the late 1960s and early 1970s collected by the Olsons, both Duluth educators. Opening reception: July 5, 4–6 p.m. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [rock posters](#).

MORRIS:

RAY SCHULTZ, associate professor of theatre, is directing the critically acclaimed play, *Next Fall*, by playwright Geoffroy Nauffts, for the Performance Network in Ann Arbor, MI. His direction of the Tony-nominated comic drama is receiving rave reviews, and the show has been extended into July. For more information, see [Ray Schultz](#).

CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY: The Morris campus was featured in the article "Power Potential" in the latest issue of *Business Officer*, published by the National Association of College and University Business Officers. Lowell Rasmussen, vice chancellor for facilities and finance, was interviewed about Morris's local renewable energy resources as cost-effective power supplies. For more information, see [Power Potential](#).

ALUMNI BEN LACY '09 is one of two young Americans to receive the Duke of Edinburgh's Award: Young Americans' Challenge, awarded for the first time in the United States. Lacy was honored at a Capitol Hill reception attended by the His Royal Highness Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex. A professional with the Boy Scouts of America, Lacy credits faculty encouragement for launching his career in Washington, D.C. For more information, see [award](#).

ROCHESTER:

UMR HELPED CELEBRATE ROCHESTERFEST LAST WEEK, with the Raptor Mascot, UMR chancellor Stephen Lehmhule, faculty, staff, and their families in the parade on Friday. They handed out raptor eggs that contained candy and raptor facts. Photos from the event are on the [UMR Facebook page](#).

TWIN CITIES:

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE BELL MUSEUM WILL BE HOME TO THE MINNESOTA PLANETARIUM SOCIETY'S EXPLORADOME for a limited time this summer. An inflatable and fully immersive, interactive astronomy and Earth science learning environment, the ExploraDome allows visitors to discover the wonders of the current night sky and journey through a 3-D exploration of the solar system, galaxy, and universe. The ExploraDome will be at the Bell for public shows July 12, 19, and 26; and Aug. 2, 10, 17, and 23; at 1, 2, and 3 p.m. No reservations are necessary, and the shows are included with regular admission. For more information, see [Bell Museum](#).

THE HEART-BRAIN CONNECTION, the Institute for Engineering in Medicine's 2011 Educational Symposium, will cover the topics of basic and applied research, clinical symptoms of heart/brain interactions, prevention and clinical management, and surgical treatments and resuscitation. Over the course of the day, 12 University-affiliated researchers will give presentations on various issues relating to the heart-brain connection and highlighting areas that need additional engineering-related innovation. July 27, Mayo Auditorium. Cost: Free for U faculty, staff, and students; others, \$50. Early registration is encouraged. For registration and more information, see [Heart-Brain Connection](#).

UNIVERSITY STUDENT SERVICES HAS ADDED ONLINE ORDERING for the Subway restaurant in the St. Paul Student Center and Essentials Market in Blegen Hall. Simply place an order online, select a time to pick it up, and UDS will have it ready. UDS accepts cash, credit cards, FlexDine Dollars, and Gopher GOLD™ value. For more information, [order online](#).

MORE EVENTS include Power, Mystery, and Riches: The Life and Death of King Tut ([June 30](#)); Birding at the Twin Cities Arsenal ([July 6](#)); appearance by author and illustrator Anne Rockwell ([July 12](#)); Evoking Nature: The Aesthetics of Japanese-Style Gardens ([July 13](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT WEBSITE LAUNCHED: University of Minnesota President Eric Kaler officially began as the U's 16th president on July 1. The president's website features news, social media, feature stories, and more information about the president's activities and his leadership of the U of M. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to sign the guestbook welcoming President Kaler. For more information, see umn.edu/president.

FEDERAL RELATIONS REPORT: While many Minnesotans have been preoccupied by the state shutdown, the federal government is facing an even more dire decision point regarding raising the debt ceiling. Some leaders in Congress are using the debt ceiling as leverage to cut federal spending. Programs important to the U such as student aid and research would likely see cuts under any federal austerity plan. Also this month: the appropriations process moves forward, patent reform supported by the U clears the U.S. House, and possible new reporting requirements for federal grants. For more information, see [federal relations](#).

STATE RELATIONS REPORT: The Board of Regents approved the 2012 Preliminary State Capital Request to the Minnesota Legislature at its July meeting. The request is composed of seven projects totaling \$459,965,000, four previously approved by the board and three new projects. The request asks the State of Minnesota to contribute \$293,310,000. It comes before the board again in the fall for final approval. Although a budget agreement at the Capitol remains out of sight, state relations continues to monitor the negotiations and meet with legislators in their districts to discuss University priorities. For more information, see [state relations](#).

Features

FEATURE: Eric W. Kaler is eager to take on the challenges facing the University of Minnesota. Although this is an enormously difficult time for public higher education leaders across the country, the president is ready. Much of Kaler's time during his first 100 days and beyond will be spent conversing with students, faculty, and staff, and the U's external partners. For more information, read "[A working hypothesis](#)."

FEATURE: Stress is a work issue that responds to changes in the structure and philosophy of work and time, a new study led by professor of sociology Phyllis Moen and associate professor Erin Kelly shows. Specifically, when employees can work where and when they want, with the only requirement being that the job is done (and done well), they report less conflict between their jobs and their personal lives. For more information, read "[Focus on flexibility](#)." For more information about the U's flexible work options, see [flexible work](#).

FEATURE: A sure sign that summer is here is the opening of the UMTC Farmers Market. The market comes to the Church Street pedestrian mall on the East Bank beginning July 13, 11–2 p.m., and continues every Wednesday thereafter through Oct. 5. In this, its seventh season, here are seven reasons to love the Farmers Market. For more information, read "[Nutritious is delicious](#)."

FEATURE: After coaching the Gopher cross-country and track and field teams for 33 years, Roy Griak continues his work at his "second home," coming to the U almost every day as an administrative assistant. And he still works out most of those days. The 87-year-old also freely shares stories about growing up during the Depression and fighting in World War II. For more information, read "[A legendary figure](#)."

U OF M MOMENT: One of the U's oldest buildings, Wesbrook Hall on the east bank of the U's Twin Cities campus, is set to be torn down later this summer. U of M historian Ann Pflaum recounts the past usage of Wesbrook, which will make way for green space outside Northrop Auditorium. Pflaum says there are many legends surrounding the 19th-century structure—some more true than others. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Terrence Adam and Lucy Fortson are the 2011–13 recipients of the Minnesota Futures Research Grant; eight U students have been awarded Fulbright and Fulbright-affiliated grants for 2011–12; Jean Larson of the U of M Landscape Arboretum has been selected for a Fulbright Specialists project at Norwegian University of Life Sciences; Anne Hornickel Yuska, Christine Baeumler, Pakou Hang, Lue Her, and Michelle Vigen have each been named as one of the 18 Bush Foundation fellows chosen statewide; Jasjit Ahluwalia has been selected as the recipient of the American Public Health Association's Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Section's 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award; Ingrid Schneider has been reappointed to the Explore Minnesota Tourism Council by Gov. Dayton; Therese Zink was recognized for outstanding contributions to rural health care; U in the News features U faculty and staff cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE:**Administrative information**

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY UPDATE. Nine new or revised administrative policies are now available for review and comment. Changes to the policy, Traveling on University Business, include an extended time frame for submitting travel expenses, a new formula for reimbursement of partial day travel, and an alignment of the international allowable lodging rate with the current domestic lodging rate. Five graduate education policies cover such topics as leave of absence for graduate students, credit requirements for master's and doctoral degrees, and application of graduate credits to degree requirements. For more information, view all nine policies at [policies under review](#).

2011 BUSINESS MILEAGE RATE CHANGE. The IRS announced changes in the standard business mileage rates for the remaining 2011 calendar year. As of July, the standard business mileage reimbursement rate for personal vehicle use on approved University business increased from 51 to 55.5 cents per mile. The standard mileage rate for moving expenses increased from 19 to 23.5 cents per mile. Business mileage incurred from Jan. 1 to June 30, but reimbursed after July 1, should be reimbursed using the rates for the time period during which it was incurred. The Employee Expense Worksheet (UM 1612) accommodates the rate changes. For more information, see [mileage rate change](#).

Funding opportunities

JUNIOR INVESTIGATORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY for the U of M Clinical and Translational Science Institute Scholars Program, a three-year mentored training program for junior investigators. The program offers 75 percent salary support, a mentoring team, formal training, and networking opportunities. Three awards were granted from the original request for applications issued in the spring; two additional awards are now available, with an application deadline of Aug. 26. For more information, see [Scholars Program](#).

CROOKSTON:

UMC'S ONLINE DEGREE IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT has been ranked among The Best Colleges list of "Top 10 Online Bachelor of Business Administration Degree Programs of 2011." The degree was ranked number five. For more information, see [online degree](#).

A MINNESOTA CAMPUS COMPACT AWARDS SUMMIT held in June recognized Rae French, UMC, and Nana Boaten, of North Country Food Bank, a community partner of the Crookston campus. For more information, see [campus compact awards](#).

THE NORTHWEST RESEARCH AND OUTREACH CENTER will hold its annual Crops and Soils Day July 21. Producers and agricultural professionals will gather for research updates on various crops. For more information, see [crops and soil](#).

DULUTH:

THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) is producing four stories about UMD's science research. Marsha Walton, one of the producers of NSF's [Science Nation](#), was in Duluth July 5–8. NSF has produced almost 100 Science Nation media stories. One of UMD's four stories will be the program's 100th production. For more information, see [UMD research](#).

UMD NIGHT AT THE ST. PAUL SAINTS: The UMD Alumni Association is sponsoring a pre-game picnic before the July 22 St. Paul Saints vs. Sioux City Explorer baseball game. The evening starts at 5:30 p.m., Area C/Main Gate picnic area at Midway Stadium, followed by the 7:05 p.m. game. For more information, see [pre-game picnic](#).

MORRIS:

U WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE ALUMNI will gather to recall and celebrate their Morris experiences at a July 16 reunion. The annual event takes place on the Morris campus, the high school boarding school's home from 1910 until 1963. For more information, see [reunion](#).

BART FINZEL, professor of economics and management, has begun his two-year appointment as interim vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean. A faculty member since 1989, Finzel has taught courses on labor economics, gender economics, environmental economics, as well as management, and has served in numerous leadership roles. He holds the all-University Horace T. Morse—University of Minnesota Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education and the UMM Alumni Association Teaching Award. For more information, see [Finzel](#).

SIOBHAN BREMER, associate professor of theatre, presented at the Athens Institute for Education and Research Conference for Visual and Performing Arts in Athens, Greece. Her presentation, "Going Green Globally," focused on her current environmental theatre research. For more information, see [Going Green theatre](#).

THE MORRIS HEALTHY EATING INITIATIVE and the Office of Community Engagement, in partnership with the West Central Research and Outreach Center, have created a new Native American garden at the Morris Crocus Valley Gardens, adjacent to campus. Part of a multi-garden plot, the traditional "three sisters garden"—corn, beans, and squash—shares space with community gardens maintained by the Morris Student Organic Gardening Club and the Regional Fitness Center. For more information, see [new garden](#).

ROCHESTER:

DISCOVER BSHS DAY will provide high school juniors and seniors with information to assist with the college search process. Students will interact with the Center for Learning Innovation faculty, learn about the financial aid and scholarship search process, explore UMR's B.S. in health sciences, tour the UMR campus, and more. July 14, 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m., 417 University Square. For more information see [BSHS Day](#).

TWIN CITIES:**Administrative information**

UMTC HAS REDUCED ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY FIVE PERCENT for the second consecutive year, helping the U avoid \$2 million in annual energy costs. Facilities Management's Energy Management group initiated the It All Adds Up conservation program in 2009. It includes recommissioning buildings, engaging the campus community, and reducing operational energy use. Since the program began, UMTC has avoided \$4.6 million in annual energy costs and the release of 50,000 fewer tons of CO2 into the atmosphere annually. For more information, see [It All Adds Up](#).

REFWORKS LAUNCHES NEW INTERFACE. Users of RefWorks, the web-based citation manager that allows creation of citation databases, will notice a new option in the toolbar of RefWorks 2.0. For more information about the updated and user-friendly interface, see [University Libraries](#).

TECHNOLOGY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: The Office of Information Technology is offering a number of free technology training courses this summer. Moodle 1.9: Creating Basic Course Websites; Gmail and Google Calendar Overview; Visio 2010: Creating Process Maps; Excel 2007: Managing and Analyzing Data; Web Development: Essentials—Cascading Style Sheets; Web Development: Dreamweaver CS5 Basics; Google Docs Overview; and more. For more information, see [technology training](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

DRUM CORPS INTERNATIONAL will return to Minnesota for a competition at TCF Bank Stadium on July 16. For more information, including performers and tickets, see [Drum Corps International](#).

THE CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY AND HEALING will hold "An Evening with Swami Veda Bharati: Yoga: Integration & Ecstasy!" July 20, 4:40–6:30 p.m., Mayo Memorial Auditorium. The event includes meditation with the world-renowned Swami Veda Bharati and teachings related to the relationship between yoga and meditation. For more information, see [Swami Veda](#).

MORE EVENTS include *America's Wildest Refuge* ([July 14](#)); Friday Night Live: Sims with Bight Club ([July 15](#)); University of Minnesota Farmers Market ([July 20](#)); 2011 Minneapolis Aquatennial **CAMPUS OF THE LAKES** Coronation ([July 22](#)); Food Pyramid ([July 26](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: On July 20, Governor Dayton signed 12 budget bills, including the [higher education bill](#). The bill sets the University's funding for each year of the biennium at \$545.3 million. As part of the agreement, Dayton required the legislature to pass a capital investment bill, which included \$88.8 million for three U projects: higher education asset preservation and restoration (HEAPR), \$25 million; [physics and nanotechnology building](#), \$51.3 million; and Central Corridor transit way laboratory mitigation, \$12.5 million. Two additional U requests, the Itasca facilities improvements and the American Indian Learning Resource Center at UMD, were not included in that bill. For more information, see [state relations update](#).

Features

FEATURE: McKnight Land-Grant Professor in marketing Vlad Griskevicius's work integrates psychology, evolutionary biology, and business science—disciplines that may sound like they don't typically overlap, because, well, they don't. But for Griskevicius, the connections he's made have led to some compelling discoveries, from the evolutionary underpinnings of aggressive behavior to a rather simple method of getting people to conserve energy. For more information, read "[Research at the crossroads](#)."

FEATURE: Most of the wealth in our society is invested in businesses or other ventures that may or may not pan out. Thus, chance plays a role in where the wealth of a society will end up. But does chance favor the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few, or does it level the playing field? Three U researchers have built a model that isolates the effects of chance; their results have implications for economic growth. For more information, read "[Concentration of wealth](#)."

FEATURE: From werewolves to wackiness, folklore abounds with tales of peril associated with the full moon. Pure lunacy? Maybe not. A team of U ecologists has found that lion attacks on people in rural Tanzania vary with the lunar cycle, a discovery that may be the first scientific underpinning for full-moon legends. But there's a twist: The night of the full moon is actually the safest night, says lead researcher Craig Packer. For more information, read "[Full moon fears may be well founded](#)."

U OF M MOMENT: With healthcare reform set to roll out in the next several years, having scientifically sound data for health policy is more important than ever. But the dramatic increase in cell-phone-only households is posing a challenge for researchers who use phone surveys to get an accurate picture of healthcare coverage, says School of Public Health researcher Kathleen Call. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Elizabeth Bye is the new head of the Department of Design, Housing, and Apparel; Melissa Gardner has been selected as a 2011 Pew Scholar in the biomedical sciences; Amy Hewitt has been selected as director of the Research and Training Center on Community Living in the Institute on Community Integration; funding for a new project studying the incidence of autism within the Somali community in Minneapolis has been awarded to the U by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; U in the News features U faculty and staff cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

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DISABILITY SERVICES AND THE COMPUTER ACCOMMODATIONS PROGRAM have created a resource with information on nearly 200 applications in 25 categories for mobile devices. The applications are opening up a world for individuals with disabilities. The apps included cover a wide range of functions and purposes from productivity and reference, to entertainment and adaptive technology. Most are fully VoiceOver accessible. For more information, see [accessibility.umn.edu](#).

THE PRESIDENT'S EMERGING LEADERS (PEL) PROGRAM graduated its 2010–11 cohort and welcomed a new group of developing University leaders into the program. On June 22, the 25 members of the outgoing 2010–11 PEL cohort were honored during a ceremony at the Mayo Auditorium. The 2011–12 PEL group, consisting of 25 members, was selected in May. Now in its 10th year, the PEL program provides leadership development opportunities for high potential academic professional and administrative (P&A), civil service, and bargaining unit staff. For more information, see [PEL program](#).

Funding awards

IREE AWARDS \$4.2 MILLION FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY R&D. More affordable solar photovoltaics, better batteries, improved household energy conservation, renewable jet fuel, and power-producing bacteria are among the renewable-energy innovations that will be advanced by \$4.2 million in grants announced by the Initiative for Renewable Energy and the Environment (IREE). For more information, see [IREE awards](#).

CROOKSTON:

A SPECIAL CENSUS OF A THREATENED PRAIRIE WILDFLOWER being conducted in July by volunteers on the Minnesota prairie is giving researchers important data necessary for the protection of the prairie fringed orchid and its habitat. The orchid has been on the U.S. List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants since 1989. For more information, see [orchid census](#).

THE MARY TYRRELL HEALTH WALK FOR SCHOLARSHIPS will be held Aug. 11, with registration at 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$25 per person, which includes a t-shirt and light meal. Proceeds from the walk will benefit the Bill and Mary Tyrrell Athletic Scholarships at UMC. For more information, see [health walk](#).

UMC AND U OF M EXTENSION PARTNERED WITH THE WHITE EARTH NATION to design and deliver a culturally based natural resource program that demonstrates ways that math and science are part of everyday life. The White Earth Academy of Math and Science recently wrapped up its 2011 program, which engaged UMC faculty and staff including John Loegering, Tom Feiro, and Laura Bell, in delivering natural resource topics. In addition, UMC hosted more than 40 youth from the White Earth Nation during a campus visit on June 27. For more information, see [White Earth](#).

DULUTH:

THE UMD EXPERTS LIST HAS BEEN REVITALIZED with a new database that features search capabilities based on the name, topic, and/or departmental affiliation. The experts list showcases faculty and staff who are available to speak to the media and the community based on their expertise. For more information, see [UMD experts](#).

A TEACHING PROGRAM INCORPORATING SPECIAL EDUCATION through the Integrated Elementary and Special Education curriculum is designed to teach college students how to incorporate special needs students into the classroom setting. Candidates who successfully complete the bachelor of applied science degree are qualified to apply for state licensure to teach K-6 elementary education and K-12 special education. For more information, see [special education curriculum](#).

STUDENTS OF COLOR OPPORTUNITIES FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (SCOPE) is a program that introduces the idea of college to students who might not consider college as an option. SCOPE also connects future teachers with high school students who come from historically underserved backgrounds. For more information, see [SCOPE](#).

MORRIS:

UMM WILL SERVE AS HOST for the Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships (RSDP) "Celebrating Sustainability" event on Aug. 2. The occasion will feature RSDP place-based projects, sustainable development work conducted by community and University partners, and homegrown food and music. For more information, see [sustainability](#).

JULIA DABBS, associate professor of art history, is examining the work of 18th-century German portraitist Anna Dorothea Therbusch in her research on how visual images communicate aspects of gender and aging. Her work will be included in her upcoming book, *Sibyls of Sight: Women Artists and Old Age*. For more information, see [Julia Dabbs](#).

A NEW GRAPHIC IDENTITY FOR COUGAR ATHLETICS has been created through a partnership between Intercollegiate Athletics, the Office of Student Affairs, and University Relations. The logo features a formidable cougar in gold and maroon with modern, stylized text fonts. Pounce, the Cougar mascot, is also expected to sport a new look during the fall sports season. For more information, see [new cougar](#).

ROCHESTER:

SAVE THE DATE: The grand opening and a ribbon cutting for 318 Commons will take place Aug. 25, 4:30 p.m., 318 First Ave SW. Tours of the new building will follow. The facility is a new housing community for UMR students and Mayo Clinic health professionals. A variety of floor plans can be [seen online](#). For more information, see [318 Commons](#).

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

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A PUBLIC MEETING ON THE ST. ANTHONY FALLS LABORATORY RENOVATION PROJECT will be held Aug. 2, 6:30–8:30 p.m., St. Anthony Falls Laboratory Auditorium. With federal assistance from the National Science Foundation, the proposal would renovate the laboratory, which comprises a main building and the Outdoor Stream Laboratory located in the adjacent waterway. The renovation will make possible significant advances in key research areas of energy and the environment. For more information, see [St. Anthony Falls Lab](#).

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO MEET AND GREET RETURNING STUDENTS (OFF-CAMPUS). Faculty and staff are encouraged to meet and greet student renters in surrounding neighborhoods Aug. 31–Sept. 1, between 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., for two-hour shifts. Volunteers will distribute welcome bags with resource information and will be paired with other volunteers. For more information, email Tichelle.Henderson or call 612-624-1559 by Aug. 19.

CENTRAL CORRIDOR WORK WILL CLOSE THE INTERSECTION OF WASHINGTON AVE. AND HARVARD ST. ON AUG. 3. The intersection will close for approximately three weeks to accommodate utility work related to the Central Corridor project. During the closure, the Walnut St. will be opened to help move north/south traffic, and signage will help drivers navigate the detour. A north/south pedestrian crossing will remain open across Washington Ave during the project. The work is scheduled to be completed Aug. 22. For complete information on Central Corridor construction, see [centralcorridor.org](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

WORKSHOP: DEVELOPING MESSAGES FOR ADVOCACY AND POLICY will focus on how people respond to learning about health disparities and social determinants of health; the latest research on ways to engage the public on health disparities and social determinants of health; and talking effectively with nonprofessionals about health disparities, particularly those based on class, race, ethnicity, and social influences. Drew Westen, a clinical, personality, and political psychologist and neuroscientist, and professor at Emory University, will present. July 29, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Cost: \$50. Open to the public. [Register online](#). For more information, email tayl0427@umn.edu.

THE CAMPUS CLUB TERRACE HAS REOPENED for the season. Happy Hour continues to be popular with food and beverage specials. Nonmembers are welcome every weekday beginning at 2 p.m. until Sept. 2. For more information, see [Campus Club](#).

MORE EVENTS include Charanga August ([July 27](#)); From Pig's Eye to Preservation District: The History of St. Paul Architecture ([Aug. 1](#)); Blood Drive: The Need for Blood Never Takes a Vacation ([Aug. 1](#)); From Long Johns to Lingerie: An Intimate Look at Intimates ([Aug. 2](#)); Explore the Universe in the ExploraDome ([Aug. 2](#)); University of Minnesota Farmers Market ([Aug. 3](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

THE INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT ERIC W. KALER will take place Sept. 22, 11 a.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Although seating will be limited because of the venue's size, the inauguration will be broadcast online, with viewing locations at all campuses. Many additional events are being planned during the inauguration week of Sept. 19–25. Details will be available on the president's website by Sept. 12. For more information, see [inauguration](#).

FEDERAL RELATIONS REPORT: President Obama and congressional leaders reached a debt ceiling agreement on Aug. 2. For higher education, the agreement ends in-school subsidies for loans to graduate and professional students but largely protects the Pell grant at its current maximum grant levels and its current levels of eligibility. Most other priorities of institutions like the U, such as research funding and other financial aid and education programs, are vulnerable to cuts the agreement forces Congress to make. For more information, see [federal relations](#).

Features

FEATURE: Professor John Loegering and postdoc Henry Strey are part of the Golden-winged Warbler Working Group, a consortium of researchers across the country working to learn more about an elusive bird, which is tiny, and few in number. The question is, how few, where are they, and why? Their findings will inform whether to place the little bird on the endangered species list. For more information, including a photo album, read "[What a songbird sings](#)."

FEATURE: President Kaler toured southern Minnesota Aug. 2–3, stopping for visits and speaking in Marshall, Worthington, and Lambertson, and attending Farmfest near Redwood Falls. Kaler said that agricultural innovation continues to be key for Minnesota. He emphasized that innovation drives the economy, and that higher education and research are critical toward that goal. For more information, read "[Agriculture is key](#)."

FEATURE: U researchers have discovered and received a patent for a naturally occurring lantibiotic—a peptide produced by a harmless bacteria—that could be added to food to kill harmful bacteria like salmonella, E. coli, and listeria. Salmonella and E. coli account for more than half of all food recalls in the United States. For more information, see the [news release](#).

U OF M MOMENT: "Coffee: The World in Your Cup" opens at the U's Bell Museum Aug. 27. Jennifer Menken, the exhibit's coordinator, says it showcases how every cup of coffee we buy and drink connects us with a web of hidden stories around the world. Menken says the exhibit engages visitors in multiple ways. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: July 30–Aug. 5. This installment of the weekly video feature from the U's News Service looks at President Kaler's visit to Farmfest, football coach Jerry Kill's pre-season press conference, and new U research that has led to a natural food preservative that can kill food-borne bacteria. For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Judith Buchanan has been appointed interim dean of the School of Dentistry; Saurav Paul, one of the top inventors at St. Jude Medical, has been named the new director of the U's Medical Devices Center Innovation Fellows Program; Tim Goldsmith and Larissa Minicucci will serve as co-directors of the Veterinary Public Health Residency Program; U in the News features U faculty and staff cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

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UMCal IS SCHEDULED TO BE DECOMMISSIONED SEPT. 30. Effective Oct. 1, UMCa will no longer be available, and Google Calendar will become the U's official calendar. Users who have migrated to Google already and only use UMCa in order to collaborate with other UMCa users may disregard the migration instructions. Academic Health Center and other Health Care Component-related accounts still will NOT be eligible for Google email accounts at this time, and those users will receive additional information soon about transitioning to Google Calendar. For more information, see [UMCa](#).

THE SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY HAS RECEIVED A \$3.5 MILLION GIFT from Delta Dental of Minnesota Trust to support the construction of the state's only hospital-based pediatric dental clinic and the most advanced pediatric dental clinic in the Upper Midwest. The clinic will be located adjacent to the new Amplatz Children's Hospital on the west bank campus of the U's Fairview Medical Center. The dental clinic is anticipated to begin operation in April 2012. For more information, see the [news release](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

AN OPEN HOUSE AT THE ROSEMOUNT RESEARCH AND OUTREACH CENTER AT UMORE PARK will highlight agricultural research and innovation at the U in local food production, health and nutrition, environmental quality, renewable energy, and natural resource conservation. Activities include hay wagon tours, horticultural science and Master Gardener garden tours, crop and animal research exhibits, gardening mini-classes, food samples and wine tasting, the chance to see a variety of animals up close, plus Goldy Gopher and strolling musicians. Free corn-on-the-cob and lemonade. Aug. 18, 4–8 p.m. For more information, see [RROC open house](#) or call 651-423-2455.

STATE FAIR SPECIALS AND DISCOUNTS, including discounted admission tickets and a special edition State Fair t-shirt, are available through the [U of M Bookstores](#) at Coffman Union, St. Paul Student Center, UMC Bookstore, UMM Bookstore, and the M Gear Store in Rochester.

CROOKSTON:

PRELIMINARY DESIGNS FOR NATURE-BASED PLAY SPACES for the cities of Crookston and Warren, Minn., have been created by UMTC landscape architecture graduate student Kristen Murray and UMC environmental landscaping undergraduate student Kristine Neu. Both students were advised by Eric Castle, UMC assistant professor of horticulture. For more information, see [nature-based play](#).

UMC WILL HOST ITS ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL to kick off the 2011 Ox Cart Days celebration. The social features free ice cream, musical performances by The Valley Fiddlers, a reading, a recipe demonstration, and a book signing by *Cooking Up the Good Life* cookbook co-author, Susan Thurston. Aug. 17, 2–4:30 p.m., Campus Mall. For more information, see [Ox Cart Days](#).

UMC HAS BEEN NAMED ONE OF THE BEST COLLEGES IN THE MIDWEST according to the nationally known education services company, The Princeton Review. The announcement marks the fifth consecutive year UMC has been recognized. For more information, see [best colleges](#).

DULUTH:

LISA ERWIN will join UMD's leadership team as vice chancellor for student life on Aug. 15. She comes to UMD from Bemidji State University where she serves as vice president for student development and enrollment. For more information, see [Lisa Erwin](#).

UMD WILL BE AT THE STATE FAIR Aug. 27, 9 a.m.–9 p.m., with fun activities including photo-ops with the football and hockey championship trophies and athletes (11 a.m.), a chance to meet Chancellor Black (1–1:30 p.m.), the parade (2 p.m.), and much more. For the complete schedule, see [State Fair](#).

MORRIS:

UMM HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE FISKE GUIDE TO COLLEGES 2012, a selective review of 300 plus colleges and universities in the United States, Canada, and Great Britain. For more information, see [Fiske Guide](#).

"GATEWAY," THE UMM MULTI-ETHNIC STUDENT INITIATIVE, welcomed 28 incoming first-year students to campus for the annual program. Gateway prepares students for academic success and college by providing four weeks of umbrella courses in English, mathematics, and computer science, and an introduction to campus and community resources. For more information, see [Gateway](#).

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH JULIE ECKERLE completed a short-term, in-residence fellowship at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C. While there, Eckerle presented "Romancing the Self: A Study of Early Modern Englishwomen's Life Writing," a lecture on the topic of her current book project, and also spoke on the focus of her Folger research, early modern women's marginalia in print romance.

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

CELEBRATE U! Join fellow faculty and staff at the Celebrate U! appreciation event Aug. 24, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., Northrop Plaza. Enjoy live music, laughter yoga, and remarks by President Kaler. Bring your U Card for a complimentary light lunch and an insulated lunch bag gift. The event will also feature a scavenger hunt, 50 departments showcasing their work with interactive displays, demonstrations, and activities on the mall, and more. For more information, see [Celebrate U!](#)

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS about the U's plans to establish a combined heat and power (CHP) facility at the site of a former University heating plant will be held Aug. 10 and 18, 5:30–7 p.m., Sanford Hall dining room. Facilities Management associate vice president Mike Berthelsen will give a briefing and answer questions. The CHP is integral to the U's climate action plan, a roadmap for the UMTC campus to reach climate neutrality by 2050, with an intermediate goal of reducing its carbon footprint by half by the year 2020. For more information, see [CHP info sessions](#).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR FACULTY AND STAFF to assist with Welcome Week 2011. Opportunities include New Student Move-In (Aug. 29–31), New Student Convocation (Sept. 1), and the Class of 2015 Cookout (Sept. 2). More than 5,000 first-year students will participate in Welcome Week this year. The initiative is designed to prepare first-year students for the start of their academic careers during this six-day, on-campus experience. For more information, see [specific volunteer opportunities](#), or see [Welcome Week](#).

AUGUST TEACHING ENRICHMENT SERIES: Faculty, teaching staff, and teaching assistants are invited to the August Teaching Enrichment Series and New TA Orientation, Aug. 29–Sept. 1. Sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning, sessions are held each morning and end by noon. Workshop topics include: Sticky Teaching: 6 Principles for Developing Memorable Presentations; Teaching Critical Thinking; and more. Space is limited, but many of the workshops will be available through UMCConnect. For registration and more information, see [August TES](#).

TECHNOLOGY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: There is still time to take a number of free, short courses through the Office of Information Technology (OIT) during the month of August. Upcoming opportunities include Google Apps; Web Development: Dreamweaver CS5 Basics; Video Production: Creating Effective Short Videos; Excel 2007: Spreadsheet Basics; Moodle 1.9: Creating Basic Course Websites; and more. For a complete schedule, see [OIT tech training](#).

U LIBRARIES IS OFFERING FREE AUGUST WORKSHOPS to give graduate students a head-start learning essential information, including RefWorks, Zotero, Mendeley, and Grant Funding for Graduate Students. For more information and a complete listing of workshops, see [U Libraries](#).

ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS HAS EXPANDED ITS FREE WORK-IN RESUME LAB for U employees to include a wide range of career services, including resume assistance and critiquing, networking strategies, and job interview preparation. The lab will be open on alternating Wednesdays, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. No appointment necessary. For more information, see [career services](#).

WALK-IN TECHNOLOGY HELP LOCATIONS will be expanded by the Office of Information Technology (OIT) to three computer lab services in 103 Walter Library, B60 Coffman Union, and 50 Humphrey Center on the Twin Cities campus. The additions will bring the total number of walk-in help locations to five, including the current locations at 101 Coffman Union and 50 Coffey Hall. For more information, see [tech help](#).

A SUCCESSFUL MANAGER'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM designed for middle- to top-level managers at the U helps managers develop new skills and enhance existing talents. The program addresses the need for leaders to understand how to effectively apply sound leadership principles. It includes a 360-degree assessment, and emphasizes four key areas: personal leadership, thought leadership, results leadership, and people leadership. A free information session will be held Sept. 14, 1:15–2:15 p.m., 210 Donhowe. For more information, program dates and costs, or to view the program brochure, see [leadership program](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

SENIOR VP ROBERT JONES will participate in "Nibi and Manoomin: Bridging Worldviews," a three-day symposium hosted by the White Earth Tribal Council and the U, Aug. 22–24, Shooting Star Casino, Mahnomen, Minn. The symposium offers a chance to share knowledge and build a better understanding between native knowledge holders and University researchers. For more information, see [Bridging Worldviews](#).

INTERNS OF THE MINNESOTA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MnTAP) will present the findings from their pollution prevention and energy efficiency projects with Minnesota areas businesses. Aug. 24, 1–4 p.m., Maroon and Gold Room, McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see [MnTAP](#).

PULITZER-PRIZE WINNING AUTHOR new *York Times* columnist Thomas Friedman will discuss his book, *That Used To Be Us*, Sept. 9, 5 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. For more information, see [Thomas Friedman](#).

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR DISCOUNT TICKETS are available at Student Unions & Activities Information Desks. Food coupon books and ride tickets are also available. For more information, see [state fair discount](#).

MORE EVENTS include Grant Tools and Resources ([Aug. 16](#)); University of Minnesota Farmers Market ([Aug. 17](#)); Explore the Universe in the ExploraDome ([Aug. 17](#)); Mendeley: Get Organized ([Aug. 22](#)); China Insights: Unsettling Consequences ([Aug. 23](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ON A STICK: The U of M promises to be among the largest attractions at this year's "Great Minnesota Get-Together," Aug. 25–Sept. 5. On Maroon and Gold Day, Aug. 28, visitors will be able to meet President Eric Kaler and his wife, Karen, as they proudly wear their maroon and gold attire. Stop by the U's building for trivia, Goldy Gopher appearances, and see the U Marching Band in the parade. The U's main building and stage are located at the corner of Dan Patch Avenue and Underwood Street, Minnesota State Fairgrounds, St. Paul. For a complete schedule and map of U events, see [U at the State Fair](#).

Features

FEATURE: Navigating the Twin Cities, the U's campuses, and in time, greater Minnesota by bike just got that much easier. Cyclopath, a navigational aide for bikers in the seven-county metro area, has gone mobile (phone) and it's on the move to expand to greater Minnesota. Developed by the U's human/computer interaction and social computing research lab, Cyclopath is one part MapQuest, one part Wikipedia, and one part algorithmic wheelie. For more information, read "[On the move with Cyclopath](#)."

FEATURE: Even though outstate Minnesota is thinning, rural physicians continue to be in high demand. The U has been ahead of the game in trying to anticipate and address the shortage. U professor and physician Therese Zink has been an integral part of a program that helps steer medical students toward careers in rural medicine. For more information, read "[A love of country](#)."

FEATURE: Born out of an economy in recession, in a spirit of collaboration among civic, business, and state leaders, and the U, the Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI) at UMD is a Minnesota gem—or, as it was in the beginning, an iron-bearing pellet made from the rock taconite. Today, NRRI continues to help private industry succeed in an environmentally responsible manner. Director Mike Lalich has been with the institute from its start in 1984. For more information, read "[From ore to more](#)."

FEATURE: Dozens of U students as well as faculty excavated a site along the Mississippi called Bremer Village this summer to discover how Minnesota's pre-contact Native people lived. The archaeological dig is part of a larger effort to discover "the big picture" of human movements, settlements, commerce, and communication in the days before European contact, which in Minnesota began in the late 1600s. For more information, read "[Sifting through history](#)."

FEATURE: It belongs to the minnow family, but the common carp does a whale of a lot of damage. U fisheries professor Peter Sorensen calls them perhaps the number one water quality problem in Minnesota. Sorensen is part of a University team testing a new method of hindering the spread of young carp. For more information, read "[Cacophony may curb carp](#)."

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: Aug. 15-19. This installment of the weekly video feature from the U's News Service looks at a science camp for kids, how a giant space blob glows from within, and the threat against Minnesota's ash trees. For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."

U OF M MOMENT: A team of computer science researchers led by the U's College of Science and Engineering have confirmed a substantial gender gap among editors of Wikipedia and a corresponding gender-oriented disparity in the content. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Anne Phibbs has been appointed the new director of education in the Office for Equity and Diversity; Jasjit Ahluwalia was recently awarded a grant from Pfizer Global Research Awards for Nicotine Dependence; U in the News features U faculty and staff cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

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MICROSOFT WORK-AT-HOME OPTION: The Office of Information Technology has partnered with e-academy to offer the Microsoft Work-at-Home option, a benefit of the Microsoft Campus Agreement. The option allows faculty and staff systemwide who use Microsoft Office programs, as well as the Windows operating system, on their University computers to use a second copy of a limited selection of products on either a personal laptop or desktop computer. For more information, see [work at home](#).

A NEW ACTIVE LEARNING CLASSROOM RESOURCE has been developed by the Center for Teaching and Learning, Office of Information Technology, and University Libraries. The website offers information, best practices, and inspiration to those adapting their teaching methods to fit these state-of-the-art learning environments. For more information, see [active learning](#).

THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR WILL IMPACT UNIVERSITY TRAFFIC AND PARKING. Consider alternate commuting options. From Aug. 25 through Sept. 5, traffic will increase and parking may be tight. Be sure to carry your U Card for U rates at public parking facilities. For more information, see [State Fair parking](#).

BACK FOR THEIR 35th YEAR! UMN Extension Master Gardener volunteers answer the public's horticulture questions in the Horticulture Building every day of the Fair from 9 am - 9 pm. They will also offer gardening education on the Fair stage, *The Dirt*; schedule and topics available in the Horticulture Building. Contact: mgweb@umn.edu

NATIONAL COLLEGE COLORS DAY IS SEPT. 2. U students, staff, and faculty are encouraged to celebrate by wearing maroon and gold. Post a photo of your best maroon and gold "look" on the U of M [Bookstore's Facebook page](#), and the winning "look" will receive a \$50 Bookstore gift card.

Funding opportunities

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE FALL GRANT-IN-AID of Research, Artistry, and Scholarship Program in the Office of the Vice President for Research. The grants promote the scholarly and artistic activities of faculty and their graduate students. Proposals must be submitted electronically by Sept. 19. For more information, see [grant applications](#).

SCHOLARLY EXCELLENCE IN EQUITY AND DIVERSITY (SEED) AWARDS are available through the Office for Equity and Diversity. Faculty and staff are asked to encourage undergraduate, graduate, and professional students to apply. Applications are due Sept. 26. For more information, see [SEED Awards](#).

CROOKSTON:

UMC WILL HOST PRESIDENT ERIC KALER AND KAREN KALER Aug. 26. The visit will include meetings with the Research and Outreach Center, Regional Extension, legislators, students, faculty, and staff. An open forum will be held at 2:30 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium. Community leaders and members of the Crookston community and region are invited to attend. For more information, see [Kaler visit](#).

A BRIDGES INTO HEALTH WORKSHOP for community leaders from all sectors, as well as clinical staff at all levels in the private nonprofit and public health sectors, will be held Aug. 26, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. Sponsored by the Northwest Minnesota Area Health Education Center. For more information, see [workshop](#).

INSIGHT RADIO will resume its regular broadcast at 8:35 a.m. on KROX AM Radio 1260 on Aug. 27. The first guest of the academic year will be Chancellor Charles H. Casey. The broadcast is a weekly program featuring people and activities at UMC. For more information and to listen, see [Insight Radio](#).

DULUTH:

JOIN UMD ALUMNI AT THE MINNESOTA TWINS GAME, Sept. 28, with a pregame party at 5:30 p.m. Register for prizes and order beverages and food. Gametime is at 7:05 p.m., Target Field. For more information and to purchase tickets, see [Minnesota Twins](#).

SAP@UMD, the Sustainable Agriculture Project at the University of Minnesota Duluth, was formed in 2009 to institute education, research, and community engagement around local food systems and food security in the western Lake Superior region. The 15 acres at UMD's Research and Field Studies Center includes a 5-acre heritage apple orchard and a 10-acre field used for experiential learning and research. Student internships and faculty and staff involvement are encouraged. For more information, see [Sustainable Agriculture Project](#).

MORRIS:

U PRESIDENT ERIC KALER AND KAREN KALER visited campus Aug. 23. Kaler met with administration and student leaders, participated in an open meeting for faculty, students, and staff, and enjoyed a public gathering with residents of the community and region. See a [photo slideshow of the visit online](#).

UMM hosted its inaugural Summer Program for English Language and Liberal Arts Readiness (STELLAR) program. The program for international students seeks to improve students' English skills, introduce students to American campus life and academic culture, help students gain a better understanding of a liberal arts education, and familiarize students with the UMM campus, the community, and Minnesota. For more information, see [STELLAR](#).

FORBES MAGAZINE RANKED UMM 90TH OVERALL in its "America's Top Colleges" list of the best 650 undergraduate institutions. UMM was ranked 16th in its "Best in the Midwest" category and 81st on the "100 Best Buy Colleges" list. For more information, see [Forbes ranking](#).

THE FRENCH DISCIPLINE and the student organization Entre Nous will bring the Tournees Film Festival to Morris, thanks to the support of the French-American Cultural Exchange. For more information, see [film festival](#).

THE MORRIS ALPHA ZETA ETA chapter has been honored with a Best Chapter Award by the National Political Science Honor Society Pi Sigma Alpha. Roger Rose, associate professor of political science, serves as adviser. For more information, see [award](#).

ROCHESTER:

THE 318 COMMONS RIBBON CUTTING AND GRAND OPENING will take place Aug. 25, with the ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m., followed by brief tours of the new facility. The facility is a new housing community for UMR students and Mayo Clinic health professionals. For more information, see [318 Commons](#).

A PODCAST ABOUT GROUP LEARNING AT UMR was created by American Radio Works and released Aug. 18. A soon-to-be released documentary entitled *Don't Lecture Me* will feature how people learn, highlighting UMR's non-lecture-style learning labs. For more information, [listen to the podcast](#).

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

CELEBRATE U! Join fellow faculty and staff at the Celebrate U! appreciation event Aug. 24, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., Northrop Plaza. Enjoy live music, laughter yoga, and remarks by President Kaler. Bring your U Card for a complimentary light lunch and gift. For more information, see [Celebrate U!](#)

WELCOME WEEK: More than 5,000 students in the Class of 2015 will be on campus Aug. 31–Sept. 5 for Welcome Week. Now in its fourth year, Welcome Week offers first-year students an opportunity to connect with the U of M community to better help them have a successful first year of college. For more information, see [welcomeweek.umn.edu](#).

THE REUSE PROGRAM'S ReUse Routes pick-up schedule will change from four to two days per week beginning Aug. 29. Pick-ups will be on Tuesdays and Fridays. The number of pick-up locations will also be reduced; any buildings not included in the new schedule will change to an on-call status. For more information, see [ReUse Routes](#).

BOREAS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM: Graduate and professional students and postdocs from all departments are invited to apply to participate in a new co-curricular environmental leadership program being launched this fall by the Institute on the Environment. The Boreas Leadership Leadership program will kick off with a networking happy hour Sept. 15, and short courses and workshops will be offered throughout the semester. For more information, see [leadership program](#).

U LIBRARIES IS OFFERING FREE WORKSHOPS to give faculty, staff, and students a jump-start on the semester, including RefWorks, Zotero, Mendeley, Google, and Grant Funding Search Tools. For more information and a complete listing of workshops, see [U Libraries](#).

COURSE RESERVES FOR FALL 2011: U Libraries can help instructors provide course materials, articles, textbooks, videos, and other information resources to students online and/or in the Libraries. In addition to course reserves, the Library Course Pages bring together academic research tools tailored to courses. For information about placing materials on either print or electronic course reserves, see [reserves](#). For information on instructor support from the libraries, see [support](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

UMR'S iSEAL, the method used to deliver UMR's bachelor of science in health sciences (BSHS) program and to collect assessment data, will be presented in the seminar Supporting the Delivery of an Integrated Curriculum: University of Minnesota Rochester's iSEAL. Linda Dick and Michael Olesen will provide an overview of the development process, iSEAL's current features, and the plans for future development. Sept. 1, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., 402 Walter Library. For more information, see [iSEAL](#).

HOMECOMING COLORING CONTEST: Children ages 12 and under can enter the Homecoming Coloring Contest for a chance to be in the Homecoming Parade on Oct. 21. One boy and one girl will be featured as special guests in the parade. First place winners from each age group will also receive a gift basket. Entry deadline is Oct. 7. Entry forms and contest details can be picked up at the Information Desks at Coffman Union and the St. Paul Student Center, or online. For entry forms and contest details, see [coloring contest](#).

A RECEPTION FOR THE U LIBRARIES EXHIBIT "Minnesota Roots of the Green Revolution: A Legacy of Greatness" will be held Aug. 30, 5–7 p.m., Andersen Library. A short program, featuring a preview of the documentary film "Saving Wheat: Rusts Never Sleep," will begin at 5:30 p.m. The exhibit is open through Oct. 21. For more information, see [Green Revolution](#).

DISCOUNTED TICKETS TO SEE THE GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA are available to faculty, staff, alumni, and retirees online, or by calling 612-624-2345. Cost: \$29/\$25. The concert takes place Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. For more information, see [Glenn Miller](#) or [get tickets](#).

A CLEAN WATER SUMMIT will focus on the role of trees in stormwater control. Featured presentations will address technical aspects and policy and planning issues related to using trees in stormwater management, as well as the community benefits trees provide. Sept. 8, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Cost: \$50 for Arboretum members; \$60 for non-members. For more information, see [Clean Water Summit](#).

THE INSTITUTE FOR ENGINEERING IN MEDICINE'S INNOVATION SHOWCASE is a networking opportunity for researchers in medicine and engineering, medical device manufacturers, law firms, and members of the investment community. Five of the U's research centers will provide hands-on demonstrations of their research and present an overview of the science behind it. Sept. 13, 4–7p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see [IEM Innovation Showcase](#).

FORMER PROVOST OF THE U'S ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER William David will speak about tough issues facing today's academic health centers at the fourth Annual David A. Rothenberger Lecture. Presented by the Medical School. Free and open to the public. Sept. 15, 4 p.m., Mayo Memorial Auditorium. For more information, see [Rothenberger Lecture \(PDF\)](#).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT U STAFFS BOWLING LEAGUE is looking for two or more teams as well as individual bowlers to join existing teams. Current and retired faculty and staff are welcome. The season starts in early September and runs through mid-April. For more information, see [U bowling](#).

SAVE-THE-DATE: A Nov. 4 symposium will honor Professor Daniel Joseph. The Department of Aerospace Engineering and the College of Science and Engineering are organizing the symposium in memory of Professor Joseph, who passed away May 24. Joseph started in the department in 1963 and served as Regents Professor and Russell J. Penrose Professor.

MORE EVENTS include Creating a Data Management Plan for Your Research ([Aug. 26](#)); University of Minnesota Farmers Market ([Aug. 31](#)); True North Groups: A Powerful Path to Personal and Leadership Development ([Sept. 1](#)); September 2011 First Tuesday ([Sept. 6](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

KALER INAUGURATION: VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED during inauguration on Sept. 22, 8 a.m.–12:30 p.m., to help direct, greet, check in, and line up those marching in the academic procession. For more information, email [University Relations](mailto:University_Relations).

THE BOARD OF REGENTS WILL MEET SEPT. 8–9. President Kaler will present a revised budget to the Board, allocating the \$25 million Governor Dayton and the Legislature restored to the U during the July special session. For more information, see the [news release](#) or the online [docket materials](#).

Features

FEATURE: A \$14 million gift from the estate of Myrtle Stroud, a longtime resident of Window, MN, who died in 2010 at the age of 101, is the largest single gift for scholarships in the U's history. The gift is being used to establish the Charles E. and Myrtle L. Stroud Scholarship for the College of Liberal Arts. Beginning this fall it will help 45 students, a number that will grow over the years as the endowment is fully established and invested. For more information, see [Myrtle Stroud gift](#).

FEATURE: This summer Elizabeth "Missy" Bye, a professor in the U's Department of Design, Housing and Apparel, became the new department head. It's a milestone she never dreamed of reaching back when she was earning her Ph.D. from the department. Instead, she has always focused on research and her students. For more information, read ["A good fit for design."](#)

FEATURE: U astrophysicist Claudia Scarlata and two colleagues have found the power source of a rare vast cloud of glowing gas in the early Universe. The observations show for the first time that this giant "Lyman-alpha blob" must be powered by galaxies embedded within it. For more information, read ["Cosmic behemoth."](#)

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: Aug. 26. This installment of the weekly video feature from the U's News Service looks at move-in with first-year students, the U at the State Fair, and a pep talk from Gopher football coach Jerry Kill. For more information, watch ["This Week @Minnesota."](#)

U OF M MOMENT: New research conducted by professor Stephanie Carlson shows that children in a school that uses corporal punishment performed significantly worse than those in a school that relied on milder disciplinary measures. Carlson says the study suggests that a harshly punitive environment may have long-term detrimental effects on children's verbal intelligence and their executive-functioning ability. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Pediatric cancer epidemiologist Jenny Poynter has earned a five-year \$3.5 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to study pediatric germ cell tumors; Thomas Sullivan has appointed a search committee for the dean of the Carlson School of Management; Karen Ballen has received Sigma Xi's Award for Excellence in Communicating Science; U in the News features U faculty and staff cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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COMMENTS ON THE ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER (AHC) REVIEW REPORT are sought by Sept. 30. The Executive Steering Committee charged with the review seeks comments from the U community on its recommendations about the role of the AHC. The comment period is an important phase of the review process, and feedback will be considered by the committee prior to its submitting a final report. For more information, including the draft report, subcommittee reports, and reference material, see [AHC Review](#).

MOODLE 2.0 IS NOW AVAILABLE. The open-source tool enables web-enhanced course delivery, group forums, internal training, sharing of resources, and more. The Moodle 2.0 rollout is the culmination of more than a year's effort after the May 2010 announcement that the U would move away from supporting two Course Management Systems (CMS), WebVista and Moodle 1.9, and provide a single CMS. For more information, see [Moodle 2.0](#).

A RESEARCH NETWORKING TOOL has been created by the Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) to help create meaningful connections among the research communities in Minnesota and around the world. UMN Profiles, a web-based tool, is a research networking software tool and an expertise database. A researcher can search UMN Profiles using keywords, like "diabetes" or "cancer," and receive a list of potential colleagues working in that area. For more information, see [UMN Profiles](#).

Funding opportunities

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: MCKNIGHT LAND-GRANT PROFESSORSHIPS. The Office of the Vice President for Research has announced the competition for the 2012–14 McKnight Land-Grant Professorships, a program of career development awards for junior faculty. Faculty and staff are encouraged to nominate outstanding professors. Recipients of this endowed professorship will begin their appointments July 1, 2012, and will be awarded a research grant in each of the following two years. Nominations are due Oct. 3. For more information, see [McKnight nominations](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

SOUTHERN RESEARCH AND OUTREACH CENTER (SROC) OPEN HOUSE: "Agriculture for the 21st Century—The Future is Here and Now" will feature activities, exhibits, and demonstrations to inform and educate visitors about what the U is doing to address current agricultural issues. Sept. 15, 4–8 p.m., SROC, Waseca, MN. For more information, see [open house](#).

U OF M ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (UMAA) 2011–12 STATEWIDE SPEAKERS TOUR schedule is available online. Each year, UMAA travels across the state, talking about current University issues and the U's impact on the state. The theme of this year's tour is "The U of M's role in strengthening the civic and economic capacity of Minnesota's communities." For more information, see [upcoming tour dates](#).

CROOKSTON:

UMC WILL HOST THE CROOKSTON FARMERS MARKET on the Campus Mall near the Peterson Gazebo Sept. 7, 3–6 p.m. (or as supplies last). Open to the public and the campus community. For more information, see [Farmers Market](#).

A LEARNING ABROAD FAIR will be held Sept. 13, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Northern Lights Lounge, Sargeant Student Center. Representatives from several organizations will be available to answer questions regarding an overseas experience. For more information, see [learning abroad](#).

COURTNEY BERGMAN has been hired as a lecturer in marketing. Bergman holds an MBA from the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND, and completed her undergraduate work in management and marketing at the University of North Dakota. Additionally, she has experience in retail sales, and has served as director of marketing for Douglas Place, Inc., of East Grand Forks, MN.

DULUTH:

STRATEGIC PLAN: Chancellor Lendley C. "Lynn" Black addressed 750 staff and faculty at two events on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, covering the Strategic Plan during the address. The plan is based on input from more than 2,000 people from the University and the community. It articulates a refined mission, vision, statement of core values, and set of campus goals. For more information, see [UMD Strategic Plan](#).

A DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR A RESIDENCE HALL to be named in honor of Chancellor Emeritus Lawrence Ianni will take place Sept. 16, 11:30 a.m., 506 Niagara Court. Ianni will speak at the event. Open to the public. For more information, see [Ianni Hall dedication](#).

MORRIS:

THREE ALUMNI ARE FEATURED IN A NATIONALLY TOURING ART EXHIBIT called Stoked: Five Artists of Fire and Clay. The exhibit features the work of noted ceramicist Richard Bresnahan and former apprentices Stephen Earp and UMM graduates Kevin Flicker '74, UMM ceramics instructor Samuel Johnson '96, and Anne Meyer '04. An opening reception will be held Sept. 8, 5–7 p.m., in the Humanities Fine Arts (HFA) Gallery. Three special events have also been planned in conjunction with the exhibit Sept. 6–8. For more information, see [Stoked exhibit](#).

THE UPPER MIDWEST ASSOCIATION FOR CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE will be held at UMM Sept. 23–24. The conference, "Creating Change Together," highlights community engagement. Keynote speakers are Julian Keniry, National Wildlife Federation, and Patrick Moore, Clean Up the River Environment. Renewable energy tours will be offered, as well as healthy and local foods tours, courtesy of the Morris Healthy Eating Initiative. For more information, [register online](#).

TED PAPPENFUS, associate professor of chemistry, is a member of a consortium of researchers that received a National Science Foundation Major Research Instrumentation Program award. Pappenfus and colleagues from the College of St. Catherine, Carleton College, the College of St. Benedict, and St. John's University will share a benchtop X-ray diffractometer for a regional molecular structure facility. For more information, see [NSF Award](#).

ROCHESTER:

UMR WILL HOST A PICNIC for all UMR students, staff, and faculty Sept. 8, 5–7 p.m., Soldier's Field Pavilion (weather permitting), or the Third Floor Lounge. For more information, see [picnic](#).

TWIN CITIES:

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STRENGTHS-BASED UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE: More than 4,900 incoming first-year students took a "StrengthsFinder" assessment, giving them information regarding their top five talents and how they might use these talents to set personal and academic goals. Faculty and staff have the opportunity to take the assessment through [workshops offered by the Office of Human Resources](#). For a list of workshops, see the Office of Human Resources. For more information, see [StrengthsQuest](#).

TECHNOLOGY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES through the Office of Information Technology are available to faculty and staff, including Moodle 2.0: What's Different from Moodle 1.9?, and many more. For more information, see [technology training](#).

IT ALL ADDS UP ENERGY WRISTBAND FRIDAYS ARE BACK. The UMTC conservation campaign will reward students, faculty, and staff with weekly prize drawings through Oct. 7 for wearing their green "Save Energy" wristbands on Fridays. Enter by displaying your Energy Wristband (available free at U Bookstores, residence hall reception desks, and the Church Street Farmers Market) at the weekly check-in location, or by posting a photo of yourself wearing the wristband on the It All Adds Up Facebook wall. For more information, including check-in locations and prizes, see [It All Adds Up](#).

EAST BANK'S HANGTAG RECIPROCAL LOCATION for contract parkers has changed to the new Victory Lot on the East Bank. It replaces Lot 33. For more information, see [Victory Lot](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

A PUBLIC CEREMONY FOR THE REOPENING OF FOLWELL HALL will take place Sept. 9, 2:30 p.m., Folwell south lawn. Board of Regents Chair Linda Cohen, President Eric Kaler, CLA Dean James Parente will be on hand for the ribbon cutting. The ceremony will be followed by self-guided tours of Folwell, refreshments, and games on the south lawn. The U landmark underwent a \$34.5 million student-centric interior renovation over the past 14 months. For more information, see [Folwell Hall](#).

THE MINNESOTA CUP FINAL AWARDS EVENT will take place Sept. 8, 5–7 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. The program will include welcoming remarks from President Kaler and Carlson Chair Marilyn Carlson Nelson, elevator pitches from the division winners, the announcement of the grand prize winner of the 2011 Minnesota Cup, and presentation of the U's Entrepreneur of the Year award to Monica Nassif. RSVP to hce@umn.edu. For more information, see [Minnesota Cup](#).

THE OFFICE FOR EQUITY AND DIVERSITY and its Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence will host a community open house in honor of the Circle of Indigenous Nations' transition to a new space. Sept. 8, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m., 322 Appleby Hall. For more information, see [open house](#).

THE SPOUSES/PARTNERS OF NEW FACULTY AND STAFF are invited to attend the workshop, "Conducting a Job Search in the Twin Cities," sponsored by the Relocation Assistance Program. Sept. 14, 317-318 Donhowe, 9–11:30 a.m. Register by Sept. 9 [via email](#), or call Mary Everley, 612-626-0775, with questions.

NEW TREATMENTS FOR GENETIC NEUROLOGIC DISORDERS will be the topic of the next Science Café, sponsored by the Clinical and Translational Science Institute. Featured speaker professor Chester Whitley will discuss his clinical research, which spans a spectrum of metabolic and enzyme deficiencies resulting in conditions such as Hurler syndrome, Hunter syndrome, Gaucher disease, Sanfilippo syndrome, and Tay-Sachs disease. Sept. 22 at 7:30 a.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. For more information, see [Science Café](#) or email [Christi Powers](mailto:Christi.Powers).

ETIQUETTE DINNER: The University of Minnesota Alumni Association will host its annual Etiquette Dinner Sept. 22, 5:30–7:30 p.m., Memorial Hall, McNamara Alumni Center. Enjoy a three-course meal while learning how to professionally handle any dining situation. Cost: \$20 students; \$30 UMAA Members; \$35 general public. Register by Sept. 14. For group registration, email [Kat Snell](mailto:Kat.Snell). For more information, see [etiquette dinner](#).

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR MINI MEDICAL SCHOOL. The fall session, Battling Cancer: Breakthroughs at the U, will cover topics ranging from the basics of cancer to exploring treatments and therapies considered improbable a short time ago, and featuring renowned U researchers. Held Mondays, Oct. 10–Nov. 7, 6–8:30 p.m., 2-650 Moos Health Sciences Tower. For registration and more information, see [Mini Medical School](#).

SAVE-THE-DATE: RAPTOR CENTER'S ANNUAL DUKE LECTURE. "The Galapagos—Fragile Past, Brighter Future," will be presented by Julia Ponder and Lori Rent. A 4 p.m., Student-Willum Learning Center, St. Paul. Free, but [registration is requested](#).

MORE EVENTS include Thomas Fisher discusses *The Invisible Element of Place: The Architecture of David Salmela* ([Sept. 8](#)); Thomas Friedman discusses his new book *That Used To Be Us* ([Sept. 9](#)); Film: *A Neighborhood of Raingardens* ([Sept. 9](#)); Mushrooms and More ([Sept. 10](#)); Remembers 9/11: A Performance and Community Dialogue ([Sept. 11](#)); Indirect Land Use Change Conference ([Sept. 14](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION PREVIEW: President Eric Kaler has had a busy eleven-plus weeks since taking the reins as sixteenth president of the University of Minnesota on July 1, but the sixteenth president of the U isn't the sixteenth president of the U without a proper inauguration. The U will celebrate the inauguration of Eric W. Kaler Sept. 19–24, with the formal ceremony to be held Sept. 22, in Ted Mann Concert Hall. The week consists of a series of activities on and off campus. For more information, see [Inauguration preview](#).

PUBLIC FORUMS FOR CANDIDATES for the position of senior vice president for academic affairs and provost continue through Sept. 20. The search committee has invited five candidates to meet with key stakeholder groups on campus during the next two weeks. To respect the confidentiality of the candidates, their individual names will be released the day before each of them visits campus. The entire University is invited to meet each candidate, review his/her curriculum vitae, and provide input to the search committee. For more information, see [VP and Provost candidate public forums](#).

BOARD OF REGENTS SEPTEMBER MEETING SUMMARY: At the Sept. 9 Board of Regents meeting, President Eric Kaler outlined his proposal for allocating an additional \$25 million annually that the University received during the special legislative session. The replacement funds put the total reduction of state funding at 7.8 percent—a cut of \$520.3 million (versus \$545.3 million). The board heard a presentation on the U's planned 2012 capital budget request, which will be considered for action at the board's October meeting. For more information, see [Board of Regents](#).

Features

FEATURE: Roy Gaddey knows the importance of tangible professional and business experience. He has plenty himself, having been a VP for a Fortune 500 company, the owner of a sports marketing firm, and a real estate developer. So when he returned to the classroom he devised a way to take student learning beyond textbooks. His brainchild is a yearlong course that enables students to start up and operate their own nonprofit corporation. For more information, read "[A net profit for students...and the community](#)."

FEATURE: Rattlesnakes strike with lightning speed; yet certain opossums not only survive, but go on to eat the snakes. How do they do it? In a new study, U researcher Sharon Jansa and a colleague show that rapid evolution of a blood protein keeps the Virginia opossum and related species one step ahead of evolutionary "upgrades" in the potency of the viper's venom. The work injects a new element into the story of the perpetual "arms race" between predators and prey. For more information, read "[Of possums and pit vipers: an evolutionary duel](#)."

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: Sept. 6–9. This installment of the weekly video feature from the U's News Service talks to some students about what they are most excited about on the first day of school, shows a sneak peek of Goldy's training routine, and visits the grand reopening ceremony for the newly-renovated Folwell Hall. For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."

U OF M MOMENT: A new school year kicks off at the U of M's Twin Cities campus this week, with thousands of students studying things from anthropology to statistics. Paul Timmins, career services director in the College of Liberal Arts, says choosing the right major requires careful consideration. When it then comes to landing that first job, it's all about the skills, Timmins says. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Provost Tom Sullivan and vice president for health sciences Aaron Friedman have launched a national search for the dean of the School of Dentistry; the Institute on the Environment has named 14 new resident fellows; U researcher Michael Kyba has received a \$375,000 grant from the Muscular Dystrophy Association; U in the News features U faculty and staff cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

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UMCal IS SCHEDULED TO BE DECOMMISSIONED SEPT. 30. Effective Oct. 1, UMCAL will no longer be available, and Google Calendar will become the U's official calendar. Users who have migrated to Google already and only use UMCAL in order to collaborate with other UMCAL users may disregard the migration instructions. Academic Health Center and other Health Care Component-related accounts will NOT be eligible for Google email accounts at this time, and those users will receive additional information about transitioning to Google Calendar. For more information, see [UMCal](#).

INTERNATIONALIZING TEACHING AND LEARNING COHORT PROGRAM: All faculty are invited to participate in a cohort program to internationalize courses. Proposals due Oct. 14. Sponsors: Global Programs and Strategy Alliance, Center for Teaching and Learning, Office of Information Technology, and Instructional Development Service (UMD). For more information, see [internationalization](#).

GLOBAL SPOTLIGHT INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH GRANTS: The Global Programs and Strategy Alliance has announced a U-wide grant program for faculty and graduate and professional students to promote major international research and scholarly initiatives with global visibility. The focus of the program in the 2010–12 biennium is the region of Latin America and the Caribbean, or the impact of urbanization in a global context. Letters of intent for major grants are due Oct. 14; all other applications are due Dec. 2. For more information, see [grant program](#).

CROOKSTON:

STAFF FROM THE OFFICE OF EQUITY AND DIVERSITY on the Twin Cities campus, including assistant vice president Ricky Hall, will be on the Crookston campus to lead a thought-provoking discussion on diversity. The discussion is a part of the Thursday Commons series. Sept. 15, 12:15–1:45 p.m., Bede Ballroom. For more information, see [equity and diversity](#).

KEVIN THOMPSON AND JINGPENG TANG were each promoted to associate professor with tenure, effective Aug. 15. Thompson teaches in the Liberal Arts and Education Department and Tang teaches in the Math, Science, and Technology Department. For more information, see [tenure](#).

FINAL CONCEPTS FOR NATURE-BASED PLAY SPACES for the cities of Crookston and Warren, MN, have been completed and approved. The children's play space for Crookston was designed for Castle Park, located off Castle Street, west of the Crookston hospital complex. For more information, see [play spaces](#).

DULUTH:

CHANCELLOR BLACK AND THE UMD DIVERSITY COMMISSION invite UMD faculty, staff, administrators, and students to participate in the 2011–12 campus theme, "How Did You Come to Be Here?" For more information, see [campus theme](#).

THE MARSHALL W. ALWORTH PLANETARIUM has reopened after an extensive renovation. Howard Mooers, professor of geological sciences, and the Swenson College of Science and Engineering faculty and staff launched a fundraiser that covered the cost of new seats, as well as other remodeling expenses. The theater now features full-dome video, surround sound, and digital lighting. For more information, see [planetarium reopens](#).

CHANCELLOR BLACK WILL THROW THE FIRST PITCH at the Minnesota Twins vs. Kansas City Royals game at Target Field on Sept. 28. Alumni, family, and friends are welcome to attend a pregame party at 5:30 p.m. The game begins at 7:05 p.m. For more information, see [first pitch](#).

MORRIS:

UMM HAS BEEN NAMED A TOP 200 INSTITUTION IN THE NATION IN SUPPORT OF AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS by *Winds of Change*, a quarterly publication by the American Indian Science and Engineering Society. *Winds of Change* is the leading nationally distributed magazine published with a single-minded focus on career and educational advancement for American Indian and Alaska Native peoples with an emphasis on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). For more information, see [top 200](#).

JACK ZIPES, U professor emeritus of comparative literature and German, will deliver the [inaugural UMM Honors Lecture](#). His talk, "De-Disneyfying the Fairy-Tale Film," is based on his newest book, *The Enchanted Screen: The Unknown History of Fairy-Tale Films*. Sept. 14, 4 p.m., Recital Hall.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE UPPER MIDWEST ASSOCIATION FOR CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE to be held at UMM Sept. 23–24. The conference, "Creating Change Together," highlights community engagement. Keynote speakers are Julian Keniry, National Wildlife Federation, and Patrick Moore, Clean Up the River Environment. Renewable energy tours will be offered, as well as healthy and local foods tours. For more information, [register online](#).

ROCHESTER:

THE BOARD OF REGENTS approved the addition of a UMR student representative to the board at its Sept. 9 meeting. Board chair Linda Cohen called the addition another sign of the growth and strength of the UMR campus.

TWIN CITIES:

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THE SURVEY PEER NETWORK, a platform to connect faculty, staff, and students with survey resources and each other, is kicking off its fall series Sept. 21 with "Protecting Participants and Ourselves: IRB and Privacy Issues in Survey Research." The session will focus on IRB, HIRPP, privacy, and data security with regard to planning, administering, and analyzing survey research; and is geared toward general survey practitioners and those involved in social sciences research. October's session will be directed towards the health sciences. For more information and to RSVP, see [Survey Peer Network](#).

ENCORE TRANSITIONS: PREPARING FOR A POST-CAREER LIFE, a University-created retirement preparation course, will be offered for the second time this fall. The course is designed for faculty and staff nearing retirement age or eligibility. The four-day course will help employees prepare for a successful post-career life by focusing on personal, professional, and social satisfaction, as well as timely financial questions. The course begins Oct. 22. Cost is \$500, and units are invited to support their employees' participation to the fullest extent possible. For more information, including eligibility requirements, see [Encore Transitions](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE LAW SCHOOL WILL HOST A CONSTITUTION DAY PROGRAM commemorating the U.S. Constitution on Sept. 16, 12:15–1:15 p.m., 25 Lockhart Hall, Law School. The program will also be presented as a live webcast. For more information, see [Constitution Day](#).

THE URBAN RESEARCH AND OUTREACH CENTER (UROC) will host an open house celebrating the center's programs and partnerships. Activities include building tours, a sneak peek at a University/TPT documentary on North Minneapolis, and a short program and reception beginning at 1 p.m. with President Kaler, who will visit UROC as part of inauguration week activities. UROC is an initiative of the Office of the Senior Vice President for System Academic Administration. Sept. 20, noon–6 p.m. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [UROC](#).

THE 2011 MISEL FAMILY LECTURE SERIES will feature Roger Blandford of Stanford University with a lecture titled, "The Dark Side of the Universe." Free and open to the public. Sept. 20, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall, McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see [Misel Lecture](#).

LEARNING ABROAD FAIR: Faculty and staff are asked to encourage students to attend the Learning Abroad Fair, where staff and study abroad representatives will answer questions. Faculty and staff are also invited to stop by to learn about the opportunities available to students, as well as other initiatives organized by the Global Programs and Strategy Alliance. Sept. 21, 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m., West Bank Plaza. In the event of rain, the fair will be held in the enclosed walkway of the Washington Avenue bridge. For more information, email [Mandi \(Miller\) Allers](mailto:Mandi.Miller@Allers).

THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH (SPH) Alumni and Friends Scholarship Gala will feature Michael Specter, an author for *The New Yorker*. Specter is a frank, dynamic speaker and the author of *Denialism*, an investigation of the causes and consequences of the growing mistrust of science. Sept. 22, 5:30 p.m., TCF Bank Stadium's DQ Club Room. Event tickets are available for purchase until Sept. 14. For tickets and more information, see [SPH gala](#).

THE RAPTOR CENTER'S FALL RAPTOR RELEASE will feature the release of rehabilitated birds of prey along with educational exhibits and children's activities. Karen Kaler, the wife of U president Eric Kaler, will release a raptor during the opening event. Sept. 24, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., Carpenter St. Croix Nature Center, Hastings, MN. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [raptor release](#).

INTEGRATING PUBLIC HEALTH AND CLINICAL CARE USING ELECTRONIC HEALTH INFORMATION, an Institute for Health Informatics Distinguished Lectureship Series, will feature William Yasnoff, professor in the U's Institute for Health Informatics, and adjunct professor, Division of Health Sciences Informatics, John Hopkins University. Yasnoff will address the innovation and challenges of using health record banks to make a health information infrastructure possible. Sept. 28, 3:30–4:30 p.m. Mayo Auditorium.

THE WEISMAN ART MUSEUM will hold a special open house for faculty, staff, and students on Sept. 27, 4–6 p.m., before opening to the general public on Oct. 2. Opening exhibitions focus on displaying unseen treasures from the collection. The Weisman's 8,100-square-foot expansion is devoted to WAM's collection of ceramics, photography, and prints; and American paintings and sculptures. Also debuting will be the first exhibit in the Target Studio for Creative Collaboration and two installations by contemporary artists inspired by WAM's collection. For more information, see [WAM open house](#).

NANODIAGNOSTICS AND NANOTHERAPEUTICS: BUILDING RESEARCH ETHICS AND OVERSIGHT is a conference intended for those involved in human subjects research and oversight. Sept. 26, 8:30 a.m.–4:45 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center. Cost: \$50 (\$25 for students). For more information, see [ethics and oversight](#).

THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S STUDY SPEAKERS SERIES will next present Mark Bergeron, associate director of Neonatal Medicine, Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota (St. Paul campus). Bergeron will discuss the topic of Post Traumatic Stress in the NICU Parent. Sept. 28, 3–4:30 p.m., Wilder Center, St. Paul. For registration and more information, see [children's study](#).

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 2011 GOPHER ADVENTURE RACE, to be held on the UMC campuses on Oct. 7. Participants race in teams of two, traveling by foot and campus transportation to take on physical and mental challenges while deciphering clues. All faculty, staff, alumni, and students are invited to participate. The event will include top prizes provided by North Face, drawings, food, and more. Cost: \$30. Sponsored by the Recreation, Park, and Leisure Studies program. For more information, see [2011 Gopher Adventure Race](#).

"MY LETTER TO THE WORLD: NARRATING HUMAN RIGHTS" will feature talks and panel discussions on the personal narrative voice and human rights. Among the presenters and panelists are CLA Winton Chair and novelist Nuruddin Farah and three Regents Professors: Patricia Havpl (English), Kathryn Sikkink (Political Science), and Elaine Tyler May (American Studies). The evening speaker is Philip Gourevitch, winner of a National Book Critics Circle Award for his book about the Rwandan Genocide. Oct. 10, Coffman Union. For more information, see [human rights](#).

THE 27th ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON POLICY ANALYSIS, "Defining the Public Good: What Is the Role of Government in Minnesota?" will address what will be defined as the public good in the face of budget challenges, changing demographics, and an evolving national and international landscape. Oct. 12, Continuing Education and Conference Center, St. Paul. For registration and more information see [policy analysis conference](#).

SUPER FANTASTIC WEEK events will take place at the St. Paul Student Center Sept. 19–23. Enjoy live music, free food, prize drawings, free films, bowling, and more. For more information, see [super fantastic](#).

MORE EVENTS include [Better Data Searching](#) (Sept. 15); [UMCF Expert Insights: Amy Phenix](#) (Sept. 15); [CSCL Welcome Back Screening of Attack of the 50ft Woman](#) (Sept. 16); ["The Politics of Famine and Displacement in the Horn of Africa"](#) (Sept. 19); [How it All Began—TWINS](#) (Sept. 20). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS.

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PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION: President Eric W. Kaler will be inaugurated Sept. 22, 11 a.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Although seating will be limited and is by ticket only, the inauguration will be broadcast live online at umn.edu, with viewing locations at all campuses. A public reception will follow the inauguration at 2 p.m. in Coffman Union. For more information, see [Inauguration of President Eric W. Kaler](#).

Features

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: Sept. 12–16. In this installment of the weekly video feature from the U's News Service the U of M Police give away donuts and coffee, students participate in a world record attempt balloon pop, the U gets a rooftop concert on top of the Weisman, and President Kaler starts a Twitter account (@PrezKaler) with help from student social media ambassadors. For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: The School of Music will confer an honorary degree on internationally renowned conductor and VocalEssence Artistic Director Philip Brunelle; Karen Nelson Hoyle will be recognized by the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art; associate professor Dona Schwartz is a finalist for the Taylor Wessing Photographic Portrait Prize; Shaden Tageldin has been named a 2011–2012 U.S. Fulbright Scholar to Egypt; Jeff Wozniak and Michael Georgieff have earned a grant from the National Institutes of Health to study children affected by prenatal alcohol exposure; U in the News features U faculty and staff cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

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A SCHEDULED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) SERVICE DISRUPTION WILL OCCUR OCT. 1–2, beginning at 6 p.m. Service restoration will begin 12 hours later at 6 a.m., with all services restored by noon on Sunday. The interruption will occur when the Office of Information Technology shuts down its main data center to perform necessary maintenance, testing, and repairs of facility infrastructure. A full list of IT services that will be impacted is available online. For more information, see [IT service disruption](#).

NEW FINANCIAL REPORTING IMPROVEMENTS for faculty and principal investigators (PIs) are available in UM Reports. Based on feedback and requirements provided by faculty, PIs, and staff, new financial reports have been created specifically for the use of faculty, staff, and particularly principal investigators. For instructions and more information on accessing the reports, see [financial reporting](#).

REVISED TRAVEL POLICY: The revised Administrative Policy [Traveling on University Business](#) is now available in the Policy Library. Policy changes include an extended time frame for submitting travel expenses, a new formula for reimbursement for partial day travel, and alignment of the international allowable lodging rate with the current domestic lodging rate. Departments are encouraged to use sound judgment when it comes to applying the new policy for travel that was planned prior to, but taken after, the new policy has gone into effect. For questions regarding the new policy, email [Beth Tapp](mailto:Beth.Tapp).

FLIGHT DISCOUNTS AND NEW TRAVEL AGENCY CONTRACTS: Travelers booking airfare with Delta can now book through the link provided on the [Travel Services website](#) (Delta.com For Business Travel), and by doing so will receive discounts ranging from 2 to 10 percent. Purchasing Services has also issued new contracts to three travel agencies for transient travel: Corporate Travel Services, Metro Travel & Tours, and Travel Leaders. Using a contract travel agency provides departments with the ability to book all travel needs in one place and take advantage of U discounts. It also provides the U with better tools to track spending and negotiate discounts. For more information about Delta discounts, and the new travel agencies and their services, see [Travel Services](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE FRONTIERS IN THE ENVIRONMENT FALL LECTURE SERIES will feature topics including moonshiners, climate change, Union Carbide, the tides, Yogi Berra, river deltas, and more. Lectures will be held weekly (Wednesdays) beginning Sept. 21, noon, R380 Learning and Environmental Sciences Bldg., St. Paul. All conversations are webcast live at [UMConnect](#). For more information, see [Frontiers in the Environment](#).

A HEALTHY FOODS RESEARCH AND POLICY SYMPOSIUM presented by the Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives Institute and the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum will take place Oct. 10 (East Bank) and Oct. 11 (Arboretum). Titled "Optimizing Food Systems for Human Health," the symposium will examine the health impacts of current food system practices, from production through processing, food manufacturing, distribution, and consumption. For registration and more information, see [Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives](#).

SAVE-THE-DATE: THE OFFICE FOR TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION'S (OTC) 2011–12 Start-Up Workshop Series aims to educate faculty, post-docs, graduate students, and staff about technology commercialization, particularly start-ups based on University research. The first workshop will give a brief overview of OTC and feature panelists from three start-up companies (SMART Signal Technologies, XO Thermix, and Upstream Technologies). Nov. 2, 5–7 p.m., Campus Club. Registration is [available online](#). For more information, see [OTC workshop](#).

Funding opportunities

THE INSTITUTE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (Ione) IS ACCEPTING PROPOSALS from interdisciplinary teams for its Mini Grants program. Mini Grants help spur new collaborations by providing small amounts of funding (\$500 to \$3,000, with average grants of \$1,500), administrative support, and space for meetings and other activities to interdisciplinary groups of faculty, staff, and students from across the U. Funds may be used to conduct preliminary research, develop a proposal, sponsor a workshop, and more. Proposals are due Oct. 11. For more information, see [Mini Grants](#).

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATIONS are being accepted until Oct. 31. The one-year seed grant is for assistant professors who have no independent national funding and are engaged in cancer-related research. Funding is available up to \$30,000. For more information and an application, email [Nancy Morgan](mailto:Nancy.Morgan) or call 612-625-2912.

CROOKSTON:

A DELEGATION FROM KISII UNIVERSITY COLLEGE (KUC) in Kisii, Kenya, is scheduled to visit UMC Sept. 27 to learn about the campus and discuss possible future collaboration. Among the delegation will be KUC Principal Professor John Akama; Anakalo "Alfred" Shitandi, director of research, extension, and linkages; Evans Basweti, College of Agriculture; and Geoffrey Otomu, dean of health sciences. U of M senior vice president Robert Jones and Extension dean and director Bev Durgan will accompany the delegation. For more information, see [KUC collaboration](#).

UMC HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED AS A TOP REGIONAL COLLEGE in the Midwest for the 14th consecutive year in the 2012 edition of Best Colleges, published by U.S. News Media Group. This year's rankings place UMC in the top three public colleges in the category "Best Regional Colleges." Within the category, U.S. News compared 371 colleges by region. The rankings are available online and in *U.S. News & World Report*. For more information, see [top three](#).

GLENDA KIM COUSINS, student success coordinator for the Academic Assistance Center, recently achieved her first publication in a refereed journal. "Evolving Interactions in Higher Education Change" appears in the spring 2011 edition of the *Journal of the National Association of Student Affairs Professional*. Her research examined how direct service staff, directors, and administrators perceived and responded to changes created by increasing international student numbers and how an academic and student affairs organization adapted to these changes.

DULUTH:

THE U OF M SEA GRANT PROGRAM AT UMD WAS AWARDED \$400,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency. The \$400,000 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant will help reduce the rate at which human activities spread aquatic invasive species. For more information, see [Sea Grant](#).

SCIENCE NATION FEATURES UMD RESEARCH in an episode titled "Invasion of the Earthworms." Ecologist Cindy Hale, a research associate with the Natural Resources Research Institute, is featured in the video. *Science Nation* is an online magazine commissioned by the National Science Foundation Office of Legislative and Public Affairs. For more information, [watch the video](#).

MORRIS:

UMM'S NEW WIND TURBINE WILL BE DEDICATED Sept. 24, at 3 p.m. Celebration events include a pre-dedication 2K "wind walk," an exhibition of "When the Wind Blows" art created by area elementary and high school students, and a post-dedication picnic. All activities are free and open to the public. For more information, see [turbine dedication](#).

THE FALL CONVOCATION address will be presented by Guggenheim Fellow David Eagleman, a neuroscientist and *New York Times* bestselling author. Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium, Student Center. For more information, see [convocation](#).

UMM WAS RANKED NUMBER SEVEN in *U.S. News and World Report's* Top 10 Public National Liberal Arts Colleges list. For more information, see [rankings](#).

ROCHESTER:

THE RAPTOR REPORT, a newsletter for students of UMR, invites all students, staff, and faculty to submit articles, events, reminders, and activities of interest to the campus community. For more information, see [Raptor Report](#).

TWIN CITIES:

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FACILITIES MANAGEMENT HAS CREATED A REAL-TIME ENERGY-DEMAND METER website showing instantaneous readings of the electricity, steam, and chilled water being consumed at UMTC buildings. The effort is part of UMTC's "It All Adds Up" conservation campaign, which asks faculty, staff, and students to save energy and recycle while on campus. Over the past three years the efforts have led to more than \$4.5 million in annual energy costs avoided (equivalent to 50,000 tons less CO2 emissions per year). For more information and to see how a building is performing, see [Energy Dashboards](#).

SUPPORT FOR NURSING MOMS is available on the UMTC campus. Through the efforts of the Lactation Advocacy Committee, resources have been made available for new mothers to receive more information and assistance in locating an on-campus lactation room. The advocacy committee for nursing mothers' lactation support welcomes new members. For more information, email [advocacy committee](mailto:advocacycommittee) or see [nursing moms](#).

THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WILL OFFER the free course Getting the Most from Adobe Acrobat X, Oct. 3, 9:30–11 a.m., 101 Walter Library. The course will demonstrate the software's ability to improve educational processes in higher education, from creating research proposals and assembling instructional materials, to enhancing collaboration and rich media integration. For more information, see [Adobe Acrobat X](#).

U LIBRARIES IS OFFERING FREE WORKSHOPS for faculty, staff, and students, including RefWorks, Zotero, Mendeley, Google, and Grant Funding Search Tools. Selected workshops satisfy RCR continuing education awareness/discussion requirements. For more information and a complete listing of workshops, see [U Libraries](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

"SUSTAINABLE WATERSCAPES FOR LIVABLE CITIES" will feature internationally renowned sculptor, artist, and landscape architect Herbert Dreiseitl, founder of Atelier Dreiseitl in Ueberlingen, Germany. The lecture is the second of the annual UMore Park Sustainable Communities Interdisciplinary Lecture series. Sept. 29, 5–6:15 p.m., 100 Rapson Hall. Free. A light reception will follow in Rapson Hall Atrium. For registration and more information, see [UMore Park lecture](#).

"CLEANER, GREENER, CHEAPER," a College of Science and Engineering public lecture, will feature U alumnus and biotechnology industry leader Patrick Gruber, who will share his views on how to connect the ethanol industry's infrastructure and agricultural supply chain to the petrochemical industry's infrastructure of existing refineries and pipelines. Free and open to the public, but registration is required. Sept. 29, 6:30 p.m. (doors open), Tate Lab of Physics. For registration and more information, see [public lecture](#).

THE U WILL HOST THE FIRST-EVER CYBER SECURITY SUMMIT focusing on securing the nation's digital infrastructure Oct. 3, 7:30–11:45 a.m., Coffman Union. The summit will bring together leaders from the government, business, and nonprofit sectors to collaborate on digital infrastructure security issues and share views concerning the nation's readiness. Discounted rates are available for students, faculty, and staff. Early registration rates end Sept. 23. For more information, see [Cyber Security Summit](#).

THE U WILL CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY of its first hospital building, Elliot Memorial Hospital, and the opening of the newly landscaped Mayo Plaza. All faculty, staff, and students are invited to enjoy music, ice cream, and tours of the newly constructed Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Facility below the plaza. Oct. 3, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. (program at 12:30 p.m.), Mayo Plaza. For more information, see [hospital anniversary](#).

"CANCER PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES" will be presented by Chanita Hughes Halbert of the University of Pennsylvania during the Minnesota Center for Cancer Collaborations Cancer Disparities Grand Rounds. Oct. 4, noon–1 p.m., 450 Masonic Cancer Research Building. For more information, see [cancer](#) or email the [Minnesota Center for Cancer Collaborations](#).

THE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE CENTER WILL RECOGNIZE this year's inductees into the Academy for Excellence in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning and the Academy for Excellence in Health Research Oct. 5, 4:30–6 p.m., second floor corridor, Moos Tower. RSVP by Sept. 23 to 612-624-5100. For more information, see [Academy inductees](#).

A BACTERIOLOGY SYMPOSIUM will showcase the current breadth of bacteriology research at the U and enhance collaboration. More than 50 U labs are actively engaged in studies of bacteria and related microbes; research that impacts infectious diseases and drug discovery, energy production and degradation of pollutants; and basic evolutionary biology. The symposium will feature presentations followed by a lunch and poster session. Free, but registration is requested. Oct. 7, 8 a.m.–1 p.m., Digital Technology Center, Walter Library. For more information, see [bacteriology](#).

A SMALL BUSINESS NETWORKING FAIR AND AWARDS LUNCHEON sponsored by the U's Office for Business and Community Economic Development will feature vendors and celebrate the accomplishments of U employees and businesses that have shown an exceptional commitment to the University. Faculty and staff who make purchases for a department or grant are encouraged to attend. Walk-through registration is free. Oct. 11, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., Coffman Union. For registration and more information, see [business luncheon](#).

A CENTER FOR BIOETHICS CONFERENCE will consider whether people have a moral obligation to participate in research. The conference will explore the arguments for and against the claim by advocates on both sides of the question. Sponsored by the Center for Bioethics, the Office of the Vice President for Research, and the Clinical and Translational Science Institute. Responsible Conduct of Research credit is available. Free and open to the public. Oct. 12, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m., Coffman Union. For more information, see [bioethics conference](#).

THE ANNUAL ADA COMSTOCK DISTINGUISHED WOMEN SCHOLARS LECTURE will be delivered by Sally Gregory Kohlstedt, professor in the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine Program. "Uncovering the Past, Charting the Future: The Rise of Women in Science," will take place Oct. 12, 4 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. For more information, see [Ada Comstock lecture](#).

SAVE THE DATE: HOMECOMING 2011: ALL THAT GLITTERS IS GOLD. Honor the spirit of the maroon and gold during Homecoming week, Oct. 16–22. This year's celebration includes the annual Homecoming Parade Oct. 21, followed by Pep Fest at TCF Bank Stadium, which features a performance by Atmosphere. Tickets for Pep Fest are available now. On Oct. 22, the Golden Gophers football team takes on Nebraska. Homecoming 2011 t-shirts are available at U of M Bookstores. For more information, see [homecoming.umn.edu](#).

GRAD SCHOOL TEST PREPARATION COURSES are open for registration, including preparation for the GRE, GMAT, LSAT, PCAT, or TOEFL. On-campus courses include Preparing for the GRE (starts Oct. 1); Preparing for the LSAT (starts Oct. 15); and Preparing for the GRE (starts Oct. 29). Online courses for the GRE and GMAT are also available. University staff receive a 10 percent discount. For more information, see [test prep](#) or call 612-624-4000.

THE MINNESOTA SUPERCOMPUTING INSTITUTE (MSI) has installed a new Dell Terascala HPC Storage System (HSS) on its flagship supercomputing system, Itasca. The HSS adds 550 terabytes of disk space and significantly improves Itasca's overall storage performance and capacity. For more information, see [supercomputing](#).

MORE EVENTS include Community Involvement Fair ([Sept. 21](#)); A Moving Cell Project Laboratory: They Blinded Me with Science (& Art!) ([Sept. 22](#)); 200 Years of Latino Newspapers in the U.S. ([Sept. 22](#)); Investment and Financing Opportunities in India ([Sept. 23](#)); "Accessing the Body" publication celebration ([Sept. 26](#)); Astronaut Talk and Scholarship Presentation: Captain James Lovell ([Sept. 28](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

THE INAUGURAL SPEECH OF PRESIDENT ERIC W. KALER is [available online](#). In addition, video of the inaugural ceremony in its entirety is [available for viewing](#). A shorter summary of the speech can be read at "[Fulfilling a promise](#)."

FEDERAL RELATIONS UPDATE: Congress is currently considering FY 2012 spending bills and a resolution that will allow the debate to continue past Oct. 1, the start of the fiscal year. Research and education programs are expected to be squeezed in FY 2012 (although the Pell Grant should be protected from cuts). Those programs may also be affected by the work of the supercommittee that is now considering deficit reduction. Additionally, a U.S. patent reform bill signed by President Obama is expected to help technology commercialization efforts by universities. For more information, see [federal relations](#).

Features

FEATURE: Industries have a long history of collaborating with University researchers and supporting research in areas that interest them. In fiscal year 2010 that support totaled \$35.4 million. At a Sept. 20 event with business leaders, President Eric Kaler underscored the importance of maintaining and extending close ties between the U and businesses. For more information, read "[From bench to business](#)."

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: Sept. 19–23. This installment of the weekly video feature from the U's News Service celebrates the inauguration of the University of Minnesota's 16th President, Eric W. Kaler. The week leading up to his inauguration included community visits and college tours. For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."

U OF M MOMENT: "Kids and social media, Part 1." Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube by now are well known to most Americans, including many children. Shayla Thiel-Stern, an assistant professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, says parents should think hard about what is an appropriate age for their kids to participate on social media sites. Social media does have benefits for kids, Thiel-Stern says. Part 2 will feature cyberbullying. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: President Kaler announced a comprehensive search to fill the position of special assistant to the president for government relations; assistant professor of neurology Fareed Suri has received a Research Project Grant Award from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; U in the News features U faculty and staff cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

Administrative information

THE ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER REVIEW COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO OCT. 14 (midnight), at the request of faculty governance groups, in order to provide additional time for faculty, staff, and students to submit comments. Given how important feedback is to the review process, the executive steering committee co-chairs agreed to extend the deadline in order to provide more time for discussion and consideration of the draft report. Comments can be [submitted online](#).

CALL FOR CONFERENCE PROPOSALS: Proposals for sessions and posters for the third annual Internationalizing the Curriculum and Campus conference are due Oct. 28. The conference takes place March 23. Sponsors include Global Programs and Strategy Alliance, Center for Teaching and Learning, University Libraries, Office of Information Technology, and Instructional Development Service (UMD). For registration and more information, see [conference proposals](#).

Funding awards and opportunities

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS FOR RETIREES: The Office of the Vice President for Research and the U Retirees Association announced a fourth cycle of awards to help U retirees pursue projects related to their research, instructional, or other work history. Faculty, P&A, and civil service retirees from Twin Cities and coordinate campuses are eligible to apply. Application deadline is Dec. 9. For more information, see [development grants](#), email [John Howe](mailto:John.Howe), or call 651-645-2584.

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY (IAS) IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for Faculty Fellowships for 2012–13. Faculty from all campuses are eligible to apply for single-semester residential fellowships. Applications are due Oct. 21. For more information and application instructions, see [IAS fellowship](#).

MEDICAL SCHOOL RESEARCHERS HAVE BEEN AWARDED a three-year, \$11 million grant from the U.S. Department of Defense to lead a consortium that will define the future training of combat medics. The end goal is to ensure and maintain combat readiness for military first responders. U of M urologic surgeon and simulation expert Robert Sweet is the principal investigator on the grant. For more information, see the [news release](#).

CROOKSTON:

SUSTAINABILITY SUPPER: Faculty and staff are invited to discuss systemwide efforts in sustainability as well as goals for the Crookston campus at the first Sustainability Supper of the fall semester. Sept. 29, 5:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom. A meal is provided but reservations should be made by emailing [Ben Williams](mailto:Ben.Williams) by Sept. 28. For more information, see [sustainability](#).

FACULTY ASSEMBLY will meet Sept. 30, 207 Dowell Hall. For more information, see the [upcoming meeting schedule](#).

THE OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AND ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME RECOGNITION event will be held Sept. 30, 6 p.m. with a social followed by dinner and a program. The 2011 Outstanding Alumni are Ann Bailey '79, Kevin Fee '80, and Eric Klindt ex. '99. Luther Huggins '84, Nathan Pitt '97, and Ed Odland will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Reservations are required and available by emailing [Rose Ulseth](mailto:Rose.Ulseth) in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations or by calling 218-281-8439.

RICHARD CONNELL has been named director of facilities and operations on the Crookston campus. Connell has been director of facilities at the Iowa School for the Deaf in Council Bluffs, IA, since 1988. His responsibilities have included facilities master planning, recycling programing, environmental health and safety, central purchasing, facilities planning and design, energy efficiency program, emergency response, and other areas.

DULUTH:

THE DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS SERIES will present "Skate Where the Puck is Going to Be" by UMD alumni Dan Fishback ('83), CEO of DemandTec Inc., and former men's hockey player. Oct. 4, 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Refreshments will be served prior to the lecture at 10:30 a.m. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [Fishback lecture](#).

VEHICLE-TO-VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY created by a UMD research team fulfills the transportation-communication criteria set by the U.S. Department of Transportation for data retrieval between moving vehicles, and from vehicles to transportation infrastructure. Electrical and chemical engineering professor Imran Hayee and a group of graduate students conducted the research and proof-of-concept phases of the potentially life-saving technology. For more information, see [vehicle research](#).

UMD HAS RANKED AMONG THE TOP 15 PERCENT OF MILITARY FRIENDLY higher education institutions in the nation. UMD's Veterans Resource Center assists eligible student veterans, current military members, reservists, National Guard members, and eligible dependents with questions about G.I. Bill benefits and state and federal benefits programs. For more information, see [military friendly](#).

SUSAN BANOVIETZ joined UMD's leadership team as the director of external affairs on Sept. 26. Banovetz was most recently the mayor of Vadnais Heights, a position she held since 1997. She served on the Duluth School Board from 1981–87, and has held public relations leadership positions at the U's College of Liberal Arts (UMTC), William Mitchell College of Law, Saint Paul Area Red Cross, Century College, and the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board. For more information, see [Banovetz](#).

MORRIS:

HOMECOMING 2011, Sept. 28 through Oct. 2, will include both traditional and first-time events. The UMM Alumni Association is sponsoring the first annual Alumni and Students Networking Event and will host the annual Distinguished Alumni Award and Networking Banquet. The [2011 award recipients](#) are David Eckmann '78, Gary McGrath '68, the late Thomas McRoberts '68, and John Tavis '85. For more information, see [homecoming](#).

THE 2011 PROJECT ART FOR NATURE exhibition at the Phipps Center for the Arts in Hudson, WI, features the work of Michael Eble, associate professor of studio art. The project consists of approximately 27 artists and illustrators from around Minnesota and Wisconsin. For more information, see [exhibit](#).

THE 2011–12 BARBER LECTURE will be presented by Ofelia Ferrán, associate professor of Spanish and Portuguese (UMTC). Ferrán's lecture, "Mass Graves, Stolen Children, and other Specters of the Past Haunting Contemporary Spain," reflects her research on memory and trauma studies within the context of contemporary Spanish literature and culture, as well as literature and culture of exile after the Spanish Civil War. Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m., Recital Hall, Humanities Fine Arts. For more information, see [Barber Lecture](#).

THE FESTIVAL OF SPANISH LANGUAGE CINEMA, coordinated by the Spanish Discipline, will bring films from Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Peru, and Spain to west central Minnesota for the campus and community at no charge. The fourth annual festival begins with *Biutiful* on Oct. 2. For more information, see [film festival](#).

WASHINGTON MONTHLY'S 2011 national ranking of liberal arts colleges includes Morris. Using different criteria than other well-known college rankings, the magazine highlights colleges whose students, faculty, and alumni provide "contributions to public good." For more information, see [college rankings](#).

ROCHESTER:

BEST SELLING AUTHORS Virginia DeBerry and Donna Grant will be at UMR to discuss their journey to becoming authors and writing together. Oct. 4, 6–7:30 p.m., 417 University Square. For more information, see [author event](#).

TWIN CITIES:

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HOMECOMING 2011 COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS offer opportunities to give back to the community during Homecoming week, Oct. 16–22. Homecoming 2011 will be partnering with Emergency Foodshelf Network to collect canned goods all week at Coffman Union and the St. Paul Student Center information desks. On Oct. 16, faculty, staff, and students are invited to take part in Thank U, an event where participants perform various service projects within the U community. The American Red Cross Blood Drive will take place Oct. 17 and Oct. 19. For more information, see [homecoming.umn.edu](#).

EASY ACCESS TO STUDENT DATA: The Office of Institutional Research has launched a new website that provides current and interactive information related to student data and survey results. The information is available to all faculty, staff, and students in an effort to create a more data-driven culture. For more information, see [data driven](#).

EARLY TERM TEACHING AND LEARNING ASSESSMENT options are available through the Center for Teaching and Learning. Instructors can improve the educational environment for students by using an early term teaching and learning assessment tool designed for use between weeks three and eight to effectively evaluate teaching and learning. Four options are provided for University instructors, each adhering to the recommended formative approaches for improving the educational environment for students. For more information, see [assessments](#).

SUPERVISORS OF STUDENT EMPLOYEES are expected to encourage undergraduate student employees to complement their on-campus employment experiences by participating in workshops and activities focused on leadership and workplace topics through the Student Employment Leadership Program (SELP). The program is open to any student employee currently enrolled as an undergraduate. For more information, see [SELP](#).

UNIVERSITY SERVICES IS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR ITS STAR PERFORMER AWARDS. Star Performers are U Services employees who deliver excellent customer service, use creative problem solving, and show commitment to the U of M. Nominate an employee or team of employees who go above and beyond to provide exceptional service at [Star Performer](#). Submission deadline is Oct. 14.

IT ALL ADDS UP conservation campaign has added two more prize giveaways to the Maroon and Gold and Green contest, which rewards students, faculty, and staff with weekly prize drawings through Oct. 7 for wearing their green "Save Energy" wristbands on Fridays. For more information, including contest rules, check-in locations, and prizes, see [It All Adds Up](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

PREVIEW/REVIEW: UNIVERSITY EVENTS AND LECTURES is a periodic column highlighting events and lectures recently past and soon to come on the TC campus. This issue features a review of President Kaler's inauguration speech. Previews include a lecture featuring the attorney for Julian Assange, the IonE Frontiers in the Environment Wednesday lectures, a fall art tour, and more. For more information, see [Preview/Review](#).

A U OF M BIKE CENTER GRAND OPENING event will take place Sept. 29, noon–2 p.m., at its location in the Oak Street Ramp. The event will include building tours, refreshments, prizes, and more. The Bike Center will offer a range of services from repairs and accessories to workshops and educational classes. For more information, see [bike center opening](#).

SCHOOL OF MUSIC FALL CONVOCATION will feature keynote speaker Helena Gaunt (Guildhall School of Music and Drama, London) on "Becoming a Musician in the 21st Century." At the event, the School of Music will confer an honorary degree on internationally renowned conductor and vocalEssence artistic director Philip Brunelle. Oct. 6, 10 a.m.–11 a.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. For more information, see [convocation](#).

THE EXTENSION CENTER FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT will present "Beyond academic measures: The value of measuring other aspects of thriving." The public symposium will focus on how to assess the impact of after-school programs on youth learning and socio-emotional development, and other academic and non-academic outcomes. Oct. 7, 9 a.m.–noon, McNamara Alumni Center. Free, but registration is required. For more information, see [youth development](#).

THE COLLECTIVE MOTION FOR NATURE AND ROBOTICS will feature NAOMI Ehrich Leonard of Princeton University. Oct. 11, 7 p.m., 175 Willey Hall. For more information, see [mathematics lecture](#).

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL DAY will showcase more than 100 graduate and professional programs from throughout the country. The free event provides students the opportunity to speak with representatives from a variety of graduate and professional programs, as well as workshops like "How to Apply" and "Funding Graduate and Professional School." Oct. 12, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union. For more information, see [grad and pro day](#).

THE HEALTHY FOOD, HEALTHY LIVES initiative will host Food Day Oct. 24, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Coffman Union. Food Day will be both a comprehensive "food expo" showcasing University affiliated and community-led food and health programming, as well as a series of short presentations and in-depth conversations on topics ranging from Nutrition 101 to sustainable food system advocacy. All organizations that do work related to food, nutrition, health, and sustainability are invited to host a booth at the event. For more information, see [food day](#).

THE U WOMEN OF COLOR (UWOC) FALL WELCOME theme will be "Women of Color Leadership in Times of Transition." Applications for the UWOC Tapestry Award will be accepted until Oct. 7. The award will be presented at the event, Oct. 27, 9–11 a.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. For more information, [email UWOC](#).

FACULTY AND STAFF RECEIVE A 10 PERCENT DISCOUNT ON LEARNINGLIFE'S fall short courses. Subjects range from genealogy, to music history, to the Minnesota economy. For more information, see [LearningLife](#) or call 612-624-4000.

SAVE-THE-DATE: Faculty, staff, and graduate students are invited to explore new approaches to program evaluation in a workshop hosted by the Graduate School. Nov. 10, 2:30–4:30 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. Registration and program information will be available in October.

STRESS BUSTERS, an informal hour of meditation and light stretching, is open to all faculty, staff, and students throughout the semester. Held Tuesdays, noon–1 p.m., Mayo Meditation space, 3rd floor, Mayo Building. For more information, see [meditation](#).

MORE EVENTS include Kousing Unknowns: The problem with GMO Research - A talk with Glenn Davis Stone ([Sept. 29](#)); CURA Housing Forum - Frogtown Square: A New Case Study of Mixed-Use, TOD Development ([Sept. 30](#)); Women Faculty of Color Fall Luncheon ([Oct. 4](#)); Is There Really a Financial Crisis at the University of Minnesota? ([Oct. 7](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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FEATURE: The University of Minnesota and Minnesota arts organizations work together to allow the talents of students and faculty to mingle with those of full-time professional artists—to the benefit of all. In fact, the chance to interact with working artists at major institutions and to share their skills with the very young is a selling point for the U's music, theatre, dance, and art students. President Kaler recently told a gathering of Twin Cities arts luminaries that the U is "a creative magnet," because of those close relationships. For more information, read "[The art of collaboration](#)."

FEATURE: Six years after the idea of a more concerted University "urban vision," the Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROCC) has found a home on the Northside, both figuratively and literally. The second annual Community Day was the opportunity to showcase the efforts. In a large, bright room facing Plymouth Avenue in North Minneapolis, President Eric Kaler and Senior Vice President Robert Jones spoke to community members about the U's partnership with Minneapolis's Northside community. For more information, read "[In the spirit of collaboration](#)."

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: Sept. 26–30. This installment of the weekly video feature from the U's News Service looks at the Weisman Art Museum's remodel, a new campus bike center, and a smartphone app created by a U professor. For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: President Kaler has announced a national search to fill the position of Vice President and Chief Information Officer; U professor Judith Martin has passed away; U in the News features U faculty and staff cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE:**Administrative information**

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY: Two policy revisions are ready for review and comment. In the Traveling on University Business policy, international travelers will be required to pre-register their trip so that the University is able to deploy resources should a crisis in-country occur (e.g., natural disaster), and to assist travelers with pre-travel preparation. The High School Preparation Requirements for Undergraduates policy changes the math requirement from three to four years, for students seeking admission as of Fall 2015. For more information, see [revised draft policies](#).

THE UNIVERSITY SENATE AND FACULTY SENATE will meet Oct. 6, 2:30 p.m., 25 Mondale Hall. Topics will include the first report from President Kaler, Vice Presidential Unit Reports, and the Gender Equity in Salaries Study. For more information, see the agenda at [University Senate](#).

THE P&A SENATE will meet Oct. 7, 9:30 a.m., 1-451 Moos Tower. Topics will include discussion with professor Christopher Cramer and a Community Fund Drive Update. For more information, see the agenda at [P&A Senate](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

A "COLLAGE OF SUSTAINABILITY" conference sponsored by the U's Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships will consider economically smart and environmentally sound land use, energy, economic development, and transportation options. The conference kicks off a yearlong series of public conferences and community-based meetings sponsored by the HUD-funded Central Minnesota Sustainable Development Plan and designed to help residents tackle pressing issues related to development. U speakers include Brad Hokanson and Frank Douma. Oct. 13, Pine River, MN. For more information, see [sustainable development](#).

CROOKSTON:

UMC was recently awarded a grant appropriation of \$615,000 from the U.S. Department of Commerce to continue to serve as the Economic Development Administration (EDA) University Center for the state of Minnesota. For more information, see [EDA grant award](#).

THE BLACK-JEW DIALOGUES, an energetic and captivating two-actor play, examines prejudice and racism with the goal of reuniting cultures while entertaining. It will be performed Oct. 5, 8 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium. For more information, see [dialogues](#).

THE MINNESOTA CLOTHESLINE PROJECT, sponsored by the Office of Service Learning and Student Health Services, will be on display as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Oct. 10–14, International Lounge, Sargeant Student Center. For more information, see [domestic violence awareness](#).

DULUTH:

ETHICS AND POLICY will be explored in the "Torture and the U.S.: Why Accountability Matters" lecture, presented by Allen Keller. The event is part of the lecture series by the Center for Genocide, Holocaust and Human Rights Studies. Oct. 12, 3 p.m., 80 Montague. For more information, see [lecture](#).

THE WEISMAN ART MUSEUM is displaying an exhibit created by Eun-Kyung Suh, UMD associate professor in the Department of Art and Design. Titled "Sympathies-Anchae," the exhibit will be on display through May 20. An artist talk is scheduled for Feb. 29. For more information, see [Weisman exhibit](#).

A NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH GRANT has been awarded to Peter Willemsen, UMD associate professor in the Department of Computer Science. The total award is approximately \$1 million over three years, with NSF awarding \$241,482 to Willemsen for a "Simulation and Environment Representation for Virtual Environments" project. For more information, see [NSF grant](#).

MORRIS:

THE SIERRA CLUB conducted a survey and completed the process of ranking "Cool Schools," which included UMM. Published in *Sierra*, the rankings act as a "guide for prospective students who seek a way to compare colleges based on commitment to environmentalism," and as a recognition of "institutions that work hard to protect the planet." For more information, see [cool schools](#).

THE 27TH ANNUAL O. TRUMAN DRIGGS DISTINGUISHED LECTURE will be delivered by University of Iowa associate professor of history H. Glenn Penny. Reflecting his scholarship and forthcoming book, Penny's talk is titled "On Passing: A 'Redskin' with Black Skin in Twentieth Century Germany." Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m. For more information, see [Driggs lecture](#).

KELLY ASCHE, a Humphrey School of Public Affairs graduate student, completed an internship with the Center for Small Towns (CST). Asche worked with CST and the statistics department to set up a first-of-its-kind computer portal that provides rural data for small cities and townships in Minnesota. For more information, see [CST rural data](#).

UMM'S NEW WIND TURBINE was dedicated Sept. 24. The event included a 2K walk, an art contest for area school children, a picnic, and a day of recognizing Morris's sustainability accomplishments and progress. A photo album of the event is [available online](#).

ROCHESTER:

UMR WAS FEATURED on American Public Media's American RadioWorks series, "Tomorrows College: Rethinking the Way College Students Learn." The entire series can be found online. For more information, see the UMR segment, "[Inventing a New Kind of College](#)."

TWIN CITIES:**Administrative information**

THE 2011 COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE IS UNDER WAY. The annual fundraising effort of UMTC faculty and staff generates more than \$1 million annually for more than 400 organizations in Minnesota and the Twin Cities area. There are also opportunities to volunteer time. Faculty and staff who pledge are entered into weekly and grand prize drawings to win prizes, including the iPad2. The Community Fund Drive continues through Oct. 31. For more information, [pledge online](#).

MOODLE 2.0 TRAINING through the Office of Information Technology is available on a variety of topics. Learn to build Moodle course websites, add assignments and quizzes, use the grade book effectively, and more. For registration and more information, see [technology training](#).

STUDENTS WHO NEED HELP WITH RESEARCH can receive assistance from the Peer Research Consultants (PRCs) program. PRCs provide one-on-one help to students on the library and academic research strategies needed to write a research paper. Drop-in hours are held at Wilson, Walter, or Appleby, and by appointment. The program is a partnership of U Libraries, the Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence, and SMART Learning Commons. For more information, see [PRC](#).

EASY ACCESS TO STUDENT DATA*: The Office of Institutional Research has launched a new website that provides current and interactive information related to student data and survey results. The information is available to all faculty, staff, and students in an effort to create a more data-driven culture. For more information, see [data driven](#). *The emailed version of the Sept. 28 issue of Brief included an incorrect link.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE MINI MEDICAL SCHOOL fall session begins Oct. 10. Battling Cancer: Breakthroughs at the U, will cover topics ranging from the basics of cancer to exploring treatments and therapies considered improbable a short time ago, and featuring renowned U researchers. Held Mondays, Oct. 10–Nov. 7, 6–8:30 p.m., 2-650 Moos Tower. For registration and more information, see [Mini Medical School](#).

THE 19TH ANNUAL KUEHNAST ENDOWMENT LECTURE, co-sponsored by Sigma Xi, promotes public engagement in atmospheric and climate science issues and research. This year's speaker is Gavin Schmidt from the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies. Schmidt is a climate modeler and co-founder of RealClimate.org. He will speak on the topic of "What Climate Models Tell Us and How to Communicate It." Oct. 13, 3–5 p.m., 335 Borlaug Hall. For more information, see [Kuehnast Lecture](#).

A WORKING ON PURPOSE workshop has been redesigned for both a younger audience approaching changes in their profession as well as those experiencing unique mid-life transitions. It is geared toward individuals looking for renewal, approaching changes in a profession, and/or experiencing unique life transitions. Oct. 14, 9–4 p.m., U of M Landscape Arboretum. For more information, see [purpose project](#).

THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT will hold a Saturday Scholars event featuring faculty who are top educators in their respective fields. The event will include discussions in casual small-group settings on a variety of engaging education and human development topics such as the economics of early childhood development, how the mind understands mathematics, family dynamics in inheritance decisions, and more. Nov. 5, 8 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Coffman Union. [Register online](#) or see [CEHD Saturday Scholars](#) for more information.

MORE EVENTS include University of Minnesota Farmers Lecture ([Oct. 5](#)); John Beardsley Lecture ([Oct. 6](#)); Gerrymander-thon ([Oct. 8](#)); My Letter to the World: Narrating Human Rights ([Oct. 10](#)); Copyright in the Classroom (and Online) ([Oct. 11](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

THE BOARD OF REGENTS will meet Oct. 13–14. Regents will act upon President Kaler's recommended 2012 state capital budget request and the 2011 University Plan, Performance, and Accountability Report. Committees will hear updates including information on the freshman class strengths finder assessment, consider a revised consent report that includes the appointment of Karen Hanson as senior vice president for academic affairs and provost, and discuss the recommendation to increase undergraduate enrollment on the Twin Cities campus by 1,000 students in the science, technology, engineering, and math disciplines. The board will also hear a report from the President. For more information, see the [news release](#) or [docket materials](#).

Features

FEATURE: Chosen by President Eric Kaler to be the U's new senior vice president for academic affairs and provost, pending approval by the Board of Regents at its Oct. 13-14 meeting, Karen Hanson is acutely aware of the scope of the challenge she faces. Yet she's thrilled about the opportunity. Public universities are fundamental for the nation, Hanson says. For more information, read "[Making the case](#)."

FEATURE: Eddie Kunze came into this world bright and early on the last day of autumn in 2007. By all outward appearances he was healthy and normal. But that evening, things took a quick and dramatic turn for the worse. Nurses noticed a murmur in Eddie's heart and he was rushed to neonatal intensive care; doctors soon discovered he had a huge heart defect. After undergoing a new hybrid procedure at the U, Eddie is back at home in Buffalo, MN, chasing after his four siblings. For more information, read "[Surgery on the cutting edge](#)."

FEATURE: Last fall, Nicole LaVoi attended an ice hockey summit subtitled, "Action on concussion." As the associate director of the U's Tucker Center for Girls & Women in Sport, she was listening to the proceedings with a lens on gender, and she was surprised at what she was hearing, or rather, what she wasn't hearing. That moment ultimately led to the Tucker Center's choice to shine the light on the impact of concussions on female athletes. For more information, read "[Female athletes and concussions](#)."

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: Oct. 3–7. This installment of the weekly video feature from the U's News Service watches as zombies take over the U in humans vs. zombies; celebrates the 100th birthday of the Mayo Hospital with the opening of the Mayo Plaza; and gets a sneak peak at a new documentary featuring the Tucker Center. For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."

U OF M MOMENT: "Kids and social media, Part 2." Cyberbullying among youth is a phenomenon that has made many recent headlines. Shayla Thiel-Stern, an assistant professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication who studies youth and social media, urges parents and teachers to be aware of this issue. Cyberbullying has the same effects as traditional bullying, Thiel-Stern says. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Karen Hanson has been named the U's new senior vice president for academic affairs and provost; an interdisciplinary team has been awarded a five-year, \$8 million grant from the National Science Foundation to boost understanding of global population-environment relationships; Disability Services has named recipients of the 2011–12 Access Achievement Awards; Caroline Gaitner has been named assistant dean for Professional Education with the College of Pharmacy; Jay Clark received a VISION award for service and leadership in the Hmong community; the College of Pharmacy is part of a nonprofit organization that received up to \$35 million from the FDA to reform drug manufacturing; U in the News features U faculty and staff cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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A BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE INITIATIVE aims to provide decision makers at all levels of the University with relevant, accurate, and consistent data, as well as the tools and skills to analyze them. Led by the Office of Planning and Analysis and the Office of Information Technology, Business Intelligence will improve processes, tools, and collaboration on topics ranging from enrollment and course scheduling to analyzing unit spending. For more information, see [Business Intelligence](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

A SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN CONFERENCE will focus on the trends and elements of sustainable neighborhood design. Presentations will include local sustainable neighborhood projects at UMORE Park in Rosemount, the University District Alliance, the Ford Plant site in St. Paul, and the Eco-Village in North Minneapolis. Sponsored by the U's Center for Sustainable Building Research and the Metropolitan Design Center. Nov. 5, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Rapson Hall. Free but registration is requested. For more information, see [sustainable design](#).

Funding awards and opportunities

CROOKSTON:

AN IN-SERVICE DAY for UMC faculty and staff will be held Oct. 14. Classes are excused and each of the academic departments are planning for the day's activities within their departments.

THE UMC HORTICULTURE CLUB is, for the first time, hosting the Mid-America Collegiate Horticultural Society's (MACHS) 39th annual conference, themed "Little Campus on the Prairie." The MACHS conference is expected to bring horticultural students from across the Midwest to the UMC campus. Oct. 20–23. For more information, see [conference](#).

A SCHOLARSHIP FOR "NONTRADITIONAL" WOMEN completing their education at the University of Minnesota has been awarded to three UMC students. Recipients of the Carol E. Macpherson Memorial Scholarship include Beth Debeltz, a health management major from Embarrass, MN; Donna Malarkey, a quality management major from Crookston; and sophomore Nan Wright, an organizational psychology major also from Crookston. For more information, see [scholarship](#).

DULUTH:

NRRI OFFERS PRODUCT PERFORMANCE TESTING: UMD's Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI) can do physical and mechanical performance tests—strength, stability, and resistance testing—on natural resource-based components for University research and projects. The staff also has vast industry experience to move research toward private sector application. To learn more and to see a complete list of capabilities, see [NRRI services](#) or email [Pat Donahue](mailto:Pat.Donahue).

PROJECT BASELINE, a four-year "Living Plant Genome Reserve for the Study of Evolution" research initiative, has been awarded \$1.2 million by the National Science Foundation. The study will be led by Julie Etterson, associate professor in the UMD Department of Biology, along with co-principal investigators Ruth Shaw, UMTC; Steven Franks, Fordham University; Susan Mazer, University of California, Santa Barbara. The project will prepare a living seed bank that can be resurrected in the future to study how natural selection has changed wild plant populations over time. For more information, see [project baseline](#).

EDDY LECTURE SERIES: "Pediatric Swallowing & Feeding: Decision Making with Complex Patients." Sponsored by the Edwin H. Eddy Foundation and the UMD Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, this event requires preregistration and is open to the public. Oct. 15, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m., 118 Labovitz School of Business. For more information, see [lecture](#).

UMD HOMECOMING: "THIS IS BULLDOG COUNTRY" will feature events scheduled Oct. 14–22, including a pep rally that will take place in downtown Duluth Oct. 18, beginning at 11:30 a.m., Holiday Center, 207 West Superior Street. The public is welcome to attend homecoming events. For more information, see the [Homecoming schedule](#).

MORRIS:

RAY SCHULTZ, associate professor of theatre, will play the role of King Claudius in *Hamlet* at the Austin Shakespeare Company in Austin, TX, during his fall sabbatical. For more information, see [Shakespeare](#).

THE 2011 SUSTAINABLE DESIGN AWARD from the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota was presented to the Welcome Center renovation project participants "for forging a new path that recognizes the green value of adaptive reuse, the respect for low-tech, sustainable design features in historic buildings, and the sensitive integration of high-tech energy-efficient systems..." For more information, see [sustainable design](#).

UMM HAS LAUNCHED A RIDESHARING SOCIAL NETWORK. The private network, developed with Zimride, empowers individuals to create social, sustainable, and convenient transportation options; provides substantial cost-savings for the campus and community; and marks another significant step in continuing to improve campus sustainability practices. For more information, see [Zimride](#).

ROCHESTER:

SAVE THE DATE: Chancellor Stephen Lehmkuhle will give the UMR State of the Campus address Nov. 8, noon–1:30 p.m., 417 University Square. The event is open to faculty, staff, students, and the public.

A UMR SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET will be held on the evening of Oct. 25, at the DoubleTree Hotel in downtown Rochester. The invitation-only event will honor UMR scholarship recipients.

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

A NEW SCHEDULING POLICY WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED AT "SCHEDULING U." The Office of Classroom Management will host Scheduling University ("Scheduling U") each day from Oct. 17 to Nov. 4. The 90-minute sessions focus on topics important to schedulers (e.g., ECS tips and tricks and how to get the room you need) and are open to all U staff. Upcoming sessions include a "Scheduling Update," which will cover the new scheduling policy, the new "Classroom Scheduling Distribution Summary," and more. For more information, see [Scheduling U](#).

TEAM SKILLS: LIBRARY TOOLS FOR COLLABORATION interactive workshop will provide an introduction to tools that will maximize group efficiency as well as discuss skills and practices that make teamwork proceed smoothly. Discussion will include use of Google Docs, Google Sites, the Assignment Calculator, RefWorks, Zotero, and other tools to facilitate productivity and keep a project on schedule. Bring a laptop if available. Oct. 18, 2:30–4 p.m., 420A Science Teaching and Student Services building. For more information, see [collaboration](#).

FACULTY AND STAFF STUDENT SERVICES FEE COMMITTEE members are sought by the Office for Student Affairs for the 2012–13 Administrative Units and Student Organizations Student Services Fee committees. The committees play a vital role in determining how Student Services Fees are allocated. Training begins in November and committees will conduct their work from late January through late April. For more information, see [fee committee](#) or email [Megan Sweet](mailto:Megan.Sweet) by Oct 21.

LIBRARY COURSE PAGES are designed as a starting point for course-related research. Faculty and staff are encouraged to refer students to the resource. It can be accessed through the "Course Resources" tab on Libraries homepage, the "myCourses" tab in myU, or by adding the "Library Resources" block in Moodle. For more information, see [Library Course Pages](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

PREVIEW/REVIEW: UNIVERSITY EVENTS AND LECTURES is a periodic column highlighting events and lectures recently past and soon to come on the TC campus. This issue features a *stimulating* review of the Bell Museum's exhibit "Coffee: The World in Your Cup." Previews include a conversation with Amiri Baraka, "The Ethnopharmacology of Energy Drinks," and "Barbary Coasts: A History of University Avenue, and more. For more information, see [Preview/Review](#).

THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC COLLAGES CONCERT is a nonstop concert showcase of all that the School of Music has to offer, including performances by choral, orchestral, jazz, chamber, world music, and band ensembles as well as solo performances by faculty and students. More than 300 students and faculty will perform in the events. Free and open to the public. Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. For more information, see [collage concert](#).

UMTC HOMECOMING EVENTS will include the [Thank U community service day](#), Oct. 16; a Homecoming [Blood Drive](#), Oct. 17; the parade and Pep Fest, Oct. 21; and more. Tickets are still available for [Pep Fest](#), featuring performances by the marching band and spirit squad, fireworks, and speeches by University dignitaries. The night ends with a full set of music by local hip-hop legends Atmosphere. For more information, see [Homecoming.edu](#).

GOPHERS FOOTBALL COACH JERRY KILL will be the grand marshal for Homecoming 2011. Kill will be represented in the parade by his mother Sonja, wife Rebecca, and two daughters, Krystal and Tasha. Coach Kill will be present to address the crowd at the Pep Fest following the parade in TCF Bank Stadium Oct. 21. Other notable guests in this year's Homecoming Parade include President and Mrs. Kaler, Senator Amy Klobuchar, Goldy Gopher, and the current and alumni Marching Bands and Spirit Squads. For more information, see [Homecoming.edu](#).

A WIND ENERGY RESEARCH STATION COMMISSIONING EVENT will include a ceremonial "flip of the switch" to start a 420-foot wind turbine at the University's Umore Park. Visitors can tour the facility including the wind turbine, a 426-foot meteorological research tower, and exhibits on wind energy research and education. Free and open to the public. Oct. 25, 2:30–4:30 p.m. The new Wind Energy Research Station, run by the College of Science and Engineering's St. Anthony Falls Lab, is the first of its kind in the nation. For more information, see [wind energy](#).

DISCOUNT TICKETS to Halloween Haunts are now available at the Student Union and Activities (SUA) Information Desks, including ValleySCARE, Scream Town, Trail of Terror, and Haunted Theater. Save up to \$10. For more information, see [SUA discounts](#).

MORE EVENTS include Innovative Business Leaders Can Positively Impact Our Environment ([Oct. 12](#)); Better Data Searching ([Oct. 13](#)); Public Conversation with Amiri Baraka ([Oct. 14](#)); Concussions and Female Athletes ([Oct. 16](#)); "Barbary Coasts: How Mediterraneans Came to Be" ([Oct. 18](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING SUMMARY: The Board of Regents approved President Eric Kaler's recommended 2012 state capital budget request during its Oct. 14 meeting. The capital request asks for \$169.4 million in state bonds to be matched by \$39.7 million in University bonds, including \$90 million in HEAPR (Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement) funding. The board also approved Karen Hanson as the next provost. For more information, read the [meeting summary](#).

Features

FEATURE: Agriculture has already consumed nearly 40 percent of the world's land and still a billion people—one-seventh of the world's population—suffer chronic hunger. With more than 2 billion more on the way by 2050, rising demands for biofuels and a meat-rich diet, and virtually no arable land left, our planet faces an unprecedented challenge, according to a U-led research team's analysis in the current issue of the journal *Nature*. For more information, read "[Hope for a hungry planet](#)."

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: Oct. 10-14. This installment of the weekly video feature from the U's News Service talks to the Juggling Club as they practice on Northrop Mall, witnesses the ceremonial groundbreaking of the new Physics and Nanotechnology Building, and learns about wearing pink at this Saturday's volleyball game in support of breast cancer awareness. For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."

U OF M MOMENT: The U of M's Tucker Center for Girls and Women in Sport, in partnership with Twin Cities Public Television, has produced a groundbreaking documentary, *Concussions and Female Athletes*. Nicole LaVoi, the Tucker Center's associate director, says the issue is of rising concern. Diane Wiese-Bjornstal, an associate professor in the U's School of Kinesiology, says concussions need to be taken very seriously and proper recovery is key. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Roger Caspers will receive the Faculty/Staff Volunteer of the Year award from the Alumni Association; fourteen individuals will receive the 2011 Alumni Service Award at the at the 2011 Alumni Awards Celebration; U in the News features U faculty and staff cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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THE 2011 DRIVEN TO DISCOVER MARKETING CAMPAIGN launched the week of Oct. 17 with a focus on the value and distinctiveness of the student experience at the U. The messages showcase how a student's passion can become their profession as they expand their knowledge and hone their skills on their journey of discovery. Television ads featuring student stories showcasing bee research and the dance program will appear on local stations. In addition, the campaign will feature airport baggage carousel displays at MSP, a first-ever for the airport. Other tactics include floor clings and scoreboard displays at TCF Bank Stadium, umn.edu home page stories, and social media activities. For more information, see [Driven to Discover](#).

THE U HAS JOINED WITH 32 OTHER LEADING INSTITUTIONS to launch the Billion Dollar Green Challenge. The goal is to invest a cumulative total of \$1 billion in self-managed green revolving funds that finance energy efficiency upgrades on campus. The challenge is inspired by the exceptional performance of existing green revolving funds. The U established a revolving fund, the Energy Conservation Internal Loan Program, in 1998, and the Board of Regents adopted a policy on sustainability and energy efficiency in 2004. For more information, see [Green Challenge](#).

THE CIVIL SERVICE SENATE will meet Oct. 24, 2:30–4 p.m., 5-125 Moos Tower. The agenda includes discussion with Kathy Brown, vice president for human resources, and an overview of the Civil Service Employment Rules. The meeting is open to the public. For more information and coordinate campus ITV locations, see the [agenda](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: The Addressing Global Challenges through International Research conference invites proposals or concept papers for panels, symposia, roundtable discussions, and poster sessions from faculty, researchers, and graduate students from across the U. The conference will highlight global research and encourage discussion on diverse global challenges, with a focus on building collaboration across disciplines, shared learning, and exploring the essentials of conducting research abroad. Proposal deadline is Nov. 11. Conference takes place Feb. 17. For more information, see [proposals](#).

THE UPPER MIDWEST HIGHER EDUCATION RECRUITMENT CONSORTIUM (UMW HERC) will hold its fall meeting on Nov. 3. Teresa Thompson of Fredrikson & Byron will lead participants in a workshop that looks at the legal implications of using social media for academic recruiting. Faculty and staff are welcome to attend. For more information, see [fall meeting](#) or email [UMW HERC](#).

CROOKSTON:

UMC'S HIGHEST HONOR, THE TORCH & SHIELD AWARD, will recognize the leadership of four individuals who have aided in the development of the Crookston campus, the Northwest Research and Outreach Center (NWROC), and Extension. Honorees for 2011 include Robert Nelson, registrar and institutional research director, UMC; Carol Windels, professor of plant pathology, NWROC; Li Shuming, president of Zhejiang Economic & Trade Polytechnic in Zhejiang, China; and Kathleen O'Brien, vice president of university services, UMTC. A recognition event will be held Oct. 26. For more information, see [Torch & Shield](#).

THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM AT UMC recently hosted an institutional evaluation visit by an assessment team representing the Minnesota Board of Teaching. The site visit was a follow-up to the Crookston campus earning initial institutional approval from the Minnesota Board of Teaching in 2007 to prepare students for state teacher licensure. For more information, see [childhood education](#).

ENROLLMENT DATA: The number of degree-seeking students attending UMC for fall semester is at 1,600, an increase of 9.4 percent (up from 1,462) since last fall. UMC has seen an increase of 52 percent in degree-seeking students over the five-year period since 2006. For more information, see [enrollment high](#).

DULUTH:

FOOD, INC. DOCUMENTARY PRODUCER Robert Kenner, will speak about his film on Oct. 20, 8 p.m., Romano Gym. A question and answer session with Kenner will follow. Free and open to the public, this event will also be interpreted in American Sign Language. The event is a part of the first annual "Food Week" campus-wide initiative. For more information, see [food week](#).

A FEDERAL MINING CLUSTER GRANT is aimed at boosting jobs and businesses in the mining industry. UMD's Center for Economic Development and Natural Resources Research Institute will receive a portion of the \$1.9 million federal "Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge." For more information, see [mining jobs](#).

A GALLERY OF SUCCESS AWARD was presented to UMD Department of Music associate professor Jean Perrault at his alma mater, Temple University. As part of the ceremony, Perrault's portrait was unveiled in the Great Court of Mitten Hall. For more information, see [success award](#).

MORRIS:

BOOK SALE: Oyate Hall will be filled with books for the annual Briggs Library Associates Book Sale Oct. 20–21. The event is an opportunity for people, especially students, to inexpensively build personal libraries. The sale includes a special donation of books from the late Tom McRoberts '68 and his family. McRoberts served as director of Continuing Education, the Center for Small Towns, and the Study Abroad Program. For more information, see [book sale](#).

THE WORKS OF FRENCH PLAYWRIGHT AND ACTOR Molière will be performed in *Molière Than Thou* by actor Timothy Mooney, Oct. 21. The free performance, sponsored by the student French club, Entre Nous, is a one-man "parade" of some of the best-loved plays of France. For more information, see [plays of France](#).

CINDERELLA will be performed by the Continental Ballet Company, to music by Rossini. Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium. For more information, see [Cinderella](#).

"FROM PHYSICS ON THE PRAIRIE TO THE PRACTICE OF PATENT LAW" will be presented by Jennifer M.K. Rogers, the 2011–12 Visiting Latterell Alumna. A physics and math major, Rogers is a patent attorney with Shumaker & Sieffert and active with the American Intellectual Property Law Association. Oct. 25. For more information, see [alumna lecture](#).

ROCHESTER:

THE U OF M NURSING COLLEGE BOARD WILL HOST A FUNDRAISER for the American Cancer Society Oct. 29. "Mummy Miles" is a three-mile costume extravaganza run, taking place at Soldier's Field. For registration and more information, see [Mummy Miles](#).

AUTHOR AND UMR FACULTY MEMBER YUKO TANIGUCHI will speak at the American Association of University Women (AAUW) general meeting Oct. 19. For more information, see [AAUW meeting](#).

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TESTING OF UMTC'S NEW CAMPUS WIDE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM will begin Oct. 24, starting at 8 a.m. and ending no later than 6 p.m. Testing will continue through Oct. 27. Each siren will start with an audible alert tone and sound for 30 seconds, followed by the message "Attention! This is a test of the University of Minnesota Campus-Wide Emergency Alert System. This is only a test." For more information, see [alert system test](#).

U OF M GUEST HOUSING is available for departments hosting visiting faculty members for a few months, including fully furnished rental units. Housing & Residential Life offers three fully furnished two-bedroom guest rental units at Pillsbury Court, a faculty and staff housing facility located in the Dinkytown area. For more information, see [guest housing](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

HOMECOMING PARADE AND PEP FEST will take place Oct. 21, 7 p.m. The parade, featuring more than 80 entries, will travel down University Avenue. Pep Fest follows immediately afterward at TCF Bank Stadium, with a performance by hip-hop group Atmosphere. Pep Fest is a ticketed event. Event attendees are encouraged to park at the Oak Street Parking Ramp. The quickest way to access campus and the Oak Street Ramp will be to exit I-94 at Huron Avenue and follow directional signage to the ramp. For more information, see [homecoming.umn.edu](#).

THE CAMPUS CLUB welcomes nonmembers for more Homecoming on [Oct. 22](#) to enjoy pre-game hospitality. Reservations are required. For more information, see [Campus Club](#).

2011–12 NORTHPROP DANCE SEASON OPENER presents the Scottish Ballet, with two intense and celebrated works by master choreographers: *Song of the Earth* by Sir Kenneth MacMillan; and *Kings 2 Ends*, by Jorma Elo. Oct. 22, 8 p.m., Orpheum Theatre. \$20 faculty and staff or \$10 student rush tickets are available the day of the show at the Orpheum box office. For more information, see [Northrop](#).

A SUSTAINABILITY SYMPOSIUM will feature the work of undergraduates, graduate and professional students, and post-docs representing nine colleges around campus. All faculty, staff, and students are invited to stop by to learn about sustainability related research going on across the U. Oct. 26, 2:30–6 p.m., R350 Learning & Environmental Sciences. Free, but registration is requested. For more information, see [symposium](#).

CURA HOUSING FORUM: "Girls in the 'Hood: Understanding How Place Matters for Kids," will examine the effects of the federal Moving to Opportunity Demonstration, which offered vouchers to families from distressed public housing in five cities to help them move to low poverty communities. Oct. 31, noon–1:30 p.m., 50 Willey Hall. For registration and more information, see [housing forum](#).

THE SCHOCHET ENDOWMENT FOR GLBT STUDIES AND CAMPUS LIFE will present the ninth Spear Lecture in Public Policy featuring an interfaith panel discussion on same-gender marriage and social movements. Panelists from three faith perspectives will explore theological underpinnings regarding marriage and same-gender marriage. Nov. 1, 7–9 p.m. Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. Reception to follow. For more information, see [Spear Lecture](#).

THE INSTITUTE FOR MATHEMATICS AND ITS APPLICATIONS will sponsor "Cryptography: Secrets and Lies, Knowledge and Trust," a lecture about some of the mathematical and computational ideas, definitions, and assumptions that underlie privacy and security of the Internet and electronic commerce, featuring Avi Wigderson of Princeton. Nov. 3, 7 p.m., 175 Wiley Hall. For more information, see [mathematics lecture](#).

A MEDITATION CLUB offers student-led meditation and brief yoga and qigong exercises weekly, and is open to faculty, staff, and students. The club has no religious affiliation. Thursdays, 12:15–1:15 p.m., Law School, subplaza level near Wiley Hall. For more information, see [meditation](#).

MORE EVENTS include Helping Forests Thrive in the Face of Global Change ([Oct. 19](#)); UMCF Strategy Circle: Promoting Strategies on a Budget: Internal PR ([Oct. 20](#)); Celebrating University Women Awards & Recognition Event ([Oct. 21](#)); Encore Transitions: Pathways to Post-Career Life ([Oct. 22](#)); Restoring Resilience: Blending Science and Wisdom to Sustain a Healthy Mind, Mood and Heart with Henry Emmons ([Oct. 25](#)); Wind Energy Research Station Public Commissioning Event ([Oct. 25](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE [TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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FEATURE: A new website is helping to make a sea of University survey data navigable and useful. Some of the information that can be found on the site include reports on the impact of freshman seminars, study abroad programs, student engagement in the community, diversity trends, need-based scholarships and financial aid, and more. For more information, read "[Creating a data-driven culture](#)."

FEATURE: Eons have passed since volcanoes erupted in Minnesota, spewing lava, breathing the elements that became Earth's atmosphere. But today in a lab near the Mississippi River, tiny samples of matter are melted at high pressures and temperatures not unlike those occurring inside volcanoes. Marc Hirschmann, new Distinguished McKnight University Professor, reveals how the earth's vast interior works, and how an atmosphere forms and changes. Not just on Earth, but on other planets, too. For more information, read "[Solving mantle mysteries: profile of Marc Hirschmann](#)."

FEATURE: As a student at the University of Ceara in Brazil, Renata Borba came to love honeybees. But her program there requires students to spend their final semester in an internship outside university walls. So Borba applied to study bees through the Minnesota Agricultural Student Trainee (MAST) program, which led to her meeting Marla Spivak, a U entomology professor and internationally recognized honeybee authority. For more information, read "[A higher state of being](#)."

FEATURE: U professors Carl Flink and David Odde have discovered that skilled dancers can test a scientist's model of a cell's inner life more quickly than a computer can. In minutes, biomedical engineering professor Odde can sketch a model's rules and dance professor Flink's dancers can play those rules out. To test the same model by programing a computer would take hours or even weeks. For more information, read "[A cell's violent dance](#)."

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: Oct. 16–22. This installment of the weekly video feature from the U's News Service takes a look at a few of the festivities surrounding Homecoming 2011. Watch highlights from a student lip sync competition, flag football championship, parade, pep fest, and a concert by Atmosphere. For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."

U OF M MOMENT: An \$8 million research project at the U will create new opportunities for understanding the relationship between population and the environment on a global scale. Cathy Fitch with the Minnesota Population Center says TerraPop, as the project is called, will combine two centuries of census data with global environmental data including land cover, land use, and climate records. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Wendy Pradt Lougee, University librarian and McKnight Presidential Professor, has been elected vice president/president-elect of the Association of Research Libraries; Kathryn VandenBosch, professor and head of plant biology, has been named dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences at UW Madison; Tetsuya Yamada, associate professor in the Department of Art, has been awarded the grand prize at Gyeonggi Ceramix International; U in the News features U faculty and staff cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR THE 2011–12 DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AND ADVISING AWARDS AND THE JOHN TATE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING are available. Nominations are due Jan. 19. For more information, see The [Horace T. Morse Award](#), the [Award for Outstanding Contributions to Postbaccalaureate, Graduate, and Professional Education](#), and the [John Tate Award](#). Direct questions by email to Emily.Ronning or call 612-625-5652.

Funding awards and opportunities

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP): The Clinical and Translational Science Institute has issued an RFP for its first Research Services Pilot Funding Program, designed to increase the competitiveness of U investigators for extramural funding. The program provides in-kind research support services that allow investigators to gather preliminary data for clinical research projects. Projects seeking funding should represent a new line of research or inquiry into issues that affect human health. Successful applications will show the promise of developing into long-term research projects that will attract larger grants from NIH or other federal, state, or private funding agencies. A total of \$100,000 is available in this award cycle. Letters of intent are due Nov. 4; proposals are due Dec. 2. For more information, see [funding opportunity](#).

THE CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE INSTITUTE (CTSI) requests applications for four new training programs with nearly \$1 million in funding available to support clinical and translational research career development. Programs are designed to support junior investigators as they build independent research careers. Applications are due Dec. 16 with a start date of March 1. For more information, see [CTSI funding](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

NEW APPROACHES TO PROGRAM EVALUATION is the topic of a workshop to be hosted by the Graduate School. Faculty, staff, and graduate students are invited to attend. Nov. 10, 2:30–4:30 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union, and 173 Kirby Plaza, Duluth (via ITV). Space is limited and [registration](#) is requested by Nov. 4. For more information, see [program evaluation](#).

CROOKSTON:

A HORSE OWNER EDUCATION PROGRAM, a partnership between UMC and UMTC, is designed to assist current horse owners as well as those interested in owning a horse in the future. The program is recommended for ages 13 and up but is open to everyone. Nov. 12, 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m., University Teaching and Outreach Center. Registration is required; deadline is Nov. 9. For more information, see [horse program](#).

UMC "FIRST LADY" BARBARA MUESING will be honored by the Northwest Minnesota Women's Fund as a 2011 Outstanding Community Builder. The award is presented to women who have demonstrated leadership in improving the quality of life for those around them, making Northwest Minnesota a better place to live, work, and raise families. A reception will be held in her honor in early November. The Northwest Minnesota Women's Fund is a component fund of the Northwest Minnesota Foundation. For more information, see the [Women's Fund](#).

DULUTH:

A SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY made by UMD research scientists Matthew Andrews and Lester Drewes, and which has the potential to prevent life-threatening complications due to severe blood loss, has taken a major step toward commercial use. Working in collaboration with the scientists, the U's Office for Technology Commercialization has signed a license agreement with Denver-based Ariel Pharmaceuticals authorizing the private company to develop and commercialize the blood loss therapy. For more information, see [discovery](#).

A ZOMBIE SYMPOSIUM will be held on Oct. 27, 7 p.m., 90 Bohannon Hall. Six professors from four different UMD colleges will present during the event, on topics ranging from literary characterization to infectious diseases. The professors will explore the zombie as it relates to science, art, psychology, history, and ethics. For more information, see [Zombie Symposium](#).

UMD's MINNESOTA SEA GRANT program will host a "Salute to Lake Superior's Sustainable Fisheries" Nov. 1, 4–6:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center, UMTC. The event is in honor of Sea Grant founder, Athelstan Spilhaus, former dean of the U's College of Science and Engineering, and features a recipe competition with ten of the Midwest's finest chefs, as well as UMD chancellor Lendley Black. For more information, see [sustainable fisheries](#).

MORRIS:

NORTH STAR ALLIANCE, a National Science Foundation Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation program, seeks to increase the number of underrepresented students receiving undergraduate degrees in science, technology, engineering, and math. Hilda Ladner, director of equity, diversity, and intercultural programs; Engin Sungur, professor of statistics and program adviser; and Nancy Carpenter, professor of chemistry and faculty adviser, are working with 14 participating students. For more information, see [North Star Alliance](#).

THE SECOND FALL CONVOCATION will feature Michael Kimmel, author, professor of sociology, and a leading researcher on men and masculinity. His talk, "Mars, Venus, or Planet Earth? Women and Men in a New Millennium," will explore "different planet" myths and gender equality. Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium. For more information, see [convocation](#).

THE HUMANITIES FINE ARTS GALLERY is presenting two concurrent exhibitions exploring "space": Morgan Craig's *Forthcoming*, and Amanda Smith's *Impasse*. For more information, see [exhibit](#).

ROCHESTER:

UMR CONNECTS November theme is "Innovation for a Smarter Rochester." Guest speakers will share ideas on how the rapid growth of Rochester provides opportunities to transform the city's urban space into a better place to live, work, and visit. For more information, see [UMR Connects](#).

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SUBMIT A THEME FOR HOMECOMING 2012. Ideas should be catchy and represent the spirit of the University of Minnesota. The University community will vote on the top theme entries during spring semester. Submit your theme idea by Nov. 23 at [Homecoming 2012 theme](#).

THE GLBTA PROGRAMS OFFICE is seeking applications for its 2011–12 Mentor Program from mentors and mentees. Commitment is about six to eight hours per month. New and former participants are encouraged to apply. A kickoff dinner is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 3. For an application and more information, see [GLBTA mentor program](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

PREVIEW/REVIEW: UNIVERSITY EVENTS AND LECTURES is a periodic column highlighting events and lectures recently past and soon to come on the TC campus. This issue features an environment and sustainability theme, including a review of the 2012 Duke Lecture: The Galapagos—Fragile Past, Brighter Future. Previews include "The Changing Arctic: International Cooperation and Development," a Salute to Lake Superior's Sustainable Fisheries, "An Alternative Ontology of Food," "The Frugal Future," with Chris Farrell, Economics Editor of *Marketplace Money*, and more. For more information, see [Preview/Review](#).

HIGHLIGHTS IN SOCIAL COMPUTING FROM AROUND THE U will be featured at an interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Social Computing event highlighting four university speakers who study areas of social computing. Oct. 27, 4 p.m., Digital Technology Center. For registration and more information, see [social computing](#).

THE FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE PANCAKE BREAKFAST will take place Oct. 30, 8 a.m.–noon, McNamara Alumni Center. By [signing up for the breakfast](#), faculty, staff, and students are automatically entered to win prizes from local sponsors such as Chipotle, Noodles & Company, Leaning Tower of Pizza, Mesa Pizza, Vics, Tuggs Tavern, Gopher Athletics, Rec Sports/Outdoor Adventure, and more. Cost: \$15 faculty and staff; \$10 students; kids eat free. \$5 dollars of each ticket will be donated to the [Community Fund Drive](#).

UNIVERSITY STORES 2011 OPEN HOUSE, a vendor-sponsored event, will be held Nov. 3, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union. This year, participating vendors will focus on products that improve efficiency. There will be two short presentations at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., which will provide an overview of U Stores' billing presentation on the Auxiliary Services web application: "eStatement: More Than You Think." For more information, see [open house](#) (login required).

U LIBRARIES ARE CELEBRATING OPEN ACCESS WEEK with a number of activities promoting open publishing and scholarship. For more information about open access to research and options for managing research data, see [open access](#).

MORE EVENTS include Making Health and Development a Community Movement ([Oct. 27](#)); Lynn Hershman Leeson: Investigations ([Oct. 27](#)); Feminasty: Sexuality and Costumes ([Oct. 28](#)); American Inequality and the Idea of Personal Responsibility ([Oct. 28](#)); Learning How to be Ill in Early Modern England—A talk by Olivia Weisser ([Oct. 31](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

SAVE THE DATE: 2012 Legislative Briefing. Held annually, the legislative briefing serves as the U's kickoff to the legislative session. Attracting hundreds of University advocates—including faculty, staff, students, and alumni—the evening features a reception and dinner. University officials introduce the U's proposed legislative agenda and discuss the political landscape with attendees. Mark your calendar for Feb. 1, 2012, 6–7:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Registration will be available soon. For more information about U advocacy, see supporttheu.umn.edu.

THE APPLICATION GOOGLE+ is now available to U students, faculty, and staff who already have University Google accounts. The U became one of only 22 universities worldwide who brought Google+ to campus on Oct. 27. Users will have the option to use Google+ to connect with colleagues at the U and beyond through features such as "Hangouts," which enable up to 10 people to video chat together using the virtual space for team activities including meetings, study sessions, project collaboration, virtual office hours for faculty, and more. For more information on how to get started, see [Google+](#).

Features

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: Oct. 24–28. This installment of the weekly video feature from the U's News Service takes a look at Goldy Gopher themed pumpkins, the flip of the ceremonial switch on UMore Park's new wind turbine, and Mini Medical School. For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."

U OF M MOMENT: There might be effective ways to rehabilitate brain-injured people to a healthy, if not entirely normal, state. But it's difficult to say with certainty what those techniques are. That's the conclusion of a recent scientific review of "cognitive rehabilitation therapy" performed by the national Institute of Medicine at the request of the Defense Department. Mary Kennedy with the U's Department of Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences served on the review panel and says the panel's findings will help inform how federal agencies will address the issue going forward. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Garfield Bowen, director in the Office of Information Technology Project Management Office, has been elected 2013 president of the Minnesota Chapter of the Project Management Institute; a CBS student leadership program has been recognized for innovation; U in the News features U faculty and staff cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

Administrative information

OPEN ENROLLMENT is online through Nov. 30. Employees who participated in the HealthPartners U Classic Plus plan during 2011 must choose one of the Medica plans in order to have medical coverage in 2012. Those satisfied with their current medical and dental plan choices do not need to re-enroll; current plans will continue into 2012. In addition, those wishing to have a flexible spending account in 2012 must enroll at this time. This year, participants also have the opportunity to enroll in or increase the amount of short-term disability insurance without medical evidence of insurability. For more information, see [Open Enrollment](#) or visit [Employee Self-Service](#) to enroll by Nov. 30. Call Employee Benefits at 612-624-9090 or 1-800-756-2363 with specific questions.

STUDENT VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY will take place Nov. 10, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. All veterans and their family members, faculty, staff, students, and the public are encouraged to attend the event and show their support. This year's appreciation will feature remarks by University President Eric Kaler. A free chili lunch will be served at noon (while supplies last). For more information, see [Student Veterans Appreciation](#).

Funding awards and opportunities

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: The Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment & the Life Sciences seeks proposals addressing the societal implications of problems in health, environment, or the life sciences. Two types of awards are available: one for graduate/professional students at all U campuses; and another for Consortium/joint degree program members. Proposals are due Feb. 13. For more information, see [proposals](#) or email boyle032@umn.edu.

CROOKSTON:

THURSDAY COMMONS: "Geospatial Information Systems (GIS) for Everyone" is designed to provide an introduction to a variety of potential applications of GIS in various disciplines and programs, and is appropriate for anyone from the novice to the more experienced user. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to attend. Nov. 3, 12:15–1:45 p.m., 207 Dowell. For more information, see [Thursday Commons](#).

THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DIVERSITY (ACD) was established Nov. 1 to promote and enhance an inclusive campus environment enriched by diversity and to help increase cultural competence among students, faculty, staff, and administrators. The ACD will work collaboratively with and serve as an advisory group to the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Programs and its director. Council members represent diverse racial, ethnic, gender, and underrepresented populations from across the U community and externally. For more information, email Peter.Phaiah, associate vice chancellor, Student Affairs.

DULUTH:

THE AMERICAN INDIAN LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER (AILRC) was approved for inclusion in the U's 2012 state capital request at the Oct. 14 Board of Regents meeting. The total cost of the proposed AILRC building is approximately \$11 million, with about \$7 million of the amount being requested from the state. For more information, see [Duluth American Indian Center](#).

UMD'S CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND THE CITY OF SILVER BAY will partner to form VICTUS Farms, a new facility housing self-contained food, and an energy-generating ecosystem combining a greenhouse, fish tanks, and algae production areas. The fish, plants, and algae will produce fuel and food. For more information, see [sustainability project](#).

UMD'S LARGE LAKES OBSERVATORY has been awarded \$485,226 by the National Science Foundation's Major Research Infrastructure Program for two autonomous moored profilers. The equipment allows for real-time observation of physical, biological, and chemical conditions in Lake Superior, as well as other lakes around the world. For more information, see [Large Lakes grant](#).

MORRIS:

CHEMISTRY PROFESSORS NANCY CARPENTER, TED PAPPENFUS, AND TIM SODERBERG were honored with the American Chemical Society (ACS) Committee on Environmental Improvement's 2012 Award for Incorporating Sustainability into Chemistry Education. As invited presenters at the ACS 2012 spring conference, their work in developing new courses and adding new aspects to existing courses on nuclear, solar, wind, fuel cell, and biofuel energy sources will serve as a model for other institutions. For more information, see [sustainability education award](#).

THE FIRST ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF SCHOLARLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS will feature faculty and staff research and artistic work and highlight two library projects: the UMM Scholarship Collection and the UMM Digital Well. The Offices of the Chancellor, Academic Affairs and Dean, Grants Development, and Briggs Library, will present. For more information, see [scholarly accomplishments](#).

UMM WILL HOST THE 2011 WIND FESTIVAL, an annual two-day event for high school wind, brass, and percussion players with a focus on rehearsing and performing chamber music as well as wind ensemble repertoire. The campus and community are invited to a concert each day of the event. Nov. 4–5. For more information, see [wind festival](#).

ROCHESTER:

THE U OF M MARCHING BAND is coming to Rochester on Nov. 20, 3 p.m., Mayo Civic Center. For more information, see [concert](#).

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

WITH THE COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE COMING TO AN END ON NOV. 4, the generosity of U faculty and staff has so far raised more than \$1M for area charities. The top three participating units with 100 employees or fewer as of Nov. 1 are the Board of Regents (100 percent participation), the Office of Internal Audits (100 percent) and the Office of the President (64 percent). Among units with 100 employees and above, the top participating groups are University Relations (81 percent), the Controller's Office (77 percent), and the Law School (56 percent). The drive ends Nov. 4. For more information, see [Community Fund Drive](#).

ENGLISH CONVERSATION PARTNERS are sought by the Center for Teaching and Learning to meet with International graduate students for language practice and cultural exchange. Commitment would be one hour per week for one semester. An orientation is provided. For more information, see [Partners in English](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

"E3 2011: THE LATEST IN RENEWABLE ENERGY INNOVATION" will explore the latest technical innovations, scientific breakthroughs, and policy incentives in renewable energy with featured presentations from entrepreneurs who are spearheading successful renewable energy ventures in the U.S. and abroad. Hosted by the U's Initiative for Renewable Energy and the Environment. Nov. 7, McNamara Alumni Center. For the full agenda, registration details, and speaker bios, see [E3 2011](#).

THE NEW UNIVERSITY IMAGING CENTER (UIC) FACILITY, located in Jackson Hall, will hold an open house Nov. 8 and Nov. 9, 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. The center will provide instrumentation and expertise to image biological samples at all scales using a variety of imaging modalities, along with analysis and visualization tools. The event will include tours as well as demonstrations by staff and vendors. For more information, see [UIC open house](#) or email Mark.Sanders.

COMMUNITY PILOT GRANT AWARDS POSTER SESSION AND DINNER will feature research presentations from pilot grant awardees, student research poster presentations, and the work of local community organizations dedicated to reducing health disparities. Sponsored by the Clinical and Translational Science Institute, the Program in Health Disparities Research, and the Center for Health Equity. Nov. 9, 3–6:30 p.m., Lutheran Social Services, 2400 Park Avenue, Minneapolis. RSVP to phdr@umn.edu by Nov. 2.

A SIP OF SCIENCE: A Sense of Where You Are: Science and Knowing on the Mississippi River, with Patrick Nunnally, coordinator of the River Life Program. Nov. 9, 5:30 p.m., Aster Cafe, 125 SE Main Street, St. Anthony Main. Free. A SIP OF SCIENCE, held on the second Wednesday of every month, bridges the gap between science and culture in a happy hour setting that puts science in context through storytelling. For more information, see [science happy hour](#).

TOBACCO CONTROL RESEARCH AND NEW FDA REGULATIONS will be the topic of the next Science Café: "Future Landscape of Prevention Research: Tobacco Regulation as a Case Study." [Dorothy Hatsukami](#), professor of psychiatry and director of the U's Tobacco Use Research Programs, will speak about tobacco control research at the U and the new Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. Sponsored by the Clinical and Translational Science Institute. Nov. 11, 7:30–9 a.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. For more information, see [Science Café](#).

THE 2011 MESTENHAUSER LECTURE ON INTERNATIONALIZING HIGHER EDUCATION will feature author and former diplomat Richard Arndt, who will speak on "Cultural Diplomacy and International Understanding." Nov. 11, 2 p.m., 3M Auditorium, Carlson School of Management. A panel discussion and reception will follow. Sponsored by Global Programs and Strategy Alliance. For registration and more information, see [internationalizing education](#).

NORTHROP DANCE WILL PRESENT Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet's U.S. premiere of *Wonderland*, Nov. 12, 8 p.m., and Nov. 13, 3 p.m., Orpheum Theatre. *Wonderland* is a new, full-length reinterpretation inspired by one of the most popular books of all time, Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. A [special preview](#) hosted by Theatre Arts and Dance chair Carl Flink and Emilie Plauchè Flink will take place prior to each performance at Solera Restaurant (next door to the theatre). U faculty and staff discounts apply. Rush tickets are available in person at the Orpheum Theatre box office before each performance. For tickets and more information, see [Wonderland](#).

THE HELLER-HURWICZ ECONOMICS INSTITUTE'S first annual policy forum will focus on social insurance and will include a keynote address by 2010 Nobel Laureate and MIT economist Peter Diamond. The event will also feature three panel discussions on tax policy, health care, and pensions; and presentations on latest economic research by academic economists. Nov. 16–17, Coffman Union. Register by Nov. 8. For registration and more information, see [economics policy forum](#).

THE SURVEY PEER NETWORK will address issues and challenges of sampling faced by survey researchers with "Strategic Sampling for Better Research Practice." Getting good data means starting with a good sampling plan, and this session will tackle specific concerns and information identified by participants in a pre-session feedback form. Nov. 18, 10–11:30 a.m., 402 Walter Library, or via UConnect. RSVP and submit questions and comments to be addressed at the session at [Survey Peer Network](#).

MORE EVENTS include Harnessing Sustainability and the Green Economy for Market Transformation ([Nov. 2](#)); Sketch Night: Birds ([Nov. 3](#)); Call It Character: A Selection of Stars from Archives and Special Collections ([Nov. 4](#)); All About Dogs Day ([Nov. 5](#)); An Intimate Rivalry: How the Jews thought of Muslims in the Middle Ages ([Nov. 6](#)); The Frugal Future ([Nov. 9](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: Minnesota's Management and Budget (MMB) commissioner Jim Schowalter and staff recently toured the U's [2012 capital request](#) projects. MMB is responsible for producing the governor's capital investment proposal and various state financial reports, including the state budget forecast to be released on Dec. 1. The governor uses the forecast to assemble his supplemental budget proposal for the upcoming legislative session. All indications are that this forecast will show another significant shortfall in revenue for the state, spurring a heated discussion on how to balance the budget. For more information, see [Government Relations](#).

Features

FEATURE: Marla Spivak is a world expert on honeybees. Carl Flink is a leading dancer and choreographer. These faculty members work in what seem radically different disciplines. Yet the heart of what drives them and countless other seekers—whether they're labeled "teachers" or "students"—is remarkably similar. For more information, watch "[What seekers share](#)."

FEATURE: It's certainly not a stretch to say that Dustin Huijbregtse is driven. A senior in the Carlson School of Management, Huijbregtse is also the director of a student group that last winter obtained a license from TEDx for the U of M. The goal of the group is to bring together the great thinkers at the U and give them the opportunity to share and discuss their ideas, and in turn, make those discussions available to the world. For more information, read "[Ideas on display](#)."

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: Nov. 7. This installment of the weekly video feature from the U's News Service drops in on Coach Kill's lunch for students, gets a look at Floyd of Rosedale, visits President Eric Kaler's house for a Halloween party, and meets a U grad student who's raising money to track lions in Africa. For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."

U OF M MOMENT: A new \$2.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture will help the wine industry in the Upper Midwest and Northeast take the next steps toward economic vitality. Jim Luby, professor of horticultural science, says there are a range of obstacles to be tackled. Luby is optimistic about the impact this project will have on wine growers in the region. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: 2011 recipients of the U's Award for Global Engagement are professors Kumar Belani and Zhuangyi Liu; dean Tom Fisher and architecture head Renee Cheng have been recognized as two of the top 25 most admired design educators for 2012; U in the News features U faculty and staff cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK IS NOV. 14–18. The annual event was first declared by the U.S. Departments of State and Education in 2000 to encourage policies and programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study in the United States. Colleges, campuses, departments, and student groups systemwide have planned events to highlight the U's efforts to support international education. For more information, see the [events](#).

Funding awards and opportunities

GLOBAL SPOTLIGHT INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH GRANTS: The Global Programs and Strategy Alliance invites U faculty and graduate/professional students to submit proposals for the Global Spotlight International Research Grant competition. The deadline is Dec. 2. Proposals must focus on research projects in Latin America/Caribbean and/or the global impact of urbanization. For more information, see [grant program](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

CHRIS FARRELL WILL SPEAK at the next Frontiers in the Environment seminar sponsored by the U's Institute on the Environment. Farrell, economics editor and host of American Public Media's "Marketplace Money" radio program, will present "The Frugal Future." Farrell predicts that over the coming decade, the rise of the mobile Internet and the push for sustainability will transform the economy, driving the next wave of "creative destruction" and offering the opportunity for a life made better not by ownership but by greater flexibility and meaning. Nov. 9, noon–1 p.m. R380 IonE seminar room, VoTech Bldg., St. Paul campus or [via UMCconnect](#). For more information, see [Frugal Future](#).

CROOKSTON:

UMC'S VETERANS CLUB will host a special presentation featuring guest speaker Stewart Bass during a program commemorating Veterans Day. Nov. 11, 1 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium. For more information, see [Veterans Day](#).

A HORSE OWNER EDUCATION PROGRAM, a partnership between UMC and UMTC, is designed to assist current horse owners as well as those interested in owning a horse in the future. The program is recommended for ages 13 and up, but is open to everyone. Nov. 12, 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m., University Teaching and Outreach Center. Registration is required; deadline is Nov. 9. For more information, see [horse program](#).

UMC WILL CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK with events taking place on campus Nov. 14–18. From culinary creations to an international market, International Education Week will include adventures from around the world. For more information, see [international](#).

THURSDAY COMMONS will feature the research of six UMC faculty members. The campus community is invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served, and attendees are welcome to bring a lunch. Nov. 17, 12:15–2 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. For more information, see [Thursday Commons](#).

DULUTH:

UMD NATURAL RESOURCES RESEARCH INSTITUTE (NRRI) WAS AWARDED \$2 MILLION by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. NRRI scientist Euan Reavie will use the grant in his research monitoring the bottom of the Great Lakes food chain, tracking the shifts in the abundance and composition of tiny food organisms. For more information, see [NRRI grant](#).

LAND OF PLENTY: HOW DID YOU COME TO BE HERE? directed by UMD theatre professor Tom Isbell, explores and wrestles with the realities of the United States as a land of opportunity and welcome, but also as a land of inequality, exclusion, and forced relocation. The collaborative project brings together UMD and the Duluth community in a modern play. Nov. 11 and Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m., Marshall Performing Arts Center. For more information, see [theatre](#).

THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION video series, *Science Nation*, features two research films about UMD geological sciences professor John Goodge and his wintery trek across Antarctica, and NRRI scientist Cindy Hale, whose work explores the impact of earthworms on local and regional understorey growth in forests. For more information, watch the videos of [John Goodge](#) and [Cindy Hale](#).

MORRIS:

UMM'S COMPUTER SCIENCE TEAMS "Quantum Bogosort" and "Ghost Ducks" excelled at the 2011 Digi-Key Collegiate Computing Competition. Professors Nic McPhee and Kristin Lamberty advise the teams, comprised of computer science majors. For more information, see [computing competition](#).

AUTHOR KIESE LAYMON will give a reading at Briggs Library Nov. 11, 7 p.m., sponsored by the Prairie Gate Literary Festival. For more information, see [author event](#).

A LIVE-ACTION GRAPHIC NOVEL performance will feature comic book images projected panel-by-panel while three actors perform voices, a foley artist creates sound effects, and a keyboardist plays the score. *The Intergalactic Nemesis* will be presented Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium. For more information, see [novel performance](#).

UMM WAS AWARDED A "MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOL" designation by *G.I. Jobs* magazine in its annual list honoring the top 20 percent of colleges, universities, and trade schools that support American military service members and veterans as students. For more information, see [Military Friendly Schools](#).

ROCHESTER:

UMR FACULTY MEMBER MARK TSCHAEPE'S ESSAY "John Dewey's Conception of Scientific Explanation: Moving Philosophers of Science Past the Realism-Antirealism Debate" has been accepted for publication in the journal, *Contemporary Pragmatism*. The essay will be published in December.

TWIN CITIES:**Administrative information**

THE FIRST NATIONWIDE TEST OF THE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM (EAS) WILL TAKE PLACE NOV. 9, 1 p.m. (CST). The Federal Emergency Management Agency, Federal Communications Commission, and the National Weather Service will conduct the test, which will be broadcast simultaneously over all television and radio stations throughout the U.S., and may be up to three-and-a-half minutes in length. During emergency testing, local 911 operators are often unnecessarily burdened by non-emergency calls; please remember that this is only a test. For more information, see [EAS test \(PDF\)](#).

EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND BENEFITS FAIR will take place Nov. 9, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Coffman Union. The benefits fair provides an opportunity to talk to the health and pharmacy benefits managers and retirement investment plan representatives and participate in health promotion opportunities, including flu shots. For more information, see [Open Enrollment](#).

THE U'S NEWEST BROADBAND ACCESS PROJECT (BAP) COMPUTER LAB, located at NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center in north Minneapolis, will begin offering free public computer classes Nov. 14. NorthPoint was selected from a pool of 12 applicants representing community organizations from across the Twin Cities. Launched by a \$2.9 million federal stimulus grant and coordinated through the U's Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center, BAP operates 11 computer labs in federally designated poverty zones across the Twin Cities. The project aims to bridge the digital divide in underserved urban communities by expanding access to high-speed Internet. For more information, see [BAP computer lab](#).

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR UNIVERSITY PROFESSIONAL CIRCLES, a professional development opportunity cosponsored by the Organizational Effectiveness Division of the Office of Human Resources and the Women's Center. The 10-month program is designed to advance employee professional goals, hone interpersonal communication and networking skills, and cut across the traditional barriers that lead to staff isolation. No more than 50 applicants will be selected for this cohort. Registration fee is \$50. Applications are due Dec. 16, and the program begins Jan. 25. For the application and more information, see [professional development](#).

Funding awards and opportunities

THE INSTITUTE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (IonE) AND THE GRADUATE SCHOOL are collaborating to support Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellows. 2012–13 preliminary applications are due to the IonE by Jan. 16, and to the Graduate School by Feb. 1. For more information, see [fellows application](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

PREVIEW/REVIEW: UNIVERSITY EVENTS AND LECTURES is a periodic column highlighting events and lectures recently past and soon to come on the TC campus. This issue features a review of the U Communicators Forum event, "Promoting Strategies on a Budget: Internal PR." Previews include "Cyclopath: Personalized Routing and Open Collaboration for Bicyclists," "Behind the Podium: Lecturing 101," Divas Night Out and Holiday Shopping at the Arboretum, "The Chemistry of Flavor," and more. For more information, see [Preview/Review](#).

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WORLD USABILITY DAY: THE DESIGNING FOR SOCIAL CHANGE will take place Nov. 10, 9:45 a.m.–8 p.m., 402 Walter Library. The events are free and open to the public. No reservation is required. For more information and a complete schedule of events, see [Usability Day](#).

FIRST AMENDMENT EXPERT Rodney Smolla, author and president of Furman University, will discuss his book, *The Constitution Goes to College: Five Constitutional Ideas That Have Shaped the American University*, Nov. 14, 4–5 p.m., U Bookstore, Coffman Union. Smolla, a former law school dean, is an expert on the First Amendment who uses the American university as a lens to view the Constitution in action. For more information, see [author event](#).

A NATIONAL CHILDREN'S STUDY SPEAKERS' SERIES PRESENTATION will feature David Wallinga, senior adviser with the Institute of Agriculture and Trade Policy. Wallinga will describe the health-relevant characteristics of food environments/systems, discuss the effects of maternal food systems on birth outcomes and infant health status and development, and present model approaches for counseling maternal and infant nutritional health. Nov. 30, 3–4:30 p.m., Welder Center, St. Paul. For registration and more information, see [Children's Study speaker](#).

MORE EVENTS include Being an Ally in the Work of Equity and Diversity ([Nov. 10](#)); The Relative Virtues of Adam Smith's Theodicy ([Nov. 11](#)); *The War Within/All's Fair*, a devised work ([Nov. 12](#)); Social Seeing: Images Online—A talk by George Oates ([Nov. 15](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS.

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TOP NEWS:

THE FINAL REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER (AHC) REVIEW COMMITTEE has been submitted to the president. The Executive Steering Committee charged with the review of the AHC submitted its final report and a copy of the comments received to President Kaler on Nov. 8. President Kaler will communicate next steps in the AHC review process later this month. For more information, see the [final report and comments](#).

Features

FEATURE: Annika Johnson, who received her art history degree from the U this past May, did undergraduate research on Clara Mairs—a little known Minnesota artist from the depression era. Johnson describes Mairs' work as "playful yet psychological, monumental yet humble" and says she not only helped activate the state's modern and avant-garde art movements, but also was central in the early development of arts education in St. Paul. For more information, read "[Art detective](#)."

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: Nov. 11. In "This Week @Minnesota" for the week of Nov. 7–11, Gopher Hockey is ranked number one in the country, student veterans' service to our nation is celebrated, and Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet brings *Wonderland* to the Orpheum Theatre. For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Associate professor Dona Schwartz placed third in the Taylor Wessing Photographic Portrait Prize competition; the Institute on the Environment's *Momentum* magazine received awards in 10 categories, including a gold for overall excellence in its class, at the Minnesota Magazine & Publishing Association's annual awards ceremony; CBS Dean's Scholars, a student leadership program, received the National Association for Student Personnel Administrators' Regional Award for Innovative Program; U in the News features U faculty and staff cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

Funding awards and opportunities

ENGAGED DEPARTMENT GRANT applications will be accepted by the Office for Public Engagement through Dec. 9. Grants support departmental or academic program teams that wish to develop or strengthen research- or teaching-focused University/community engagement initiatives for faculty and/or students. Grants of up to \$7,500 will be awarded to eight department teams from any campus. For more information, see [Engaged Department Grant Program](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE RELIGIOUS STUDIES PROGRAM held a conference last February that is now the topic of a television documentary produced by Twin Cities Public Television (tpt). "Shared Cultural Spaces: Islam and the West in the Arts and Sciences" will next air on the tpt Life Channel, Nov 20, 1 p.m. For more information, see [tpt online](#) or [Religious Studies](#).

CROOKSTON:

THE CIRCLE OF NATIONS INDIGENOUS ASSOCIATION at UMC will host a Native American Game Night in recognition of Native American Heritage Month (November). Nov. 22, 6 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. For more information, see [heritage month](#).

ZOMBIE PROM, a musical comedy, will be performed by music and theater students Nov. 16–19, 7:30 p.m, Kiehle Auditorium, with a special matinee performance Nov. 20, 3 p.m. For more information, see [Zombie Prom](#).

DULUTH:

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS (AIA) DISTINGUISHED BUILDING HONOR was awarded to UMD's James I. Swenson Civil Engineering Building. A photo of the building depicting the oversized scuppers that channel storm water was featured on the cover of *Chicago Architect* magazine's November/December 2011 issue. The Chicago architecture firm, Ross Barney Architects, designed the building. For more information, see [building honor](#).

TOWARDS ZERO DEATH: GRANT ENFORCEMENT PROJECT is a local and regional initiative to enforce a safer driving environment. Formerly known as "Safe and Sober," UMD was allocated \$10,000 last year from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for the program. For more information, see [zero death](#).

WOMAN OF DISTINCTION AWARD RECIPIENT Joycelyn Dorscher is the director of UMD's Center of American Indian and Minority Health. Honored on Nov. 2 by the Duluth YWCA as a Woman of Distinction, the annual award publicly honors and recognizes women from Duluth who have made significant contributions related to the YWCA's mission. For more information, see [Woman of Distinction](#).

THE JANET HEIDINGER KAFKA PRIZE has been awarded to author and UMD associate professor of American Indian Studies Linda LeGarde Grover for her debut collection of short stories, *The Dance Boots*. Presented by the Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender and Women's Studies at the University of Rochester, Grover's short story collection illustrates the struggles of the native North American Ojibwe community as they face challenges to their traditional way of life. For more information, see [Kafka Prize](#).

MORRIS:

DAVID ROBERTS, a professor of mathematics researching number fields, has received a Collaboration Grant from the Simons Foundation, a new funding source for mathematical sciences. The grant is one of only 140 awarded nationwide for the first time this year. The grantor's goal is to increase collaborative contacts between active researchers. For more information, see [mathematics grant](#).

THE THEATRE DISCIPLINE opens its 2011–12 season with Cole Porter's *Anything Goes*. Associate professor of theatre Siobhan Bremer directs. Professor of theatre Tap Payne designed the set. Music faculty Ken Hodgson and Diane DeJong serve as music director and vocal director, respectively. Dance faculty member Stephanie Ferrian co-choreographed with student Kari Stevermer, who is completing her senior project. Nov. 16–19, Fine Arts Raymond J. Lammers Proscenium Theatre. For more information, see [Anything Goes](#).

ROCHESTER:

BRYAN WATTIER, clinical education coordinator for the respiratory care track of the bachelor of science in health professions degree, was recently elected to the Minnesota Society for Respiratory Care Board of Directors. For more information, see [Wattier](#).

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

U LIBRARIES CAN HELP INSTRUCTORS LOOKING TO ASSIGN MULTIMEDIA PROJECTS to students. The Libraries' Media Services staff work with instructors to integrate student media assignments into teaching and to provide students with access to equipment and professional media production support in the Walter and Wilson Library SMART Learning Commons. For more information, see [Library Media Services](#) or email [Scott Spicer](mailto:Scott.Spicer).

CAMPUS PARKING METERS (288 out of 355 on campus) are being upgraded to solar-powered equipment that accepts credit cards or coins. All campus meters will cost \$2 per hour (special events may incur higher rates). For more information, see [campus parking](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

UNIVERSITY OPERA THEATRE will present Mozart's classic *Così fan tutte*, Nov. 17–20, Ted Mann Concert Hall. Two- for-one tickets are available for U faculty, staff, alumni, students, and retirees. For more information, see [opera](#).

THE MATH AND SCIENCE FAMILY FUN FAIR will feature fascinating activities, hands-on exhibits, and entertaining presentations showcasing science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. This year's highlights include Physics Force shows, Energy and U shows, a Mystery Science Lab, and much more. Nov. 19, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Coffman Union. Free. For more information, see [fun fair](#).

A U OF M DOCUMENTARY FEATURING NORTH MINNEAPOLIS'S legendary buildings and historic spaces as the backdrop for an exploration of place and community will air on Twin Cities Public Television's (tpt) Life Channel. "Cornerstones: Stories of Place on the North Side," will air Nov. 20. Co-produced by the U's Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC) and tpt, the hour-long documentary presents stories of Northside life interwoven with themes of immigration, race relations, and cultural changes. For more information and channel details, see [tpt Life](#). The film is also available at [UROC](#).

THE ANNUAL TRANSGENDER COMMISSION REMEMBRANCE CELEBRATION will honor the community-building vital to gender liberation work through performances from local artists such as Poetic Assassins, Heidi Barton Stink, and Esme Rodriguez. This year's theme is Trans Justice: Creating Community. Nov. 21, 5:30–8 p.m., Coffman Union, Whole Music Club. For more information, or if you'd like to perform, email TransCom.

THE CONSULTATION COLLABORATIVE will host a brown bag event featuring Sherri Turner on techniques for critical listening. The collaborative is a group aimed at creating a supportive network of individuals who work and consult with faculty and instructors. Nov. 30, 12:15–1:30 p.m., 432A Science Teaching and Student Services Building. RSVP at [brown bag](#). For more information, see [consultation](#).

3M SEMINAR ON TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION: "Securing Intellectual Property" will provide an overview of intellectual property and suggest procedures for cost-effectively securing IP assets within science and technology related businesses. Sponsored by 3M and organized by the Holmes Center for Entrepreneurship, the seminar is the first in a series of four during academic year 2011–12. Nov. 30, 4–6 p.m., 2-206 Carlson School. For more information, see [3M seminar](#).

OFFICE OF NURSING RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP SEMINAR SERIES: Building and Sustaining Interdisciplinary Research Teams: Strategies for Success, will provide insight, advice, and team experience gathered from interdisciplinary research projects. Such projects have a positive effect on the academic research culture by cultivating collaboration among the various biomedical disciplines and encouraging interdisciplinary partnerships. Dec. 8, noon–1 p.m., 6-194 Weaver Densford Hall. For more information, see [nursing seminar](#).

MINNESOTA WILD lower level hockey tickets are available to faculty, staff, and students at a savings of \$60 for the Nov. 23 and Nov. 28 games. The discount tickets are available at the Coffman Union and St. Paul Student Center Information Desks. For more information, see [Student Unions & Activities](#).

MORE EVENTS include Why Don't River Deltas Drown? ([Nov. 16](#)); Bi/Pan/Fluid Sexualities & (In)Visibility Discussion ([Nov. 16](#)); Queering Performance: the Role of Art in Social Movements ([Nov. 17](#)); Lynn Hershman Leeson: Investigations ([Nov. 17](#)); Encore Transitions: Making the Most of Post-Career Life: Mershey Working, Helping ([Nov. 18](#)); Emerald Ash Borer in Twin Cities: Economic Perspective on Management Action ([Nov. 21](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE U'S 2012 LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING. Held annually, the legislative briefing serves as the U's kickoff to the legislative session. Attracting hundreds of University advocates—including faculty, staff, students, and alumni—the evening features a reception and dinner. University officials introduce the U's proposed legislative agenda and discuss the political landscape with attendees. Feb. 1, 2012, 6–7:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. To register and for more information about U advocacy, see [Legislative Briefing](#).

Features

FEATURE: In the wake of the disaster that killed the dinosaurs, the ancestors of today's crop plants doubled their genomes, an act that set the stage for feeding the world 60 million years later. U researchers hope that studying the effects of the doubling on legumes like alfalfa will lead to genetically engineered legumes that do a better job of meeting the world's rising demand for nitrogen, the backbone of all protein and a major nutrient in fertilizers. For more information, read "[A tailored pair of genes](#)."

FEATURE: Every year, about 49 million turkeys are produced in Minnesota, more than anywhere else in the nation. That's because U research on how turkeys breed and feed helps the industry thrive. Poultry scientists in CFANS have been studying turkeys for more than a century, and their work continues today. Recent research focuses on how distiller's dried grains with solubles, a byproduct of ethanol production, can be used as animal feed. The story also includes some fun turkey facts. For more information, read "[Talking Turkey](#)."

FEATURE: From cleaning birdcages to cataloging bones and teaching, three volunteers are putting their passions to work at the U to make a difference. For more information, read "[Laborers of love](#)."

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: Nov. 14–18. In "This Week @Minnesota" get a sneak peek at an upcoming opera performance of Mozart's *Così fan tutte*, follow students as they practice parkour on campus, and learn about a student video contest for scholarships. For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."

U OF M MOMENT: Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and that means thousands of Minnesota college students will be heading home to spend time with their families—some for the first time since starting college. Marjorie Savage, the U's Parent Program director, says parents need to be prepared. Savage says students also play a role in easing any potential stress points. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Center for Drug Design professor and director Robert Vince has been named to the Minnesota Science and Technology Hall of Fame; the Humphrey School has been chosen to receive the inaugural Diversity Award given by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration; three U faculty are part of a design team that won the Plaza Design Competition sponsored by the Weisman Art Museum; professor Ingrid Schneider has been inducted into the Academy of Leisure Sciences; professor Elaine Tarone is the recipient of the American Association for Applied Linguistics' Distinguished Scholarship and Service Award; U in the News features U faculty and staff cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

Administrative news

CANDIDATES FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER position have been invited to campus for interviews. The public forums will take place Nov. 28, 29, and 30; at 3 p.m. each day, 3-180 Kenneth H. Keller Hall. The sessions will also be live-streamed on the web. For more information, see [VPCIO Search](#).

OPEN ENROLLMENT deadline is Nov. 30. Employees who participated in the HealthPartners U Classic Plus plan during 2011 must choose one of the Medica plans in order to have medical coverage in 2012. Those otherwise satisfied with their current medical and dental plan choices do not need to re-enroll; current plans will continue into 2012. Regardless of medical plan, all employees who wish to have a flexible spending account in 2012 must enroll at this time. This year, participants also have a one-time opportunity to enroll in or increase the amount of short-term disability insurance without medical evidence of insurability. For more information, see [Open Enrollment](#) or visit [Employee Self-Service](#) to enroll by Nov. 30. Call Employee Benefits at 612-624-9090 or 1-800-756-2363 with specific questions.

Funding awards and opportunities

THE OFFICE FOR EQUITY AND DIVERSITY announced its student and campus/college awards at the fourth annual Equity and Diversity Breakfast. Thirteen students received a 2011 Scholarly Excellence in Equity and Diversity (SEED) Award. The Outstanding Equity and Diversity Unit Award went to UMD. President Kaler delivered the [keynote address](#) at the event. For more information, see [Equity and Diversity Breakfast](#).

DOCTORAL STUDENTS APPLYING FOR THE INTERDISCIPLINARY DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP (IDF) program [offered by the Graduate School](#) must include a letter of support from the interdisciplinary research center or institute where they propose to do the fellowship. The Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) has served as an IDF host institution since the program's inception. Doctoral students who are interested in applying for an IDF at the IAS in 2012–13 must submit a preliminary application to the IAS by Jan. 18. For more information, see [IAS fellows](#).

CROOKSTON:

THE DOCUMENTARY *INVISIBLE CHILDREN*, which explores the plight of Central Africa's child soldiers, will be shown Nov. 30, 8 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Programs. For more information, see [child soldiers](#).

KATY SMITH AND ERIC CASTLE have been selected to participate in the 2011–12 Internationalizing Teaching and Learning Cohort Program, sponsored by the U's Global Programs and Strategy Alliance, the Center for Teaching and Learning, Instructional Development Services, and the Office of Information Technology. Smith is an assistant professor of biology, and Castle is an assistant professor of horticulture. For more information, see [internationalizing teaching](#).

DULUTH:

IANNI RESIDENCE HALL ENERGY EFFICIENCY was recognized with a rebate of more than \$18,000 from Minnesota Power. Chancellor Lendley C. Black was presented with the rebate check by Tina Koecher, Minnesota Power's manager of energy efficiency programs, on Nov. 22. The rebate was based on energy savings accrued since construction of the building was completed, and recognizes UMD's continued sustainability efforts. For more information, see [UMD sustainability](#).

"FIRSTING AND LASTING: WRITING INDIANS OUT OF EXISTENCE IN NEW ENGLAND" will be presented by author and U history professor Jean O'Brien Nov. 28, 5 p.m., Library Rotunda. A reception will follow. For more information, see [presentation](#).

A BOOK SIGNING AND PRESENTATION by Minnesota author Lawrence Sutin for the book *A Tribute to Jack and Rochelle: Creating a Record of Holocaust Survival* will take place Dec. 1, 3:30 p.m., 80 Montague. A reception in the lobby of the Marshall Performing Arts Center follows the presentation. The event is part of the lecture series presented by the Center for Genocide, Holocaust and Human Rights Studies. For more information, see [book signing](#).

MORRIS:

PROFESSOR OF GEOLOGY JAMES COTTER and geology and environmental science student Ashley Woods are researching the effects that a 50-year-old ditch winding through farmland and along roadways has had on Lake Wakanga near Willmar. They are testing core samples of lake sediment that has built up at the mouth of the ditch. The U's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs' Community Assistantship Program is funding the project. For more information, see [ditch effect](#).

THE 2011 CAROL CONCERT will feature the Concert Choir and Orchestra performing George Frideric Handel's *Messiah* oratorio under the direction of Kenneth Hodgson, associate professor of music. Ann Duhamel, teaching specialist, will accompany on piano and harpsichord. Dec. 2 and 3, 7:30 p.m.; and Dec. 4, 2 p.m., Recital Hall, Humanities Fine Arts building. For more information, see [concert](#).

STUDENT KRISTOFOR GIESKE has received a 2011 Minnesota Broadcasters Association James J. Wychor Scholarship. Mentored by Barbara Burke, associate professor of communication, media, and rhetoric, and Roger Boleman, director of Instructional and Media Services, Gieske is studying digital media. For more information, see [scholarship](#).

ROCHESTER:

RYAN FURNESS, Center for Learning Innovation faculty member, was recently selected to take part in the [Internationalizing Teaching and Learning Cohort](#) Program. The program engages faculty in significant course design or redesign by participating in a multidisciplinary cohort of their peers.

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

ADOPT A FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS: The Student Parent HELP Center (SPHC), a program of the U's Office for Student Affairs, is seeking sponsors for its annual holiday assistance program. Students served by SPHC are typically young parents making significant sacrifices to complete their education and provide a good future for their children. All of the student-parents served by the program are low-income, and the vast majority are single parents in the lowest income bracket. For more information, see [Adopt-A-Family](#).

TWO FINALISTS FOR DIRECTOR OF THE MULTICULTURAL CENTER FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE have been invited to campus for public interviews. The candidates are E. Frederic MacDonald-Dennis, former interim director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs at Haverford College; and Thomas L. Alexander III, special assistant for diversity to the vice president of student affairs at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). Forums are scheduled Nov. 29, 1–2 p.m., 140 Nolte; and Dec. 2, 2–3 p.m., 226 Appleby Hall. For more information, see [public forums](#).

AS PART OF THE U'S DRIVEN TO DISCOVER CAMPAIGN and focus on the student experience, UMTC will give away \$30,000 in scholarships during a video contest which asks Twin Cities undergraduates to share what they are driven to discover. Winners will be chosen based on the number of "Likes" on the U's Facebook page. Students can submit their videos at discover.umn.edu from Nov. 16 to Dec. 28.

Funding awards and opportunities

CALL FOR VISUAL ARTISTS: The Visual Arts Committee of Student Unions and Activities is organizing exhibitions at the St. Paul Student Center's Larson Art Gallery and Coffman Memorial Union's Coffman Art Gallery. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to submit an application. For more information, see [submission requirements](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

A FORUM FOR MN SENATE DISTRICT 59 CANDIDATES (the seat formerly held by Senator Larry Pogemiller) will be held Nov. 28, 7 p.m., 130 Murphy Hall. District 59 includes the U's East and West Banks and area communities. Sponsored by the *Minnesota Daily*. Student representation will be the focus of the discussion. For more information, see [District 59 forum](#).

AN LGBTQA FAITH AND SPIRITUALITY DISCUSSION will provide an open forum to talk about the issues and intersections of faith, religion, spirituality, and LGBTQA identities. The event is a follow-up to the Nov. 1 event, "[Doing Justice: An Interfaith Panel on Same-Gender Marriage](#)." Nov. 30, 12:30–2 p.m., 117 Appleby Hall. For more information, email the [GLBTA programs office](#).

"SHIFT," an exhibition fundraiser for U art scholarships, will feature a sale of works created by U students and faculty. All proceeds will benefit student scholarships in the Department of Art. Dec. 14, 6–8 p.m., E236 Regis Center. For more information, email [SHIFT](#).

DESIGNING AND CONDUCTING FOCUS GROUP INTERVIEWS will include an interactive overview of focus group procedures that can be used in public and nonprofit environments. Taught by professor emeritus Richard Krueger, the workshop offers practical approaches to determine the appropriate use of focus group studies, develop questions, and recruit participants. Analysis and reporting results are emphasized. Mar. 12–13; or Mar. 14–15. Continuing education credits are available. For registration and more information, see [focus group](#).

MORE EVENTS include The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra in concert ([Nov. 27](#)); Confucius Says WHAT? On When and How the Analects Took Shape—a presentation by Paul Van Els ([Nov. 28](#)); Material Culture, Memory, and the Analytic Dynamics in Late Medieval London—a talk with Katherine French ([Nov. 29](#)); Dirty Laundry ([Dec. 1](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

Features

FEATURE: Back in 2007, U physicist Marvin Marshak was part of an experiment, called MINOS, that clocked neutrinos going faster than light. That wasn't supposed to happen. If the speed of light isn't the universal speed limit, it would mean that Einstein's famous equation, $E=mc^2$, is wrong. While the U finding was published, it never made the news. Then, in September, came a shocker from a similar experiment in Europe—and media around the world trumpeted the possible demise of the world's most famous equation. Now, Marshak and MINOS are gearing up to settle the matter. For more information, read "[Fast times in physics](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Dante Cicchetti has been named a Fellow by the American Association for the Advancement of Science for his ground-breaking research in developmental neuroscience and child psychology; professor Charles Baxter's collection *Gryphon: New & Selected Stories* was named one of the 100 Notable Books of 2011 by *The New York Times*; U in the News features U faculty and staff cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

THE UNIVERSITY SENATE AND FACULTY SENATE will meet Dec. 1, 2:30 p.m., 25 Mondale Hall. Topics will include a white paper on academic freedom, procedures for reviewing candidates for tenure and/or promotion, and Graduate School metrics. For more information, see the agenda at [University Senate](#).

THE P&A SENATE will meet Dec. 2, 9:30 a.m., Mayo Auditorium. Topics will include a discussion with President Kaler and Donna Peterson, associate vice president for government relations. For more information, see the agenda at [P&A Senate](#).

Funding awards and opportunities

NOMINATIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE are due by March 9. The award honors active or retired faculty or staff who have gone well beyond their regular duties and have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the U community. For more information about the award and the nominating process, see [President's Award](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE U WILL HOST GOOGLE CHAIRMAN ERIC SCHMIDT ON NOV. 30, 10–11 a.m. Schmidt will speak on "The Future of the High-tech Economy: How Technology is Changing Business, Education and Government." The event is by invitation only, but will be webcast live at livestream.com/umntv, and recorded for future viewing. For more information, see the [news release](#).

CROOKSTON:

THE CAMPUS ASSEMBLY FALL MEETING will take place Dec. 1, 12:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. The agenda for the meeting and the minutes from the last meeting [are online](#).

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES ACTIVITIES DAY will bring high school students from some 40 high schools to UMC on Dec. 2. The annual event, which involves more than 20 student contests, has been held on the campus since 1969. For more information, see [natural resources](#).

UMC'S COLLEGIATE CROPS JUDGING TEAM recently finished second in both the Kansas City and Chicago national crops contests. Members of the 2011 team include seniors Chase Boen, double majoring in agronomy and agricultural business; Matthew Green, triple majoring in agricultural systems management, agronomy, and agricultural business; and Ethan Hulst, majoring in agronomy. The team is coached by Rob Proulx, agronomy lecturer in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department. For more information, see [collegiate crops](#).

DULUTH:

AN ALUMNI RECEPTION IN CHICAGO will feature a performance of *It's a Wonderful Life: Live at the Biograph*, Dec. 9, 6 p.m., American Blues Theater (ABT). Bill Payne, professor of theatre and interim dean in the School of Fine Arts, is cofounder of the ABT and has been an ensemble member since 1985. For more information, see [alumni reception](#).

THE CIVIL ENGINEERING MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM began this fall with the first cohort of students. The master of science in civil engineering is intended for those pursuing a research emphasis and seeking in-depth knowledge in an area within civil engineering. For more information, see [civil engineering program](#).

BOOK READING AND SIGNING: AUTHOR MILAN KOVACOVIC will read from his recently published memoir, *Ma's Dictionary: An Odyssey Through the Social Classes: France, Slovakia, U.S.A.*. Dec. 8, 4:30 p.m. Griggs Center. For more information, see [author event](#).

MORRIS:

MINNESOTA GREENCORPS has announced that the Morris campus GreenCorps program will continue to be funded. An environmentally focused AmeriCorps program administered by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, GreenCorps is funded by a Corporation for National and Community Service grant with additional support from ServeMinnesota. UMM is the only GreenCorps site in Minnesota at which undergraduates serve in the program. Goals of the program are to preserve and protect the environment while developing the next generation of environmental professionals. For more information, see [Greencorps](#).

THE MORRIS ART CLUB will hold its annual art sale featuring work by students, faculty, and local artists Dec. 1–3, Humanities Fine Arts Gallery. For more information see [art sale](#).

THE MORRIS DANCE ENSEMBLE will present *Move Your Feet!* Dec. 2–3, Edson Auditorium, Student Center. The event will feature 146 student dancers in dances from ballet to Beyonce, plus a piece choreographed around the theme of the show. For more information, see [dance](#).

ROCHESTER:

UMR STUDENTS AND FACULTY WILL PUBLISH an article titled "A Paradoxical Framework for Drug Rationing" in a forthcoming issue of the *American Journal of Bioethics*. Students Bayly Bucknell, Heather DeGrote, Loren Fabry, Madeleine Hammerlund, and Bryan Weisbrod; and UMR philosophy professors Rebecca Bamford and Cameron Brewer wrote the article as part of a collaborative project in an upper level philosophy class. The project helped the students understand the importance of philosophy in contemporary bioethics and provided them with a research experience.

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

FACILITY MANAGEMENT'S ENERGY MANAGEMENT GROUP HAS NOT HAD A LOST-TIME INJURY in more than 1,000 days. In a unit where employees regularly work with electricity, hazardous materials, wet floors, and saws, the safety milestone is remarkable. The group emphasizes teamwork within crews and safety as a shared responsibility to achieve its goal of staying safe. For more information, see [no lost time](#).

THE OFFICE FOR EQUITY AND DIVERSITY has invited three candidates to campus for public interviews for the position of director of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Ally Programs Office. Forums are scheduled Dec. 1, 2-3 p.m., 335 Appleby Hall; Dec. 6, 2-3 p.m., 117 Appleby Hall; and Dec. 7, 10-11 a.m., 117 Appleby Hall. For more information, see [public forums](#).

STUDENT UNIONS & ACTIVITIES IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS to serve on a judging committee for either the Excellence Awards or the President's Student Leadership and Service Awards selection process. Committee members show support for the U community while helping to recognize students for their outstanding work in leadership, service, and student group contributions. Responsibilities consist of reviewing applications and attending selection meetings with other U of M faculty, staff, and student judges. For more information or to volunteer, email awards or call 612-626-6919.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

EMMY-NOMINATED SCREENWRITER, playwright, and Tectonic Theater Project member Leigh Fondakowski will discuss the long-term environmental and cultural effects of the 2010 BP oil drilling disaster, based on her upcoming work with the people of coastal Louisiana following the Deepwater Horizon drilling explosion. Sponsored by the U's Institute for Advanced Study, Fondakowski's presentation will highlight her production's exploration of the environmental and human cost of the pursuit of oil. Dec. 1, 4 p.m., 125 Nolte Center. For more information, see "[The Big Spill](#)."

(BI)SEXUALITY 101 will offer attendees an opportunity to explore an often-overlooked segment of the GLBTQ community. Participants will think critically about gender and desire and share strategies to make the U campus and area communities more welcoming. Free food (including vegan and gluten-free options) will be provided. Free and open to the public. Dec. 5, 1-4 p.m., 335 Peik Hall. For registration, email glbtapo@umn.edu with your name, email, and U or community affiliation. For more information, see [GLBTA programs](#).

THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY will host a symposium on "The Psychology of Political Misinformation," featuring Dan Kahan, Brendan Nyhan, and Dhavan Shah as panelists, with Paul Goren as moderator. Dec. 9, 2-4 p.m., 1-149 Carlson School. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [political psychology](#).

"FLAT CITY: THE STREETCAR CITY AND THE REVIVAL OF THE AMERICAN DREAM" will be the topic of the Center for Transportation Studies (CTS) annual fall luncheon. Patrick Condon, professor and international expert on sustainable urban design, will argue why the "Streetcar City," a uniquely American urban landscape, is again desirable for the future quality of American life. Dec. 8, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see [streetcar city](#).

"DISPARITIES IN MENTAL HEALTH STATUS AND CARE IN THE U.S." is the next topic of the talk in the Distinguished Visiting Scholar Series on Health Disparities. Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, director of the Center for Reducing Health Disparities at UC Davis, presents. Sponsored by the Program in Health Disparities Research, the Center for Health Equity, and the Minnesota Center for Cancer Collaborations. RSVP to [health disparities](#). Dec. 9, noon–1 p.m., 2-530 Moos Tower and broadcasted online. For more information, see [Distinguished Visiting Scholar Series](#).

MORE EVENTS include Site and Incitement—Planning Discussion ([Dec. 1](#)); Why it Takes the Heart and the Fist: A conversation with Eric Greitman, humanitarian and Navy SEAL ([Dec. 2](#)); Freight and Logistics Symposium ([Dec. 2](#)); *Uncle Vanya* by Anton Chekhov ([Dec. 3](#)); Faculty Recital: Immanuel Davis (flute), Alexander Fiterstein (clarinet), and Timothy Lovelace (piano) ([Dec. 4](#)); Grant Funding—Search Tools and Resources ([Dec. 6](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

BOARD OF REGENTS: The Board of Regents will meet Dec. 8–9. The Board's agenda includes an update on the state of the Minnesota economy from state economist and U professor Tom Stinson; a report on undergraduate retention and graduation rates; a tuition surcharge proposal within the Carlson School of Management; an update from the Office of the Vice President for Research on the status of University research, and other topics. For more information, see the [news release](#) and the Board of Regents [docket materials](#).

STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) released the state's budget forecast Dec. 1, projecting an \$876 million surplus for the 2012–13 biennium. State law requires that the surplus be added to the state's cash flow account and budget reserves. The surplus is also good news for the U in that it marks the first time in years that the University may not face additional budget cuts in the current biennium; however, there remains a projected \$1.3 billion deficit for 2014–15 biennium. For more information, see [state relations](#).

Features

FEATURE: For more than 20 years, Donna Peterson has been the head of government relations for the University of Minnesota. As she prepares to step aside in January, it's not without some nostalgia. But she's hopeful for the future, too. The body of U advocates—anyone willing, as she says, to speak positively on behalf of the U—is growing. And as the U makes an ever more positive impact in the lives of its students and people everywhere, all those advocates pushing together will be a powerful force. For more information, read "[A real voice for the U](#)."

FEATURE: U faculty members have a critical role to play in making sure the University is accessible to all students. To ensure students with print disabilities get their course materials in advance of the start of classes, it's critical for UMTC instructors to submit materials to the U's Disability Services weeks in advance. For more information, read "[Accessibility requires action](#)."

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: For the week of Nov. 28–Dec. 2, Google chairman Eric Schmidt visits campus to talk about technology, business, and higher education; entrepreneurship students pitch business ideas in 90 seconds; and students sing "Deck the Halls" in a flash mob at the Carlson School of Management. For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."

U OF M MOMENT: Over the past eight years, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences professor Nevin Young led a distinguished international team of scientists in deciphering an important piece of the genetic history of legumes. Young says that in the wake of the disaster that killed the dinosaurs 60 million years ago, most ancestors of today's crop plants reinvented themselves by doubling their chromosomes. Young says the findings may help researchers genetically develop legumes to do a better job of meeting the world's rising demand for nitrogen. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Jason Rohloff has been named special assistant to the president for government relations; the Institute on the Environment has selected 13 interdisciplinary initiatives for funding in the second round of awards for its Mini Grant program; assistant professor Abi Gewirtz has received the Professional of the Year Award for 2011 from the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Minnesota; economics professor Tom Holmes has been elected a Fellow of the Econometric Society; sociology department chair and professor Chris Uggen is the recipient of the 2011 Equal Justice Award in Research from the Council on Crime and Justice; the U has finalized an agreement with Dow Chemical Company that will result in the University receiving nearly \$17 million over the next five years; U in the News features U faculty and staff cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

Funding awards and opportunities

MULTICULTURAL RESEARCH AWARDS APPLICATIONS are invited by the Institute for Diversity, Equity and Advocacy (IDEA) and the Office for Equity and Diversity. Research proposals should be tied to enhancing the visibility and advancing the productivity of an interdisciplinary group of faculty and community scholars whose expertise in equity, diversity, and underrepresented populations will lead to innovative scholarship. Proposal applications are due Jan. 13, 4:30 p.m. For an application and more information, see [Multicultural Research Awards](#).

CROOKSTON:

SOYBEAN PRODUCERS AND AGRICULTURE PROFESSIONALS interested in practical and in-depth management information to help maximize profits in soybean production are encouraged to participate in UMC's Soybean College, an interactive combination of hands-on lab experiences and lectures. Dec. 20, 8:30 a.m.–3:10 p.m. Registration is \$40 before Dec. 12, or \$50 at the door. For more information, see [Soybean College](#).

THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY FACULTY AND STAFF HOLIDAY GET-TOGETHER will take place Dec. 15, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m., Bede Ballroom. Faculty and staff from across the campus community—the UMC, the Northwest Research and Outreach Center, the Northwest Area Health Education Center, and the Crookston Regional Extension Center—are encouraged to attend. For more information, see [holiday party](#).

DULUTH:

ANDREA SCHOKKER has been appointed UMD's executive vice chancellor for academic affairs. Since 2008, Schokker has been professor and founding head of the UMD Department of Civil Engineering. She will begin in January 2012. For more information, see [Andrea Schokker](#).

THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION video series *Science Nation* is featuring research conducted by Mary Hermes while she worked as an associate professor at UMD. Hermes's documentation of the Chippewa language and the training of indigenous scholars has become a highly regarded resource for a growing Ojibwe language revitalization effort. For more information, [watch the video](#).

THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SPECIAL, "DRAIN THE GREAT LAKES," features data and research from UMD's Large Lakes Observatory faculty member Nigel Watrus and UMD research associate Doug Ricketts. The program aired Dec. 1. For more information, see "[Drain the Great Lakes](#)."

MORRIS:

AMERICAN INDIANS IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING SOCIETY MEMBERS Melissa Carnicle '12 and Alexandra Myhal '14 were recognized at the society's national conference. Carnicle received first place for a presentation on the hydrological effects of attempts to prevent flash floods after a major wildfire. Myhal received second place for a presentation on the molecular basis of spinal muscular atrophy. Joe Alia, associate professor of chemistry, serves as adviser. For more information, see [science and engineering awards](#).

THROUGH THE CENTER FOR SMALL TOWNS' Students in Service AmeriCorps program, Seth Elsen '12 is researching current energy use and options for future renewable energy combinations for the Upper Sioux Community. The community is seeking to lessen its environmental footprint, and their location near Granite Falls holds exceptional opportunities to utilize wind and solar energy. For more information, see [renewable energy research](#).

U OF M SCHOLARLY EXCELLENCE IN EQUITY AND DIVERSITY AWARDS (SEED) honored UMM students Luciana Ranelli '13 and Ashleigh Thompson '13. Ranelli is planning the Equity, Diversity, and Intercultural Connections Retreat. Thompson served as a community adviser for the Morris Wind, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program and as chair of the Circle of Nations Indigenous Association 2011 Powwow. For more information, see [UMM SEED award recipients](#).

ROCHESTER:

UMR CONNECTS will feature a stress management reduction theme during the month of December. Upcoming events include "Stresssss-lesss Resolutions," with Sonja Hallworth; and "Complementary and Alternative Medicine Practices for Stress Management and Health Promotion," with Deah Kinion. Connect events are held each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. on the fourth floor of University Square, and are free and open to the public. For more information, see [UMR Connects](#).

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

THE OFFICE OF CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT (OCM) IS REQUESTING FEEDBACK from those who teach in general purpose classrooms. On Dec. 6, OCM emailed survey invitations to instructors who taught in a general purpose classroom during the fall semester. OCM encourages those who received the survey invitation to complete it by Dec. 23. The survey provides OCM with valuable input on the needs, expectations, and experiences of those who teach in these classrooms. For more information, contact the [Office of Classroom Management](#).

UMPD IS A TOYS FOR TOTS DROP SITE. The University of Minnesota Police Department is collecting new, unwrapped toys to be distributed during the holidays to those less fortunate in the community. The age groups most in need include 0- to 2-year-olds and 15- to 17-year-olds. Bring toys to the lobby of the Transportation and Safety Building, 511 Washington Avenue, S.E. The last day to drop off toys is Dec. 19, 2 p.m. For more information, see [Toys for Tots](#).

MOODLE 1.9 VS. MOODLE 2.0: What's the Difference? To help you quickly learn about what has changed, the Office of Information Technology has prepared a [series of short videos](#). For more information, see [technology training](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

PREVIEW/REVIEW: UNIVERSITY EVENTS AND LECTURES is a periodic column highlighting events and lectures recent and soon to come on the Twin Cities. This issue features a review of Google chairman Eric Schmidt's visit and talk at the Humphrey School. Previews include an Anderson Library exhibit celebrating the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible, Jim Brandenburg's "Chased By The Light" photo exhibit opening at the Bell Museum, and more. For more information, see [Preview/Review](#).

BE DAZZLED SHOPPING EVENT: WEISMAN ART MUSEUM (WAM). WAM members and U faculty, staff, and students receive 20 percent off WAM's selection of holiday gifts Dec. 7, 4–8 p.m., Weisman Art Museum. Be Dazzled Discount Days continue Dec. 8–11, during which U faculty, staff, and students receive 10 percent off. For more information, see [WAM discount shopping](#).

WINTER LIGHT SHOW AND 5K RUN: The College of Science and Engineering will host a light show designed by students, and preceded by a 5K run. The entire Civil Engineering Building Plaza will be covered in more than 75,000 LED lights and 400 individual controllable lights for an immersive 3D outdoor experience set to music. Shows take place Dec. 9 at 5:30, 6:30, and 7:30 p.m. Each show will last 15–20 minutes. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [light show](#).

ROBOT SHOW: A robotic cheese slicer, a T-shirt folder, and a Texas Hold 'em card dealer will be among nearly 250 machines on display at the U Robot Show, the largest robot show in the Twin Cities. All robots are designed by College of Science and Engineering students in the Introduction to Engineering class. Free, open to the public, and suitable for all ages. Dec. 12, 2:30–4:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see [robot show](#).

MORE EVENTS include Collaboration for Environmental Protection: Knowledge, Communication & Progress ([Dec. 7](#)); Beyond Marriage ([Dec. 8](#)); "A Market-Based Study of the Cost of Default" with guest Sergei Davydenko ([Dec. 9](#)); a discussion with acclaimed author Larry Watson ([Dec. 12](#)); SHIFT—An Exhibition Fundraiser for UMN Art Scholarships ([Dec. 14](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

BOARD OF REGENTS DECEMBER MEETING SUMMARY: The Board of Regents received an update on the status of the Minnesota economy from state economist and U professor Tom Stinson during its December meeting. Regents also heard a report on undergraduate retention and graduation rates; details of a proposed tuition surcharge within the Carlson School of Management; and the announcement of an innovative new approach to technology transfer, as well as an update on the state of University research. In addition, the facilities committee heard a presentation on U sustainability efforts. For more information, read the [Regents meeting summary](#).

Features

FEATURE: In this, their first winter as the U of M presidential couple, Karen and Eric Kaler sent a colorful, animated [seasonal e-card](#) to the extended U community. The card was the work of students Mari Mihai, a third-year graphic design undergrad; and Adam Zahller Brown, a first-year grad student in music composition. Complete with falling snow, a crackling fire, and a crescendo of music, it went out to faculty, staff, students, and friends—more than 100,000 people in all. For more information, read "[Warm winter wishes](#)."

FEATURE: The U was one of three university-based consortia to receive a large U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) wind energy research grant in 2009. As part of that, the U recently dedicated a \$5.5 million, 2.5MW wind turbine at UMore Park in Rosemount. It's the focal point of the budding Eolos Wind Energy Research Consortium, a unique, collaborative research effort. But what makes the turbine really stand out is its role in the next generation of wind energy research—universities working with industry to test ideas for wind energy improvements. For more information, read "[Wind. Energy. Research](#)."

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: For the week of Dec. 5–9, we learn about the induction of Gopher football great Sandy Stephens into the College Football Hall of Fame, see the Gopher Women's Volleyball team progress to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament, and learn about a new partnership that more tightly connects the U's research innovation to business. For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Michael Schmitt will be the new associate dean for Extension in the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences; U in the News features U faculty and staff cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

Funding awards and opportunities

NOMINATIONS FOR 2012 DISTINGUISHED MCKNIGHT UNIVERSITY PROFESSORSHIPS will be accepted by the Office of the Vice President for Research through Feb. 1. The McKnight program supports outstanding mid-career faculty who have recently achieved full professor status. For more information, see [nominating instructions](#).

CROOKSTON:

JASON BRANTNER, Northwest Research and Outreach Center (NWROC) research fellow, has been recognized with the Sugarbeet Distinguished Service Award. The award is based on significant contributions to the success of the sugarbeet industry in Minnesota and North Dakota. Brantner was presented with the award Dec. 1 by the Red River Valley Sugarbeet Growers Association during their annual meeting. For more information, see [sugarbeet award](#).

RUSS SEVERSON, U of M Extension educator in crops, will be retiring Dec. 29 after 38 years with the U. A retirement reception celebrating Severson's career will take place Dec. 20, 3–5 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. The reception will take place at the conclusion of the Soybean College Workshop held the same day. For more information, see [retirement](#).

THE THIRD "SUSTAINABILITY SUPPER" of the fall semester will be held Dec. 14. The meeting will take place at the University of North Dakota, where campuses participating in the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education [Climate Action Plan](#) will share an overview of their sustainability initiatives, with special emphasis on implementation of campus sustainability plans. For more information, see the [UMC climate action plan](#).

DULUTH:

THE 2011 EQUITY AND DIVERSITY OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD was presented to UMD by the U's Office for Equity and Diversity. The award recognizes UMD's visionary and insightful leadership in diversity, inclusion, and social justice. For more information, see [Equity and Diversity](#).

COMMISSIONER MARK PHILLIPS ('73) is the recipient of the UMD Center for Economic Development Joel Labovitz Award for Entrepreneurial Vision. Governor Mark Dayton appointed Phillips as the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) in January 2011 to support the economic success of individuals, businesses, and communities by improving opportunities for growth. In partnership with business, industry, education, and governmental organizations, DEED implements the state branding program "Positively Minnesota." For more information, see [entrepreneurial vision award](#).

UMD PROFESSOR JOSEPH MAIOLO will read his work, *Saint Matthew in Appalachia*, Dec. 16, 3 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [author event](#).

MORRIS:

JENNIFER ROTHCHILD, associate professor of sociology and gender, women, and sexuality studies, received a fellowship with the Institute for Advanced Studies (IAS). Rothchild's goal is to draft her book, *Boys in the Kitchen and Girls in the Yard: Social Constructions of Gender and Family in Nepali Orphanages*. For more information, see [IAS fellowship](#).

ROCHESTER:

A DWI AWARENESS EVENT for students was held at UMR Dec. 7. UMR students, faculty, staff, and Rochester community members had the opportunity to use interactive tools to understand the impact drinking has on driving. Olmsted County Safe Communities Partners sponsored the event.

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

THE CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING WILL OFFER A COURSE DESIGN WORKSHOP to help instructors create and refine student outcomes, identify assessment strategies to measure higher level learning, and discuss classroom activities to help students achieve course goals. "Making It Even Better: Designing Courses to Support Student Learning and Teacher Satisfaction," will assist new teachers adjusting to the U's Student Learning Outcomes, experienced teachers already practicing active-learning strategies but needing to update courses for liberal education requirements, and teachers ready to retool a course based on student and peer feedback. Dec. 20, noon–1:30 p.m., 530B STSS. For registration and more information, see [course design](#).

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2012 PRESIDENT'S STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD are open until Jan. 27. The awards honor the accomplishments of outstanding students at UMTC. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to nominate current University students. For more information and nomination forms, see [Student Unions and Activities](#), or call 612-626-6919.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

CURA HOUSING FORUM: Commissioner Mary Tingertal from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency will present an overview of the findings from the agency's Affordable Housing Plan at the next Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) housing forum. The plan includes everything from demographics to the sources and uses of housing funds. Dec. 16, noon–1:30 p.m., L-110 Carlson School of Management. For more information, see [housing forum](#).

DEINARD MEMORIAL LECTURE ON LAW AND MEDICINE: The Joint Degree Program in Law, Health & the Life Sciences and the Center for Bioethics are bringing professor Ezekiel Emanuel to campus for the lecture, "Health Care Reform and the Future of American Medicine." Emanuel was President Obama's special health care adviser when he worked for the Office of Management and Budget in 2009 and 2010. He played a major role in the Affordable Care Act. Jan. 25, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. Registration is recommended for those requesting continuing education credit. [Register online](#), email joint_degree, or call 612-625-0055.

THE U OF M ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HAS INTRODUCED a unique line of professional and athletic apparel called "The Minnesota Collection." All proceeds from The Minnesota Collection will benefit scholarships and other student initiatives. The apparel features a range of men's and women's dress shirts, sweaters and sweatshirts, as well as one-of-a-kind Goldy glassware and travel items. For more information, see [The Minnesota Collection](#).

DISCOUNTED TICKETS to Spirit Mountain (save \$20) are now available at the Coffman Union and St. Paul Student Center Information Desks. Discounted Minnesota Wild hockey tickets (save \$60) are also available. For more information, see [Student Unions & Activities](#).

MORE EVENTS include Sip of Science: Future Earth—Thriving on a Human-dominated Planet ([Dec. 14](#)); Innovation in Parking Pricing as Transportation Demand ([Dec. 15](#)); CSE Winter Light Show ([Dec. 16](#)); Life on Earth: The Origin of Elements ([Dec. 20](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

Features

FEATURE: With the deconstruction phase now complete, Northrop Auditorium begins to rise again to its rightful place: at the heart of the Twin Cities campus. The revitalization will restore Northrop's cultural and performing arts center with a multipurpose, 2,750-seat hall, featuring state-of-the-art acoustics and significantly improved sight lines. It will also increase the amount of public study and collaborative space on UMTC's East Bank by 50 percent. For more information, including a slideshow, read "[The New Northrop](#)."

FEATURE: At a homeless shelter in downtown Minneapolis, about 100 preschool children learn and play every day. About a third of the guests are 5 or younger—the fastest-growing segment of the homeless population. Child development professor Ann Masten works with staff at the shelter to make sure the time that children spend at the shelter is valuable to their learning. Masten is researching ways to help homeless and highly mobile children get ready for kindergarten. For more information, read "[Ready. Set. Go.](#)"

BRIEF TOP THREE OF 2011: As the U heads into the New Year, a look back shows that the following stories were the top three features to appear in *Brief* during 2011, as measured by readership numbers. [Number two](#) is apropos to the current season, [number three](#) is forward looking toward the brighter days of spring gardening, and [number one](#) deals with that forever and infinitely interesting aspect of humanity and higher education: the brain.

THIS WEEK @MINNESOTA: Dec. 12–16. This installment of the weekly video feature views the student produced light show, Aurora Digitalis, which plays through Dec. 23; takes a look at the new sculpture added to the facade of the Bell Museum of Natural History; and offers a sneak peek at the interior renovation of the historic Northrop Memorial Auditorium. For more information, watch "[This Week @Minnesota](#)."

U OF M MOMENT: It's the most wonderful time of the year, the saying goes. But as we all know, the holiday season can also be a time of stress and familial friction. Family social sciences professor Bill Doherty says the source of stress usually has one common cause. Doherty says we all can play a role in making sure the holidays truly are happy. For more information, listen to the [U of M Moment](#).

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: The Center for Early Education and Development is part of the state's successful \$45M Race to the Top early learning grant; the Northside Achievement Zone, in partnership with the U's Center for Early Education and Development and others, has been awarded a \$28 million Promise Neighborhood Implementation Grant; Professor Steven Miles has been appointed as the Maas Family Endowed Chair in Bioethics; the Provost's Committee on Student Mental Health presented its inaugural Award for Outstanding Student Mental Health Leadership to Harriett Copher Haynes; Rosemary White Shield has been named director of evaluation in the Office for Equity and Diversity; U in the News features U faculty and staff cited in the media. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

A NEW APPROACH TO INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY arising from research projects funded by business and industry partners was recently announced by the Office of the Vice President for Research. The new approach, dubbed "Minnesota Innovation Partnerships," eliminates the need for protracted negotiations over rights to intellectual property that may result from industry-funded research. For more information, see [Minnesota Innovation Partnerships](#).

SYSTEMWIDE SURVEY SOLUTION DEMOS: Faculty, staff, and students who use surveys for research or administrative purposes are invited to demonstrations to help identify a survey solution (or suite of tools) that can be deployed systemwide. Four vendors were identified from a RFP process and will come to the Twin Cities campus in mid-January. The Office of Planning and Analysis and the Office of Information Technology are seeking broad input for the effort, which is overseen by the Office for System Academic Administration. For more information regarding schedules, RSVPs, and remote participation via UMConnect, see [survey solution](#).

THE U'S FISCAL YEAR 2011 ANNUAL REPORT IS AVAILABLE. [The report](#) includes the independent auditors' report, financial statements, footnotes, and management's discussion and analysis. The 2011 report, as well as past reports, are [available online](#). For questions regarding the report, email [Terri Carlson](mailto:Terri_Carlson) or call 612-626-1235.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE, "Addressing Global Challenges through International Research," will feature presentations by more than 60 U faculty, researchers, and graduate students, as well as panel discussions on global policies, ethics, and partnerships. David Stonner, deputy director at the National Science Foundation Office of International Science and Engineering, will give the keynote address at the conference. Free, open to the U community, with lunch provided. Early registration is recommended; space is limited. Feb. 17, 8 a.m.–4 p.m., Coffman Union. For more information, see [international research](#).

CROOKSTON:

DONNA HARSHAW ALBRO has been hired as director of diversity and multicultural programs. Albro has extensive experience in multicultural affairs and education and worked most recently as a contributing faculty member for the Center for Undergraduate Studies at Walden University in Minneapolis. She has also served as diversity director (PK-12) for the Blake School in Minneapolis and as director of peer education in human relations at Hobart and William Smith College in Geneva, N.Y. She begins Jan. 23.

Rachel Lunbohm, instructor of marketing and management and associate director of the Center for Rural Entrepreneurial Studies, was named one of "40 under 40" young business leaders from Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota in the December 2011 edition of *Prairie Business* magazine. The annual feature recognizes those who are likely to play an important part in the growth of the business community. For more information, see "[40 under 40](#)."

DULUTH:

UMD'S JAMES I. SWENSON ENGINEERING BUILDING has been recognized by the American Institute of Architects/Committee on Architecture Education with a 2011 AIA/CAE Educational Facility Design award. The 13 CAE awards presented to various campus locations in North America were based on three categories that included Citation, Merit, and Excellence. UMD was presented with a CAE Merit award for exhibiting superior quality. For more information, see [engineering building](#).

THE JOURNAL LIBERAL EDUCATION, a publication of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), features Carmen Latterell, professor and associate head of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. Latterell's article "Should Liberal Arts Math Courses Be Taught Through Mathematics Inquiry?" examines the potential of inquiry courses for liberal education students who are not majoring in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. For more information, see [liberal arts math](#).

THE UMD BULLDOGS WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM RAISED \$7,950 for Essentia Health Foundation's Breast Health Program. The Bulldogs raised the money by auctioning off pink jerseys that were worn during a game against St. Cloud. For more information, see [hockey fund-raiser](#).

MORRIS:

THROUGH THE CENTER FOR SMALL TOWNS, Jessica Armstrong '13, St. Paul, and Jolee Henkel '15, Maynard, are working with Stevens Forward!, a Stevens County organization recognized for progressive development and innovations in renewable energy, agriculture, business, and education. The organization is seeking to develop a model community in rural Minnesota. For more information, see [Center for Small Towns](#).

ROCHESTER:

GAIL SAUTER, UMR assistant vice chancellor for administration, was the December 2011 "Woman With Drive" winner. For more information on the award, see [KTTC TV](#) and [watch the video](#).

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

SNOW REMOVAL ON THE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS takes preparation. Facilities Management's (FM) Landcare group has primary responsibility for clearing approximately 240 acres of paved areas that need to be cleared during a snow event. From converting equipment into winter mode to pretreating surfaces in anticipation of snow, it's a big job. But when a big storm hits, FM is prepared. For more information, read "[Land of ice and snow](#)."

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AS PART OF THE U'S DRIVEN TO DISCOVER CAMPAIGN and focus on the student experience, UMTC will give away \$30,000 in scholarships during a video contest which asks Twin Cities undergraduates to share what they are driven to discover. Winners will be chosen based on the number of "Likes" on the U's Facebook page. Faculty and staff are asked to encourage students to submit their videos at [discover.umn.edu](#) through Dec. 28.

THE OFFICE OF CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT (OCM) IS REQUESTING FEEDBACK from those who teach in general purpose classrooms. On Dec. 6, OCM emailed survey invitations to instructors who taught in a general purpose classroom during the fall semester. OCM encourages those who received the survey invitation to complete it by Dec. 23. The survey provides feedback with valuable input on the needs, expectations, and experiences of those who teach in these classrooms. For more information, contact the [Office of Classroom Management](#).

NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIPS FOR COMMUNITY RESEARCH has been renamed the Kris Nelson Neighborhood Research Program in honor of its longtime director, Kris Nelson, who passed away in June. The program will continue to focus on enhancing the capacity of community-based organizations in the Twin Cities by providing access to research and technical resources available at local academic institutions. For more information, see [Nelson community program](#).

Funding awards and opportunities

CENTER FOR URBAN AFFAIRS DISSERTATION RESEARCH GRANT provides one year of support to a Ph.D. candidate in good academic standing at the U for the purpose of completing dissertation research on a significant issue or topic related to urban areas in the upper Midwest region of the United States. Deadline for the 2012–13 award competition is Feb. 10, 2012. For application guidelines and more information, see [CURA grant](#).

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NATIONAL CHILDREN'S STUDY SPEAKERS' SERIES: Jamie Stang, director of the School of Public Health's Leadership and Training Program in Maternal and Child Health Nutrition, will present "Feeding Young Children: The Good, the Bad and the Picky." Jan. 11, 3–4:30 p.m., Wilder Center, St. Paul. For registration and more information, see [children's study](#).

MORE EVENTS include CSE Winter Light Show ([Dec. 22 and 23](#)); BIG Thursday Night at the Bell ([Jan. 5](#)); The Word Made Flesh (ongoing through [Feb. 24](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS: [Golden Gophers](#) | [UMD Bulldogs](#) | [UMM Cougars](#) | [UMC Golden Eagles](#)

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