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TOP NEWS:

Features

FEATURE: As U.S. health systems undergo a period of great change, transforming health care has become about transforming higher education. The U of M is nationally recognized for developing new models of interprofessional development programs, essentially setting the course for educating our nation's health professionals. Now, the Health Resources and Services Administration has selected the U's Academic Health Center to lead a new coordinating center that will promote interprofessional education and collaborative practice in health care. For more information, read "[A new way of caring.](#)"

FEATURE: Today's technology may be smart, but when it comes to recognizing subtle patterns, the human brain has the advantage over computers. That's why nonscientists around the globe are signing up in droves to help scientists identify animals of Africa's remote Serengeti Plain and star clusters in the even more remote Andromeda Galaxy. Called Snapshot Serengeti and Project Andromeda, both web-based projects are spearheaded by U researchers. For more information, read "[Want to join a map quest?](#)"

FEATURE: Could the answers to humanity's greatest ails grow just beneath our feet, lying dormant in the cells of biological organisms? Distinguished McKnight Professor Claudia Schmidt-Dannert is an expert in the field of metabolic pathways and natural product biosynthesis, and is experimenting with cutting and pasting genes from unrelated organisms to produce novel pathways never before seen in nature. For more information, read "[Shaping biological compounds.](#)"

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: *Science* magazine has named a gene-modification technique developed by researcher Daniel Voytas and colleagues as one of 2012's top scientific breakthroughs; Rosemary White Shield, director of evaluation in the Office for Equity and Diversity, was recently selected as president-elect of the Minnesota Evaluation Association; Todd Sorensen has been named the Peters Chair in Pharmacy Practice Innovation; memorial gathering will remember Anne Thorsen Truax; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

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U OF M PERSONAL WEB SPACE will continue to be available. The service was set to be decommissioned Dec. 31; however, based on feedback from the U community, the collaboration and web content team will continue to offer the service until further notice. Additional questions or comments may be sent to help@umn.edu.

AN ALTERNATIVE TO CONDUCTING BUSINESS USING PAPER FORMS, called Workflow Processing (WorkflowGen), is now available to U faculty and staff. The WorkflowGen environment will enable units to quickly generate web-based forms with defined business-process pathways, and to monitor the progress of submitted forms. Advantages include easy, convenient data entry and automation of routing for processing and approval, reduced intimidation and confusion about the process, increased customer satisfaction, reduced customer and staff time spent manually entering data, and improved tracking and accountability. For more information, see [WorkflowGen](#).

MILEAGE RATE CHANGE: The IRS announced changes in the standard business mileage rates for calendar year 2013. Beginning Jan. 1, the standard business mileage reimbursement rate for personal vehicle use on approved University business will increase from 55.5 cents to 56.5 cents per mile. The rate for moving expenses will increase from 23 cents to 24 cents per mile. Business mileage incurred in 2012 but reimbursed in 2013 should be reimbursed using the 2012 mileage rates. The Employee Expense Worksheet (UM1612) and the Moving/Relocation Expense Documentation Form (UM 1357) have been updated to reflect the changes to the mileage rates. For more information, see [Traveling on University Business](#).

THE U OF M FISCAL YEAR 2012 ANNUAL REPORT is now [available online \(PDF\)](#). The annual report includes the independent auditors' report, financial statements, footnotes, and management's discussion and analysis. These components of the report are an integral part of the annual reporting process, and contribute to the U's ability to obtain a clean audit opinion. Email [Terri Carlson](mailto:Terri_Carlson) or call 612-626-1235 with questions regarding the report.

Awards and funding opportunities

THE MN LEND (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities) program is seeking applicants for fellowships in the 2013-14 academic year. MN LEND accepts pre- and post-doctoral students and community fellows for a yearlong interdisciplinary and leadership training program focusing on neurodevelopmental disabilities, Autism Spectrum Disorders, and other related conditions. Applications can be completed online and will be accepted until Apr. 16. For more information, see [MN LEND](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE FRONTIERS IN THE ENVIRONMENT speaker series spring schedule is now online. Weekly talks begin Feb. 13 and include speakers from around the U of M and elsewhere on topics such as fracking, global health, University-community collaborations, and more. Join the Institute on the Environment (IonE) each Wednesday at noon for a presentation and Q&A, followed by a casual get-together. R380 IonE seminar room, Learning and Environmental Sciences Bldg., St. Paul. The lectures also air live online via UMConnect. For more information, see [frontier lectures](#).

CROOKSTON:

FACULTY WORKSHOP: "Reducing and Detecting Scholastic Dishonesty" will take place Jan. 9, 10 a.m., 116 Kiehle. The event is part of a series of workshops hosted by the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology on the Crookston campus. For more information, see [faculty workshop](#).

THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES at UMC for the spring semester is Monday, Jan. 14.

THE FIRST AREA-WIDE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. celebration, co-sponsored by UMC, will take place in Grand Forks, N.D., Jan. 21. Activities begin at 11 a.m. with a Unity Walk from Central High School to the Empire Arts Center, where a program begins at noon with Chancellor Fred Wood bringing greetings on behalf of UMC. The celebration is hosted by the Era Bell Thompson Multicultural Center at the University of North Dakota (UND), in partnership with the UMC Office of Diversity Programs, the Grand Forks Air Force Base, UND's Black Student Association, the UMC Black Student Association, and others.

DULUTH:

UMD ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING STUDENTS will serve as mentors to high school students in the 2013 Minnesota High School FIRST Robotics Competition. FIRST's mission is to inspire young people to be leaders by engaging them in exciting, mentor-based programs that build STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) skills. For more information, see [FIRST Robotics](#).

UMD GRADUATE JESSICA LIND PETERSON chased her dream of acting and writing from Duluth to New York City. Jessica and her husband, Jason Peterson, also a UMD graduate, were successful in finding work as actors in the city that never sleeps, but they still longed for a more secure, nurturing environment as artists. They've now established Yellow Tree Theatre in Osseo, MN. For more information, see [Yellow Tree](#).

MORRIS:

UMM HAS BEEN NAMED TO *KIPLINGER'S PERSONAL FINANCE* list of the 100 best values in public colleges for 2012-13. The low average student debt, financial aid availability, and overall value of UMM distinguished it for inclusion on this year's list. Institutions were selected from a pool of nearly 600 public, four-year colleges and universities. The list appears in *Kiplinger's* February 2013 issue, on newsstands now. For more information, see [Kiplinger's](#).

MICHAEL LACKEY, associate professor of English, recently secured a contract for a book titled *Truthful Fictions: Conversations with American Biographical Novelists*. It is the first book of interviews in which authors define their objectives as biographical novelists. After contacting contemporary writers in an effort to understand the proliferation of these works, Lackey began recording and transcribing his interviews so as to depict writers' motives and processes from their own perspectives. For more information, see [Michael Lackey](#).

ROCHESTER:

CHANCELLOR LEHMKUHLE recently unveiled a new branding campaign for the University of Minnesota Rochester. One of biology's most universally recognized structures—the DNA strand—is at the heart of the campaign, which will be implemented over the next six months. For more information, see UMR: "[Recoding the DNA of Learning.](#)"

BICB SYMPOSIUM: The Biomedical Informatics and Computational Biology (BICB) graduate program will host a January Symposium: Keeping Our Curriculum Current, Jan. 18, 10:15 a.m.–4 p.m., 417 University Square. The event will feature a keynote address by Gianrico Farrugia, director of the Mayo Clinic Center for Individualized Medicine, and short presentations from BICB students and BICB industry partners. For registration and more information, see [BICB Symposium](#).

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

TRAVEL FAIR: Travel Services will host a Travel Fair with U-wide vendors Jan. 15, 9 a.m.–noon, at The Commons Hotel (former Radisson on Washington Ave.) for travelers, travel arrangers, and anyone who makes travel reservations. Vendors will talk about their contracts and answer questions. Attendees will be eligible for door prizes. For more information and to RSVP, see [Travel Services](#).

WRITE WINNING GRANTS, a seminar presented by the Grant Writers' Seminars and Workshops LLC, will address practical and conceptual aspects important to the proposal-writing process geared towards NIH, but applicable to other national funding agencies. The workshop is designed for faculty members, post-doctoral fellows, graduate students, and community members who conduct clinical and translational or health equity research. Jan. 16, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Registration fee: \$75. For registration and more information, see [Write Winning Grants](#).

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS Poly Hockey State Tournament Feb. 2-3 at Hastings High School. The University Retirees Volunteer Center is seeking volunteers for a variety of service roles, from officiating jobs for those with hockey experience, to event setup, lunch service, and more. The event is an opportunity to support and assist athletes with intellectual disabilities. Email the [Retirees Volunteer Center](#) or call 612-625-8016 to request registration information and a schedule of volunteer activities. For more information, see [MN Special Olympics](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE NEXT HEADLINERS LECTURE WILL FEATURE U PRESIDENT ERIC KALER in "What's Next?: Envisioning the U's Future," Jan. 10, 7 p.m., Continuing Education and Conference Center, St. Paul. Kaler will discuss how a 21st-century academic leader balances both the benefits and the competing priorities of today's land-grant universities, such as the rising cost of a college degree and tuition control amidst dwindling public financial support. Tickets are \$15. For registration and more information, see [Headliners](#).

PHYSICS CIRCUS: The University's Physics Force will present "Physics Circus," its largest show of the year featuring 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 registration is recommended. Jan. 10, 7-8:30 p.m., Minneapolis Convention Center. For more information, see [Physics Circus](#).

A MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. TRIBUTE will take place Jan. 20, 4-6 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. This year's event will feature renowned vocalist Oleta Adams as well as performances by local artist Ahmad Lewis and students from Walker West Music Academy. For more information, see [MLK Jr. Tribute](#).

"SLOUCHING TOWARD HEALTH REFORM: THE FUTURE OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT." In this, the 10th Annual Deinar Memorial Lecture on Law & Medicine, Sara Rosenbaum, named one of the nation's 500 most influential health policy makers, will explore the array of challenges that lie ahead as full implementation of the Affordable Care Act moves toward Jan. 1, 2014. Rosenbaum is the Harold and Jane Hirsh Professor of Health Law and Policy at George Washington University. Jan. 31, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m., Coffman Union Theater. Free and open to the public, but registration is suggested. For registration and more information, see [Deinar Memorial Lecture](#).

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S STUDY SPEAKERS' SERIES presents "What does the Affordable Care Act mean for the Health of Women, Children, and Families?" Jan. 23, 3-4:30 p.m., Wilder Center, St. Paul. For more information, see [Affordable Care Act](#).

MORE EVENTS include Hidden ([Jan. 9](#)); Minnesota Funk ([Jan. 10](#)); Winter Gourmet Dinner ([Jan. 11](#)); Introduction to Citation Managers ([Jan. 14](#)); Café Scientifique: "Alternative Landscapes: How Biofuels Production is Changing the Planet" ([Jan. 15](#)); SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

THE U OF M HAS EXCEEDED PERFORMANCE GOALS SET BY THE LEGISLATURE in 2011, earning more than \$4.8 million (or one percent) in state funding that was held back from its appropriation pending the achievement of at least three of the five goals. While the University was required to meet three of the measures, it exceeded all five. The goals mandated by legislation required the U to increase institutionally-provided financial aid to students; degrees awarded; Twin Cities campus undergraduate graduation rates; research and development expenditures; and sponsored expenditures funded by business and industry. For more information, see [performance goals](#).

STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: On Jan. 8, both the Minnesota House and Senate convened for the 88th legislative session. On Jan. 7, two members of the House, Rep. Terry Morrow (DFL–St. Peter) and Rep. Steve Gottwalt (R–St. Cloud), resigned from the legislature after accepting job opportunities. Representative Morrow's resignation leaves vacant the vice chair position of the House Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee. In other news, President Kaler held a press briefing Jan. 11 at the Capitol to discuss the U's [2014–15 biennial budget request](#). He also responded to concerns that have recently appeared in the press regarding administrative costs, clarifying misinformation about data that was used by media and giving examples of how the U has reduced costs and become more efficient. For more information, see [State Relations](#).

Features

FEATURE: Innovative scholarships combined with tested federal TRiO programs are helping first-generation college students like Philip Binns close the achievement gap. Binns earned an "I Have a Dream" scholarship, which was created as an incentive for low-income Minnesota kids to graduate from high school and then college. A series of innovative efforts that began with the Educational Opportunity Act of 1964, TRiO programs continue to address social and cultural barriers to education. For more information, read "[Legacy of a dream](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton has appointed Institute on the Environment Boreas Leadership Program director and former state legislator Kate Knuth to a two-year term as a citizen member of the state's Environmental Quality Board; Joachim Savelsberg was honored with the 2012 Freda Adler Distinguished Scholar Award by the American Society of Criminology; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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REGISTRATION FOR THE FOCUSING ON THE FIRST YEAR CONFERENCE will close Jan. 18. The biennial conference hosted on the Twin Cities campus Feb. 13 is a forum for faculty and staff to strategize and discuss academic and student development issues related to first-year students. Jennifer Keup, director of the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition, will be the keynote speaker. The topic of her presentation is "Peer Leadership in Higher Education: Learning From National Data." For registration and more information, see [First Year Conference](#).

Awards and funding opportunities

APPLICATIONS FOR INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY (IAS) 2013–14 Research and Creative Collaboratives are due Jan. 31. The collaboratives promote interdisciplinary activity that transcends departmental divisions. IAS seeks participation from all colleges, schools, and campuses at the University and encourages graduate student participation. Collaboratives may be convened by faculty, students, or staff, but should show evidence of faculty participation. The maximum award amount is \$12,000, but proposals for smaller amounts are encouraged. For more information and application instructions, see [IAS collaboratives](#).

THE GRANT-IN-AID OF RESEARCH, ARTISTRY, AND SCHOLARSHIP spring 2013 application deadline is Feb. 11. Administered through the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR), GIA funds are awarded to support independent faculty research or artistic endeavors. For more information, see [OVPR funding](#).

DISTINGUISHED MCKNIGHT UNIVERSITY PROFESSORSHIP AWARDS recognize outstanding faculty members who have recently achieved full professor status. The nomination deadline for 2013 awards is Feb. 22. For nomination information, see [2013 awards](#). For more information about the award and recent recipients, see [McKnight](#). For additional information, email [Chris Bremer](mailto:Chris.Bremer) or call 612-625-6176.

CROOKSTON:

2013 LOCAL FOODS COLLEGE will begin Jan. 22 and continue on Tuesday evenings through mid-March. The eight-session series is designed to help farmers increase the capacity of farm operations by building production, business, and marketing skills. The series will be available via webinar at locations throughout northern and central Minnesota, and via personal computer. For more information, see [Local Foods](#).

ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS have been signed with Minnesota State Community and Technical College in Moorhead and Anoka Technical College in Anoka. The agreements make bachelor of science degree options at UMC available to students both online and onsite. For more information, see [agreements](#).

DULUTH:

UMD CIVIL ENGINEERING CAREER FAIR takes place Jan. 28–29. The event gives students the opportunity to meet with companies engaged in all aspects of civil engineering design, including environmental, geotechnical, land development, structural, transportation, and water resources; and to learn about career employment and summer internships. For more information, see [Career Fair](#).

MAKE YOUR MARK: ANGELS FOR A CAUSE will raise money for clean water in Ethiopia and attempt to break the Guinness World Record for making snow angels (the current record is 8,963). Students, faculty, and staff will join Duluth Rotarians and others for the event Feb. 9, UMD campus. For more information, see [Snow Angels](#).

MORRIS:

MATT LITTLE '07 began a two-year appointment as the newest mayor of Lakeville, MN, on Jan. 7. Administering the oath of office was Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Lorie Skjerven Gildea '83. At 28, Little is the youngest mayor in Lakeville's history. He credits his political success to his undergraduate experience at UMM as well as his awareness of ties between the University and local community. For more information, see [Mayor Matt Little](#).

THE 26TH SEASON OF *PRAIRIE YARD AND GARDEN* begins Jan. 17. The television series is produced in association with Pioneer Public Television by UMM's Roger Boleman, director, and Michael Cihak, assistant director of marketing communication and design in Instructional and Media Technologies. Larry Zilliox, former U of M Extension educator, hosts the popular program—one of Minnesota's top resources for gardening information. For more information, see [Prairie Yard and Garden](#).

THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND THE OFFICE OF EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INTERCULTURAL PROGRAMS invite members of the campus and greater community to participate in the fourth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service on Jan. 21. The vision for the day is to bring together faculty, staff, community members, and students to reflect on the life of Dr. King while serving the Morris community. For more information, see [MLK Day of Service](#).

ROCHESTER:

THE UMR CONNECTS THEME for the month of February is "Ethics, Morality, and Ethical Dilemmas," with the first event taking place Feb. 5. Supporting the University's overall mission of public engagement and outreach, UMR CONNECTS is a free weekly series connecting the Rochester community and visitors to speakers and panels on a variety of engaging topics. For more information, see [UMR CONNECTS](#).

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

PRESIDENT KALER IS SEEKING NOMINATIONS for a Faculty Athletics Representative who will serve as one of two delegates to the NCAA, Big 10, and Western Collegiate Hockey Association representing the UMTC campus on athletic issues that affect the institution. Learn more about the [selection process and responsibilities \(PDF\)](#), and about the [qualities sought in a representative \(PDF\)](#). To apply, send a letter stating the nominee's qualifications and interest along with a résumé (self-nominations will be accepted). Nominations are due Jan. 25 to Liz Eull, deputy chief of staff, Office of the President, 202 Morrill Hall, or via email at eullx001@umn.edu.

U LIBRARIES IS OFFERING FREE WORKSHOPS to give faculty, staff, and students a jump on the semester. Topics include Tools for Organizing Your PDFs; Zotero: Basics; Mendeley: Get Organized; Google: Advanced Searching; and more. For a complete list, see [Workshops](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE ANNUAL FEAST OF WORDS DINNER will feature emeritus professor of history Ted Farmer. Farmer will present "Chinese Whispers: When Words are Dangerous," Jan. 24, 5 p.m., Campus Club. For more information, see [Feast of Words](#).

THE DISTINGUISHED VISITING SCHOLAR SERIES ON HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH continues with scholar Jeffrey Henderson in "The Curious Case of Cancer: Profound Geographic Variation in American Indian/Alaska Native Cancer Incidence, and Lessons to be Learned," Jan. 30, 12:15–1:15 p.m., Mayo Auditorium. Henderson is the founder, president, and CEO of the Black Hills Center for American Indian Health in Rapid City, SD. For more information, see [Visiting Scholar Series](#).

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR MINI MEDICAL SCHOOL's winter programming, "Through the Ages," about health issues throughout life, from pregnancy and infancy to regenerative medicine and long-term care. Mini Medical School takes place Mondays, Feb. 4–March 4. Cost: \$65 for faculty, staff, and students. For more information, see [Mini Medical School](#).

THE RHETORIC OF CERTAINTY: Art and policy intersect as the Minnesota Opera and the Humphrey School of Public Affairs convene a public conversation inspired by the world premiere of *Doubt*. Librettist John Patrick Shanley and other distinguished panelists will explore the rhetoric and political implications of certainty and the natural right to doubt, particularly in the context of the opera's setting (Vatican II and the Civil Rights movement) and the war in Iraq—the event that provided the playwright with his inspiration. Jan. 16, 7 p.m., Rarig Center. Free and open to the public, but [RSVPs are required](#).

MORE EVENTS include Technically Speaking—Leading with Emotional Intelligence ([Jan. 17](#)); Carlson MBA Webinar—Part-Time Program ([Jan. 18](#)); Soil Saturday: Playing with Sand ([Jan. 19](#)); Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute ([Jan. 20](#)); The House We Built: Feminist Art Then and Now ([Jan. 22](#)); 2013 Legislative Briefing ([Jan. 23](#)); SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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INFLUENZA INFORMATION: The University of Minnesota, like the state and the rest of the country, is experiencing the effects of seasonal influenza. The U has created a website with information about U policy, prevention, and what to do if you develop flu-like symptoms. For more information see [Influenza and the U](#). If you are concerned about influenza exposure in the workplace, talk with your supervisor. You may also contact your local or central human resources representative to discuss concerns. If you have not yet been vaccinated, Boynton Health Service is offering free [vaccination clinics](#) through January.

Features

FEATURE: Several years ago the University of Minnesota became the first major research university to tap Google for its ever-evolving suite of applications—email, calendaring, video chat, and more. And in 2010, the U took the leap to become one of the first universities anywhere to offer the entire suite of apps to faculty and staff—not just students. With IT costs running nearly \$200 million per year at the U, the economics of the shift from operating and supporting its own systems alone were reason enough for the move—a recent analysis estimated that the move is valued at more than \$15 million a year. But the value that Google Apps brings to communication and collaboration between users—students, faculty, and staff—is even greater. For more information, read "[Google Apps at the U](#)."

FEATURE: University of Minnesota chemical engineering professor Michael Tsapatsis is an architect of the molecular world. The crystal lattices he builds are stunning—and they pack a lot of power, chemically speaking. Created by Tsapatsis and his colleagues, the lattices contain holes, or pores, that act like a molecular sieve. The structures may revolutionize the synthesis of many industrially important chemicals, and could also lead to slashed energy consumption and costs—along with much greater efficiency—in making plastics, biofuels, gasoline, pharmaceuticals, and more. For more information, read "[Pore research = great science](#)."

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THE ENTERPRISE PORTAL kickoff event will take place Feb. 4, 2–4 p.m., with locations on every campus. The kickoff begins a U-wide conversation about creating an easy-to-use interactive web tool for facilitating access to information and services that are of primary relevance and interest to the U community. The event will include a short overview of the portal project and then move into World Café small group conversations about opportunities the project offers and strategies for being part of creating a user-friendly portal. [Register](#) for the event by Jan. 30. For more information, see [Portal Kickoff](#).

U**LEARN**, A NEW LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, will enable U employees to more easily track required University training and other professional development courses. The system will launch in January. ULearn allows for administration, tracking, and reporting of training content, both online and instructor-led. The University's previous Peoplesoft enterprise learning management system will be discontinued in February. For more information, see [ULearn](#).

Awards and funding opportunities

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: The Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment, and the Life Sciences seeks proposals addressing the societal implications of problems in health, environment, or the life sciences. Awards are available in categories for graduate/professional students and for consortium/joint degree program members. One of the student awards is designated for a joint degree program applicant. Proposals for student initiated programs or colloquia will also be accepted. Proposals are due Feb. 18. For more information, see [awards](#) or email boyle032@umn.edu.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

A **SENATE CENTENNIAL CONVERSATION** with President Eric Kaler, Provost Karen Hanson, Regent Patricia Simmons, and Professor Fred Morrison will take place Jan. 31, 3–4:30 p.m. Professor Marti Hope Gonzales will moderate a discussion about business interests in the University, government support, e-education, the institution of tenure, and the future of shared governance at the U. The event will take place at 25 Mondale Hall, with ITV viewing locations at outstate locations. To RSVP, submit questions, and view all campus locations, see [Senate Centennial](#).

CROOKSTON:

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT has ranked UMC among the nation's "Best Online Bachelor's Programs" for 2013. UMC was ranked in the top quartile at 60 of the 247 higher education institutions in this year's survey. Rankings were based on factors such as graduation rates, academic and career support services offered to students, and more. For more information, see [rankings](#).

A **TRAPPER CERTIFICATION COURSE** will be offered Jan. 28 and 30, 6–9 p.m., 222 Owen Hall. The final session, a field day, will take place Feb. 2, 9 a.m.–noon, Red River Valley Natural History Area. The certification course, limited to 20 participants, costs \$15 and those interested should register with Laura Bell at 218-281-8131. For more information, see [certification](#).

A **GENEROUS DONATION OF 590 FISH SPECIMENS** was recently added to the Wildlife Museum in the natural resources program at UMC. The specimens, curated by Andrew Simons and donated by the Bell Museum of Natural History, cover 79 species of fish in Minnesota. For more information, see [fish donation](#).

REGIONAL FARM TO CAFETERIA WORKSHOPS will take place between February and April, in a series coordinated by University of Minnesota Extension in partnership with the Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships, Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture, Statewide Health Improvement Program, and Renewing the Countryside. The series is funded by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. For more information, email [Linda Kingery](mailto:Linda.Kingery), call 218-281-8697, or see [Farm to Cafeteria](#).

DULUTH:

UMD HAS NOTIFIED ALL UMD STUDENTS OF precautions regarding influenza. The notice also provided information on a free flu shot clinic that will be held on campus Jan. 30 for students who have not yet received the vaccine. For more information, see [Influenza Prevention](#).

MORRIS:

Sō PERCUSSION will perform at UMM Jan. 26. Called an "experimental powerhouse" by the *Village Voice* and "brilliant" by the *New York Times*, the Brooklyn-based quartet promises an evening not soon to be forgotten. This event is supported by the Arts Midwest Touring Fund, a program of Arts Midwest, which is generously supported by the National Endowment for the Arts with additional contributions from the Minnesota State Arts Board. For more information, see [Sō Percussion](#).

UMM WILL HOLD ITS THIRD ANNUAL PRAIRIE GATE LITERARY FESTIVAL Feb. 21–23. The festival aims to build the role of the literary arts in Morris and the surrounding community. Aspiring writers and literary enthusiasts can enjoy free public readings as well as workshops and discussions with nationally and internationally recognized authors. Invited guests include Brian Malloy, Mary Biddinger, Ed Bok Lee, Patti See, and Adam McOmber. For more information, see [Literary Festival](#).

JENNIFER KOLPACOFF DEANE, associate professor of history, has been named a UMM Founders Scholar. Founders Scholar projects reflect, question, challenge, investigate, or advocate for UMM's public liberal arts mission. Deane's project involves developing a clearer understanding of how UMM's mission and liberal arts model differ from earlier traditions. The Founders Fund was established with gifts from a private donor in honor of UMM's founding faculty members.

ROCHESTER:

PETE SEDIVY, UMR's help desk coordinator, is one of the first recipients of a Spot Award from the Office of the Vice President for Information Technology. Spot Awards are designed to recognize special contributions, as they occur, for a specific project or task. A Spot Award lets employees know that their contributions have been noticed, and reinforces the behaviors and values that are important to the University.

SEVEN UMR STUDENTS, SEVEN STORIES, a website created during the fall 2012 semester by UMR's first journalism class, is now available for viewing. Students in the class learned about the critical role played by journalism in a democracy, and about how journalism today is rapidly transforming as it either embraces digital technology or dies. For more information, see [Seven](#).

TWIN CITIES:**Administrative information**

COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR THE COMMON GOOD: The U of M is introducing a Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Volunteer Pledge Drive. Sponsored by the Office for Public Engagement, the Public Engagement Council, the Office for Equity and Diversity, and the University Senate, the pilot project on the Twin Cities campus aims to promote service opportunities for faculty, staff, and students while advancing the U's public engagement mission. Through a voluntary "Take the Pledge" web page, the projects will also provide a snapshot of the community volunteer hours U faculty, staff, and students contribute each year. For more information, see [Pledge Drive](#).

THE RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RAP) helps new faculty and staff identify suitable housing accommodations in the Twin Cities. If you are going on sabbatical and would like to rent your home to a new faculty or staff member, email [Relocation Assistance](#) or call 626-0775. For more information, see [RAP](#).

A SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY on cancer and health disparities will be offered by the Medical School's Program in Health Disparities Research and the Masonic Cancer Center. Eligible applicants will be incoming sophomore, junior, and senior undergraduate students from Minnesota's ethnic minority or underrepresented communities enrolled in two- or four-year colleges in Minnesota. Deadline is Feb. 14. For an application and more information, see [research opportunity](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

"SLOUCHING TOWARD HEALTH REFORM: THE FUTURE OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT." In this, the 10th Annual Dehnard Memorial Lecture on Law & Medicine, Sara Rosenbaum, one of the nation's most influential health policy makers, will explore the array of challenges that lie ahead as full implementation of the Affordable Care Act moves toward Jan. 1, 2014. Jan. 31, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m., Coffman Union Theater. Free and open to the public. For registration and more information, see [Deinard Memorial Lecture](#).

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH ROUNDTABLE: "Framing the Future: The Second Hundred Years of Public Health Education," will feature a keynote address by Donna Petersen, dean, College of Public Health, University of South Florida. Petersen will also participate in a panel discussion moderated by SPH dean John Finnegan. Feb. 1, 8:30–10:30 a.m., Coffman Union Theater. For more information, see [SPH Roundtable](#).

NOBEL PRIZE WINNER AND FORMER FACULTY MEMBER THOMAS SARGENT will present a public lecture Feb. 4, 3 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. Following the presentation, President Kaler and the Board of Regents will award an honorary degree to the economics professor. A dessert reception will follow. Open to the public. For registration and more information, see [Nobel Prize lecturer](#).

MORE EVENTS include 2013 Legislative Briefing ([Jan. 23](#)); Garrison Keillor Hosts James Wright Poetry Prize Winners ([Jan. 23](#)); "Raising the Roof: Feminist Art Then & Now" Public Lecture by the artist Harmony Hammond ([Jan. 24](#)); Author Meets Readers: Marlene Zuk "Paleofantasy: What Evolution Really Tells Us About Sex, Diet, and How We Live" ([Jan. 25](#)); Science of Gardening: Working with Seeds ([Jan. 26](#)); Cross Country Skiing ([Jan. 27](#)); Addressing Bullying Behavior in the Workplace ([Jan. 29](#)); SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: On Jan. 22, Governor Dayton released his 2014–15 biennial budget recommendations. Dayton's budget calls for funding increases totaling \$732 million for the biennium, including a \$240 million increase in higher ed funding, \$118 million in K-12 funding, and \$86.5 million in economic development. The U's budget request totals \$91.6 million; the governor recommends \$80 million, including \$42.6 million to freeze undergraduate tuition, \$36 million for the creation of the MnDRIVE program, and \$1.4 million for loan forgiveness for healthcare professionals agreeing to practice in underserved areas of the state. For more information, see [State Relations](#).

Features

FEATURE: The science of meat and related food safety has seen huge advancements since the turn of the 20th century, and the U of M has played a central role in moving "farm-to-fork" science forward. In fact, the U's Meat Lab was the first in North America, established in 1901. Today, the lab is a modern meat processing facility. While students participate in courses ranging from food processing and safety to livestock marketing and muscle biology, the lab also offers workshops to the public through U Extension, including the popular Meat Science 101. For more information, read "[Meet the meat lab](#)."

FEATURE: Agriculture is a primary engine of Minnesota's economy, accounting for 20 percent of the state's GDP. So it makes sense to keep the men and women behind the curtain—the farmers—healthy. U of M School of Public Health faculty are on the job. For more information, read "[Supporting the Agricultural Life](#)."

FEATURE: The U of M has proposed debt relief for students who bring health care to underserved populations in its 2014–15 budget request to the State Legislature. Pharmacy student Joy Hwang has always been mindful of the health care that many people in developed nations have—and of the urgent health needs of those who have far less. Hwang attends the U because, she says, it offers an exceptional quality pharmacy and public health education, and because Minnesota is known as a shelter state for many refugee groups, including its large Somali community, where she plans to focus her work. For more information, read "[The cost of commitment](#)."

FEATURE: The mystery has lingered since the dawn of immunology: Why doesn't a woman's body reject a fetus? A University of Minnesota team has recently found a short answer. It comes down to a specific type of immune cell whose job is to suppress other immune cells that would reject a fetus. For more information, read "[How rejection is rejected](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Professor Connie Lu has received a CAREER award from the National Science Foundation; recipients of the 2013–15 McKnight Land-Grant Professorships; the Institute for Advanced Study has announced its faculty fellows for 2013–14; associate professor Dona Schwartz has received a 2013 Artist Initiative Grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board; renowned brain tumor pioneer and U researcher John Ohlfest passed away Jan. 21 after a battle with malignant melanoma; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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A SUCCESSFUL MANAGER'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (SMLP) offered through the Office of Human Resources can help managers develop new skills and brush up on existing ones. Designed for mid- to top-level managers, 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. For more information, visit [SMLP](#).

THE OFFICE FOR EQUITY AND DIVERSITY will host a wide range of educational opportunities for individuals, departments, colleges, and units this spring. Workshops focus on equity and diversity issues in higher education. They can also be customized for individual unit needs and concerns. Participants can work towards an Equity and Diversity Certificate. For more information, see [Equity and Diversity](#).

GOOGLE FUSION TABLES is now available for Google Apps at the U of M. Fusion Tables offers a wide range of functionality in spreadsheet analysis. For more information, see [Fusion Tables](#).

Awards and funding opportunities

FUNDING PROPOSALS FOR NEW OR EXISTING INTERDISCIPLINARY GRADUATE GROUPS are invited by the vice provost and dean of graduate education to seed and support the development of research, educational, and training activities in emerging areas of inquiry. Faculty with graduate education responsibilities are eligible to apply. Awards will be made through a competitive process and are expected to range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for activities planned after June 30, 2013. Applications are due March 4. For more information, see [call for proposals](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THINK SPRING WITH CLASSES ON GARDENING at the U of M Landscape Arboretum. To help gardeners of all skill levels get ready, the Arboretum is offering two series (of four classes each) in February: The Science of Gardening and The Sustainable Yard. Courses are offered Saturdays at the Arboretum; discounts are available for members or for participants who register for all four classes in a series. For more information, see [Arboretum events](#).

THE NATIONAL FORUM ON ACTIVE LEARNING CLASSROOMS is open for registration. Faculty and instructional staff are invited to attend or present at the event, Aug. 9–11, STSS bldg. The forum will build on the success of the forum's 2011 inaugural event with an expanded set of demonstrations, posters, presentations, and panel discussions. For more information, see [Active Learning](#).

CROOKSTON:

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL WINTER JOB AND INTERNSHIP FAIR will be held Jan. 30, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sergeant Student Center. For more information, see the [full list of participating employers](#).

STORYTELLER JIM PFITZER will bring Aldo Leopold to life on the stage of Kiehle Auditorium Jan. 31, 7 p.m. The performance, "Aldo Leopold—A Standard of Change," is free and all are welcome. Leopold was a conservationist, forester, philosopher, educator, writer, and outdoor enthusiast. The event is sponsored by the UMC Agriculture and Natural Resources Department. For more information, see [Aldo Leopold](#).

UMC WILL RECOGNIZE BLACK HISTORY MONTH with a series of events in February. The community and region are encouraged to attend these special events on campus. For more information, see [Black History Month](#).

UMC WILL ADD A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, pending approval by the Minnesota Board of Teaching. The degree is a career-oriented program that prepares students to be effective teachers of children from kindergarten through grade six. For more information, see [new degree](#).

DULUTH:

THE ALWORTH INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE will host a brown bag lecture Feb. 5, titled "Fresh Water for the Ethiopian Hamar Tribe and Snow Angel Fundraiser." Students with ties to Ethiopia will discuss the country's economy, politics, and culture, as well as how climate change has impacted the Hamar Tribe. Representatives from Make Your Mark: Angels for a Cause will talk about a Feb. 9 event seeking to raise money for clean water for the Hamar Tribe and break the world record for making snow angels. For more information, see [Clean Water](#).

ELAINE HANSEN, director of UMD's Center for Economic Development, has been certified as a National Association of Small Business International Trade Educators Certified Global Business Professional. The certification confirms knowledge in international trade and assures that a person is able to practice global business at the professional level required in today's competitive environments. For more information, see [Elaine Hansen](#).

MORRIS:

THIRTEEN UMM PROFESSORS received all-University 2013 Imagine Fund Awards. Supported by a grant from the McKnight Foundation, the Imagine Fund is a systemwide program that supports projects in the arts, humanities, and design at the University of Minnesota. UMM recipients include Stacey Aronson, Viktor Berberli, Sheri Breen, Sarah Buchanan, Mark Collier, Dan Demetriou, Julie Eckerle, Chrissy Kolaya, Michael Lackey, Jessica Larson, Tracy Otten, Elaine Nelson, and Marynel Ryan Van Zee. For more information, see [Imagine Fund](#).

UMM HAS BEEN RANKED A TOP TEN PUBLIC LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE by About.com. The list includes public colleges that place an emphasis on quality teaching and undergraduate education. Each school has a liberal arts curriculum and fewer than 10,000 undergraduate students. For more information, see [About.com](#).

THE UMM SYMPHONIC WINDS, under music director Simon Tillier, will begin its 2013 Winnipeg Tour with a concert Feb. 3, Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall. The ensemble will then perform at Kiehle Auditorium in Crookston Feb. 7, before touring Winnipeg for performances at Jubilee Place, Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute, and Westwood Collegiate. For more information, see [Winnipeg Tour 2013](#).

ROCHESTER:

THE UMR CONNECTS THEME for the month of February is "Ethics, Morality, and Ethical Dilemmas." The first event, "Dying in Contemporary Medical Culture," will take place Feb. 5. UMR CONNECTS is a free weekly series connecting the Rochester community and visitors to speakers and panels on a variety of engaging topics. For more information, see [UMR CONNECTS](#).

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STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH: THE ROLE OF FACULTY AND STAFF, an interactive training session provided by the Provost's Committee on Student Mental Health, will highlight the state of student mental health issues on campus and provide practical language and concrete steps that faculty and staff members can use to assist students experiencing mental health related issues. Feb. 25, noon–1:30 p.m., with pizza and beverages at 11:30 a.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. [Register for the Coffman session](#). An additional session will be presented on the St. Paul campus, Apr. 1, noon–1:30 p.m. [Register for the St. Paul session](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE SNARGE MATRIX: Bird Strikes, Whale Strikes, and Road Kill in the Age of Mass Mobility will be presented by Institute for Advanced Study Quadrant Visiting Fellow Gary Kroll. The snarge matrix consists of the animals, plants, machines, infrastructure, culture, and expertise that meet at the intersection where vehicles collide with wildlife. Kroll examines bird-plane, whale-ship, and deer-car collision mitigation, exploring the history of the matrix to better understand how our culture's encounter with wildlife is mediated by mass mobility. Jan. 31, 4 p.m., 125 Nolte. For more information, see [Snarge Matrix](#).

"THE FUTURE OF WARFARE: THE LAW OF TOMORROW'S BATTLEFIELDS" will be presented by the U of M Law School's Minnesota Journal of International Law. The symposium will feature panels on robotics, cyber warfare, and the privatization of war. Panelists—top experts in each field from around the world—will provide diverse scholarly perspectives and encourage debate, in discussion, and an examination of the issues facing militaries. Feb. 5, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., 25 Lockhart Hall. For registration and more information, see [law symposium](#).

SUSTAINABILITY FILM SERIES 2013: Movie by popular demand, the third annual Sustainability Film Series kicks off Feb. 7 with *Dirt! The Movie*. This year's theme, "The Edge of Civilization," explores different viewpoints of environmental sustainability and human stewardship of the Earth. Films run the first Thursday of the month through May. For more information, see [film screenings](#).

SIP OF SCIENCE, held the second Wednesday of every month, will next feature "Public Music, Public Land, Public Water: Connecting Sound and Sustainability" with Mark Pedelty, Anthropology and Communication Studies. Pedelty, author of *Ecomusicology: Rock, Folk, and the Environment*, will demonstrate how humans use music to "make place." The Sip of Science series bridges the gap between science and culture in a setting that bridges the gap between brain and belly. Feb. 13, 5:30 p.m., Aster Cafe, 125 S.E. Main Street, Minneapolis. For more information, see [A Sip of Science](#).

THE MINNESOTA EVALUATION STUDIES INSTITUTE (MESI) 18TH ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE, "Learning by doing: Bridging evaluation theory and practice" is designed for professional evaluators, program staff, and students interested in conducting or using evaluations. MESI provides a unique opportunity to learn about contemporary issues in evaluation with national experts and practitioners in a small setting. Mar. 6–8, Continuing Education and Conference Center, St. Paul. For registration and more information, see [MESI conference](#).

SAVE THE DATE: CLASSES WITHOUT QUIZZES returns April 6. This year's classes will feature the latest research from CFANS scientists, including keynote speaker Mike Sadowsky of the Department of Soil, Water, and Climate. The half-day event on Apr. 6 also will include sessions on beer, robotics, bioenergy, gardening, and economics, as well as programs for kids and opportunities to network with other college alumni and friends. For more information, see [Classes Without Quizzes](#).

GET UNLIMITED fountain soda, coffee, or tea at Gopher Express locations, Goldy's Gameroom, and Gopher Spot with the new Caffeine Devotion card. Cards are \$17.99 for one month and \$59.99 for four months. For more information, see [caffeine](#).

MORE EVENTS include Bouldering Basics ([Jan. 31](#)); Ice Climbing in Sandstone, MN ([Feb. 1](#)); What's the Big Idea? First Fridays, February 2013 ([Feb. 1](#)); VSAM Presents: Tet Show 2013! A Story Rewritten ([Feb. 2](#)); Stand Up Paddleboarding ([Feb. 3](#)); Honoring Distinguished Economist Thomas Sargent ([Feb. 4](#)); SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

THE BOARD OF REGENTS WILL MEET Feb. 7–8. On Feb. 7, the regents will join President Eric Kaler and students from the U's five campuses at the State Capitol during the annual student-organized Support the U Day. Regents will also discuss a presentation on the job classification system redesign project and a recently launched "spans and layers" analysis, which looks at the U's administrative costs and operational excellence initiatives. For more information, see the [news release](#).

THE 2013 STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS will take place Feb. 28, 3:30–4:30 p.m., Coffman Union. Following his address will be a moderated question-and-answer period with President Kaler, with a reception afterward in the theater lobby. The event will be broadcast live to all campuses. Faculty and staff are encouraged to submit a question for President Kaler now through the end of his address. Beginning Feb. 28 at 3:30 p.m., President Kaler will accept questions on Twitter (via #UMNsotu) and in written form in Coffman Theater. For more information and to watch the event live, see [State of the University](#).

Features

FEATURE: In recent years, scientists have been pointing to some distinct trends in our nation's and world's climate. Many of those changes have been detailed in a new report from the U.S. Global Change Research Project—a document intended to inform federal climate and environmental policy in the coming years. On the heels of that report's release, five researchers from the University of Minnesota testified before a joint committee hearing in the Minnesota House of Representatives about the climate change before us, and how current science can help inform investment decisions in the state. For more information, read "[U expertise in a changing climate](#)."

FEATURE: University of Minnesota researchers have taken a step toward providing first responders like firefighters with a new means of finding their way through dark or smoky buildings, creating gloves that use ultrasonic sensors to detect walls and other objects. The research explores the broader potential for developing sensory augmentation through wearable devices. For more information, read "[Seeing through smoke](#)."

FEATURE: University of Minnesota biochemist Burckhard Seelig and colleagues have evolved an enzyme whose "body plan" may harken back to the earliest days of evolution—and help with modern problems. Seelig foresees a use for his enzyme in sequencing RNA, a step which could lead to understanding hundreds of baffling diseases, including autoimmune disorders. For more information, read "[Jurassic Park molecules?](#)"

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DIAL 4-UOHR: A NEW CONSOLIDATED CALL CENTER was launched by the Office of Human Resources on Feb. 1. Faculty and staff should call 4-UOHR (612-624-8647 or 1-800-756-2363 in Greater Minnesota) with any HR-related questions, including questions about benefits, payroll, wellness training, and development.

A NEW WEB CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CMS), Drupal, will be introduced systemwide as the U's new enterprise-level CMS. It is anticipated that Drupal will be available early this summer. A pilot for interested users will be available in the next few months. UMContent, the U's current web CMS, is scheduled for retirement sometime after November 2014. For more information and project updates, see the [CMS project website](#).

Awards and funding opportunities

A NEW RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM will fund interdisciplinary endeavors, especially between the Academic Health Center and other disciplines. The program will award \$3 million to fund research services or equipment and specialized support staff that constitute direct components of research and scholarly efforts that further the U's mission and support interdisciplinary needs. Researchers from all campuses are eligible and encouraged to apply. Awards will range from \$50,000 to \$1 million; colleges must provide matching funds. For more information and to submit a proposal, see [Research Infrastructure Investment Program](#).

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: THE MINNESOTA FUTURES RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM encourages faculty to reach across academic disciplines to advance ideas into viable questions, enabling researchers to respond collaboratively to emerging opportunities in interdisciplinary research and scholarship. The Office of the Vice President for Research seeks research proposals that originate from new interdisciplinary groups. Proposals may be for up to two years and a maximum of \$250,000 each. Two grants will potentially be awarded. For more information, see [Minnesota Futures](#).

2013 TRANSLATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM funding is available. Grants are intended to help drive the highest quality early stage of the complex process of translating basic science discoveries into patient benefit. The goal is to positively impact human health in Minnesota and the nation. A letter of intent is due Feb. 15, 5 p.m. For more information, see [Translational Grant Program](#).

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: THE 2013 P&A OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD (OUA) recognizes a unit judged to be exemplary in its support of the critical role P&A employees fulfill in carrying out the mission of the U. Units will be judged on work during the past three years in supporting the careers of P&A employees, practices used for P&A involvement in decision-making, and P&A contributions to profession and community. Nominations are due to [Jodi Carlson Grebinoski](#) by Mar. 8, 4:30 p.m. For more information, see [P&A OUA](#).

DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR INTERNATIONALS nominations are due Mar. 15. The U-wide award recognizes leadership by international alumni, former students, and friends of the U, and highlights their outstanding accomplishments. Recipients have included the "father" of air conditioning in India and the president of Charles University in Prague. For eligibility and nomination guidelines, and past recipients, see [Distinguished Leadership](#).

CROOKSTON:

TWO UMC STUDENTS presented the campus with flags from their home tribal communities at a special ceremony Jan. 31. Addie O'Neil, a senior majoring in agricultural education, presented the flag of the Lower Sioux Indian Community in Morton, MN; and Steve Allard Jr., a senior majoring in natural resources, presented the flag of the Turtle Mountain Ojibwe Nation in Belcourt, ND.

THE CHINESE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA DANCE THEATER will perform Feb. 9, 7 p.m. (doors at 6:30 p.m.), Kiehle Auditorium. The program is sponsored by the Confucius Institute and the UMC International Programs Office. For more information, see [dance](#).

PROVIDING NEEDY CHILDREN WITH BEDS has become a special project under the direction of Lisa Loegering, UMC assistant director of community engagement. In collaboration with community partners, Loegering began the project providing beds to needy children, delivering the first 10 beds on Jan. 30. For more information, see [beds for kids](#).

THE CLEAN WATER FOR EVERYONE DINNER will take place Feb. 12, 6 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. The dinner helps fund the UMC Enactus project, designed to provide clean water for developing countries. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased by calling 218-281-8176. For more information, see [Clean Water Dinner](#).

DULUTH:

UMD's UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (UROP) supports full-time undergraduates in research, scholarly endeavors, or creative projects undertaken in partnership with a faculty member. Here, six UROP student participants share their research and the questions they've explored in their projects. For more information, see [UROP stories](#).

UMD STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED to take part in Support the U Day at the Minnesota State Capitol on Feb. 7. The day is an opportunity for students from all five campuses to communicate the importance of the University of Minnesota to leaders at the state level. For more information, see [Support the U](#).

CHANCELLOR LENDLEY C. BLACK WILL HOST A RECEPTION to introduce UMD's two new coaches, Curt Weise, football, and Matt Bowen, basketball, Feb. 8, 5–6:30 p.m., Duluth Entertainment Convention Center, Lake Superior Ballroom. For more information, see [Reception](#).

GLENSHEEN, the historic Congdon estate on the shores of Lake Superior, is offering romantic Valentine dining Feb. 14 and 15, 6 p.m. In addition to dinner, festivities include a self-guided tour, live music, and a beer and wine tasting. For more information, see [Glensheen](#).

MORRIS:

THE UMM THEATRE DISCIPLINE will present *God of Carnage* Feb. 7–9, 7:30 p.m., Humanities Fine Arts Raymond J. Lammers Proscenium Theatre, with an additional matinee Feb. 9 at 2 p.m. Siobhan Bremer, associate professor of theatre arts, directs this outrageous dark comedy that gives audiences a peek into a discussion between two sets of parents addressing their children's playground altercation. For more information, see [God of Carnage](#).

UMM RECENTLY COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HORSE SHELTER. The facility enables the UMM Saddle Club to simultaneously shelter both horse herds that make their homes on campus. Construction of the shelter was completed by campus Plant Services late last fall. The project was supported, in part, by a grant from the Minnesota Horse Council. For more information, see [Horse Shelter](#).

DILLON MCBRADY '13, Morris Campus Student Association president, and Elizabeth Pappenfus '14, helped highlight University of Minnesota advocacy and led the rouser with President Kaler at the 2013 U of M Legislative Briefing held Jan. 23. For photos from the event, see [Legislative Briefing 2013](#).

ROCHESTER:

THE MINNESOTA BOOK AWARDS has named finalists in eight categories, including the book *Ruth 3:5*, in the genre fiction category, written by UMR International Program coordinator Michael Fridgen. Meet the finalists Mar. 15, 7 p.m., Open Book, 1011 Washington Ave. S, Minneapolis. For more information, see [Minnesota Book Awards finalists](#).

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VOTE FOR THE 2013 HOMECOMING THEME and spread the word by sharing the poll link with colleagues and University of Minnesota friends. The poll closes Feb. 22, 4 p.m. For more information and to vote, see [homecoming.umn.edu](#).

U OF M LIBRARIES ARE SPONSORING A STUDENT VIDEO CONTEST on the theme, "Discovery Illuminates Everyone." Each member of the winning team will receive an iPad. For more information, see [video contest](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE WEISMAN ART MUSEUM (WAM) WILL HOST A SWEETHEART SALE Feb. 7–14. U of M faculty, staff, and weamart members will receive 20 percent off during the sale. For more information, see [WAM Sweetheart Sale](#).

TWO PUBLIC EVENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EXHIBIT, The House We Built: Feminist Art Then and Now, will be held Feb. 7 and 11 at Wilson Library. Researching Feminist Art: Then and Now, a panel discussion, will take place Feb. 7. A film screening of *!Women Art Revolution* will take place Feb. 11. For more information, see [Feminist Art exhibit](#).

THE INCITEMENTS OF INFRASTRUCTURE, a presentation by Quadrant fellow Nikhil Anand, and by Hannah Appel, will take place Feb. 7, 4 p.m., 125 Nolte. The talk will draw attention to the ways in which the maintenance, repair, and reproduction of unstable, mobile infrastructures—particularly oil rigs in Equatorial Guinea and water pipes in India—provide new ways to theorize the workings of the corporation and the operations of government. For more information, see [infrastructure](#).

UNIVERSITY YOUTH AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS open for registration Feb. 11. A campus highlight for more than 25 years, the week-long day camps for kids ages 5-15 feature hands-on enrichment and skill building through Kids' University, Discovering U, Minnesota Sport Schools, and Gopher Adventures. All camps include indoor rock climbing, swimming, organized recreation, themes and projects, a state of the art playground, quality arts and crafts, and campus exploration. For more information, see [summer camp registration](#).

TEACHING WITH WRITING FACULTY PANEL: WRITING ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY will feature Dana Davis (microbiology), Walt Jacobs (African-American studies), and Tom Reynolds (writing studies). They will describe ways in which they ask students to utilize current genres and media to address purposes from digital storytelling to critical analysis of scientific data. Feb. 14, noon–1:30 p.m., 335 Peik Hall. For registration and more information, see [Teaching with Writing](#).

THE ACARA PROGRAM will offer an Entrepreneur to Social Ventures workshop series Feb. 14, Mar. 7, and Apr. 4. Acara gives emerging entrepreneurs a chance to envision and launch successful social businesses. This three-session series will provide an introduction to opportunities for entrepreneurial spirits who want to "do good while doing well." Sessions will be held 6:30–8:30 p.m., R380 Learning and Environmental Sciences Building, St. Paul. Sessions are \$30 each. For registration and more information, see [Acara social ventures](#).

COMMUNITY DIALOGUES ON CLINICAL RESEARCH: A Conversation with Harriet Washington, author of *Medical Apartheid: The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black Americans from Colonial Times to the Present*. Washington will speak about her work and host a dialogue aimed at identifying constructive ways for communities and researchers to work together to improve health. Feb. 21, 5–7 p.m., Wilder Center, St. Paul. For registration and more information, see [community dialogues](#).

THE INSTITUTE FOR MATHEMATICS AND ITS APPLICATIONS will present "Math in China, India, and the West—Can We Compare Their Achievements Objectively?" Feb. 27, 7 p.m., 175 Wiley Hall. Speaker David Mumford of Brown University will present a series of vignettes of actual math from Babylon, Vedic India, Han China, Baghdad, and Kerala (India) to illustrate how the idiosyncrasies of each culture profoundly altered the math they developed. His lecture will also cover what was unique to the math of ancient Greek culture and why, finally, math exploded in 17th century Europe. For more information, see [IMA public lecture](#).

AN EXHIBIT DEDICATED TO SUSTAINABILITY has opened at the U of M Institute on the Environment (Ione) Commons on the St. Paul campus. The exhibit, Downstream/Upstream: A Journey Through the Urban Water Cycle by Jones-Kulman Brigham, is a visual journey detailing a two-week adventure taken by 39 children aged 4–6. The exhibit includes photographs, maps, artists' books, and diagrams documenting their exploration of the water cycle. For more information, see the [news release](#).

MORE EVENTS include NOMMO African American Athlete Series ([Feb. 6](#)); What Does Mexico Need to Do to Roar Like a Nomin American Puma? ([Feb. 7](#)); Skate Skiing ([Feb. 8](#)); The Sustainable Yard: Trees & Shrubs ([Feb. 9](#)); "Abnatural Embodiments: Dracula and the Smog Demon" ([Feb. 11](#)); Frontiers in the Environment ([Feb. 13](#)); SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

THE BOARD OF REGENTS reviewed University efforts to improve efficiency and effectiveness at its Feb. 7-8 meeting. Regents heard a presentation on a recently launched "spans and layers" analysis, which will review and benchmark the U's structure top to bottom and across departments. Regents also ratified the merger of the University of Minnesota Foundation and the Minnesota Medical Foundation. In other news, President Kaler informed Regents about strategic opportunities to enhance the summer curriculum on the Twin Cities campus to provide greater access to students, and more. For more information, see the [news release](#).

Features

FEATURE: It's especially gratifying as a researcher—as a human, really—when your work doesn't land with a thud. A bang or a splash—always better. In particular, when you've put three years of your life into a project, you hope that it will leave a mark. In doing so, it helps to conduct research that affects every single person on the planet. U of M research led by Deepak Ray and scientists with the U's Institute on the Environment and McGill University certainly has people talking. The research shows that key food crops in many regions of the world could be in jeopardy. For more information, read "[Can we feed the world?](#)"

FEATURE: It's well known that sunlight and chemical carcinogens can mutate DNA, and that mutations are essential for cancer to develop. One big mystery was what causes the thousands of mutations evident in most breast cancers. Now researcher Reuben Harris and his colleagues have found evidence that one of our own proteins is a major source of these mutations. For more information, read "[Breast cancer DNA mutator found.](#)"

FEATURE: Taking a cue from a nationwide movement to embrace the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday as a "day on, not a day off," the University launched the U of M Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Volunteer Pledge Drive on Jan. 21. The drive is helping to unite King's vision and the U's land-grant mission. For more information, read "[One for All.](#)"

FEATURE: Through a unique partnership with the Dow Chemical Co., graduate students and postdoctoral researchers from the U Departments of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering and Materials Science are leading a campaign to improve and sustain the safety culture in chemistry and chemical engineering laboratories. The safety partnership could help other universities across the country. For more information, read "[Dow + U = lab safety.](#)"

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: University of Minnesota professor and dean of the College of Science and Engineering Steven Crouch has been elected to the National Academy of Engineering; Aaron Friedman will step down as vice president for the health sciences and dean of the Medical School at the end of the calendar year; Lisa Novack of CBS Student Services has been awarded the National Association for Student Personnel Administrators Outstanding New Professional Award; UMTC has been named a "Best Value College" for 2013 by *The Princeton Review*; U in the news includes highlights of *Today's News*, which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

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THE U OF M 2012 AUDIT REPORT is now available online at the [Controller's Office website](#). Among other information, the report includes net assets of the University of Minnesota, and the related consolidated statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets and cash.

THE CENTER FOR WRITING's Interdisciplinary Studies of Writing (ISW) program offers research grants to support the inquiry of U of M scholars and teachers into writing and literacy. Letters of intent are due Feb. 25. For more information and the application process, see [ISW grants](#) or instructions for the [Letter of Intent](#).

THE MINNESOTA CENTER FOR CANCER COLLABORATIONS and Minnesota Cancer Alliance invite medical/public health professionals, community based organizations, community engaged researchers, and students to submit abstracts for posters, papers, and panel presentations for the 2013 Cancer Disparities Summit: Working Together to Find Solutions, June 19-20. The conference will feature keynote speaker Otis Brawley, chief medical and scientific officer, American Cancer Society. Submissions are due by Mar. 29. For more information, see [cancer collaborations](#).

THE HEALTHY FOODS, HEALTH LIVES (HFHL) INSTITUTE seeks letters of interest to fund the development of community/University partnerships or interdisciplinary faculty research teams working on food, agriculture, or health issues. Letters of interest are due Apr. 19. HFHL is also requesting proposals for the University Research Grant and the Graduate and Professional Student Research Grant programs, with proposals due May 17. For more information about HFHL's grant programs, see [spring funding opportunities](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE SPRING GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION ASSEMBLY will explore questions related to tracking graduate student career outcomes: Where do our graduate students go? Why should we track graduate student careers? How do we do this? What does the information tell us, and how should we use it? Faculty, administrators, and graduate students are invited to hear a panel of campus leaders and others address these and related questions. Facilitated table discussions will explore specific topics in greater depth. Apr. 3, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. For registration and more information, see [education assembly](#).

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR U OF M LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM SUMMER DAY CAMPS. The camps provide an engaging mix of hands-on plant, science, cooking, and art explorations for ages 2-14. All camps feature delicious, organic snacks and/or lunches. Camps are usually half-day and run one, two, or three days. Choose from more than 38 camps. For more information, see [Summer Day Camps](#) or [email Arboretum education](#).

CROOKSTON:

THE NORTHWEST SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE and UMC will welcome alumni and community friends for a social on Feb. 15 at ViewPoint Resort in Mesa, AZ. Chancellor Fred E. Wood will bring greetings from the Crookston campus. Special guests this year are U President Eric Kaler and Karen Kaler, along with representatives from the U of M Foundation. For more information, see [alumni social](#).

A LUNCH PRESENTATION, "EQUITY AND DIVERSITY IN THE CLASSROOM," will take place Feb. 18, location TBD. Ann Phibbs, director of education, U of M Equity and Diversity, will present from noon to 1:30 p.m. Discussion will include the benefits and challenges of addressing equity and diversity in the classroom. For registration and more information, see [equity and diversity](#).

THE AMERICAN BEEKEEPING FEDERATION announced the selection of Emily Campbell as the 2013 American Honey Princess at its North American Beekeeping Conference in Hershey, PA. Campbell is a first-year student at UMC, where she is pursuing a degree in large animal veterinary medicine. She is also a first-generation beekeeper. For more information, see [beekeeping](#).

DULUTH:

UMD WILL PRESENT "PROFILES IN COURAGE" Feb. 15, 2:30-4 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Speaking at the event will be Tuskegee Airman Lt. Col. (Ret.) Hiram Mann, who will talk about his experiences in the Air Force; and Col. (Ret.) Nathan Thomas Jr., who will speak about participating in the 1963 Birmingham Civil Rights March. Joining them will be Major (Ret.) Joseph Gomer, a Tuskegee airman from the Duluth area. For more information, see [Courage](#).

THE ANNUAL LAKE SUPERIOR POLAR BEAR PLUNGE will take place Feb. 16 at Canal Park. UMD teams include the Alumni Association, the Labovitz School of Business and Economics, the Athletic Training Program, Hockey Cheerleading, Synchronized Skating, and numerous sororities and fraternities. Proceeds help support Minnesota Special Olympics athletes. For more information, see [Plunge](#).

THE ANNUAL SOUL FOOD DINNER, sponsored by the Black Student Association and African American Student Programs, will be held Feb. 16, 5-9:30 p.m., Kirby Ballroom. For more information, see [Soul Food](#).

IN 1995, MICHAEL MUNNELL became the first person to graduate from UMD with a degree in American Indian Studies. In fall 2012, UMD named an American Indian scholarship after him. Today, Munnell is the drum keeper and lead singer of the MA'IIN'GAN Drum. The singers perform at dozens of events each year, including UMD's commencement ceremony. For more information, see [Michael Munnell](#).

THEATRE STUDENTS from UMD's School of Fine Arts received four awards and two commendations at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Region V Festival held in January in Lincoln, NE. In addition, one student's original play is being considered for a performance spot at the Kennedy Center. For more information, see [Awards](#).

MORRIS:

UMM WILL HOST THE 2013 AMERICAN INDIAN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING SOCIETY (AISES) REGION 5 CONFERENCE Feb. 28-Mar. 2. AISES regional conferences educate students and the community about the contributions made by American Indians in science and engineering fields, while inspiring them to strive toward college, graduate school, and professional careers. [Registration](#) for the conference is now open. For more information, see [AISES Region 5 Conference](#).

UMM WILL WELCOME JEAN M. O'BRIEN as the featured speaker in the inaugural Wilbert H. Ahern Distinguished Lecture in American Indian Studies, Mar. 4, 7:30 p.m., Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall. O'Brien is White Earth Ojibwe and a professor of history at UMTC, where she is also affiliated with the American Indian Studies and American Studies Departments. For more information, see [Inaugural Lecture](#).

UMM RECEIVED AN OJIBWE LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION GRANT from the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, which will fund the Mino-Gikin'dasowin (Good Knowledge) Project. The project will expand Morris's Ojibwe language offerings and build partnerships with tribal, immersion, and Ojibwe-teaching K-12 schools regarding field experiences for UMM education students. It will also enable the University to work with tribal and education communities to create pathways for more Ojibwe language teachers. For more information, see [Language Revitalization Grant](#).

ROCHESTER:

CHANCELLOR'S COLUMN: Administrative Costs at UMR. UMR Chancellor Stephen Lehmkuhle puts into context the role that UMR plays in discussions about U of M administrative costs. For more information, read the [Chancellor's Column](#).

TWIN CITIES:

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THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICE DESK now provides support by telephone 24/7. Offering extensive technical knowledge and round-the-clock support, the 24/7 Service Desk provides the UMTC community with a single, central point of contact for reporting and managing incidents and requests related to IT services. Support is available by calling 612-301-4357 (1-HELP on campus). For more information, see [tech help](#).

THE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING SPRING SCHEDULE is now available. New this semester is a course on usability evaluation techniques, "Making Websites Work Better for End-Users," and a course on "Techniques for Creating Video Content." Also new: Course registrations are being processed through ULearn, the U's new noncredit course registration system. For tips on how to use ULearn to find and register for technology training courses, see [Technology Training](#).

APPLICATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL TONY DIGGS EXCELLENCE AWARDS will be accepted by Student Unions and Activities through Feb. 20. The awards recognize student group achievements during the calendar year and are open to all Campus Life programs and registered student organizations. For more information, see [Tony Diggs](#).

PROPOSALS TO LEAD A SHORT-TERM PROGRAM ABROAD through the Learning Abroad Center's Global Seminars program in 2013-14 are due Mar. 1. Global Seminars are affordable, short-term, cohort-based programs that allow students to interact closely with a U of M program leader using the host country as a classroom. For more information, see [Global Seminars](#) or [email Christine Anderson](#).

THE PROJECT AND CHANGE MANAGEMENT COLLABORATORS (PCMC) GROUP and the Office of Information Technology are sponsoring the workshop, Project Management 101: Suffering the Slings and Arrows of Outrageous Projects, featuring instructor John Skovbroten. Mar. 20, 9 a.m.-noon, 312 STSS. Free and open to all faculty and staff. For registration and more information, see [PCMC](#). RSVP for Project Management 101 after joining the [PCMC Moodle site](#) (enrollment key: pcmc).

Awards and funding opportunities

"HOW TO GET A FULBRIGHT," a professional development series for students, faculty, and staff, will kick off with "What is Fulbright?" Feb. 13, noon, 385 Peik Hall. The series of lectures is designed to help students, staff, and faculty members navigate the U.S. government's Fulbright programs. Information will be provided on the vast array of programs, application deadlines, and available opportunities. For more information, see [How to get a Fulbright](#).

PILOT GRANTS IN HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH are available for projects that have a high likelihood of leading to future funding by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) or other federal, state, or private funding agencies. Grants are designed to encourage community-initiated research and foster sustainable, long-term collaboration between community-based organizations and academic researchers on research projects focused on reducing and eliminating health disparities. Letters of interest are due Mar. 6; full applications are due Apr. 19. For more information, see [Health Disparities Research](#) or [email Kristin Eide](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

INTERDISCIPLINARY WOMEN'S HEALTH LECTURE: "A Resilience Model: Integrative Mental Health," will be given by Henry Emmons, a holistic psychiatrist of the Penny George Institute for Health and Healing. Feb. 13, noon-1 p.m., 2-690 Coors Tower. For more information, see [Women's Health Lecture](#).

FRONTIERS IN THE ENVIRONMENT will kick off its spring lecture series Feb. 13 with "Is Frack a Four-Letter Word?"—a presentation on fracking pros and cons by Larry Wackett of the BioTechnology Institute. Frontiers lectures are held weekly (Wednesdays), noon, R380 Learning and Environmental Sciences Bldg., St. Paul. All conversations are webcast online. For more information, see [Frontiers](#).

THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS WILL OFFER "A BRIGHTER U," a sampler program of some of the most intriguing and relevant ideas currently being explored in the college. The event will feature six faculty guided interactive sessions and concludes with a panel discussion. [Register online by Feb. 14](#). The event will be held Feb. 23, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Coffman Union. For more information and the full program of events, see [A Brighter U](#).

THE IRAQ WAR 10 YEARS LATER: JOURNALISTS' FIRST-HAND REPORTS will consider the media coverage and the ripple effect this coverage has had on the Middle East, with accounts from those who covered the conflict. The discussion will feature author and journalist Reese Ercole, panelists Jeff Sevrens Guntzel from *American Public Media*, and *Star Tribune* reporter Paul McEnroe, and will be moderated by William Beeman. Feb. 26, 5:30-7:30 p.m., 130 Murphy Hall. Free, but registration is required. For more information, see [Iraq War discussion](#).

THE NEXT 3M SEMINAR ON TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION will feature Jon Foley, director of the U's Institute on the Environment, in "Addressing Global Food Supply Challenges." The seminars are designed for graduate and Ph.D. students seeking to turn their technology and science-based ideas into profitable businesses. The event will include a panel session with entrepreneurs from the food and agriculture industries, followed by a lean start-up workshop led by Carlson School faculty. Mar. 2, 8 a.m.-noon, 103 Hanson Hall. For more information, see [3M Seminars](#).

THE MINNESOTA HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CONFERENCE will take place Mar. 5, Continuing Education and Conference Center, St. Paul campus. The event brings together Minnesota's health services research community for a day of scholarly presentations and discussions. For registration and more information, see [conference](#).

KERMIT OLSON LECTURE: "What Hollywood Can Teach Us About Our Planet" will feature Jodie Holt from the University of California Riverside. Holt will explain why plants look like they do and enhance your ability to "see" California. A slide presentation of images from Holt's work as a botanical consultant to the movie *Avatar*, as well as from her years studying and teaching botany, will be used to illustrate the talk. Mar. 27, 3:30-5 p.m., 110 Green Hall. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [Kermit Olson Lecture](#).

KEEPING OUR FACULTY OF COLOR SYMPOSIUM: "Transforming Our Institutions: Advancing Inclusive Excellence Among Faculty in Higher Education" will engage attendees on research-based strategies for advancing excellence and institutional transformation by achieving diversity and equity within higher education. The symposium features presentations from scholars from a wide variety of institutions. April 14-16, The Commons Hotel, Twin Cities campus. For registration and more information, see [faculty of color symposium](#).

A "LEADERSHIP CAN BE TAUGHT" SYMPOSIUM will be presented by the Undergraduate Leadership Minor June 26-28. The event is an opportunity for faculty and other professional educators serving undergraduates to explore best practices in adapting the "Leadership Can Be Taught" framework for higher education. Guest speaker will feature Sharon Daloz Parks of the Whidbey Institute and Cheryl Getz of the University of San Diego SOLES. Conference registration before Feb. 28 is \$425. For registration and more information, see [leadership symposium](#).

MORE EVENTS include Mark Russell Smith: *Stravinsky's The Rite of Spring* ([Feb. 14](#)); Valentine's Day Blood Drive ([Feb. 14](#)); 45th Annual Fashion Show: Flux ([Feb. 16](#)); Mini Medical School—Winter 2013 (night 3 of 5) ([Feb. 18](#)); Café Scientifique ([Feb. 19](#)); Paul O. Zelinsky: Reflecting on Children's Book Art ([Feb. 21](#)); SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: President Kaler recently presented the University's 2014–15 budget request to the Senate Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee. Four faculty members also testified on the importance of the MnDRIVE program proposal. Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Richard Pfitzenreuter appeared before the House Higher Education Committee to present details on University finances, including tuition rates and the U's budget process. For more information, see [State Relations](#).

Features

FEATURE: Soldiers, law enforcement officers, and firefighters seldom get the luxury of time when assessing a potentially dangerous scenario before taking action. But first responders can now employ the first-ever throwable, mobile reconnaissance robot capable of surveying its environment in complete darkness. Invented by computer science and engineering professor Nikos Papanikolopoulos, "Scout" robots are braving hostile environments to save lives. For more information, read "[Path for robotics runs through Minnesota](#)."

FEATURE: Why does one woman's brain thrive as she ages, while another's declines? Exploring the mysterious recesses of the brain has been the life's work of Regents Professor Apostolos Georgopoulos. His ambitious study, called the Minnesota Women's Healthy Brain Aging Project, aims to gather comprehensive assessments of healthy women ages 30 to 100-plus to find answers to some perplexing questions. For more information, read "[Unlocking the mysteries of the aging brain](#)."

FEATURE: "Operational excellence is not just about purely saving money—It's about a better way to do things," says Craig Bantz, director of technology innovation with the College of Biological Sciences (CBS). Nevertheless, it's hard to ignore that a "better way to do things" has resulted in CBS spending less now on information technology services than it has at any time in the last decade, while at the same time getting more out of IT than ever before. For more information, read "[Operational Excellence: A look at how one college is achieving it](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Mark Jacobson has received the American Medical Association's International Award in Medicine; Gunda Georg has been selected to receive the annual Volwiler Research Achievement Award; Initiative for Renewable Energy and the Environment has awarded grants in the final round of renewable energy research funds; the College of Pharmacy has been selected to receive the Lawrence C. Weaver Transformative Community Service Award; Will Hueston has received an honorary doctorate in veterinary medicine from Chiang Mai University in Thailand; Frank Cerra, professor of surgery and former VP of the AHC, will be honored by the College of Pharmacy with its 2012 Weaver Medal Feb. 22; faculty from Plant Pathology, Agronomy and Plant Genetics, Plant Biology, and Soil, Water, and Climate have received a grant from the National Science Foundation for \$4.96 million over three years; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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THE STUDENT PROJECT WORK STREAM COMPONENT OF THE ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS UPGRADE PROGRAM (ESUP) is in the second phase of moving to the new version of PeopleSoft. During this phase, the team is focused on identifying the U's business requirements, how the off-the-shelf version of PeopleSoft meets those requirements, and developing solutions when it doesn't. The Student Records team is establishing regular "town hall" meetings to engage with students, staff, and faculty involved with the affected business processes. The first meeting is Feb. 22, 8:30–10 a.m., with locations on all campuses. For more information, see [ESUP student system](#).

THE PEOPLESOFT SIGN-IN PAGE WILL CHANGE FEB. 24. The sign-in page for PeopleSoft Campus Solutions/Human Resources (CS/HR) and financial systems will be changed to match the U's new M Key sign-in page during the PeopleSoft weekly maintenance window on Sunday, Feb. 24, 6 a.m.–noon. Users should not experience additional service disruptions. For more information and to view an example, see [PeopleSoft sign-in changes](#).

A NEW AUDIO AND WEB CONFERENCING SERVICE is now available to the University of Minnesota. The service, provided by InterCall, replaces Gopher Conferencing, which will be retired Feb. 28. For more information, see [new conferencing service](#).

CAREER ENRICHMENT WORKSHOPS have been developed by OHR's Organizational Effectiveness unit to help University employees advance their careers. The first series of five workshops, "Resilience in the Face of Change," will help participants understand the impact of change, as well as tools and techniques to build resilience. The second series, "Best-Selling Personal Leadership," will examine the key components of four recent best-selling leadership books. Open to staff on all campuses (via UM Connect). For registration and more information, see [Career Enrichment](#).

THE ENTERPRISE PORTAL TEAM INVITES PARTICIPATION from the U community to design "thinking workshops." In partnership with the upcoming Design Thinking@College of Design, participants will cycle through a process of observation, brainstorming, synthesizing, prototyping, and evaluating towards the goal of identifying and ranking possible portal features and design elements for the new U of M portal. No experience necessary. Workshops will build on the information generated from the [Portal Project Kickoff](#). For registration and more information, see [upcoming workshops](#).

U OF M INFORMATIONAL TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP are initiating formal Communities of Practice (CoPs) that mobilize around [FY2013 IT priorities](#). U faculty, staff, and students are invited to join these communities to engage in planning that advances key strategic initiatives. To be added to the email list, see IT Governance and join the [Google group](#). [RSVP to attend](#) a kickoff meeting Mar. 1. For more information, see [Communities of Practice](#).

Award and funding opportunities

PROPOSALS FOR THE SPRING MINI GRANTS COMPETITION sponsored by the Institute on the Environment are due Mar. 15. Faculty, staff, and students systemwide are invited to apply. IonE Mini Grants seek to spur new collaborations across disciplines, units, and campuses by providing small amounts of funding (from \$500 to \$3,000), administrative support (including organizing and staffing meetings), and space (for meetings, small conferences, new courses, reading groups, etc.). For more information, see [Mini Grants](#).

NOMINATIONS FOR THE REGENTS PROFESSORSHIP are due by Mar. 21. The Regents Professorship is the highest honor the University of Minnesota bestows on its faculty, recognizing those who have made unique contributions to the quality of the U of M through exceptional accomplishments in teaching, research, and scholarship or creative work, and contributions to the public good. To view nomination procedures, criteria, and a list of current and emeriti Regents Professors, see [Regents Professorship](#). Email [Vickie Courtney](mailto:Vickie.Courtney) with questions.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE are due by Mar. 15. 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](#) or email [Vickie Courtney](mailto:Vickie.Courtney).

CROOKSTON:

THE MINNESOTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY (TWS) recognized John Loegering, associate professor, Agriculture and Natural Resources Department, and student Jenny DuBay, a senior natural resources major, at its annual meeting held Feb. 5–7. Loegering was honored with the Service to Chapter Award, which recognizes service, teaching, and professional contributions to the organization and the profession. DuBay was presented with the Bob Fedeler Memorial Award, which helps beginning wildlife professionals through membership in TWS. For more information, see [wildlife awards](#).

SPRING SEMESTER CONVOCATION will take place Feb. 21, 12:30 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium. Crookston Student Association president Adam Switzer will serve as master of ceremonies. Vice chancellor Tom Baldwin and chancellor Fred Wood will recognize student academic achievement, and varsity coaches will recognize their respective teams and provide season updates. Music will be provided by the UMC Choir under the direction of associate professor George French.

RON SPRIGGS will present the history and legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen Feb. 25, 7 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium. Part of UMC's Black History Month Series, the presentation is free and open to the public. Spriggs is an oral historian, lecturer, and curator of the Ron Spriggs Exhibit of Tuskegee Airmen. Sponsored by the Office of Diversity & Multicultural Programs, Concerts, and Lectures, and the [UMC Aviation Program](#).

TASTEFULLY SIMPLE founder and CEO Jill Blashack Strahan will speak at UMC Feb. 26, noon, Kiehle Auditorium. Her presentation, "Small Beginnings—Big Dreams," is part of an entrepreneurship speakers' series sponsored by the Center for Rural Entrepreneurial Studies (CRES). Free and open to the public. For more information, see [entrepreneurship](#).

DULUTH:

UMD'S ALWORTH INSTITUTE will hold its fifth annual WorldQuest Trivia Competition Feb. 21, 6 p.m., Kirby Student Center. This year's featured country is Canada. Teams of eight compete on subjects such as flags and capitals, geographical features and international borders, and people and events in the news. For more information, see [WorldQuest](#).

UMD FACULTY Lyle Shannon, instructor, Department of Biology; Steve Colman, director, Large Lakes Observatory; and Ladona Tornabene, associate professor, Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, are recipients of the Chancellor's Teaching, Research, and Service awards for 2012–13. For more information, see [Chancellor Awards](#).

2013 IMAGINE FUND AWARD RECIPIENTS include UMD faculty from a wide range of disciplines. The awards support research in the arts, design, and the humanities. For more information, see [Imagine](#).

UMD WILL OFFER A LIVE BROADCAST OF THE TED2013 CONFERENCE "The Young. The Wise. The Undiscovered." to 50 UMD faculty, staff, and students at a live, Feb. 26–Mar. 1, without charge. The broadcast will consist of more than 70 talks dedicated to business, science, art, politics, economics, modern technologies, and other subjects. For more information, see [TED2013](#).

UMD HAS LAUNCHED A SEARCH for a director of Intercollegiate Athletics. With a focus on academic performance, student development, and athletic programs, the successful candidate must provide strong leadership to foster the continued national prominence of UMD intercollegiate athletics and to promote new levels of excellence. Community members are encouraged to make candidate recommendations. For more information, see [Athletic Director Search](#).

THE MINNESOTA CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION has honored UMD's James I. Swenson Civil Engineering Building with the 2013 Award of Excellence in the green/sustainable construction category. For more information, see [excellence](#).

MORRIS:

UMM STUDENTS ARE PLAYING A PART IN SYSTEMWIDE LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS. At both the 2013 University of Minnesota Legislative Briefing and the Support the U Day Rally, UMM students demonstrated outstanding leadership efforts while advocating for a proposed two-year tuition freeze for resident undergraduate students at the U. For more information, see [Students Speak Up](#).

JOLEE HENKEL '15, Clara City, has been working for the past year with the Center for Small Towns (CST) to help create a first-ever comprehensive breakdown of Stevens County's carbon footprint. Henkel and CST have undertaken the project in partnership with Stevens FORWARD!, a nonprofit agency focused on creating a brighter future for Stevens County. For more information, see [Henkel](#).

UMM WILL HOST CHRISTIAN LANDER AND ELON JAMES WHITE at convocation Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium, Student Center. Lander, creator of the pop culture phenomenon *Stuff White People Like*, and White, the award-winning creator of *This Week in Blackness*, address the idea of what it means to be "post-racial" in their Post Racial Comedy Tour. For more information, see [Post Racial Comedy Tour](#).

ROCHESTER:

UMR HOSTED MORE THAN 35 FAMILIES at its first Family Weekend, Feb. 8–10. Attendees enjoyed a classroom experience with assistant professor Kelsey Metzger, a welcome reception featuring performances by the UMR Dance and Ballroom Dance teams, and a chance to get photos taken with the UMR Raptor. They could also choose to attend an Ice Hawks hockey game, visit the Rochester Area Family Y, or see the newest exhibits at the Rochester Art Center.

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

THE U HAS LAUNCHED A SEARCH for the position of associate vice provost for enrollment management and director of admissions. Associate dean Jennifer Windsor, College of Liberal Arts, will chair the search committee. Other members of the committee were selected to provide broad representation from the colleges and units that are involved with undergraduate education on the Twin Cities campus. For more information about the position, search process, or application or nomination procedure, email [Jennifer Windsor](mailto:Jennifer.Windsor) or [Suzanne Bardouche](mailto:Suzanne.Bardouche).

THE ASSIGNMENT CALCULATOR is available through U Libraries to help students plan research papers, speeches, videos, lab reports, primary research projects, and more. Instructors can customize an assignment for specific due dates, and students can sign up to receive email reminders. For more information, see [Assignment Calculator](#).

Award and funding opportunities

THE OFFICE FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT (OPE) seeks applications for the C. Peter Magrath Community Engagement Award and the Outreach Scholarship W.K. Kellogg Foundation Engagement Award. Sponsored by the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities, these are regional and national awards that recognize public colleges and universities for their engaged learning and discovery. The APLU accepts one application from each institution. An OPE committee will review applications to determine which should represent UMTC. Applications are due by Mar. 15, 4 p.m. For questions and more information, email [Amber Cameron](mailto:Amber.Cameron) or call 612-624-1706.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE INSTITUTE ON THE ENVIRONMENT'S "ENSLIA LIVE" lecture series will bring some of the world's leading environmental visionaries to the Twin Cities for three evenings filled with presentations, conversation, and entertainment focused on Earth's greatest challenges—and solutions that give hope. [Tickets are available](#) for individual events or for the series, with special rates for faculty and staff.

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY will host "Sites and Sins of Omission: The Perils of Research in Personal Archives, Feb. 21, 4 p.m., 125 Nolte. Panelists will discuss the challenges of navigating unknown acts of archival selection. The event satisfies the awareness/discussion component of the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) continuing education requirement. For more information, see [Sites and Sins](#).

A MISSISSIPPI RIVER FACULTY IDEA FAIR will showcase what colleagues throughout the University of Minnesota are doing regarding research and teaching relative to the Mississippi River. Each five-minute presentation will give a capsule vision of the work being done, and presenters will also state what they hope to learn from collaboration and how they hope to collaborate with other colleagues. Feb. 22, 1:30–4:30 p.m., 125 Nolte. For more information, see [Mississippi River Ideas](#).

MAPPING THE WAY TO A BETTER DRIVING EXPERIENCE will be the topic of the Center for Transportation Studies annual winter luncheon. Nokia geospatial-mapping expert Jane MacFarlane will discuss how GPS navigation devices, computers, and innovative in-vehicle sensors are improving the driving experience to provide a safer and easier journey. Feb. 28, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see [better driving experience](#).

"NEUROECONOMICS AND THE GOVERNANCE OF CHOICE." In this Consortium on Law and Values lecture, Natasha Dow Schüll will explore how neuroeconomics, a marriage of behavioral economics and neuroscience, is tracking what happens in our brains when we make decisions that value the present at the expense of the future. She'll also discuss how policymakers are using this science to find better ways of guiding and governing behavior. Schüll is a cultural anthropologist and associate professor at MIT. Feb. 28, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. Free and open to the public. For registration and more information, see [Neuroeconomics](#).

ENGAGING CONTROVERSIES: "DOES WRITING INSTRUCTION TRANSFER?" will feature a facilitated discussion about whether what students learn in high-school transfers to college, and whether writing instruction is so context-specific that one cannot expect students to connect what they learn in one class to what they learn in another. Mar. 1, 9–10 a.m., 12 Nicholson Hall. Coffee provided. Facilitator: Tim Gustafson, Center for Writing. For more information, see [Engaging Controversies](#).

GRAND ROUNDS: The Graduate Medical Education (GME) Administration will host GME Grand Rounds, a quarterly gathering of the local GME community, Mar. 5, 4–6:30 p.m., Mayo Memorial Auditorium. David Asch, executive director for innovation at the Wharton School of Business and the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, will present "What Business Are We In?" For more information, see [grand rounds](#).

LEARNINGLIFE'S SPRING lifelong learning opportunities are now open for registration. LearningLife features short courses, workshops, seminars, presentations by nationally and internationally renowned speakers, and other special events. For more information, see [LearningLife](#).

A U LIBRARIES EXHIBIT explores the exotic worlds created by the scenic artists for public theatres and private fraternal spaces of the Freemasons. Curated by Professor C. Lance Brockman, the exhibit documents the backstage environment of early theatre and vaudeville and includes original renderings and materials from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Open through Mar. 15, Andersen Library. For more information, see [scenic sketches exhibit](#).

THE 2013 MELENDY LECTURE will feature professor Brian Isetts presenting "Progress Toward Goals: Building a Medication Use System Our Country Deserves." Mar. 26, 12:20–1:10 p.m., Mayo Auditorium. For more information, see [Melendy Lecture](#).

THE 2013 HEALTH DISPARITIES ROUND TABLE, "Engaging Communities in Public Health Research, Practice, and Policy," will take place Apr. 26, 9 a.m.–noon, Coffman Union Theater. For more information, see [health disparities](#).

MORE EVENTS include AMERICA—A Candid Conversation ([Feb. 20](#)); TRIO Yoga Session ([Feb. 21](#)); FACISM IN A "POST-RACIAL" FRONTIER—A Candid Conversation ([Feb. 22](#)); TRIO Day at the U of M ([Feb. 23](#)); The Dance of Words ([Feb. 25](#)); SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

THE 2013 STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS will take place Feb. 28, 3:30–4:30 p.m., Coffman Union, and broadcast live to all campuses. Following his address will be a moderated question-and-answer period with President Kaler, with a reception to follow. Faculty and staff are encouraged to submit a question for the president now through the end of the address. Beginning Feb. 28 at 3:30 p.m., President Kaler will accept questions on Twitter (via #UMNsotu) and in written form in Coffman Theater. For more information, or to submit a question, see [State of the University](#).

STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: On Mar. 12, President Kaler will present the U's administrative costs report to the Senate Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee. In other news, the Minnesota Management and Budget Office will release its economic forecast for the state on Feb. 28. For more information, see [State Relations](#).

Features

FEATURE: On Feb. 20, the University announced a partnership with Coursera—a leading massive open online course (MOOC) platform—to develop free, noncredit online courses. In the future, U of M students may earn credit as faculty are able to integrate offerings from Coursera into existing academic courses. For more information, read "[Shattering the classroom walls](#)."

FEATURE: Chewing involves some of the human body's most complex motions, and ART, the artificial mouth at the School of Dentistry, can perform a year's worth of chewing in just a day or two. By reproducing the motions and forces at play in chewing, ART is invaluable for testing the performance of dental materials and guiding their development. For more information, read "[Chew on this](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: President Eric Kaler has been named a charter fellow by the National Academy of Inventors; professors David Chapman and Rebecca Ropers-Huilman have received 2014 Fulbright Awards; Aerospace Engineering and Mechanics professors Berenice Mettler and Pete Seiler have each received a prestigious CAREER award from the National Science Foundation; CURA Community GIS Program director Jeff Matson was recently selected to serve on the steering committee for a newly formed American Community Survey (ACS) Data Users Group; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

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A NEW SUPPLY PURCHASING WEBSITE, U MARKET, will launch this summer, supplying materials from beakers to pens, chemicals, office supplies, and more. A series of March information sessions will offer an opportunity to learn more about the new tool. [Register online to attend a session](#).

STUDENT EXCUSED ABSENCES FROM CLASS WILL AGAIN REQUIRE A DOCTOR'S NOTE. As of Feb. 25, the U has reinstated its requirement of a doctor's note for excused absences from class due to illness. The policy was temporarily suspended in January. For more information, see [2013 Influenza communications](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

SPRING GARDENING CLASSES AT THE U OF M LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM are open for registration. Course offerings include Growing Grapes in Minnesota, The Best Herbs for Your Garden, Creating the Japanese Garden, You CAN Grow Your Own Food!, Totally Tomatoes!, and more. For registration and more information, see [Gardening](#).

THE INSTITUTE ON THE ENVIRONMENT has launched a [new online and print magazine, Ensia](#), and [event series, Ensia Live](#), for environmental leaders. [Tickets are available](#) for individual events or for the series, with special rates for faculty and staff.

CROOKSTON:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH activities will conclude with a "Celebration of Black History and Culture" dinner event on Feb. 28, 6 p.m., Bede Ballroom. Entertainment will include African dance and drum, spoken word, a gospel choir, a fashion show, and modern and tribal dance. For more information, see [Black History Month](#).

THE INTERNATIONAL DINNER SERIES will begin with "The Power of Egypt," Mar. 4, 6 p.m., Bede Ballroom. The second event, "Canadian Difference," will take place Mar. 11, followed by a Mar. 25 event highlighting the organization, Change Africa. Students representing each of the featured countries will share their favorite dishes and a special presentation. For more information, see [dinner series](#).

UMC WILL LAUNCH A PROJECT TO DESIGN A NATURAL PLAY SPACE along the Fosston Inspiration Trail in Fosston, MN. Eric Castle, assistant professor in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department, and Mitch Sledge, a junior majoring in horticulture from St. Louis Park, MN, will assist in the project. For more information, see [play space](#).

DULUTH:

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR ANIKA HARTZ has been selected to receive the U of M McKnight Land-Grant Professorship. Hartz's research focuses on understanding the mechanisms that regulate blood-brain barrier function in Alzheimer's disease. Because the blood-brain barrier naturally plays a protective role, it can prevent life-saving drugs from reaching the brain. For more information, see [Hartz](#).

UMD CONTINUES TO MAKE STRIDES in institutionalizing equity and diversity, through such programs as the Pre-Doctoral Teaching Fellowships. Now in its second year, the program invites Ph.D. candidates who have completed all requirements except the dissertation to apply to teach one course per semester while writing their dissertations. This year's candidates are Akiko Maeker, Eun Joo Kim, and Benjamin Agbo. For more information, see [Pre-Docs](#).

SANDRA STEINGRABER, biologist, environmental advocate, and author, will present "Living Downstream: The Impact of Chemical Exposure on Human Health" as part of Women's History Month, Mar. 4, 7 p.m., 200 Chemistry Building, Steingraber, who is also a cancer survivor, explores the links between human health and environmental toxins. For more information, see [Steingraber](#).

THE UMD VISUAL LECTURE SERIES will host Erik Loyer, media artist, Mar. 5, 7 p.m., 70 Montague Hall. Loyer's website, *The Lair of the Marrow Monkey*, was one of the first to be added to the permanent collection of a major art museum. For more information, see [Visual Lecture Series](#).

THE CULTIVATING COMPASSION: EMPATHY, LEADERSHIP, AND SOCIAL CHANGE conference will take place Mar. 6, 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Kirby Ballroom. Anita Nowak, integrating director of the Social Economy Initiative at McGill University, will give the keynote address, "Empathic Action Rocks: Join the Movement that Can Change Your Life and Change the World." For more information, see [Compassion Conference](#).

MORRIS:

UNITED STATES SENATOR AL FRANKEN will serve as the 2013 Commencement speaker at UMM. Senator Franken is an advocate for affordable health care, an economy that works for the middle class, the promise of a 21st-century education for children, and the creation of a green economy. This year marks UMM's 50th commencement exercise. For more information, see [Franken](#).

THE NAKAI, EATON, CLIPMAN TRIO will perform Mar. 9, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium, Student Center. Led by R. Carlos Nakai, the trio combines flute melodies and lyraharp guitar tones with world beat percussion to create music that is ethereal and earthy. For more information, see [Nakai Trio](#).

A NEW PROGRAM AT UMM, "PEER LISTENING," will provide supportive listening and decision-making assistance as well as referrals for campus services, beginning Mar. 4. The program will also provide upper-division interns with practical experience helping others. Kristina Grundmanis '13, Minneapolis, and Andrew Gelbmann '13, White Bear Lake, are the first interns to serve the program. For more information, see [Peer Listening](#).

NATALIE HOIDAL '15, Forest Lake, is teaming up with the State of Minnesota Environmental Quality Board, Minnesota Youth Environmental Network (MNYEN) to organize the upcoming MNYEN conference. The conference answers Governor Mark Dayton's call for citizens' support in shaping a future that addresses Minnesota's environment and energy challenges. For more information, see [MNYEN Conference](#).

ROCHESTER:

UMR CONNECTS teams with RAAFUM (Rochester Area Alumni and Friends of the University of Minnesota) to bring historian and author Brenda J. Childs to campus Mar. 19. Childs will discuss her new book, *Holding Our World Together: Ojibwe Women and the Survival of Community*, and end with a short discussion on the *Ojibwe People's Dictionary*. For more information, see [UMR CONNECTS](#).

TWIN CITIES:

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

TEDxUMN will host a free, live simulcast of the TED2013 conference Feb. 27, 3:30–6 p.m., 221 Mechanical Engineering. For more information, see [TEDxUMN simulcast](#).

"ECONOMIC FORECAST AND ITS IMPLICATIONS" will feature a bipartisan panel of state legislators and finance officials discussing the Minnesota economic forecast, scheduled to be released on Feb. 28. Moderated by Professor Larry Jacobs. Mar. 1, 9–10 a.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. For more information, see [economic forecast](#).

THE ART OF MIGRATION, a presentation by Kianga Ford, visual artist and writer, focuses on the changing landscapes of communities. Ford will discuss her work-in-progress with the Minneapolis Institute of Art, which looks at the complex histories of immigration to and movement within the Twin Cities. Feb. 28, 4 p.m., 125 Nolte. For more information, see [Art of Migration](#).

THE BELL MUSEUM SUSTAINABILITY FILM SERIES: THE EDGE OF CIVILIZATION explores different viewpoints on environmental sustainability and human stewardship of the Earth. Next up in the series: *Switch*, a film about the future of energy with visionary geologist Scott Tinker. Mar. 7, 7 p.m. Free with U of M ID. For more information, see [Sustainability Film Series](#).

AUTHOR AND PHILOSOPHER Martha Nussbaum will present "Not for Profit: Why Democracy Needs the Humanities" Mar. 7, 7 p.m., 100 Rapson Hall. The lecture, reflecting ideas Nussbaum advanced in an acclaimed book of the same title, offers a timely and provocative call for reconnecting education to the humanities. For more information, see [Nussbaum lecture](#).

GRAMMY-WINNING MUSICIAN LILA DOWNS will present *Una Cancion para Mi Padre/A Song for My Father*, Mar. 10, Ted Mann Concert Hall, followed by the opening reception for the exhibit, *Allen Downs Life & Work: Winter Quarter in Mexico*, Nash Gallery. Lila Downs is a CLA alumna and daughter of the late art professor Allen Downs, who started the celebrated Winter Quarter in Mexico program. For more information, see [Lila Downs Concert](#).

THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH teamed up with students at the College of Design to create National Public Health Week Film Festival promotional material. [Vote for the "People's Choice" poster award](#) online.

CENTER FOR HEALTH EQUITY RESEARCH ROUNDS and the Clinical and Translational Science Institute will present "Five Generations of Research of Health Disparities" Apr. 4, 12:15–1:30 p.m., 2-620 Moos Tower. Nancy Adler, vice chair of the Department of Psychiatry, director of the Center for Health and Community, and Lisa and John Pritzker Professor of Psychology in the Departments of Psychiatry and Pediatrics at the University of California at San Francisco, will give the talk.

SAVE THE DATE: The U of M Public Health Institute will offer 38 short courses in 9 interest areas. Courses are an efficient way for grad students and working professionals to gain competencies and skills. Most courses are offered in a weeklong format, with opportunities for field trips, case studies, hands-on labs, and simulations. Registration opens Apr. 9. For more information, see [Public Health](#).

MORE EVENTS include Words at WAM! ([Feb. 27](#)); Internationally acclaimed portrait Painter Felix de la Concha speaks on campus ([Feb. 28](#)); What's the Big Idea? First Fridays, March 2013 ([Mar. 1](#)); Rock On Climbing Competition ([Mar. 2](#)); Drone Attacks and Human Rights ([Mar. 3](#)); SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

THE BOARD OF REGENTS WILL MEET Mar. 7–8. On Mar. 7, regents will spend time with the College of Liberal Arts to gain insights into the strengths and challenges in teaching and research at the U's largest college. On Mar. 8, President Kaler will update the board on the U's Operational Excellence initiative, including a final draft of the progress report on administrative cost analysis requested by the Legislature. Regents will also review preliminary results from an external review of the management structure of the U's central administration. For more information, see the [news release](#).

PRESIDENT KALER DELIVERED HIS SECOND STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS on Feb. 28, detailing academic, research, and cost reduction successes during the past year and outlining future plans. Recognizing the demands on public higher education to demonstrate value and reduce costs, Kaler said that the U must embrace new ideas, but cautioned against quick fixes and knee-jerk reactions. Learn more about his priorities via the [news release](#) or the full text of the [speech online](#).

FEDERAL RELATIONS REPORT: Federal budget cuts from the sequestration went into effect Mar. 1. Federal agencies have been slow to reveal their plans for the cuts, but the U's [Sponsored Projects Administration](#) (SPA) is posting information from research agencies as it becomes available. Those who may be affected should check SPA's site and contact them if you receive any clear directions regarding a grant or contract. For more information, see [Federal Relations](#).

STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: Minnesota Management & Budget has released its February economic forecast, projecting a budget shortfall of \$627 million for fiscal year 2014–15—an improvement of \$463 million over the previous forecast. While this news is positive, it does little to change current legislative budget talks, as spending and revenue levels still leave structural deficits for future years. For more information, see [State Relations](#).

Features

FEATURE: U researchers have been studying the Minnesota River for years, seeking ways to stem the erosion that degrades water quality and robs the region of priceless farmland. In September the U received a \$4.3 million grant to study how climate, water, and human land use interact in the watershed, and to develop tools to study similar situations nationwide. For more information, read "[Mending the Minnesota](#)."

FEATURE: Alum Horace Huntley, who helped blaze a trail for African Americans and expand the U's curriculum, reflects on his time at the University and the importance of U engagement with the greater community. For more information, read "[Occupying a place in U history](#)."

FEATURE: Mechanical engineering professor Will Durfee is developing wearable robots that augment human motion, carving out a new world of possibilities across many industries. And that's just the beginning. For more information, read "[Bridging the robotics divide](#)."

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PEOPLE: 2012–13 recipients of the John Tate Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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THE BENEFITS ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS REQUESTING COMMENTS about your experiences with UPlan medical and wellness plans since January 2012. Comment by Mar. 8. Anonymous summaries of comments are used in performance reviews of UPlan health plans. Enter comments at [BAC 2012–13 UPlan Comments](#).

FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT (FSA) CLAIMS DEADLINE IS MARCH 31. Employees with funds remaining in a 2012 [health care or dependent daycare FSA](#) must incur eligible expenses by Mar. 15, and claims must be postmarked or in campus mail by Mar. 31. Per IRS regulations, funds remaining after Mar. 31 will be forfeited. Call 612-624-UOHR (612-624-8647) or 800-756-2363 to reach Employee Benefits.

SUSTAINABILITY SYMPOSIUM: CALL FOR ABSTRACTS, DUE MAR. 15. The symposium invites work from all grad, professional, and undergrad students in a range of disciplines. The symposium will take place Apr. 5. For more information, see [sustainability](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

U OF M LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS are available to U faculty and staff. To join, call 952-443-1440 or apply in person at the arboretum's Oswald Visitor Center. For more information, see [Arboretum membership](#) or email member@umn.edu.

CROOKSTON:

A VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE AND TAX COUNSELING SITE FOR THE ELDERLY has been established on campus by the UMC Accounting Society and Ken Bulie, lecturer in accounting. The site will operate on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays through Apr. 15, 10 a.m.–1:50 p.m., 110M Sahlstrom Conference Center. For more information, see [tax assistance](#), [email Ken Bulie](#), or call 218-281-8194.

THE BUSINESS DEPARTMENT has received approval from the U of M Board of Regents to offer a certificate in taxation. The certificate is designed to prepare students for tax preparation, including individual, farm, business, trusts, payroll, and estate taxes. In addition, it will prepare students for the registered tax return preparer competency test. For more information, see [certificate in taxation](#).

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL EXECUTIVE Tyler Tumminia will be speaking Mar. 12, 2 p.m., Youngquist Auditorium, Northwest Research and Outreach Center. Tumminia is senior vice president with the Goldklang Group, a minor league baseball ownership consortium that currently owns/manages five ball clubs in various markets throughout the U.S. For more information, see [baseball](#).

DULUTH:

KJELL R. KNUDSEN, dean of the Labovitz School of Business and Economics (LSBE), has announced that he will retire after 34 years with UMD. Under his leadership, LSBE achieved accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International, built a state-of-the-art Gold LEED certified building, and launched numerous innovative programs. For more information, see [Knudsen](#).

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR JULIA WILLIAMS, Department of Education, has received the 2013 Minnesota Excellence in Education Award. The award acknowledges her expertise in assessment and evaluation. For more information, see [Williams](#).

AS PART OF ITS OVATION GUEST ARTIST CONCERT SERIES, Carl Allen, swing artist and drummer, will perform Mar. 8, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Allen has taught music and toured internationally since 1982. He is the artistic director of jazz studies at The Juilliard School in New York City. For more information, see [Ovation](#).

UMD FOODNEWS BLOG offers readers up-to-date information on nutrition, food sensitivity-friendly food options, food allergen information, and healthy food choices available around campus. During the growing season, the blog shares where fresh vegetables from UMD's Sustainable Agriculture Project farm are being served. The blog highlights workshops, lectures, and events year round. For more information, see [FoodNews](#).

MORRIS:

"ASKING THE BIG QUESTIONS" will address the topic of reality television and its effects on American culture, with Barbara Burke, associate professor of communication, media, and rhetoric. Mar. 12, 7 p.m., McGinnis Room, Rodney Briggs Library. For more information, see [Asking the Big Questions](#).

THE MORRIS FEMINISTS STUDENT ORGANIZATION will host The F-Word Conference: What Role Do You Play in Redefining Gender and Culture, Mar. 8–9. The intent of the conference is to allow the campus and larger community to engage in open discourse and education on the definition of feminism. For more information, see [Morris Feminists](#).

PROFESSOR CYRUS BINA'S latest book was released last month by Palgrave Macmillan. Praised by top scholars like John Weeks, professor emeritus of economics at the University of London, the book is a "groundbreaking volume of theory and strategy on political economy and polity of the twenty-first century." For more information, see [Cyrus Bina](#).

ROCHESTER:

UMR CONNECTS will explore books and literature on Tuesdays during the month of March. The free weekly lecture series connects the Rochester community and visitors to speakers and panels on a variety of engaging topics. For more information, see [UMR CONNECTS](#).

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U LIBRARIES OFFERS A VARIETY OF SERVICES to help in researching and writing papers, including course-specific article databases through its Library Course Pages, one-on-one help via the Peer Research Consultant program, 24/7 chat with a librarian, and more. For more information, see the "[Course Resources](#)" tab.

THE U OF M AMPLATZ CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL is gathering stories during the month of March about real life superheroes at Amplatz. The hospital is highlighting stories that recognize an exceptional doctor, nurse, staff member, parent, or patient at the hospital by telling why he or she is your superhero. Share your story at [Amplatz Superheroes](#).

Award and funding opportunities

SUPERVISORS OF STUDENTS are invited to nominate student staff for the Outstanding Student Employee Award. The award recognizes top undergraduate student employees on the UMTC campus. Supervisors are encouraged to nominate students who demonstrate skills and commitment that go above and beyond expectations. Nominations are due Mar. 25. For more information, see [the nomination](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

A PHILLIPS NEIGHBORHOOD CLINIC (PNC) SILENT AUCTION will raise funds to help PNC cover its operating expenses. PNC is a free health clinic operated by health professional students at the University. Mar. 7, 6–9 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. For tickets and more information, see [PNC silent auction](#).

CONGRESSMAN KEITH ELLISON will share experiences and photos from his recent humanitarian trip to Somalia and Kenya during a presentation Mar. 11, 4:30–5:30 p.m., 130 Humphrey School. Rep. Ellison is the first member of Congress to visit Somalia since the U.S. recognized the Somali government earlier this year. RSVP to ava.johnson@mail.house.gov.

THE URBAN RESEARCH AND OUTREACH-ENGAGEMENT CENTER (UROC) will begin a new "Critical Conversations" public discussion series with scholars, historians, artists, and community leaders on urban issues and ideas. The first event tackles how communities can help law enforcement and the legal system end juvenile sex trafficking in Minnesota. Mar. 14, 7 p.m., UROC. For registration and more information, see [Critical Conversations](#).

MFA ALUMNAE OF THE CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM will read from their recently published first books and discuss the path to publication. Mar. 14, 7 p.m., Weisman Art Museum. For more information, see [First Books](#).

REGISTRATION FOR THE FIRST PUBLIC INTEREST DESIGN WEEK, Mar. 19–24, is free for U faculty, staff, and students. The event will feature people and groups from around the world working in conversations and workshops on topics ranging from media and storytelling skills, to affordable housing and community development. Enter UMNFaculty, UMNSTaff, or UMNSTudent at the [registration site](#) to receive the free offer. For more information, see [Public Interest Design](#).

USDA UNDER SECRETARY KEVIN CONCANNON will present "Today's Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services Programs: Reducing the Effect of Poverty for Low-income Families and Promoting Healthy Eating for all Americans," Mar. 25, 3 p.m., Campus Club, Coffman Union. Concannon will draw from his dual responsibilities for USDA's Food and Nutrition Service programs and the Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion. For more information, see [food and nutrition](#).

MORE EVENTS include The Rise and Fall of the Postwar A-Frame Church—Presentation by Gretchen Buggeln, Valparaiso University ([Mar. 7](#)); Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Information Session ([Mar. 7](#)); Allen Downs Life and Work: Winter Quarter in Mexico ([Mar. 8](#)); Lila Downs Concert ([Mar. 10](#)); Vicious Visibility: Peculiar Politics of Whiteness in the 2012 Election—a Talk with Catherine Squires ([Mar. 11](#)); Catalyst 2013: Barry Kudrowitz—The Importance of Play and Humor in Creative Design ([Mar. 13](#)); Ensia Live: Futurist Jamais Cascio ([Mar. 14](#)); SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

THE BOARD OF REGENTS heard an update from President Kaler on Mar. 8 about the U's Op Ex initiative and progress to date, including a draft [interim report \(PDF\)](#) on "spans and layers" and plans for a benchmarking study requested by the Minnesota legislature. The board also recognized 2013-15 McKnight Land Grant Professors and heard a presentation from VP and CIO Scott Studham about the U's technology landscape. For more information, see the [news release](#).

Features

FEATURE: In 2010, then first-year student Erin Diamond walked into Yang Zhang's lab knowing nothing about his specialty: brain imaging. Before the day was out, she was setting up experiments, putting an EEG cap on volunteers, and generally undergoing total immersion in the field. Two and a half years later, she looks ahead to a career studying the brains of bilingual people. For more information, read "[One brain-y student](#)."

FEATURE: For people living with type 1 diabetes, the task of monitoring blood glucose levels and administering insulin is always on their minds. It's something they must do multiple times a day, every day. But University of Minnesota and Mayo Clinic scientists are working together to build an artificial pancreas that would eliminate this burden. For more information, read "[Building an artificial pancreas](#)."

FEATURE: In her new book, *Paleofantasy: What Evolution Really Tells Us about Sex, Diet, and How We Live* U of M evolutionary biologist and professor Marlene Zuk argues that changing our diets and habits based on notions about an idealized prehistoric past is illusory, because human evolution is continual, bumpy, and fraught with trade-offs. Instead, we should understand how evolution works—particularly when it works fast, she says. For more information, read "[Craving Our Caveman Days](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: 2012-13 recipients of the Morse-Minnesota Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education and the Award for Outstanding Contributions to Postbaccalaureate, Graduate, and Professional Education have been announced; law professor Dale Carpenter's book, *Flagrant Conduct*, has been named a finalist for the Lambda Literary Awards in the category of LGBT nonfiction; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES HAS ADDED WORKSHOPS on copyright which satisfy RCR requirements, including two sessions for staff from coordinate campuses. For registration and more information, see [Workshops](#).

Award and funding opportunities

EQUITY AND DIVERSITY TRANSFORMATION AWARD PROPOSALS ARE DUE MAR. 29. The awards fund creative yet pragmatic proposals for projects that support equity and diversity initiatives. This year's theme is "creative communication for social change across the University." For more information, see [Transformation Awards](#).

NOMINATIONS FOR THE JOSIE R. JOHNSON Human Rights and Social Justice Award are due by Apr. 5. Nominate a current U student, staff, or faculty member for the award, which honors individuals who exemplify Johnson's standard of excellence in creating respectful and inclusive living, learning, and working environments. For more information, see [social justice award](#).

THE MONDALE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP offered by the Center for the Study of Politics and Governance is a new, monetary award-based fellowship for research done on notable public figures in Minnesota. The goal of the fellowship is to bring to light the stories of elected government officials whose service improved the state and the opportunities of its citizens. Applications are due by Apr. 22; submit materials via email to cspq@umn.edu. For more information, see [Mondale Research Fellowship](#).

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: THE UNIVERSITY AWARD FOR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT recognizes faculty and staff for outstanding contributions to global education, global competency, cultural understanding, and/or international programs at the University or in their field or discipline. Nominations are due Apr. 30. For more information, see [nominations](#).

CROOKSTON:

THE 75TH ANNUAL HONOR BANQUET, sponsored by the Red River Valley Development Association, will be held Mar. 16, noon, Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. For more information, see [banquet](#).

MORE THAN 500 HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS from several regional schools will visit UMC to learn about different careers from approximately 40 local professionals during Career Day, sponsored by the Crookston Chamber of Commerce Education Committee. Mar. 19, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, see [Career Day](#).

RIVER WATCH, a program of the International Water Institute, will host its annual River Watch Forum Mar. 20. High school teams from around the Red River Valley will gather on the UMC campus to share results of their 2012 water quality monitoring efforts. About 20 teams are expected, and posters of their work are open for public review from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. during the event. For more information, see [River Watch](#).

DULUTH:

JILL KLINGNER, assistant professor, Department of Finance and Management Information Sciences, has received a UMD Integrated Learning Initiative Grant to organize a program of certification in Mental Health First Aid. The program helps the public identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses. For more information, see [Mental Health](#).

LAWRENCE IANNI HALL has earned Silver LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) status, making it UMD's fifth LEED-certified facility. The building houses 280 students and features energy-efficient windows, substantial insulation, low-flow fixtures, and high-efficiency lighting. Automatic shutoff devices conserve water and electricity. For more information, see [Ianni Hall](#).

MORRIS:

THE 35TH ANNUAL UMM JAZZ FEST will be held Apr. 5-6, featuring guest artists Bill Pierce, tenor saxophone, and Steven Davis, trombone. Performances will be held nightly at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center's Edson Auditorium. For more information, see [Jazz Festival](#).

OSCAR BALDELOMAR, assistant professor of psychology, has received an Institute for Diversity, Equity, and Advocacy (IDEA) 2013 Multicultural Research Award for a project entitled "Children's Understanding of Their Ethnic Categories." His research will focus on the ways in which first-generation Latino children in west central Minnesota come to understand ethnic categories and cultural identity. For more information, see [Baldelomar](#).

ANN DUHAMEL, head of keyboard studies, will receive the Music Teachers National Association's (MTNA) Piano Technicians Guild Continuing Education and/or Performance Study scholarship. DuHamel teaches solo, collaborative, and group piano as well as pedagogy. She is completing a doctor of musical arts in piano performance and pedagogy at the University of Iowa. For more information, see [DuHamel](#).

ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL IS NOW A PART OF CAMPUSWIDE SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS at UMM. In the past, all compostable materials on the Morris campus were sent off campus to be incinerated. Two years ago a group of students began work that has shown that composting these materials on campus would avoid a substantial waste-hauling fee and create a valuable resource for use in landscaping projects. For more information, see [Composting](#).

ROCHESTER:

THE UMR BALLROOM DANCE TEAM took part in the Star of the North DanceSport Competition Mar. 2-3 in Minneapolis. UMR students [achieved some great results](#).

MICHON ROGERS, UMR development associate, explains "[Finish in Four](#)," an annual giving campaign where money donated by community members and business leaders is distributed to UMR students who are on track to graduate in four years. For more information, see [Finish in Four](#).

TWIN CITIES:

Award and funding opportunities

THE BUCKMAN FELLOWSHIP, an initiative for the study and practice of philanthropy, leadership, and personal and community improvement, is accepting applications for the 2013-14 academic year. Open to CDES, CEHD, and CFANS faculty, staff, graduate students, and alumni. Applications are due Apr. 1. For more information, see [Buckman Fellowship](#) or email [Colleen Kahn](mailto:Colleen.Kahn).

THE TWIN CITIES SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE has issued a call for proposals to better utilize space on campus as a living laboratory, making UMTC campus grounds a medium for innovation, testing, demonstration, and learning. Proposals are due Apr. 5. For more information, see [Living Lab](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

"SOMEBODY FORGOT TO TELL SOMEBODY SOMETHING: Feminist and Queer of Color Cultural Production in the 80s and 90s," a presentation by Lisa Kahaleole Hall, Women's and Gender Studies, Wells College, will take place Mar. 14, 4 p.m., 125 Nolte. For more information, see [IAS lecture](#).

PROFESSOR MARK SEELEY will share his observations on what will become of Minnesota agriculture in a rapidly changing climate at the next Café Scientifique, Mar. 19, 7 p.m., Bryant Lake Bowl, Minneapolis. Cost: \$5-\$12. The Bell Museum's monthly Café Scientifique series provides a happy hour program for adults that brings research from the U of M into Twin Cities bars and restaurants. For more information, see [Café Scientifique](#).

A COMMUNITY-UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS NETWORKING MIXER for community members, academics, researchers, and graduate and professional students will be an opportunity to discuss potential research projects and partnerships of mutual interest and to learn more about each group's work. Sponsored by the U's Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives Institute. Mar. 28, 4-6 p.m., Forum Room, Humphrey School. [RSVP by Mar. 26](#). For more information, see [networking](#).

EFFECTIVE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP FOR TODAY'S URBAN SCHOOLS will feature principal Baruti Kafele, who led the transformation of four low-performing New Jersey public schools over the past 13 years. Kafele will discuss the characteristics of an effective principal. Apr. 10, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Continuing Education Conference Center. For registration, see [school leadership](#). For more information, email [Jessica McLain](mailto:Jessica.McLain).

STRENGTHSQUEST LECTURE: Shane Lopez, whose work focuses on the links between hope, strengths development, success, and overall well-being and how we can communicate hope to spur excellence in others, will give a lecture titled "Hope for Tomorrow Pays Off for Today" Apr. 16, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. For more information, see [StrengthsQuest](#).

THE 2013 MARTINSON LECTURE will feature Michelle Williams, chair, Department of Epidemiology, Harvard School of Public Health. Her presentation, "GDM in Translation: Moving from Risk Factors to the Prevention and Management of Gestational Diabetes Mellitus," takes place Apr. 19, 10-11:30 a.m., Coffman Union Theater. For more information, see [Martinson Lecture](#).

MORE EVENTS include Catalyst 2013: Barry Kudrowitz—The Importance of Play and Humor in Modern Design ([Mar. 13](#)); A Sip of Science—What the Trees See: Viewing Modern Environmental Problems through the Lens of Ancient Trees ([Mar. 13](#)); Ensia Live: Futurist Jamais Cascio ([Mar. 14](#)); Winter Beer Dinner ([Mar. 15](#)); Soil Saturday: LIFE in the Soil ([Mar. 16](#)); SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: Governor Dayton recently released a revised budget proposal estimated to create \$1.8 billion in revenue, of which \$627 million would be directed to the state budget deficit. The governor's support for the U's biennial budget request remains unchanged from January. President Kaler recently presented to the legislature the findings of the spans and layers analysis requested by Senate leaders, as well as an overview of a University cost benchmarking study. For more information, see [State Relations](#).

A CAMPUS CONVERSATION with Pam Wheelock, VP for University Services, will take place Mar. 25, noon-1 p.m., 332 Coffman Union. Wheelock will speak about her first nine months at the University and how University Services supports the president's vision. A discussion will follow. [RSVP](#) if you plan to attend, or join [online via UMConnect](#) the day of the event.

Features

FEATURE: The U is bringing scientific data to bear on health care practices. It's called evidence-based medicine, or evidence-based practice, since it also informs care decisions by nurses and other non-M.D. practitioners, read "[Why health care needs science](#)."

FEATURE: Despite the recent European scandal, horse meat hasn't been found in the U.S., and with the help of the U of M National Center for Food Protection and Defense, horse meat and other edible casualties of Economically Motivated Adulteration or "food fraud" are less likely to be on the menu anytime soon. For more information, read "[To protect and defend...our food](#)."

FEATURE: As lead singer of the band Cloud Cult, U alumnus Craig Minowa's life is a marriage of passions and pursuits that has earned him a growing legion of fans. Even if you're not familiar with Cloud Cult, you may have heard Minowa singing "There's so much energy in us" in the University's current "Discovery Illuminates Everyone" television ads. For more information, read "[A voice for the energy in us](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: James Parente, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, has announced his plans to step down as dean at the end of June; nine programs within the U's Academic Health Center have ranked in the top ten in the latest national rankings from *U.S. News & World Report*; Hari Osofsky has been named the 2013-2014 Fesler-Lampert Chair in Urban and Regional Affairs; the U was presented with the Platinum Award for long-term commitment to energy efficiency at Xcel Energy's 2013 Energy Efficiency Expo; U of M cancer research pioneer John Kersey has passed away; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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THE P&A WOMEN'S COUNCIL is sponsoring "Leading through Change," a P&A women's professional development conference Apr. 2, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Coffman Union. The event will provide information to enhance leadership skills during times of change. Keynote speaker: Karen Hanson, senior VP for academic affairs and provost. For more information and to RSVP, see [Leading through Change](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE CENTER FOR WRITING will host its fifth annual weeklong Summer Hunker, a small, supportive, interdisciplinary community of writers from a wide variety of disciplines and a range of academic ranks. Applications for the program are due Apr. 1. The Summer Hunker takes place May 20-24. For more information, see [Summer Hunker](#).

CROOKSTON:

A COMMUNITY DIALOGUE invites nonprofit agencies, local businesses, and faculty to come together for a discussion on internships, service-learning opportunities, and potential collaborations. Mar. 26, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sergeant Student Center. For more information, see [Community Dialogue](#).

THE UMC WOMEN'S CONSORTIUM will host a presentation and panel discussion with nationally recognized history of science expert and U professor Sally Gregory Kohlstedt. "Uncovering the Past, Charting the Future: The Rise of Women in Science," will take place Mar. 27, 7 p.m., Eagles Nest, Sahlstrom Conference Center. For more information, see [Women's Consortium](#).

THE UMC BUSINESS DEPARTMENT recently signed an articulation agreement with Lake Superior College in Duluth regarding the bachelor of manufacturing management degree option, available to students online and onsite. For more information, see [agreement](#).

DULUTH:

PROFESSOR JOHN GOODGE is leading a team of researchers who will design and build a new mobile drilling platform for use on the ice sheets of Antarctica. The drilling platform, called the Rapid Access Ice Drilling system (RAID), will allow researchers to drill up to 3,300 meters in depth. The project will give access to a rich record of geologic and climatic change on a variety of timescales, from the billion-year rock record to thousand-year ice and climate histories. For more information, see [RAID](#).

A FREE UMD GERMAN GRAMMAR GUIDE application was recently launched on iTunes. Students and faculty from UMD's Mobile Language Learning Group developed the iPad app. The group is working on similar apps for Russian, Spanish, and French. For more information, see [German Grammar App](#).

SHARON M. LOUDEN will speak as part of the Visual Culture Lecture Series Mar. 26, 6-7 p.m., 70 Montague Hall. In 2011-12, Loudon had a solo exhibition at the Weisman Art Museum of her major installation, entitled *Merge*. Her animation work has been featured in film festivals around the world. For more information, see [Louden](#).

MORRIS:

BRANDON J. BURBACH '95, senior research associate at the U's Center for Immunology, will deliver the first Careers in Biology Alumni Speakers Series lecture, Mar. 28. The lecture is supported in part by a grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute through the Precollege Science Education Program. For more information, see [Burbach](#).

THE CIRCLE OF NATIONS INDIGENOUS ASSOCIATION (CNIA) will hold the 29th Annual CNIA Powwow on Apr. 6, Physical Education Center. This is the commencing event of World Touch Cultural Heritage Week. In 2012, the powwow featured more than 250 American Indian dancers and singers—the largest in UMM's history. For more information, see [CNIA Powwow](#).

ERIN DENMAN '09 AND VICTORIA PYAN '07 are using their new script showcase—TEASE: The Easy Access Script Experience—to provide up-and-coming Minnesota playwrights a public venue for new work. The two first met through UMM's student theatre group, Meiningens, and have been friends and collaborators since. For more information, see [Emerging Theatre Artists](#).

ROCHESTER:

CHARTER NIGHT was held Mar. 14 to celebrate the induction of UMR Circle K into the Rochester Kiwanis Club family. The UMR Circle K group currently has about 70 members, is sponsored by the Kiwanis Day Makers, and was officially chartered through Kiwanis International on Dec. 10. For more information, see [UMR Circle K](#).

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

EXPERTS@MINNESOTA, a new research networking and expertise system at the U of M, is now live at experts.umn.edu. experts@minnesota makes it easier to find collaborators and expertise among U of M faculty. The site includes profiles of faculty based upon collegiate and departmental affiliations as well as publications and grant awards. Faculty members with profiles in the system can also find and receive relevant and timely recommendations for funding opportunities. For more information, see the [FAQ page](#) or email questions or comments to help@experts.umn.edu.

THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE IN THE RESEARCH UNIVERSITY (SERU) SURVEY will launch Mar. 26 and run through June. The survey, part of a national study involving two dozen leading research universities, is administered to all UMTC undergraduates by the Office of Institutional Research. SERU survey data provides staff, faculty, and administrators with comprehensive insights into students' experiences. For more information, see [SERU survey](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

MAJOR STUDIES ABOUT TRANSPORTATION finance and investment will be discussed at a forum with representatives from MnDOT, ITASCA Project, and Counties Transit Improvement Board. Mar. 21, 1-3 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. For registration and more information, see [transit](#).

CEHD RESEARCH DAY, showcasing the impact of research in the College of Education and Human Development, will take place Mar. 26, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Memorial Hall, McNamara Alumni Center. It will include nearly 50 poster presentations featuring CEHD faculty and staff on topics such as closing the achievement gap, teacher education, early brain development, educational technology, and more. Free, with lunch included. [Register by Mar. 21](#).

PUBLIC HOUSING TALK: Professor Edward Goetz and St. Paul Housing Authority director Jon Gutzmann will discuss the critical need for public housing Mar. 26, 3 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. The event coincides with the launch of Goetz's new book about the large-scale reduction in commitment to public housing in the U.S. For registration and more information, see [public housing](#).

PROJECT HEAT: RACE, EMBODIMENT, AND SENSORY POLITICS in Chicago Public Housing's Aftermath, a presentation by Catherine Fennell of Columbia University, will take place Mar. 28, 4-5:30 p.m., 125 Nolte. For more information, see [Project Heat](#).

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK FILM FESTIVAL will feature films on topics including genetically modified food, marketing a health cause, mental health, environmental disasters, and gender identity. Apr. 1-5, Mayo Memorial Auditorium. Doors open at 5 p.m. nightly and the program begins at 5:45 p.m. For the full schedule, see [film festival](#).

GOPHER ATHLETICS WILL HOST ANOTHER "BREAKFAST WITH CHAMPIONS" Apr. 9, 7:30-9 a.m., TCF Bank Stadium. Speakers will include newly hired senior associate athletics director Beth Goetz, head women's cross-country coach Gary Wilson, cross-country runner Laura Docherty (Jr.), and former Gopher great Lindsay Whalen. Journalist Robyne Robinson will serve as MC. For tickets, call 612-624-8080 or 1-800-UGOPHER. Register by Apr. 5. For more information, see [Breakfast](#).

CLASSES WITHOUT QUIZZES features nationally recognized U of M experts presenting mini-seminars designed for the general public. Beer and hops, genomic sequencing, biomimicry, and robotic milking of dairy cows, as well as kids-only sessions like "food messology," are among the topics at this year's event, Apr. 6, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., St. Paul campus. Registration is \$15-\$35. For registration and more information, see [Classes Without Quizzes](#).

THE WORLD PREMIERE of *Something About A Bear*, a modern fairy tale by playwright Constance Congdon and directed by U of M hired senior professor Lisa Channer, opens Apr. 11, Rarig Center. Sponsored by the Department of Theatre Arts & Dance in collaboration with Theatre Novi Most, the tale is inspired by a beloved Russian story and reimagined in northern Minnesota. Performances run through Apr. 21. For more information, see [world premiere](#).

SAVE THE DATE: PUBLIC LECTURE BY RETIRING PROFESSOR LARY MAY: "Unraveling the Culture of War: Global Hollywood and American Politics in the Age of 9/11." May 9, 6 p.m., Weisman Art Museum. Film clips and illustrations detailing the changing face of movie making from World War II to the present will accompany the lecture. For more information, see [Culture of War](#).

REGISTRATION IS OPEN for "Influences of National Board Certification on Teachers' Classroom Assessment Practices," with Linda Darling-Hammond of Stanford University, St. Paul, U of M assistant professor of teacher development and science education. May 17, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Continuing Education Conference Center. For registration and more information, see [certification](#).

MORE EVENTS include [Tales from the North \(Mar. 21\)](#); [Working on Purpose Workshops \(Mar. 22\)](#); [Sugarbush Pancake Brunch & Maple Syrup Tours \(Mar. 23\)](#); [Chemistry Makes it Happen! \(Mar. 24\)](#); [Minnesota Cup Launch \(Mar. 25\)](#); [The Energy World is Upside Down: Or the United States as an Energy Exporter!? \(Mar. 25\)](#); [Juicy Topics \(Mar. 27\)](#); SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

 THE BOARD OF REGENTS has launched a new website to provide better access to board-related information and multimedia. The site uses web design techniques that allow visitors to easily interact with content from a phone, tablet, or laptop. For more information, visit the [Board of Regents website](#).

Features

 FEATURE: The Minnesota Gopher Women's Hockey team finished off its magical season Mar. 24, downing Boston University 6-3 for a second straight national championship. The unprecedented undefeated run—Minnesota finished the season 41-0-0—gave the Gophers back-to-back titles and their fourth national championship. For more information, read "[A perfect season!](#)"

 FEATURE: As the U's director of student finance since 2001, Kris Wright knows a thing or two about how students and families pay for an education. Her office oversees everything from need-based scholarships to veteran's benefits to state and federal loans, but she'll tell you that her job is about far more than spreadsheets and regulations—at its core, it's about helping students succeed. For more information, read "[Up Close with Kris Wright](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

 PEOPLE: U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

 KEEPING OUR FACULTY OF COLOR symposium will feature speakers and panelists from across the U.S. exploring research-based strategies for advancing faculty diversity. Sponsored by the Office of the Senior VP for Academic Affairs and Provost and the Office for Equity and Diversity. Apr. 14–16, Minneapolis. Register by Mar. 31; discounts for U faculty, staff, and students. For more information, see [Keeping Our Faculty](#).

 THE REGIONAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING (NAE) WILL BE HOSTED BY PRESIDENT ERIC KALER and the University of Minnesota, Apr. 29, 11:30 a.m.–7 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. The NAE will hold its regional business meeting for members, followed by a free public symposium. Six U of M faculty members will present on "From Grand Challenges to Grand Solutions: Moving from Knowledge Generation to Real World Action." For registration and more information, see [NAE meeting](#).

CROOKSTON:

 TWO FINALISTS FOR VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS will be on campus Mar. 27 and Apr. 1. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend various meetings with the candidates and to provide feedback to the search committee. For interview schedules and more information, see [vice chancellor search](#).

 TERRI HUGHES, actress, writer, consultant, and advocate for the homeless, will speak about her life from Skid Row to the movie screen Apr. 4, 7 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium. Free and open to the public. Hughes, who has lived on Skid Row, played the character "Detroit" in the 2009 movie *The Soloist* and is featured in the just-released film *Lost Angels*. For more information, see [Terri Hughes](#).

DULUTH:

 FORMER CONGRESSMAN JAMES OBERSTAR dedicated UMD's (and Duluth's) first electric vehicle charging station Mar. 15. He also gave two public talks: one on making Minnesota a bicycle-friendly place to live and another on developing successful alternative transportation options. For more information, see [Oberstar](#).

 GLENSHEEN IS OFFERING A SPRING BONNET BRUNCH MAR. 31. The event begins at 11:45 a.m. with a station tour of Glensheen, featuring displays of the Congdon's baskets and spring bonnets. Following the tour, a buffet will be held in the winter garden. Reservations are required by Mar. 27, 4 p.m. For tickets, see [Glensheen](#).

 UMD DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC will present the Shades of Africa Music Festival, Apr. 2–6. The event celebrates the rich diversity of composers and performers of African descent. Performers include Chantal Lavigne, mezzo soprano, and Jeanne Doty, piano; Twin Cities Community Gospel Choir; Ovation Guest Artists: Catalyst Quartet; Sowah Mensah, master drummer; and Joshua Russell, piano, with the UMD Symphony Orchestra. For ticket information, see [Shades of Africa](#).

MORRIS:

 UMM'S CENTER FOR SMALL TOWNS (CST) was awarded a \$150,000 grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation. CST will use the funding to promote its current portfolio of projects as well as to expand services in the areas of geographical information systems mapping and survey design and analysis. For more information, see [Bremer Grant](#).

 PETER WYCKOFF, associate professor of biology, and three of his former students recently published the second academic article including data collected at Niemack Lake Park in Herman. The purpose of Wyckoff's work at the park is to study the impacts of invasive buckthorn on the native bur oak forest ecosystem. For more information, see [Wyckoff](#).

 THE NEXT CAFE SCIENTIFIQUE will take place on Apr. 2, 6 p.m., Common Cup Coffeehouse (501 Atlantic Ave, Morris). Tracey Anderson, associate professor of biology, will lead the discussion titled "Challenges old and new: issues facing prairie pothole lakes in west central Minnesota." For more information, see [Café Scientifique](#).

 COMMUNITY COFFEE WILL BE HELD WITH UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA PRESIDENT ERIC KALER Apr. 6, 9 a.m., 122 Welcome Center. All are invited to this informal event, hosted by Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson. President Kaler and his wife, Karen, will be visiting Morris to attend [UMM Jazz Fest](#). For more information, see [Community Coffee](#).

ROCHESTER:

 TRANSPLANT INNOVATIONS will cover the history of organ transplantation from its early days until the modern era, as well as the fundamentals of organ donation, immunosuppression, complications, and more. The speaker, Brooks Edwards, will also provide a glimpse into the future of organ replacement. Apr. 22, 10 a.m.–noon, 417 University Square. For more information, see [Transplant Innovations](#).

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 THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE IN THE RESEARCH UNIVERSITY (SERU) SURVEY launched Mar. 26. Faculty and staff are asked to encourage students to participate in the national survey, which provides U faculty and staff with comprehensive insights into students' experiences. For more information, see [SERU survey](#).

 REUSE PROGRAM has launched a new online exchange available exclusively for U faculty and staff. Along the same lines as Craigslist or Freecycle, the "[virtual warehouse](#)" allows users to exchange University property without visiting the ReUse warehouse or moving items to a building's dock for pickup. The new program is open to all faculty and staff. Register at [Virtual Warehouse](#) and watch for your password to be emailed to you.

Award and funding opportunities

 COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE GRANTS PROGRAM: Pilot grants are available to community–University partnerships to stimulate new research in the area of community and population health, and to generate pilot data to allow new applications for extramural funding. Eligible projects will focus on issues in community and population health that involve both University and community-based researchers. Proposals are due May 24. For more information, [download the RFP](#) (PDF) or see [collaborative grants](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

 GROWING FOOD, GROWING YOUTH: Bud Markhart Urban Youth and Food Day, Mar. 29, 9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m., St. Paul. The event honors the late U professor Bud Markhart's passion for engaging youth in urban agriculture and food. Youth will explore the concept of food systems and St. Paul campus landmarks through engaging sessions hosted by community members and U faculty, followed by a luncheon. For more information, see [Bud Markhart Urban Youth and Food Day](#).

 THE ST. ANTHONY FALLS LABORATORY will present its internationally renowned Lorenz G. Straub Award to Edmund Tedford for most meritorious Ph.D. dissertation in hydraulic engineering, ecohydraulics, and related fields, Mar. 29, 3:30 p.m., 210 Civil Engineering. Professor S. "Bala" Balachandar of the University of Florida will present "On the Propagation, Instability and Turbulence of Advancing Material Fronts." For more information, see [Straub Award](#).

 A CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM READING TO BENEFIT HUNGER RELIEF will be hosted by Rea Award-winning short story writer Charles Baxter, Edelstein-Keller Professor of Creative Writing. Baxter and professors Maria Damon, Maria Fitzgerald, and Julie Schumacher will read, along with affiliate faculty Patricia Weaver Francisco. Free with a suggested donation of \$5 to benefit Second Harvest Heartland. Apr. 2, 7 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see [Hunger Relief Benefit](#).

 CHINA CENTER'S 12th annual Bob and Kim Griffin Building U.S.–China Bridges Lecture: "China, Inc? China, Partners? Or China, Limited? A look at the future of China and the world in its influence," with Ted C. Fishman, best-selling author of *China, Inc.* Apr. 3, 4:30–6 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. For free tickets and more information, see the [China Center](#).

 A PANEL DISCUSSION ON BULLYING AND MENTAL HEALTH in Minnesota public schools will take place Apr. 3, Mayo Memorial Auditorium. MPR reporter Tom Weber will moderate the discussion, which follows the 5:45 p.m. screening of *Minnesota Nice?*, a documentary by student filmmaker Alec Fischer. The event is part of the National Public Health Week Film Festival. For more information, see [bullying](#).

 "MATHEMATICS AND THE MELTING POLAR ICE CAPS" will demonstrate how mathematical models of composite materials and statistical physics are being used to study key sea ice processes and advance how sea ice is represented in climate models. Apr. 3, 7 p.m., 175 Willey Hall. For more information, see [math in climate models](#).

 NEXT UP IN THE BELL MUSEUM SUSTAINABILITY FILM SERIES: *If a Tree Falls: A Story of the Earth Liberation Front*. The film explores environmentalism and terrorism by lifting the veil on a radical environmental group the FBI calls America's "number one domestic terrorism threat." Apr. 4, 7 p.m. Free with U of M ID. For more information, see [Sustainability Film Series](#).

 CENTER FOR BIOETHICS SEMINAR: "Detecting Awareness in the Vegetative State: Ethical Challenges and Scientific Solutions," presented by The Brain and Mind Institute, University of Western Ontario, with Adrian Owen. Apr. 5, 2-690 Moos Tower, 12:15–1:30 p.m. For more information, see [bioethics lecture](#).

 GUY STANTON FORD LECTURE: "Knocking on Heaven's Door: How Physics and Scientific Thinking Illuminate the Universe and the Modern World," with Lisa Randall. Apr. 12, 2–3 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Randall, the first tenured woman in the Princeton physics department and the first tenured female theorist at M.I.T. and Harvard, is currently a professor of physics at Harvard. She is one of the most cited and influential theoretical physicists. For more information, see [Ford Lecture](#).

 "ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITIES IN HEALTH CARE SERVICES," part of the 3M Seminars on Technology Commercialization series, will feature keynote speaker Kyle Roling MBA-'94, cofounder of Definity Health and RedBrick Health. The session is designed for graduate and Ph.D. students seeking to turn technology and science-based ideas into profitable businesses. Includes a panel session and workshop. Apr. 13, 8 a.m.–noon, 103 Hanson Hall. For more information, see [3M Seminars](#).

 TEDxUMN 2013: "Where do we go from here?" will take place Apr. 20, Coffman Union. The event will feature 10 U of M speakers presenting and discussing achievements and discoveries from all corners of the University. Discussions will revolve around how new discoveries and research are influencing society. For tickets and more information, see [TEDxUMN 2013](#).

 MORE EVENTS include Kermit Olson Lecture: "What Hollywood Can Teach Us About Our Planet" ([Mar. 27](#)); "The Relationship Between Assigned Readings and Writing" ([Mar. 28](#)); "The Repeal of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell': The Inside Story" ([Mar. 28](#)); FIRST Robotics Regionals ([Mar. 29](#)); Maple Sugarhouse Open House ([Mar. 30](#)); Agriculture & Food Night: National Public Health Week Film Festival ([Apr. 1](#)); Meet Marlene Zuk, author of *Paleofantasy* ([Apr. 2](#)); SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: The Minnesota House and Senate majority parties have released their higher education budget targets, which set funding levels for higher education, including the Office of Higher Education, University of Minnesota, and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. The Senate's budget target proposes a \$262 million increase in overall higher education spending for FY14-15, while the House's target is more than \$100 million less at \$150 million. Both bodies are working on the breakdown of these spending targets as they put together their higher education omnibus bills. For more information, see [State Relations](#).

PUBLIC INTERVIEWS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED for the position of vice provost for student affairs and dean of students. Four candidates have been invited to the UMTC campus to engage in the interviews. Forums will take place in Kenneth H. Keller Hall and will be broadcast live online. For candidate bios, the forum schedule, and more information, see [public forums](#).

Features

FEATURE: If you've seen the Body Worlds exhibit at the Minnesota Science Museum, you know how well the modern preservation technique called plastination works. Plastination renders organs or slices of organs—notably the brain—less fragile. Anatomy students can just pick them up and examine them closely. The U has one of the country's few plastination labs. For more information, read "[The world behind 'Body Worlds.'](#)"

FEATURE: What do disease early detection, rare-earth-free magnets, and massive information storage and processing all have in common? Distinguished McKnight Professor Jian-Ping Wang is experimenting with magnetic materials for all of these innovations, and more. Evident in his varied and monumental research endeavors, Wang's approach to discovery is to pursue the impossible. For more information, read "[Miracle magnetic materials.](#)"

FEATURE: When it comes to leveraging brainpower, resources, and business savvy, the U and industry have found a perfect union. In the case of these business partnerships, what's good for the University and for corporations is also good for Minnesota. The U has thriving partnerships with many Fortune 100 companies, including several in Minnesota. For more information, see "[Business partnerships.](#)"

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Associate professor Shaden M. Tageldin has received the Honorable Mention for the 2013 Harry Levin Prize; three UMTC undergraduates have been named 2013 Barry M. Goldwater Scholars; two UMTC undergraduates have been selected as Udall Scholars for 2013; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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THE UNIVERSITY SENATE CENTENNIAL celebration will conclude with a final event, "The Future of Governance," Apr. 4, 2-3 p.m., 25 Mondale Hall, followed by the University and Faculty Senate meetings. The centennial commemorates the U Senate anniversary with attention to the history that informs its plans for the future. For more information, see [Senate centennial](#) and [Senate agenda](#).

THE P&A SENATE will meet Apr. 5, 9:30 a.m., 5-125 Moos Tower. Topics include discussion of the enterprise upgrade and portal projects, and elections. For more information, see the full agenda at [P&A Senate](#).

THE BENEFITS ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS REQUESTING COMMENTS about your experiences with UPlan pharmacy plans since January 2012. Comment deadline is Apr. 12. Anonymous summaries of comments are used in performance reviews of health plans. Enter comments at [BAC 2012-13 UPlan Pharmacy Comments](#).

THE 2013-14 POLICY FELLOWS PROGRAM AT THE HUMPHREY SCHOOL is accepting applications. The program brings together mid-career Minnesota leaders from government, nonprofit, and business sectors for a nine-month professional development experience. Fellows focus on enhancing leadership skills, understanding their role in public policy, and developing a diverse personal and professional network. Applications are due May 31; program begins in September. For more information, see [policy fellows](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA: CHARTING THE NEXT CHAPTER will explore the U's engagement agenda within context of 21st-century higher education. The event will feature a discussion with Provost Karen Hanson, Associate Vice President Andy Furco, and internationally recognized scholar Barbara Holland. Apr. 23, 9-11 a.m., 3M Auditorium, Carlson School. Registration is requested [online](#).

CROOKSTON:

GRAD FEST 2013 is scheduled Apr. 3, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., International Lounge, Sargeant Student Center. Graduating seniors will be able to receive important information regarding graduation, commencement, and more. Commencement ceremonies for the class of 2013 are scheduled for May 11.

THE UMC CAMPUS ASSEMBLY spring semester 2013 meeting will be held Apr. 4, 12:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. Refreshments will be served. The agenda and minutes from the previous meeting are [available online](#).

CHUNHUI WANG has been appointed assistant director of the U's Confucius Institute satellite office on the UMC campus. The Confucius Institute was created to promote the study of Chinese language and culture throughout Minnesota. Chunhui Wang's office is located in 4A Hill Hall. Contact him via email at wang4854@umn.edu or call 218-281-8551.

UMC HAS BEEN NAMED TO THE 2013 PRESIDENT'S HIGHER EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE HONOR ROLL by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The honor roll recognizes higher education institutions that reflect the values of exemplary community service and achieve meaningful outcomes in their communities. UMC has been on the honor roll every year but one since 2006.

DULUTH:

UMD HAS NAMED 2012-13 CHANCELLOR AWARD RECIPIENTS: Eun-Kyung Suh, associate professor, art and design, is the recipient of the 2012-13 Albert Tezla Teacher/Scholar Award. Recipients of the 2012-13 Outstanding Faculty Adviser Award are Dana Collins, assistant professor, communication sciences and disorders; Jennifer Liang, associate professor, biology; Jeff Maahs, associate professor, sociology/anthropology; Sara Pitterle, instructor, marketing; and Jennifer Webb, associate professor, art and design. For more information, see [Chancellor Awards](#).

RANDEL HANSON, Department of Geology assistant professor and Institute on the Environment (IonE) resident fellow, was highlighted in IonE's Eye on Earth blog. The article profiles Hanson's efforts to institutionalize change around food systems. The 10-acre UMD organic farm he's developed grows produce for UMD dining services. For more information, see [Randel Hanson](#).

THE VISUAL CULTURE LECTURE SERIES will next feature Jenna Akre and Annie Dugan, Apr. 9 6-7 p.m., 70 Montague Hall. Akre, a UMD alumna, is a Minneapolis-based art director and designer. Dugan is curator at the Duluth Art Institute. For more information, see [Akre and Dugan](#).

UMD LIBRARY recently acquired the Muslim Journeys bookshelf collection. A reception in the Library Rotunda will introduce the collection, Apr. 9, 6:30 p.m. In addition, the film *Islamic Art: Mirror of the Invisible World* will be shown. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [Muslim Journeys](#).

MORRIS:

THE THEATRE DISCIPLINE WILL CLOSE ITS 2012-13 SEASON with the vibrant and enchanting children's show *The King Stag*, adapted by Sylvia Ashby from Carlo Gozzi's traditional Italian fairy tale *Il Re Cervo*. Directed and designed by visiting artists Kathy Ray and Sara Herman, *The King Stag* will be performed in the Proscenium Theatre, Apr. 10-18. For more information, see [King Stag](#).

DEAN OF THE HUMPHREY SCHOOL ERIC SCHWARTZ will deliver the 2013 Jooinn Lee Lecture, Apr. 11, 7 p.m., 109 Imholte Hall. The endowed lecture series showcases the political science discipline by bringing to campus distinguished alumni, scholars, and prominent practitioners in politics. For more information, see [Lee Lecture](#).

THE 2013 RURAL ARTS AND CULTURE (RAC) SUMMIT, "Leveraging Arts and Culture to Build Thriving Communities," will be held June 5-6 at UMM. The conference will celebrate the transformative power of arts-based community development in rural towns. The summit is hosted by UMM's Center for Small Towns, in partnership with Springboard for the Arts. For more information, see [2013 Summit](#).

ROCHESTER:

THE UMR CONNECTS THEME for the month of April is prevention. Events include "Whole Genome Sequence Analysis for Cancer Prevention and Personalized Medicine" (Apr. 9), "Preventing Sexual Violence and Human Trafficking" (Apr. 16), "Diabetes Prevention Presentation and Testing" (Apr. 23), and "How Stress Affects Our Health and What We Can Do About It" (Apr. 30). UMR CONNECTS is a free weekly series connecting the Rochester community and visitors to speakers and panels on a variety of engaging topics. For more information, see [UMR CONNECTS](#).

TWIN CITIES:

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THE FINANCIAL SYSTEMS USER NETWORK (FSUN) GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING will take place Apr. 4, 8 a.m.-noon, Great Hall, Coffman Union. The meeting will also be broadcast via UMConnect. The event will cover Operational Excellence, the HR upgrade, the Enterprise Systems Upgrade Program, and the upcoming procurement tool, U Market. For registration and more information, see [FSUN meeting](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

ETHICS AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGY: Yale University scholar and ethicist Wendell Wallach presents "Navigating the Future: Governance and Ethics in the Development of Emerging Technologies." Wallach co-authored *Moral Machines: Teaching Robots Right from Wrong* and is working on a book about societal, ethical, and policy challenges posed by emerging technology. Apr. 4, 2-3 p.m., 170 Humphrey School. RSVP to fateh002@umn.edu. For more information, see [ethics and tech](#).

A SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH DAY will take place Apr. 5, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Coffman Union. Seventy-nine students will present posters at this year's event. A complimentary light lunch is provided. For more information, see [research day](#).

SUSTAINABILITY SYMPOSIUM: Faculty and staff from across the University are invited to stop by the Learning and Environmental Sciences Building in St. Paul Apr. 5, 1:30-5 p.m., for the second annual Sustainability Symposium. View posters, listen to lightning talks, and connect diverse disciplines through the common lens of sustainability. A reception and awards program to recognize participants will follow. For more information see [Sustainability Symposium](#).

2013 DOCTORAL RESEARCH SHOWCASE: Spend time with the U's best and brightest as more than 60 recipients of prestigious doctoral fellowships present their research in a casual and conversational environment at the 2013 Doctoral Research Showcase, Apr. 9, noon-2 p.m., Coffman Union. Guests can interact with fellows and learn how their work benefits students, scholars, and communities across the state, the nation, and the world. For more information, see [showcase](#).

"INCLUDING PEER RESPONSE: IS IT WORTH IT?" Assigned peer response to writing can succeed or bomb. Emi Ito (earth sciences), Lee-Ann Kasten Breuch (writing studies), Jenn Marshall (art history), and Mary Rowan (nursing) will discuss peer response activities that they have used successfully. Apr. 10, noon-1:30 p.m., 12 Nicholson Hall; lunch provided. Facilitator: Pamela Flash. For registration and more information, see [peer response](#).

A SIP OF SCIENCE, held the second Wednesday of every month, features food, beer, and learning in a happy hour setting that puts science in context through storytelling. The next event, "The Silica Sand Mining Boom in the Central Midcontinent: Why the Boom, Why Here, and Why the Controversy?" takes place Apr. 10, 5:30 p.m., Aster Cafe, 125 SE Main Street, Minneapolis. For more information, see [A Sip of Science](#).

MINI BIOETHICS ACADEMY: "Bioethics Challenges in Today's Society" is open for registration. Sessions include "Happiness is a Warm Gun: Bioethics and Gun Policy"; "Can Your Genes Be Patented?"; and "At Home and in the Hospital: Ethics of Eldercare." Attendees may join any of the sessions, which take place Apr. 10, 17, and 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Fairview Community Center, Roseville, MN. For more information, see [Mini Bioethics Academy](#).

THE MIXED METHODS INTERDISCIPLINARY GRADUATE GROUP will host a special videoconference presentation by Kathleen Collins from the University of Arkansas on "Sampling in Mixed Research: An Inclusive Approach." Apr. 11, 9:30 a.m., Benston Health Communities Innovation Center, Weaver-Densford Hall. For more information, see [Mixed Methods](#).

THE NEXT ENSIA LIVE will feature architect, social entrepreneur, and humanitarian Peter Williams, accompanied by a performance by visual artist Gregory Euclide and musician S. Carey of Bon Iver. Williams's presentation will offer unique insights into the complex and compelling links between housing design and health as the grand finale speaker in this season's Ensia Live event series. Apr. 11, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. For tickets and more information, see [Ensia Live](#).

A HUGE TEXTILE GARAGE SALE will take place Apr. 13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., ReUse Warehouse. Shop hundreds of square feet of fabric, yarn, patterns, beads, buttons, and more. Donations and proceeds will help fund Textile Center programs and services. The ReUse Program Warehouse will also be open to shoppers. For more information, see [Textile Garage Sale](#).

POET ED BOK LEE will speak at the annual Pankake Poetry Series, Apr. 17, 4 p.m., Elmer L. Andersen Library. In 2012, Lee won a Minnesota Book Award in Poetry and an American Book Award for *Whorled*. A reception and author signing will follow. Free. [RSVP by Apr. 10](#).

THE ANNUAL U OF M ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CELEBRATION will take place Apr. 19, McNamara Alumni Center. Event highlights include a wine and U of M cheese reception, student art showcase, dinner, and program featuring Peter Sorensen, noted U of M researcher of aquatic invasive species. For tickets and more information, see [2013 Alumni Celebration](#).

GOPHER YOGA & WELLNESS will include a morning of wellness featuring a presentation, "10 Reasons to be Active that Have Nothing to do with Calories," followed by a hip-hop yoga class and a healthy breakfast with vendors and prizes. Free. Apr. 25, 8:30 a.m., Coffman Union. For more information, see [Yoga & Wellness](#).

MORE EVENTS include Literacy and Rhetorical Studies Research Series 2: Steampunk, Videogames, and the Writing Hand ([Apr. 3](#)); Environmental Health Night: National Public Health Day Film Festival ([Apr. 4](#)); What's the Big Idea? First Fridays, April 2013 ([Apr. 5](#)); All About Dogs Day ([Apr. 6](#)); Stand Up Paddleboarding ([Apr. 7](#)); "My Name Is Not Baby!": Talking Action Against Street Harassment ([Apr. 8](#)); David Noble Lecture: "Detroit: The Name Is Not Baby" by Tiya Miles ([Apr. 9](#)); SEE THESE AND MORE [TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

THE U OF M IS EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF INTEGRATING FAIRVIEW HEALTH SERVICES with the University to create a new statewide academic health system that would benefit Minnesotans and strengthen the U's mission. For more information, see a [message from President Kaler](#).

STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: The Senate Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee recently released its omnibus finance bill; the House will release its bill next week. The Senate committee also held a hearing on metrics that the University of Minnesota and MNSCU system would need to meet to receive 5 percent of their state budget allocation. The U's metrics focus on graduation rates, STEM degrees, administrative costs, and invention disclosures. For more information, see [State Relations](#).

Features

FEATURE: Take one of the planet's oldest tree species, grow and harvest it sustainably, remove a waste product from its use in paper production, and what do you get? An environmentally sustainable source of natural chemicals for nutritional supplements, cosmetics, and pharmaceuticals—and the basis for a start-up company. For more information, read "[Benefits of birch bark](#)."

FEATURE: As one of the 250 University of Minnesota students building the elements of a major international physics experiment, Luke Wolf never dreamed he would be making history, but that's exactly what he's doing. Called NOvA, the \$283 million experiment will study neutrinos, ultra-tiny particles that date from the Big Bang and may be the key reason our universe didn't promptly annihilate itself. For more information, read "[A NOvA experience for students](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Recipients of the Distinguished McKnight University Professorships have been announced; University of Minnesota chief legal officer Mark Rotenberg has been named VP and general counsel for Johns Hopkins University; professor Christopher Cramer has been awarded the 2013 George W. Taylor Award of Distinguished Service by the College of Science and Engineering; professor emeritus Hy Berman will be featured on *Almanac* Apr. 12 to discuss the history of the University/Faculty Senate; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

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THE REGIONAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING (NAE) WILL BE HOSTED BY PRESIDENT ERIC KALER and the University of Minnesota, Apr. 29, 11:30 a.m.–7 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Six U of M faculty members will present on "From Grand Challenges to Grand Solutions: Moving from Knowledge Generation to Real World Action." For registration and more information, see [NAE meeting](#).

BEST-SELLING PERSONAL LEADERSHIP, a five-session learning program presented by OHR's Organizational Effectiveness unit, will begin May 3. The series will examine the key components of four recent best-selling leadership books. Each week, a brief overview of a model from one of the books will be presented, followed by discussions of how to apply the concepts. For registration and more information, see [Leadership](#).

Award and funding opportunities

NOMINATIONS FOR THE JOSIE R. JOHNSON Human Rights and Social Justice Award are due by Apr. 15. Nominate a current U student, staff, or faculty member for the award, which honors individuals who exemplify Johnson's standard of excellence in creating respectful and inclusive living, learning, and working environments. For more information, see [social justice award](#).

NOVEL METHODS PILOT PROGRAM FUNDING is available to provide support for investigators to incorporate novel methods into translational research programs. Open to full-time assistant, associate, and full professors. Applications must be focused on human-relevant translational research with the potential to impact human health and/or disease. Deadlines: Apr. 19 for letter of intent; full proposals due May 24. For more information, see [Novel Methods Funding](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE U OF M LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM will host its annual Bud Break 5K Run/Walk May 5, including the kid-friendly Daffodil Dash for ages 5 to 12. A registration fee covers arboretum gate admission and includes a specially designed t-shirt. For registration and more information, see [Arboretum Bud Break](#).

CROOKSTON:

KATIE SCHNEIDER '12, Delano, MN, has begun a one-year AmeriCorps VISTA appointment in the Office of Community Engagement, following training in Albuquerque, NM. Schneider will assist with community service and service-learning efforts. For more information, see [VISTA](#).

FIESTA IN THE SPIRIT OF CINCO DE MAYO celebration will take place Apr. 12, 3:30 p.m., various locations. Food, art, and entertainment will strive to adhere to the artistry, materials, and ingredients indigenous to the Mexican people, while paying tribute to the artists of Northwest Minnesota. For more information, see [Fiesta](#).

DULUTH:

JOSH BERLO has been named UMD's new athletic director. Berlo comes from the University of Notre Dame, where he was senior athletics director for guest relations and event marketing. He will begin May 1. For more information, see [Josh Berlo](#).

UMD'S CHAMP (Connecting Hopes with Action to Mobilize People) DAY OF SERVICE will begin Apr. 13 with a rally in the Ward Wells Field House from 9 to 10 a.m. Last year the CHAMP Day of Service mobilized 328 volunteers who engaged in 1,048 hours of service in a single day throughout the Duluth community. For more information, see [CHAMP](#).

AWARD-WINNING JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR Sheila Isenberg will present "Mission Impossible: Varian Fry in Marseille" as part of this year's Baeumler-Kaplan Holocaust Commemoration, Apr. 15. Fry, a relatively unknown American journalist, rescued more than 1,500 artists, writers, and philosophers during WWII. For more information, see [Holocaust Commemoration](#).

UMD'S LARGE LAKES OBSERVATORY (LLO) will open its research vessel the Blue Heron to the public in "LLO Science Friday" sessions Apr. 26, May 31, Aug. 30, Sept. 27, and Oct. 25. The public is invited to join scientists and staff to board and tour the vessel and to hear a presentation from an LLO scientist at each event. For more information, see [Science Friday](#).

MORRIS:

STUDENTS WILL PRESENT RESEARCH, CREATIVE, AND SCHOLARLY WORK during the 13th annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, Apr. 20. Spanning the entire campus, the event celebrates the diversity and quality of student work in all disciplines and is a signature event for sharing student scholarship. For more information, see [Undergraduate Research](#).

THIRTEEN GRADUATING STUDIO ART MAJORS will share their work at the 2013 Senior Art Exhibition in the Humanities Fine Arts Gallery. An opening reception will be held Apr. 18, 7 p.m., with artist introductions beginning at 7:30 p.m. This exhibit runs through Commencement, May 11. For more information, see [Senior Art Exhibition](#).

JONG-MIN KIM, professor of statistics, has been awarded the UMM Faculty Distinguished Research Award. Established in 2000, the award recognizes sustained research/artistic productivity of a UMM faculty member over the course of a career. Kim is the 14th recipient of the award. For more information, see [Jong-Min Kim](#).

2013 UMM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TEACHING AWARD: Timna Wyckoff, associate professor of biology, and Nic McPhee, professor of computer science, are co-recipients of the 2013 Morris Alumni Association Teaching Award. The award honors individual faculty members for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education by calling attention to educational philosophies, objectives, and methods. For more information, see [Wyckoff](#) and [McPhee](#).

ROCHESTER:

BIOINFORMATICS: ILLUMINATING THE POTENTIAL, the first annual Biomedical Informatics and Computational Biology (BICB) Industry Symposium, will take place May 21, Digital Technology Center, Walter Library. The deadline for poster submissions is Apr. 22. The symposium will focus on the use of bioinformatics toward marketplace application. For more information, see [BICB Industry Symposium](#).

FACULTY MEMBERS Robb Dunbar, Molly Dingel, and Xavier Prat-Resina were awarded a grant for Enhancement of Academic Programs Using Digital Technology for their proposal, "Developing a Browser of Student and Course Objects as an Easy-to-Use Learning Analytics Tool to Facilitate Effective and Efficient Course and Curriculum Design." For more information about the grant program, see [using digital technology](#).

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

PERMANENT DISCOUNTS AT WAM: The Weisman Art Museum gift shop is now offering a permanent 10 percent discount for all U of M faculty, staff, and students. Participants of the Gopher GOLD™ value program can now make purchases with a U Card. For more information, see [WAM Shop Discounts](#).

ARTICLES FROM U LIBRARIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON IPAD. A new tablet application, BrowZine, allows users to browse, read, and monitor some of the library's best journals on an iPad. Items found in BrowZine can be synced with Zotero, Dropbox, and several other services to keep information in one place. Download the free BrowZine app in the App Store; then select University of Minnesota. For more information, see [BrowZine](#).

THE PROJECT AND CHANGE MANAGEMENT COLLABORATORS (PCMC) GROUP and U Services Project Management Office are sponsoring the workshop, Project Benefits Realization—Beginning with the End in Mind, Apr. 22, 2:30–4 p.m., 101 Walter Library. Free and open to all faculty and staff. For registration and more information, see [PCMC](#). RSVP for the event after joining the [PCMC Moodle site](#) (enrollment key: pcmc).

SEXUAL HARASSMENT: AWARENESS, PREVENTION, AND RESPONSE, a workshop through the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, will take place Apr. 30, 9 a.m.–noon, McNamara Alumni Center. For registration and more information, see [sexual harassment](#).

Award and funding opportunities

THE MONDALE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs is accepting applications. Sparked by the success of Walter F. Mondale's biography, the fellowship provides monetary support for research done on notable public figures in Minnesota. Applications are due Apr. 22. For more information, see [Mondale Research Fellowship](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

NATIONAL BOOK AWARD WINNER COLUM MCCANN will give a free talk and reading just two months shy of the publication of his sixth novel, *TransAtlantic*. The new book combines narrative threads about Frederick Douglass, the first transatlantic flight in 1919, and the 1998 Irish peace talks. Apr. 10, 7:30 p.m., Coffman Union Theater. For more information, see [Colum McCann Talk](#).

THE NEXT INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY "THURSDAYS AT FOUR" will explore how dancers are helping to inform a mathematical model in mitosis. Called "Bodystorming," dancers move like molecules, following rules and "running" simulations for and with biomedical engineers to explore the instances of mitosis where errors occur and daughter cells have too many or too few chromosomes, a hallmark of cancer. Apr. 11, 4 p.m., 300 Barker Center for Dance. For more information, see [Thursdays at Four](#).

THE URBAN RESEARCH AND OUTREACH-ENGAGEMENT CENTER will hold its annual Summer Resource Fair Apr. 12, 4–7 p.m. The family focused event showcases summertime recreational and educational opportunities for youth of all ages. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [Resource Fair](#).

DESIGN IN 7: 7 STORIES, 7 MINUTES, will feature seven professionals from the fields of architecture, apparel, and graphic interior design, housing, landscape architecture, and retail, sharing thought-provoking, inspiring, and sometimes curious tales from the trenches. Reception with presenters follows program. Cash bar available. Cost: \$20 general, \$5 students with ID. Apr. 17, 6:30–8 p.m., Coffman Union Theater. For more information, see [Design in 7](#).

IN PURSUIT OF THE PERFECT PLASTIC: Can we create the perfect plastic that is made from renewable resources and is environmentally friendly? World-renowned chemist and Cornell University professor Geoffrey Coates examines this question and presents his current research on the synthesis of sustainable polymers at the Bayer Lecture in Sustainability. Apr. 18, 7 p.m., 100 Smith Hall. Registration is required. For registration and more information see [perfect plastic](#).

THE CARL J. MARTINSON LECTURESHIP IN PREVENTIVE MEDICINE will feature Michelle Williams, Harvard School of Public Health, in "GDM in Translation: Moving from Risk Factors to the Prevention and Management of Gestational Diabetes Mellitus." Apr. 19, 10–11:30 a.m. Coffman Union Theater. For more information, see [Preventive Medicine](#).

COMPETITIVENESS OF U.S. MANUFACTURING, hosted by the U's Heller-Hurwicz Economics Institute, will feature a roundtable discussion with Chad Syverson, Booth School of Business, University of Chicago; and Thomas Holmes, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota. Apr. 22, 5:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Free, but registration is requested. For more information, see [manufacturing](#).

MORE EVENTS include Frontier Equity in the Environment ([Apr. 10](#)); A World Cafe Discussion on Masculinity, Men's Issues, and Gender Equity ([Apr. 11](#)); Engaging (Apr. 11); Engaging Controversies: Students' Right to Critical Literacy ([Apr. 12](#)); Are We Intrinsically Violent? ([Apr. 13](#)); Mountain Biking Day Trip in Lebanon Hills ([Apr. 14](#)); Cafe Scientifique: Exploring Agroecology at 10 mph ([Apr. 16](#)); Teach-in on Protest and Environmental Justice ([Apr. 17](#)); SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS.

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STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: Both the House and Senate higher education committee chairs have released their higher education omnibus bills. The Senate bill provides \$79.8 million for funding the U's biennial budget request, while the House version provides \$60.6 million. The governor and the House also released capital investment proposals. The governor's includes \$71.7 million for the University, while the House version includes \$55.7 million. For more information, see [State Relations](#).

Features

FEATURE: When Gauge fell from a rooftop a few months ago, he had two strikes against him: 1) the ground was five stories down; 2) he was a dog, not a cat. Rushed to the U Veterinary Medical Center, Gauge looked like a goner. But Gauge was lucky. The U's was one of only a handful of U.S. veterinary hospitals to have a "64-slice" 3-D CT scanner—a godsend to Gauge's surgeon, Kristina Kiefer. For more information, read "[What a difference a 3-D makes.](#)"

FEATURE: Creating jobs, producing fuel and food, and improving the environment is the focus of a partnership between the City of Silver Bay, MN, and the University of Minnesota Duluth Center for Sustainable Community Development. The project has created Victus Farm, a facility that houses a self-contained food and energy-generating ecosystem made up of a greenhouse, fish tanks, and algae production areas. For more information, read "[Food and fuel production.](#)"

FEATURE: Biotechnology probes the properties of the microscopic, sometimes to great reward. But the most exciting discoveries can't impact society unless they hold up at a commercial scale. The U's BioTechnology Institute houses the equipment and expertise needed for companies to put discoveries to the test. For more information, see [Biotech](#).

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: University of Minnesota Alumni Association has named Lisa Lewis president and CEO; Stephanie Platteter is the recipient of the 2013 Dorothy Durkin Strategic Innovation Award; Katrina Klett, a UMTC junior, has been selected as a 2013 Truman Scholar; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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ELEARNING AWARDS GRANTED: Last October, the provost invited undergraduate degree-granting programs to propose transformational enhancement of their curricula and pedagogy using existing or emerging digital technologies. More than 30 applications were received, covering a wide range of projects designed to enhance the undergraduate experience. Nine projects have been selected for multi-year funding. For more information, see [eLearning awards](#).

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY: Two administrative policies are currently under 30-day review, [with comments welcome online](#). The revised Institutional Conflict of Interest policy incorporates two new standards of conflict review, covering research in which the University holds a financial interest in the outcome of the research and the research involves more than minimal risk to human subjects; and a review of certain mission-related commercial transactions. The Teaching and Learning: Student Responsibilities policy expands the language around academic integrity, and incorporates language from two policies that will be retired: Appropriate Use of Class Notes and Course Materials, and Use of Personal Electronic Devices in the Classroom.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM AUXILIARY PLANT SALE will begin on National Public Gardens Day, May 10. The sale will continue May 11–12, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., and offers a great opportunity to shop for unique plants, hard-to-find varieties, and University of Minnesota introductions. For more information, see [National Public Gardens](#).

CROOKSTON:

THE INAUGURATION OF FRED E. WOOD as the fifth chancellor of the University of Minnesota Crookston is Apr. 18, Kiehle Auditorium. The ceremony will begin at 12:30 p.m. with a reception to follow at 2 p.m. in the Northern Lights Lounge, Sargeant Student Center. For more information, and to sign an online guestbook, see [Inauguration](#).

THE DEDICATION OF HERITAGE HALL, UMC's newest residence hall, will take place Apr. 18, 10 a.m., Heritage Hall (west of Centennial Hall). Designed primarily for first-year students and sophomores, Heritage Hall provides a new style of suite living, housing up to 145 students in 35 two-bedroom suites.

STUDENTS IN INTRODUCTION TO ANIMAL SCIENCE will host Tours for Tots Apr. 17–26. Children ages 3+ can explore the world of agriculture and farm animals on visits to the beef and sheep barn, horse stable and arena, and the greenhouse. For more information, see [Tours for Tots](#).

DULUTH:

JILL PINKNEY PASTRANA has been chosen as the new dean of the College of Education and Human Service Professions. She currently serves as chairperson of the Department of Education Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. She will begin her new role at UMD on July 1. For more information, see [Jill Pinkney Pastrana](#).

UMD's EFFORTS TO PROMOTE VOLUNTEERING in the community have been recognized with awards from two prominent organizations: the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Minnesota Campus Compact project. For more information, see [Civic Engagement Awards](#).

VISUAL CULTURE: Independent artist and researcher, Mousumi De, will speak as part of the Visual Culture Lecture Series Apr. 23, 6–7 p.m., 70 Montague Hall. De works with visual arts, media, and new media for peace building, social cohesion, and educational projects. For more information, see [Mousumi De](#).

MORRIS:

MICHAEL LINDGREN '14, CRYSTAL, AND ZAK THREADGILL '15, RAMSEY, are working together with the Center for Small Towns to create an analysis of Lac qui Parle County's Computer Commuter system. The two students are helping the county's Economic Development Administration assess the system's role in promoting computer and Internet literacy throughout the community. For more information, see [Technology Education to Rural Minnesota](#).

SHERI BREEN, assistant professor of political science, received an all-University [Imagine Fund Award](#) for her research on ownership of native seeds, which will inform her forthcoming book, *The Ownership of Seeds: A Political Analysis of Seed Sovereignty*. For more information, see [Sheri Breen](#).

JIMMIE MANNING, assistant professor of organizational/corporate communication at Northern Illinois University, will be the spring guest speaker for the Communication, Media, and Rhetoric Discipline. Manning will present "Fear of a Digital Planet: Overcoming the Anxieties of a Computer-Mediated World" Apr. 25, 7 p.m., 6 Humanities Fine Arts. For more information, see [quest speaker](#).

ROCHESTER:

THE UMR CONNECTS THEME for the month of April is prevention. Remaining events include "Diabetes Prevention Presentation and Testing" (Apr. 23), and "How Stress Affects Our Health and What We Can Do About It" (Apr. 30). For more information, see [UMR CONNECTS](#).

TWIN CITIES:**Administrative information**

REPORT POTHOLES now through May 1 to the Parking and Transportation Services Pothole Hotline at 612-626-7578. Specify the exact location. Pothole patching will continue for the next few weeks. For more information, see [pothole patching](#).

TAKE THE COMMUTER CHALLENGE between now and June 30 for a chance to win prizes. Replace your drive-alone trips and take the bus or train, bicycle, carpool, walk, or telework. Ends June 30. For more information, see [Commuter Challenge](#).

"TECH STOP: learning.support.research" is a state-of-the-art computer lab, technology support, and collaboration center created by the Office of Information Technology in partnership with University Libraries. For more information, see [it.umn.edu](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT (BME) is hosting a TEDMEDLive event during the TEDMED 2013 conference. As part of the "What Happens When We Mix Up The Models?" session, BME professor David Odde will present "If truth is beauty, can art be science?" with collaborator Carl Flink, Department of Theatre Arts and Dance. Apr. 17, 4:30–6:30 p.m., 230 STSS. For more information, see [TEDMEDLive](#).

FIRST-YEAR PHOTO PROJECT GALLERY RECEPTION: Faculty and staff are invited to the gallery reception for the 2012–13 First-Year Photo Project. Twelve students were chosen to create a photo documentary of their first-year experience on the UMTC campus. The catered reception will be held Apr. 18, 4–6 p.m., Coffman Union Art Gallery. For more information, see [First-year Photo Project](#).

UNIVERSITY OPERA THEATRE will present Benjamin Britten's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* Apr. 18–20, 7:30 p.m.; and Apr. 21, 1:30 p.m.; Ted Mann Concert Hall. Tickets: \$20 adults; \$5 students and children; 2-for-1 tickets for U faculty, staff, alumni, students, and retirees. For tickets and more information, see [Opera Theatre](#) or call 612-624-2345.

2013 UNDERGRADUATE SYMPOSIUM: The University of Minnesota has a rich history of encouraging and supporting undergraduate research. Faculty and staff are invited to take time to talk with U of M students who have conducted research as they exhibit their posters at the 2013 Undergraduate Symposium. Apr. 19, 11:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union. For more information, see [Undergraduate Symposium](#).

INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SCHOLAR BARBARA HOLLAND will explore the U's engagement agenda with Provost Karen Hanson and Associate Vice President Andy Furco at "Public Engagement at the University of Minnesota: Charting the Next Chapter," Apr. 23, 9–11 a.m., 3M Auditorium, Carlson School. [Registration is requested online](#).

TRAUMA, FAITH, AND HEALING IN THE COMMUNITY: Conversations with South Africa's Tutu Sisters, will take place [Apr. 23, Shiloh Temple](#); and [Apr. 24, Coffman Union](#). Find out how faith, consensus building, and communal reconciliation can heal community in discussions with the daughters of renowned South African social rights activist Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

WOMEN'S HEALTH RESEARCH THROUGH A HEALTH SERVICES LENS with Beth Collins Sharp will feature a discussion of current issues and future considerations for research and practice, through the lens of a health services approach. Apr. 24, noon, 2-690 Moos Tower. For more information, see [Women's Health](#).

2013 HEALTH DISPARITIES ROUNDTABLE, "Engaging Communities in Public Health Research, Practice, and Policy," Apr. 26, 9 a.m.–noon, Coffman Union Theater. For more information, see [health disparities](#).

THE BELL MUSEUM SOCIAL returns to celebrate science, art, and live music, along with great eats, drinks, and door prizes. This year's Bell Social includes a performance by the Chastity Brown Trio, as well as the debut of new works by Bell artists in residence. Apr. 27, 6 p.m., Bell Museum. Cost: \$12 for the public; \$10 for members and students. For tickets and more information, see [Bell Social](#).

FRIENDS OF EASTCLIFF BOOK CLUB, hosted by Karen Kaler, will discuss professor Marlene Zuk's new book, *Paleofantasy: What Evolution Really Tells Us About Sex, Diet and How We Live*, on Apr. 29, 7 p.m., Eastcliff, 176 North Mississippi River Blvd, St Paul. Free. [RSVP to jkchrist@umn.edu](#).

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 2013 PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTE. The institute offers a unique opportunity to explore multiple interest areas within public health, while networking with other students and public health professionals. Courses run May 28–June 14. For registration and more information, see [Public Health Institute](#).

SUMMER COURSES through the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) offer opportunities to make progress toward a degree or certificate, to engage in professional development, or to pursue lifelong learning. For more information, email [Sara Najim](mailto:Sara.Najim) or call 612-626-6341, or see [CEHD Summer](#).

MORE EVENTS include Frontiers in the Environment ([Apr. 17](#)); Panel Discussion on Best Practices in the Collection of Life Story for Scholarly and Creative Work ([Apr. 18](#)); A Celebration of Iconoclastic Thinking! The 25th Anniversary of the Winton Chair in the Liberal Arts ([Apr. 19](#)); Soil Saturday: How Does Your Garden Grow? ([Apr. 20](#)); TEDxUMN 2013: "Where do we go from here?" ([Apr. 20](#)); The Vagina Monologues ([Apr. 21](#)); Peter Shea discusses "Jazz the Way the Old Guys Played" ([Apr. 22](#)); Closing the Achievement Gap in Minnesota: Making a Difference with Leadership ([Apr. 24](#)); SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:**Features**

FEATURE: The special powers of umbilical cord blood may save a young boy with AIDS and leukemia. The blood contains potent stem cells that will not only destroy the leukemia but also form a new immune system. The stem cells also carry a genetic variant that confers resistance to HIV. If the transplant is successful, the boy will never need HIV treatment again. For more information, read "[Revolutionary treatment begins](#)."

FEATURE: The scene along the south side of the Washington Avenue pedestrian bridge was striking and sobering: black folding chairs lined up as far as the eye could see—1,100 of them. That total corresponds to the number of college students who commit suicide each year, a fact pointed out by the organizers of Mental Health Awareness Day, an annual U event held to raise awareness about mental illness and reduce the stigma attached to talking openly about it. For more information, read "[Keeping mental health in mind](#)."

FEATURE: The Big Ten Network has produced videos starring four U of M researchers from the areas of neuroscience, invasive species research, and robotics. The latest video features neuroscientist Karen Ashe, who has genetically engineered mice to model symptoms of Alzheimer's. For more information, see "[Stars of the Big 10](#)."

FEATURE: The past 10 years have seen an explosion in social computing. These tools hold immense power in our lives, and according to Distinguished McKnight Professor John Riedl, have the potential to move us toward social good. For more information, read "[Fine-tuning the social web](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: 2013 recipients of the President's Award for Outstanding Service; Institute for Advanced Study 2013–14 Research and Creative Collaboratives; Associate Professor Mark Bee has received a Fulbright-Nehru Award; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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THE DIGITAL PUBLIC LIBRARY OF AMERICA officially launched last week, bringing together the riches of America's libraries, archives, and museums, and making them freely available to the world. University of Minnesota Libraries and the Minnesota Digital Library are key partners in the new initiative. For more information, see [Digital Public Library of America](#).

A NEW WIRELESS SERVICE IS NOW AVAILABLE for faculty, researchers, staff, and students on the Twin Cities, Morris, and Rochester campuses. Coverage for Duluth and Crookston is being researched. The service, [eduroam](#) (education roaming), is a secure, worldwide roaming wireless network developed for the international research and education community. For more information, see [IT@UMN](#).

U OF M EXTENSION IS LAUNCHING A SMALL TOWN TOURISM PROJECT, seeking communities of fewer than 1,500 people for an innovative program aimed at boosting a community's long-term destination appeal. The Minnesota Sustainable Tourism Assessment for Small Communities project will combine "secret shopper" style visits with proven tourism assessment tools. For more information, see [small town tourism](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE U'S CENTER FOR ADVANCED STUDIES IN CHILD WELFARE will present the 14th annual Child Welfare Conference, "The Intersection of Child Welfare and Disability," May 7, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center, and online via live webstream. Participants may earn six CEUs for attendance. For registration and more information, see [child welfare](#) or [email Nora Lee](#) with questions.

U OF M DIGITAL CAMPUS will offer summer courses online, with opportunities to make progress toward a degree or certificate, to engage in professional development, or to pursue lifelong learning. For more information, email umdc@umn.edu or see [Digital Campus](#).

CROOKSTON:

UMC STUDENTS COMPETED IN TEXAS at the annual National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Judging Conference in early April. The team won sweepstakes in the four-year college division, including a number of first-place finishes. For more information, see [UMC NACTA wins](#).

UMC TEAMBACKERS FUN NITE promises to be the biggest in the event's 18-year history, Apr. 26, Crookston Eagles Club. All proceeds support UMC athletic scholarships. For more information, see [Teambackers](#).

UMC WILL RECOGNIZE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT across a variety of disciplines during the annual student awards ceremony, Apr. 25, 6 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium. Sponsored by Campus Assembly Awards Committee. For more information, see [student awards](#).

OPEN FORUMS with candidates for the position of director of admissions and enrollment management will be held [Apr. 29](#) and [May 3](#), beginning at 1:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom. Each candidate will provide a short presentation and take audience questions.

DULUTH:

AMY HIETAPHELTO has been chosen as the new dean of the Labovitz School of Business and Economics. She currently serves as dean of the College of Business and Management at Northeastern Illinois University. She will begin her new role at UMD on July 1. For more information, see [Amy Hietapelto](#).

GLENSHEEN IS HONORING MOMS with three opportunities for fine dining on Mother's Day, May 12. Enjoy a tour of the mansion, followed by live music while dining. For more information, see [Mother's Day at Glensheen](#).

AN EXHIBITION OF LANDSCAPES from the Tweed Museum of Art's collection features works by John Constable, Jean-Baptiste-Camille Corot, Jean-Francois Millet, and Duluthian David Ericson. The exhibit runs through March 2014. Admission is free. For more information, see [Tweed Museum](#).

MORRIS:

UMM HAS AGAIN BEEN PROFILED in *The Princeton Review's* "Guide to 322 Green Colleges." Schools were selected based on a 2012 survey of more than 800 four-year colleges, which measured commitments to the environment and sustainability. UMM is recognized for its "deep roots in agriculture and land stewardship." For more information, see [Princeton Review](#).

ABBIE THEBAULT-SPIEKER '16, Bemidji, is working with UMM's Center for Small Towns to catalog historical documents for the Barnes-Aastad Soil and Water Conservation Research Association. Board members hired Thebault-Spieker to help catalog and present on the association's history. This is the first formal organization of the lab's early records. For more information, see [local nonprofit](#).

UMM WILL PREMIER A NEW OFFERING IN SUSTAINABILITY this summer. Students in "Sustainability Semester" will make connections between food, renewable energy, history, and culture while networking with peers interested in sustainability and change. Participants may choose from two complementary courses—Culture, Food, and Agriculture; and Experiencing Sustainability—or enroll in both. For more information, see [Sustainability Semester](#).

IN HONOR OF THE RELEASE OF DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS CYRUS BINA'S latest book, *A Prelude to the Foundation of Political Economy: Oil, War, and Global Polity*, the Economics and Management Disciplines will host a reception May 1, 5 p.m., LaFave House (305 College Avenue). For more information, see [Bina](#).

ROCHESTER:

HEALTH SCIENCE SUMMER YOUTH CAMP: Registration is open for the UMR Health Science 2013 Summer Youth Camp, Disease and Diagnosis. Participants will learn how health professionals prepare to define and treat disease in an ever-changing, high-tech world. For registration and more information, see [summer camp](#).

AT AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TOWNHALL MEETING on Apr. 12, VP and CIO Scott Studham announced that UMR's Andy Franqueira was one of the first 16 recipients of the newly launched [IT@UMN Outstanding Service Award](#). For more information, see [Andy Franqueira](#).

TWIN CITIES:**Administrative information**

THE EARLY CAREER PROGRAM through the Center for Teaching and Learning is open for registration. The program is for faculty and instructional staff who are in their first five years of teaching and who are responsible for teaching at least one course while enrolled in the program. A stipend is offered for successful completion of the course. For more information, see [Early Career Program](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

GOPHER YOGA & WELLNESS will include a morning of wellness featuring a presentation, "10 Reasons to be Active That Have Nothing to do with Calories," followed by a hip-hop yoga class and a healthy breakfast with vendors and prizes. Free. Apr. 25, 8:30 a.m., Coffman Union. For more information, see [Yoga & Wellness](#).

PROTEST MUSIC PANEL DISCUSSION will focus on the impact of music on social movements throughout history. Panelists Scott Lipscomb, Scott Currie, and Sumanth Gopinath will participate in a discussion moderated by Tim Maloney. Apr. 25, 4–5:30 p.m., 280 Ferguson Hall. For more information, see [protest music discussion](#).

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY will host "Experiments in How Humanities Students Can Open National Dialogue on Our Most Contested Issues," a lecture by Liz Sevchenko about a new national collaboration to build public memory and civic engagement. Apr. 25, 4 p.m., 125 Nolte. The event also satisfies the awareness/discussion component of the Responsible Conduct of Research continuing education requirement. For more information, see [humanities](#).

"THE FUTURE OF BIODIVERSITY" will be discussed as part of a special presentation of the Frontiers in the Environment lecture series on Apr. 29, noon–1 p.m., R380 Learning and Environmental Sciences Bldg., St. Paul. All conversations are [webcast online](#). Guests will speak on the controversial issues that will ultimately determine the fate of biodiversity on Earth. For more information, see [Frontiers](#).

THE U OF M COMMUNICATORS FORUM hosts ongoing programs for members and nonmembers (for a small fee) designed to enhance creative and communications skills. Upcoming programs include InDesign Training with Jeanne Schacht, Apr. 29, 10–11 a.m., 33 Ransom Hall; and Creative Work Break: The Balance Beam, with Maggie Tomas, May 16, noon–1 p.m., 111 and Hanson Court. For more information, see [Communicators Forum](#).

THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL RESEARCH AGENDA SYMPOSIUM will focus on gun violence prevention. David Hemenway, director of the Harvard Injury Control Research Center, will present the keynote, "Gun Violence Prevention, with Implications for Occupational Health and Safety." May 2, 2–5 p.m., Mayo Auditorium. For more information, see [symposium](#).

NOBEL LAUREATE IN PHYSICS Andre Geim will share the story about his discovery of the "wonder material" graphene in a lecture, "A Random Walk to Graphene." Graphene is a one-atom-thick material made of carbon that has unique properties as a conductor of electricity and is 100 times stronger than steel. The lecture is part of the annual Van Vleck Lecture Series. May 2, 7:30 p.m., 150 Tate Lab of Physics. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [Nobel Laureate](#).

THE RAPTOR CENTER'S SPRING RAPTOR RELEASE will feature the release of rehabilitated raptors back into the wild. May 4, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., Hyland Lake Park Reserve, Bloomington, MN. The free, all-ages event will have family-friendly activities including nature and craft projects throughout the day. For more information see [Spring Raptor Release](#).

2013 GOPHER ADVENTURE RACE early-bird registration is now open. Faculty, staff, students, and alumni race in teams of two, traveling by foot and campus transportation to take on physical and mental challenges while deciphering clues. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams in each category. The race is Oct. 4. For registration and more information, see [Gopher Adventure Race](#).

MORE EVENTS ([Apr. 26](#)); Bell Society ([Apr. 27](#)); Looking Ahead: What May Surprise Minnesotans After Health Reform ([Apr. 29](#)); How America's Public Safety System Hurts Our Democracy ([Apr. 30](#)); 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: The latest update from State Relations includes a summary and comparison of the Minnesota House and Senate higher education omnibus bills. In both versions, the House and the Senate appropriate \$42.6 million to fund the U's requested resident undergraduate tuition freeze. Both bills also establish the Minnesota Discovery, Research, and Innovation Economy (MnDRIVE) program, as requested by the University. For more information, see [State Relations](#).

Features

FEATURE: Since its inception in 1909, U of M Extension has worked with farmers to find solutions to their biggest challenges. And, since we all eat—our biggest challenges. Today, Extension's research and education programs help feed a growing population while protecting the environment. For more information, read "[Reaching more farmers](#)."

FEATURE: How will Northern forests react as our climate changes and temperatures rise? It's a question both practical and of increasing relevance, especially in northern Minnesota. A demonstration project to be launched this summer by the University of Minnesota Duluth and The Nature Conservancy seeks answers to what the forest of the future will look like. For more information, read "[The forest of the future](#)."

FEATURE: The Big Ten Network has produced videos starring four U of M researchers. The latest features fisheries expert Peter Sorensen. He is leading the charge to thwart the disruption of lakes and rivers by invasive species of carp. For more information, see "[Stars of the Big 10](#)."

FEATURE: Imagine looking at a live animal the same way you use Google Maps. Start with a bird's-eye view and zoom in, past the hair, through the skin, down to an organ. Another zoom and you see the individual cells. Keep going, and you're inside the cell, watching individual organelles at work, in real time. That's the vision for the University Imaging Centers. Its state-of-the-art equipment allows it to work on an extraordinary variety of projects and collaborate with researchers and institutes across the U. For more information, see [University Imaging Centers](#).

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Professor Sarah Hobbie has been elected to the National Academy of Sciences; Regents Professor Elaine Tyler May has received a Guggenheim Fellowship; professor Renata Wentzcovitch has been elected a 2013 Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; professor Susan Galatowitsch has won the 2013 R1Edu award for excellence and innovation in online learning; the College of Biological Sciences Student Services Office is the recipient of the 2013 P&A Senate Outstanding Unit Award; winners of the 2012–13 Mobile App Challenge for undergraduates; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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ONLINE TRAINING THROUGH LYNDA.COM IS NOW AVAILABLE AT NO COST for U faculty, staff, and students systemwide. Lynda.com is a library of online training videos that provides access to more than 1,700 courses for all skill levels in more than 140 specialties. For more information, see [the announcement](#).

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR SUMMER EQUITY AND DIVERSITY CERTIFICATE WORKSHOPS. Learn more about the [certificate program](#) and [register at Equity and Diversity](#).

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY: Comments are welcome on the new administrative policy, Data Classification, which is currently under [30-day review](#). The policy establishes more refined data security classifications, so that data can be protected by the appropriate level of security controls according to the characteristics of the data, with the most sensitive data receiving the highest security.

THE *PRINCETON REVIEW'S* 2013 GUIDE TO 322 GREEN COLLEGES includes three U of M campuses—Duluth, Morris, and the Twin Cities. The publication is the only comprehensive guide that focuses solely on colleges that have demonstrated a strong commitment to the environment and to sustainability. For more information, see [Princeton Review](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE UNIVERSITY SENATE AND FACULTY SENATE will meet May 2, 2:30 p.m., Coffman Theater. Topics include Smoke-Free Twin Cities Campus, 2017–18 Academic Calendars, Pilot Program to Develop Graduate Student Learning Outcomes, and Support for Institutional Training Grant Proposals. For more information, see the full agenda at [University Senate](#).

THE P&A SENATE will meet May 3, 9:30 a.m., 3-125 Mayo. Topics include discussion with VP Pam Wheelock and senior VP and provost Karen Hanson, and Smoke-Free Twin Cities Campus. For more information, see the full agenda at [P&A Senate](#).

CROOKSTON:

JON FOLEY, director of the U of M's Institute on the Environment (IonE), will present "Global Boundaries and Tipping Points of Environmental Indicators" May 1, 12:15–1:15 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. For more information, see [IonE lecture](#).

P&A STAFF are invited to an open forum with Ann Hagen, chair of the P&A Senate Committee. Hagen will give an update and be available for questions and discussion. May 2, 1–2 p.m., 116 Kiehle. For more information, see [P&A open forum](#).

RACHEL McCOPPIN has been recognized for her teaching with the Horace T. Morse U of M Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education. McCoppin has been teaching literature and humanities at UMC since 2003. She was honored, along with six others, at a ceremony Apr. 30. For more information, see [teaching award](#).

DULUTH:

KJELL R. KNUDSEN served on the Blue Ribbon Committee of the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), which recently created new business school accreditation standards. The standards will affect more than 600 of the world's leading business schools. Knudsen is dean of UMD's Labovitz School of Business and Economics, an AACSB-accredited school. For more information, see [Knudsen](#).

UMD'S DANCE TEAM was named 2013 National Dance Association Division 2 Collegiate National Champions. For more information, including video of the team in action, see [Dance Team](#).

UNIVERSITY HONORS SENIORS recently presented their capstone poster projects. Students from all five UMD colleges displayed research on a wide range of topics. For more information, see [Honors](#).

MORRIS:

DAKOTA WICOHAN, a nonprofit organization cofounded by Teresa Luckow Peterson '91, recently completed a new documentary. *Dakota Iapi Teunhindapi: We Cherish the Dakota Language* records Dakota elders sharing life experiences, language use, and community traditions. UMM will host a premiere screening May 1, 6 p.m., 6 Humanities Fine Arts. For more information, see [Dakota Language Documentary](#).

MORE THAN 30 VOLUNTEERS gathered at St. Mary's School in Morris to complete an "Outreach to Teach" project on Apr. 13. Students from the Education Minnesota Student Program and the Studio Art Discipline renovated the school's teacher's lounge and painted a mural in the tunnel connecting the school to Assumption Catholic Church. For more information, see [Students Give Back](#).

THE UMM SPANISH DISCIPLINE has been approved for membership in the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society. At UMM's first installation ceremony on Apr. 23, 18 students and faculty were inducted. Professor emeritus Thomas Turner also joined the Order of the Discoverers, one of the highest honors of Sigma Delta Pi. For more information, see [Sigma Delta Pi](#).

NEARLY 350 UMM STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE DEGREES during UMM's 50th Commencement May 11. United States senator Al Franken will give the graduation address, and Holly Gruntner '13, Chisago City, will speak on behalf of graduates. U of M regent Thomas Divine and chancellor Jacqueline R. Johnson will give additional remarks. For more information, see [50th Commencement](#).

ROCHESTER:

THE BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS AND COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY PROGRAM recently welcomed the Brain Sciences Center at the Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Health Care System as a program partner. An interdisciplinary research institute and training center, the Brain Sciences Center focuses on the mechanisms underlying the active, dynamic brain in both health and disease. For more information, see [partnership](#).

TWIN CITIES:**Administrative information**

WAM SHOP SPRING SALE: May 7–10, U of M faculty, staff, and students receive a 20 percent discount at the Weisman Art Museum shop on gifts for moms, dads, grads, and more. For more information, see [spring sale](#).

HOMECOMING 2013: Registration is now open for Thank U, a homecoming event intended to thank the surrounding campus community by giving back through unique service projects that are designed by community members. Volunteer with a team or as an individual. Register by May 10 and receive a free gift card to a local restaurant. For more information, see [Thank U Homecoming 2013](#).

REUSE PICKUP ROUTES have undergone minor changes, with more focused routes to increase the efficiency of pickup. For updated route information, see [ReUse Routes](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

FRIENDS OF U LIBRARIES WILL HOST THEIR ANNUAL DINNER, featuring Louise Erdrich. Erdrich is the author of 14 novels and the winner of the 2012 National Book Award for fiction. May 8, 5:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. [Purchase tickets by May 1](#).

"STUDYING AMERICA ON AMERICA'S FRONT PORCH," a discussion with Peter Shea, director and producer of the Bat of Minerva interview series, will look at Shea's interview with Chandos Brown, a professor at the College of William and Mary. May 6, noon–1:30 p.m., 235 Nolte. For more information, see [America's front porch](#).

PULL OF GRAVITY, a documentary on coming home from prison, examines what happens to the 700,000 people released from prison each year. The screening will be followed by discussion with Joe Soss, Cowles Professor for the Study of Public Service, and assistant sociology professor Josh Page. May 6, 1–3 p.m., Humphrey School. For more information, see [prison documentary](#).

SIP OF SCIENCE, held the second Wednesday of every month, will next feature "Climate Change: Charting Preparation and Societal Response to Weather Extremes" with Craig Edwards, Minnesota Public Radio meteorologist. May 8, 5:30 p.m., Aster Cafe, 125 S.E. Main Street, Minneapolis. For more information, see [A Sip of Science](#).

"UNDERSTANDING INFANT BRAIN DEVELOPMENT" will include presentations from U of M researchers Megan Gunnar, Regents Professor, Distinguished McKnight University Professor, and director of the Institute on Child Development; and Ann Masten, Distinguished McKnight University Professor of Child Psychology and director of Project Competence, which studies risk and resilience in children and families. May 10, 7:45 a.m.–1 p.m., Central Lutheran Church, 333 South 12th St., Minneapolis. For registration and more information, see [brain development](#).

THE CENTER FOR BIOETHICS Spring Seminar Series will present "Moral Distress Among Physicians: A Challenge to Authenticity and Practice" with John Song on May 10, 12:15–1:30 p.m., 3-125 Mayo. For more information, see [bioethics](#).

REGISTRATION IS OPEN for "Influences of National Board Certification on Teachers' Classroom Assessment Practices." May 17, 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m., Continuing Education Conference Center. For registration and more information, see [certification](#).

THE TEACHING AND LEARNING SERIES will present "Negotiating Boundaries: Developing the Next Generation of Engaged Scholars" on May 30, 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School and live online. Catherine Solheim, associate professor in the Department of Family Social Science, will give the keynote presentation. For more information, see [engaged scholars](#).

MORE EVENTS include The Attack on Fact: American Politics and the Loss of Accountability ([May 1](#)); What is Congress's Role in Overseeing Use of Drones? ([May 2](#)); Conflict and Coexistence: Greeks in Seleucid and Arsacid Iran—a presentation by Daniel P. (May 2); Van Vleck Lecture: A Random Walk to Graphene, with Nobel Prize winner Andre Geim ([May 2](#)); Ralph Brown Day Lecture: William J. Cronon ([May 3](#)); Engaging Controversies: MOOCs: A Place for Writing? ([May 3](#)); Bud Break 5K Run/Walk ([May 5](#)); 22nd Annual Ruth Stricker Mind-Body Lecture ([May 6](#)); 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:**THE BOARD OF REGENTS will meet May 9–10. Regents will review and act on an agreement to enhance the working relationship among the University of Minnesota, Fairview Health Services, and University of Minnesota Physicians. Regents will also review the U's six-year capital improvement plan and the 2014 annual capital improvement budget. For more information, see [Board of Regents](#).**Features**FEATURE: A new endowed chair in CEHD will lead the U's efforts to close Minnesota's achievement gap. Michael Rodriguez, associate professor of educational psychology, is leading an audit of activities already in progress aimed at closing the gap, beginning with CEHD and then branching out across the campus and beyond. Work on five key topics will be highlighted in a series of policy breakfasts beginning this spring. For more information, read "[Working in the achievement gap](#)."FEATURE: Everything our bodies do depends on interactions that happen on a nanoscale—the realm of atoms and small molecules. At the University of Minnesota, nanomedicine researchers are pushing forward with projects like new drug-delivery technologies and better screening of potential drugs. For more information, read "[Nanomedicine: a new frontier](#)."FEATURE: The Big Ten Network has produced videos starring four U of M researchers. The latest features robotics expert Nikos Papanikolopoulos. His Scout robots can perform reconnaissance in risky military, hostage, or rescue situations. For more information, see "[Stars of the Big 10](#)."**Awards, appointments, and other announcements**PEOPLE: William Donohue has been named the University's next general counsel, effective May 22; UMM associate professor Barbara Burke has received a Fulbright Scholar award; the Institute on the Environment has selected 12 interdisciplinary initiatives for funding in the latest round of awards for its Mini Grant program; the Office for Public Engagement has announced the 2013 recipients of the University of Minnesota Outstanding Community Service Award; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).**CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS****UNIVERSITY-WIDE:****Administrative information**TEMPLATES FOR GOOGLE SITES are now available for faculty and staff. Google sites, part of the U's Google Apps package, can be used to construct websites without coding knowledge. Any Google site made to communicate official University business must use an official Google sites template. For more information and guidelines, see [Google Apps Templates and Guidelines](#).**Awards and funding opportunities**CALL FOR PROPOSALS: The Minnesota Obesity Center seeks applications for research grants. The Pilot and Feasibility Program provides seed money to attract new investigators, junior or established, into the study of obesity. Selected applications will be funded up to \$25,000 per year for one year, with an option for a second year. For more information, see [obesity research proposals](#).**Lectures, exhibits, and other events**LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM AUXILIARY PLANT SALE has been changed to May 18–19, 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. The sale offers an opportunity to shop for unique plants, hard-to-find varieties, and U of M introductions. National Public Gardens Day will take place at the Arboretum on May 10. For more information, see [plant sale](#).**CROOKSTON:**COMMENCEMENT for the class of 2013 will take place May 11, 2 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium, Sports Center. Nearly 200 students are expected to take part. Kevin Kopischke, '72, current president of Alexandria Technical and Community College, will give the commencement address. For more information, see [commencement](#).AN OPEN HOUSE AND RECEPTION FOR ONLINE GRADUATES will be held May 10, 2:30–4:30 p.m., NWSA Alseth Business Boardroom. Approximately 25 to 30 online students are expected. For more information, see [online graduates](#).THE FACULTY AND STAFF AWARDS DAY LUNCH AND CELEBRATION will take place May 14, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom. The theme for this year is, "It's a little known fact that..." For more information, see [awards day](#).**DULUTH:**REGENTS PROFESSOR TOM JOHNSON and colleagues have determined that the Toba volcanic eruption in Sumatra 75,000 years ago did not cause a volcanic winter or the dramatic drop in human population in Africa. This comes after examining drilling samples of ancient sediment extracted from the bottom of Lake Malawi in East Africa by Johnson and Large Lakes Observatory researchers in 2005. For more information, see [Toba Eruption](#).DIABETES AND STRESS: Assistant Professor Melissa Walls and Professor Mustafa al'Absi, both with the Duluth Medical Research Institute at UMD, are collaborating on a study that examines the ties between stress and type 2 diabetes among American Indians in five midwestern communities. The longitudinal study will follow 250 people for four years. For more information, see [Diabetes and Stress](#).UMD LaBOUNTY ENTREPRENEUR COMPETITION encourages student participants to research, forecast, and analyze their business ideas through a feasibility study. Winners of the judged competition receive funds to put toward their businesses. For more information, see [LaBounty Competition](#).**MORRIS:**KALI CORDES '13, Glenwood, is one of two recipients of the 2013 Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) Scholar-Athlete Leadership Award. The award, which is given to only two student athletes from UMAC member institutions, recognizes graduating seniors who demonstrate a healthy balance by achieving excellence in academics, leadership, and service while participating in intercollegiate athletics. For more information, see [Cordes](#).THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION HAS AWARDED JAMES COTTER, professor of geology, a research grant to help fund the [UMM Research Experience for Undergraduates](#). The goal of the program is to develop time-constrained models for two proposed paleo-ice streams while nurturing the development of 16 Native American women geology majors over two summers. For more information, see [Morris REU](#).STUDENTS, STAFF, FACULTY, AND FRIENDS gathered on May 3 to celebrate the final chemistry class taught by Jim Togeas, professor of chemistry. Togeas retires from the chemistry discipline this spring after 51 years of teaching. In that time, he is estimated to have given more than 7,000 lectures. He plans to continue teaching honors courses. For more information, see [Togeas](#).STUDENTS OF MICHAEL EBLE, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF STUDIO ART, have worked with the Morris Wetland Management District to collaboratively produce a series of paintings depicting the Minnesota prairie. These full-scale illustrations of prairie grasses and root systems will ultimately serve as an educational tool. For more information, see [Students Collaborate with Wetlands District](#).**ROCHESTER:**

CAPSTONE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RELATIONSHIP MANAGER Jenny Hegland has received the Minnesota to Develop Compact Presidents' Civic Engagement Steward Award. Hegland has worked tirelessly to develop relationships with the community in order to facilitate UMN students' community engagement. She is leading the development of capstones and the Community Collaboratory.

UMR RESEARCH AND EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM invites community members to join UMR students, staff, and faculty for the annual symposium May 6. The goal of the symposium is to prepare students to communicate professionally and contribute to the health science discourse. For more information, see [Symposium](#).**TWIN CITIES:****Administrative information**OCCUPY THE LIBRARIES is under way with Walter and Biomed (East Bank) open 24 hours a day May 3–18, and Wilson (West Bank) from May 10–18. Magrath Library (St. Paul) also has extended hours. Libraries will also host study breaks with treats, games, therapy dogs, plants, and more. For more information, see [Libraries 24/7](#).HOMECOMING 2013 STYLE GUIDE: To assist with collaboration, a style guide has been created that includes the official Homecoming logo, email headers, and more, which are available for download. For consistency and convenience of partnering, please reference the style guide for Homecoming communications. For more information, see [Homecoming 2013 Style Guide](#).**Lectures, exhibits, and other events**"WHAT THE UNIVERSITY MUST DO: Challenges from a Friend" will feature Minnesota state senator and chair of the higher education committee Terri Bonoff. May 9, 8–9 a.m., Humphrey School. Bonoff will discuss challenges and opportunities facing the U of M and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. For more information, see [U must do](#).PUBLIC LECTURE BY RETIRING PROFESSOR LARY MAY: "Unraveling the Culture of War: Global Hollywood and American Politics in the Age of 9/11." May 9, 6 p.m., Weisman Art Museum. Film clips and illustrations detailing the changing face of movie making from World War II to the present will accompany the lecture. For more information, see [Culture of War](#).WELL-BEING LECTURE: "The Power of a Habit" with award-winning *New York Times* reporter Charles Duhigg will take place May 14, 3–4:30 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union. Cost ranges from \$10 to \$20. The lecture explores the scientific basis of habit formation and brings to life a new understanding of human nature and the potential for transformation. For more information, see [well-being](#).GME GRAND ROUNDS: The Graduate Medical Education (GME) Administration will host its quarterly gathering of the local GME community June 4, 4–6:30 p.m., Mayo Memorial Auditorium. Theodor J. (Olle) ten Cate, professor of medical education and director of the Center for Research and Development of Education at the University Medical Center Utrecht, The Netherlands, will present "Working with EPAs in Competency-based Medical Training." For more information, see [grand rounds](#).MORE EVENTS include WAM Shop Spring Sale ([May 7–10](#)); Friends of the University of Minnesota Libraries Annual Dinner, featuring Louise Erdrich ([May 8](#)); Book release party of *Lesbian Nuns: Breaking Silence* featuring co-editor Nancy Manahan ([May 9](#)); Looking for start-up women? ([May 13](#)); Crowdsourcing: A Conversation Among Crafts ([May 14](#)); Third Annual Summit for Women's Equity Leaders ([May 14](#)); 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. [Submission guidelines](#) are available online.*Brief* is published by email and on the web. [Subscribe to Brief](#).



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TOP NEWS:

THE BOARD OF REGENTS has approved an agreement to enhance the working relationship among the University of Minnesota, Fairview Health Services, and University of Minnesota Physicians. The "integrated structure" arrangement will allow the organizations to better coordinate and align management, governance, and operation of services. Regents also approved [agreements with the Minnesota Vikings](#) that allow the Vikings to use TCF Bank Stadium for the 2014 and 2015 NFL seasons.

STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: On May 12, Governor Dayton and DFL legislative leaders announced their budget targets agreement, which included a \$250 million increase in overall higher education spending. On May 8, the Senate Finance Committee heard a bill that would appropriate money to fund a partnership between the U and Mayo Clinic that aims to prevent, treat, and cure diabetes. For more information, see [State Relations](#).

Features

FEATURE: Every year, the past comes alive for 6–12th graders throughout Minnesota schools during State History Day, a remarkable partnership between the Minnesota Historical Society, the University of Minnesota, and others. For many of those young minds, and for their U of M undergraduate mentors, the program is life changing. For more information, read "[History Day: changing futures.](#)"

FEATURE: Using primitive electricity, some bacteria can change the electrical state of metals—notably iron, but also uranium, manganese, and arsenic. That makes them gold to University of Minnesota researchers Daniel Bond and Jeffrey Gralnick. For more information, read "[Electrifying potential.](#)"

FEATURE: Last year's heat and drought and this year's late spring have added extra stress to lawns. According to Sam Bauer, turfgrass expert with University of Minnesota Extension, many people saw their grass wither and even die heading into the winter, especially if they didn't provide extra irrigation in the fall. So what to do? For more information, see "[Adapting to extreme weather.](#)"

FEATURE: A U faculty member since 1998, professor Sarah Hobbie has shone a light on the hidden world of grassland, forest soils, and leaf litter, where microbes decompose organic matter. On Apr. 30, her work on carbon cycling won her election to the National Academy of Sciences, an honor most American scientists rank second to the Nobel Prize. For more information, read "[Ecologist nets top honor.](#)"

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: The University Consortium for Geographic Information Science will honor three individuals, including Robert McMaster, at its upcoming annual symposium; Karen Williams, associate librarian for research and learning, has been elected VP/president-elect for the Association of College and Research Libraries; Shashi Shekhar has been appointed to the Computer Science and Telecommunications Board Committee on Geotargeted Disaster Alerts and Warnings; the Center for Academic Planning and Exploration was chosen as a recipient of the Outstanding Institutional Advising Program Award; recipients of the 2013 Distinguished Leadership Award for Internationals have been named; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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THE ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS UPGRADE PROGRAM (ESUP) PORTAL TEAM is gathering feedback regarding ideas collected so far for the needs of the new [U-wide portal](#) planned for late 2014. Input will help prioritize opportunities and initiate design work. [Take the 10–15 minute survey](#) by May 20.

QUALTRICS, A NEW SURVEY TOOL, is now available systemwide to University of Minnesota faculty, staff, and students. The tool is more robust and user-friendly than UMSurvey, which will be decommissioned Aug. 2. For more information, see [Qualtrics](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE PROVOST'S SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT is open for registration. The event benefits U students by raising funds to endow student scholarships. The \$105 entry fee includes a golf shirt, greens fee, cart, practice range balls, putting contest entry, and food at the post-event barbeque. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place teams and various events throughout the day. Registration deadline is May 31. Event is June 7, 8:30 a.m., U of M golf course. For more information, see [golf](#).

TEACHING WITH WRITING: FIVE-DAY SEMINAR FOR FACULTY is an opportunity for busy faculty members to focus on the role writing plays in their diverse courses. Each half-day session involves lively, practical, interdisciplinary discussions, as well as hands-on activities using sample writing assignments and student-written drafts. Aug. 19–23, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., location TBA. For registration and more information, see [Teaching with Writing](#).

CROOKSTON:

A RECEPTION FOR RETIRING/TRANSITIONING employees will be held May 15, 3–4 p.m., Bede Ballroom. The reception will be an opportunity to say goodbye and provide well wishes to 2013 retirees Tom Baldwin, Vicki Svedarsky, and Mike Vivion; and also to Jack Geller and Adel Ali, who are moving on to other stages in their careers. For more information, see [reception](#).

THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMS is offering free training for the U of M Basic Equity and Diversity Certificate, sessions 1–3. May 16–17, Bede Ballroom. For more information, see [Equity and Diversity Certificate](#).

THE CENTER FOR RURAL ENTREPRENEURIAL STUDIES (CRES) will hold its inaugural Entrepreneur and Small Business Exchange May 21, 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom. The event is designed to provide an opportunity for entrepreneurs and small business owners to learn from each other and address issues they face. For registration and more information, email [Rachel Lundbohm](mailto:Rachel.Lundbohm) or see [CRES Exchange](#).

DULUTH:

UMD WILL EXPAND TO TWO UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES THIS YEAR. President Eric Kaler will deliver the commencement address at both ceremonies. In addition, Kevin K. Washburn, assistant secretary of Indian Affairs for the U.S. Department of the Interior, will deliver the address at the graduate school ceremony. For more information, see [Commencement](#).

THE 25TH ANNUAL NORTHEASTERN MINNESOTA BOOK AWARDS (NEMBA) will be held May 23, Kirby Ballroom. Awards are given in six categories: fiction, poetry, memoir/creative nonfiction, general nonfiction, children's literature, and art/photography. This year's speaker will be author, playwright, and storyteller Kevin Kling. For more information, see [NEMBA](#).

DURING THE CHAMP DAY OF SERVICE, students, faculty, staff, and alumni contributed 360 service hours to 13 service projects throughout the Duluth community. CHAMP (Connecting Hopes with Action to Mobilize People) Day of Service was held May 4. For more information, see [CHAMP](#).

MORRIS:

SETH ELSEN '13, Shelton, WA, has completed a variety of projects as a student employee with the Center for Small Towns, from analyzing energy usage for the local Regional Fitness Center and the Upper Sioux Community, to improving the local public access channel. As he prepares to graduate, Elsen looks back on his work. For more information, see [Seth Elsen](#).

SAMANTHA BRUNO '13, Foley, MN, has spent most of her undergraduate career as a student employee with the Center for Small Towns. A graduating studio art major, Bruno enjoyed bringing her artistic skill and expertise to the projects she undertook. For more information, see [Samantha Bruno](#).

THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT presented a series of awards to faculty, staff, students, and partners who have promoted exemplary partnerships with the broader community. Recipients included Citlali Ibañez de Obregón de Lazos; associate professor of studio art Michael Eble; executive office and administrative specialist Bonnie Tipcke; and George/Anne Meyers-Welsch '13, Menomonie, WI. For more information, see [Community Engagement Awards](#).

ROCHESTER:

THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY for the first U of M Rochester graduating class will take place May 18, 11 a.m., Auditorium, Mayo Civic Center. All are welcome to attend. For more information, see [UMR commencement](#).

UMR HAS NAMED ITS MASCOT: "Rockie Raptor" was chosen by the UMR campus and community, who heard the announcement during finals week.

TWIN CITIES:

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U MARKET SUPPLIER SHOWCASES will be held May 15, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Commons Hotel (East Bank); and May 16, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., St. Paul Student Union. U Market is the U's new supply purchasing website, which will launch later this summer. Showcases will feature a majority of U Market suppliers and manufacturers. U Market demos and additional information will be available as well. For more information, see [U Market](#).

A LATER THAN USUAL TRANSITION FROM HEATING TO COOLING systems (due to the extended winter) has begun in UMTC campus buildings. Despite Facilities Management's best efforts to minimize exposure, some spaces may experience uncomfortable temperatures between now and the end of May, when the transition should be complete. Each campus district has a [transition schedule available online](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC will present composer and U of M professor James Dillon's *Book of Elements*, a five-volume piano solo, performed by pianist Noriko Kawai. May 15, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [piano solo performance](#).

POET MARILYN NELSON will speak at the 2013 Naomi Chase Lecture in Children's Literature, May 20, 5 p.m., Andersen Library. Her lecture, "Girl in the Attic: Working with Imagination and the Past," will explore her life as a poet and the creation of many of her notable works. Free. For more information, see [Marilyn Nelson](#).

THE ANNUAL SEE CHANGE CONFERENCE will take place at the University of Minnesota May 21–22, Coffman Union. See Change is a conference intended for creatives to refresh their talents with innovative ideas and imagery, and features inspiration and remarkable work in visual communications, with a day of national and local speakers. For registration and more information, see [See Change](#).

THE 24th ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH CONFERENCE will feature Minnesota experts discussing the link between transportation and public health and its implications for transportation professionals. Elizabeth Deakin from the University of California, Berkeley, will talk during the conference luncheon about new mobility options such as car sharing and bike sharing, new forms of car pooling, smart transit and paratransit, and smart cars and highways. May 22–23, St. Paul RiverCentre. For registration and more information, see [transportation conference](#).

REGISTER FOR THE U OF M 2013 PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTE. The institute offers a unique opportunity to explore multiple interest areas within public health, while networking with other students and public health professionals. Courses run May 28–June 14. For registration and more information, see [Public Health Institute](#).

TEACHING AND LEARNING SERIES will present "Negotiating Boundaries: Developing the Next Generation of Engaged Scholars" May 30, 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School, and live online. Catherine Solheim, associate professor in the Department of Family Social Science, will give the keynote presentation. For more information, see [engaged scholars](#).

"HOW WILL MEDICAL CARE CHANGE AFTER HEALTH REFORM? Patient Care and Payment Reform" will include panelists Bob Berenson, M.D., senior fellow at the Urban Institute; Lucinda Jesson, Department of Human Services commissioner; and Ken Paulus, president and CEO of Allina Health. May 31, noon–1:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. For registration and more information, see [Health Reform](#).

CARING FOR A PERSON WITH MEMORY LOSS conference will provide information, support, and education for adult children, spouses, parents, health and community care providers, and others concerned with caring for persons with memory loss. June 1, 8 a.m.–4 p.m., Mayo Memorial Auditorium. For more information, see [memory loss conference](#).

GOPHER ATHLETICS WILL HOST "BREAKFAST WITH CHAMPIONS" June 11, 7:30–9 a.m., TCF Bank Stadium. Speakers will include associate athletics director Tom McGinnis, head women's hockey coach Brad Frost, women's hockey co-captain Bethany Brausen Jr., and former Gopher football great Rickey Foggie. Cost: \$25 per person/\$150 per table. For tickets, call 612-624-8080 (option 2) or 1-800-U-GOPHER. Space is limited; register by June 7. For more information, see [champions](#).

MORE EVENTS include Creative Work Break ([May 16](#)); Under Design Surface Exhibit 2013 ([May 17](#)); ARBOREUM Auxiliary Plant Sale ([May 18](#)); Café Scientifique—Under the Surface: A Geologist's Take On Sulfide Mining Near the BWCAW ([May 21](#)); Our Shared Opportunity: A Vision for Global Prosperity ([May 22](#)); 11th Annual Beer Test at the Campus Club ([May 23](#)); SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

THE BOARD OF REGENTS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC FORUM June 5, 12:30–1:30 p.m., Boardroom, McNamara Alumni Center. The forum is open to individuals who wish to address the board regarding the U's FY 2014 budget and related issues. Information about the proposed budget will be available on the Regents website May 31. To speak, call the Board Office at 612-625-6300 or email uregents@umn.edu (subject line: Public Forum) by May 28, 3 p.m. Include: name, email, phone number, group representing (if any), relationship to the University, and presentation topic. Speakers wishing to provide the board with written information must submit the materials by June 3. For more information, see [Regents](#).

STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: On May 17, the Minnesota legislature passed the higher education omnibus bill. The bill includes appropriations for the University, increased investment in the state grant program, the Path to Prosperity Act (also called the Dream Act), and other higher education programs. The bill is currently waiting to be signed by the governor. If passed, this would mark the first funding increase for the University since FY2008. The capital investment bill, which included various University projects, did not pass. For more information, see [State Relations](#).

Features

FEATURE: Sixteen years ago, Jason Hill stood before some 30 students in one of his first classes as a teaching assistant at the University of Minnesota. This June, more than 14,000 students will log on to take his course, Sustainability of Food Systems: A Global Life Cycle Perspective. For more information, read "[A truly global course](#)."

FEATURE: Tom Johnson, a University of Minnesota Duluth Regents Professor and Institute on the Environment resident fellow, knew his work on Lake Malawi in East Africa during 2005 would yield significant scientific discoveries. Now, eight years later, he and his colleagues have announced research that impacts our knowledge of the near extinction of the human race. For more information, see [Toba eruption](#).

FEATURE: As a self-insured employer with about 18,000 plan participants and 39,000 total members, healthcare costs are a significant part of the U's overall expenditures. But while healthcare costs continue to rise nationwide, the U's wellness program is slowing the tide here. Investment in the program has saved \$1.63 for every \$1 invested—more than \$10 million over the past five years. Participation in the program can save employees \$300 for individuals and \$400 for families—about \$12 to \$15 per paycheck. For more information, read "[Banking on wellness](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Danita Brown named vice provost for student affairs and dean of students; Provost Hanson has convened a search committee for the next dean of the College of Liberal Arts—Raymond "Bud" Duvall will serve as interim dean of the college; five new and four existing interdisciplinary graduate groups were awarded funding in this year's Interdisciplinary Graduate Groups competition; professor of English Andrew Elfenbein has been awarded an ACLS Fellowship for 2013–14; the University of Minnesota Retirees Association has announced recipients of its inaugural awards for service; Larry Yore will receive the U's Outstanding Achievement Award, one of the highest honors bestowed on alumni; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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SUMMER TECHNOLOGY TRAINING is available through the Office of Information Technology, with in-person and online training opportunities for faculty, staff, and students. Courses range from training in Google, Moodle, Lynda.com, and more. For more information, see [technology training](#).

NEW ROOM SCHEDULING SOFTWARE IS LIVE FOR ALL CAMPUSES. A quick-start guide is available, and includes instructions on how to request a classroom for an event using the new system, [Astra Schedule](#). Office of Classroom Management (OCM) staff will conduct demonstrations on the UMC campus to explain the software on May 22, 2:30–3:30 p.m., 10 Blegen Hall; and May 23, 9–10 a.m., 155 Nicholson, or live [via UM Connect](#). For more information, see [OCM news](#).

CROOKSTON:

A NEW MAJOR IN FINANCE was approved by the Board of Regents at their May meeting. The finance major is available on campus and online through the Business Department. A minor is also available. In addition, a minor in humanities offered through the Liberal Arts and Education Department was also approved, bringing UMC academic offerings to 28 majors, 20 minors, and 11 majors offered online.

CAROLA THORSON has been hired to serve as director of admissions and enrollment management. Thorson comes to UMC after serving as director of undergraduate admissions at Augsburg College in Minneapolis. She begins June 17.

FACULTY AND STAFF RECOGNIZED at Faculty and Staff Awards Day include Rachel McCoppin, associate professor, Liberal Arts and Education Department—Distinguished Teaching Award; Michelle Christopherson, director, Center for Adult Learning—Distinguished Professional and Administrative Award; and Linda Wilkens, copy center operator, UMC Printing and Design—Distinguished Civil Service and Bargaining Unit Award.

A PHOTO GALLERY of the commencement for the Class of 2013 is [available online](#).

DULUTH:

DANIEL HARTMAN has been named interim director of Glensheen Historic Estate. Hartman, a Duluth city councilor, previously served as program director and curator of Veterans' Memorial Hall. For more information, see [Daniel Hartman](#).

UMD HAS LAUNCHED TWO NEW MAJORS: the bachelor of business administration in marketing and graphic design, and the bachelor of fine arts in graphic design and marketing. The majors will enable graduates to work effectively in industry-standard creative teams and are offered on a collaborative basis between the UMD Labovitz School of Business and Economics and the UMD School of Fine Arts. For more information, see [marketing and graphic design](#).

THE LARGE LAKES OBSERVATORY (LLO) recently deployed three meteorological buoys at different points around Lake Superior. The buoys provide real-time data for scientists, meteorologists, and the public. The National Weather Service is using the data to improve their coastal forecasting. For more information, see [LLO buoys](#).

GLENSHEEN HISTORIC ESTATE is celebrating 34 years as a house museum. To mark the anniversary, the estate is offering free standard house tours on Community Day, May 24. Arrive early, as tickets are limited. For more information, see [Glensheen](#).

MORRIS:

UMM WILL HOST YOUTH CAMPS AND RENEWABLE ENERGY TOURS again this summer. Throughout July and August, Green Summer staff have scheduled hands-on experiences designed to help people of all ages develop a deeper understanding of renewable energy technologies and sustainability practices. Because spaces are limited, pre-registration is encouraged. For more information, see [Green Summer Opportunities](#).

MICHAEL EBLE, associate professor of studio art, will be the featured artist at the Presentation College Wein Gallery beginning June 1. Eble's exhibit, "Honfluer Reflections," features a series of impressionistic paintings inspired by a research trip to France, where he studied French Impressionistic landmarks like the port city of Honfluer. For more information, see [Wein Gallery](#).

RAY SCHULTZ, associate professor of theatre arts, performed Steve Lawson's *Blanche and Beyond: The Selected Letters of Tennessee Williams* on May 10 at the U of M Rarig Center's Xperimental Theatre. The performance was sponsored by the Institute for Advanced Study, where Schultz was a residential faculty fellow this spring. For more information, see [Schultz](#).

FAMILY AND FRIENDS GATHERED TO CELEBRATE the accomplishments of 350 graduates during 2013 Commencement, May 11. This historic ceremony, UMM's 50th, was the culminating event in a series of celebrations. [Photos](#) and [video](#) from the ceremony, [honors and awards](#), and the [American Indian Honoring Ceremony](#) are available. For more information, see [commencement](#).

ROCHESTER:

UMR's FOUNDING CLASS graduated May 18. In the fall of 2009, 57 students began their first classes at UMR. Hailed as trailblazers and risk takers, they gave up the traditional college experience at an established university for a chance to create their own. For more information, see [UMR Founding Class Graduates](#).

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

CARPPOOL PARKING LOT CHANGES: As of May 20, Victory Lot near TCF Bank Stadium is this summer's designated carpool parking location with the discounted rate of \$2.50/day before 9 a.m. Lot 94 on the West Bank and Lot 101 in St. Paul will no longer serve as carpool locations. For more information, see [Parking and Transportation Services](#).

REDUCED CAMPUS SHUTTLE SERVICE: Campus Connector buses will run from May 20–June 14, 7 a.m.–6 p.m., every 15 minutes. There will be no service May 27, Memorial Day. For more information about the Connectors and Circulators, see [campus shuttle services](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE IPRIME ANNUAL MEETING will take place May 28–30 on the U's east bank campus. IPrime is a University/industry partnership providing two-way knowledge transfer within eight research programs. Driven by more than 50 U of M faculty and membership companies, the collaboration creates a productive environment for engaging in pre-competitive and non-proprietary fundamental materials research. For more information, see [IPrime meeting](#).

THE COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE will host an Education Day, May 31, 8 a.m.–1:30 p.m. The free half-day program includes poster presentations, speakers on MOOCs, technology-enhanced learning, and grade inflation, and a plenary talk on "Learning Styles: Research and Practical Implications." For more information, see [Education Day](#). RSVP at [registration](#).

NORTHROP HAS ANNOUNCED FREE OUTDOOR CONCERTS on Northrop Plaza beginning June 7, as part of its 59th Annual Northrop Summer Music Festival. Concerts are held on selected Wednesdays at noon and Fridays at 7 p.m. during June and July. Free food and beverages will be featured throughout the series from various local vendors. For more information and the full schedule, see [Northrop summer concerts](#).

A U LIBRARIES EXHIBIT gives a behind the scenes look at the Twin Cities performing arts and celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Guthrie Theater. The exhibit offers an opportunity to pore through the extensive Guthrie Archives and view materials from the Minnesota Orchestra, the James Sewell Ballet, Theatre de Jeune Lune, the St. Paul Philharmonic, and the Penumbra Theatre. On display through June 28, Andersen Library. For more information, see [TC performing arts exhibit](#).

MORE EVENTS include 11th Annual Beer Test at the Campus Club ([May 23](#)); Energy and U public show ([May 23](#)); Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Information Session ([May 24](#)); From Space to Place ([May 28](#)); OED Certificate Workshop 1: Being an Ally in the Work of Equity and Diversity ([May 29](#)); Negotiating Boundaries: Developing the Next Generation of Engaged Scholars ([May 30](#)); Desire Lines Tour with Common Room ([June 5](#)); SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: On May 24, Governor Dayton signed the higher education omnibus bill into law. The law appropriates \$1.17 billion to the U of M in FY14–15, including \$78.25 million in funding for an undergraduate tuition freeze and the Minnesota Discovery, Research, and Innovation Economy (MnDRIVE) program. Five percent of the FY15 operations and maintenance appropriation (\$1.045 billion) is contingent upon the U meeting at least three of five accountability metrics. Other highlights: The law includes approximately \$86 million for agriculture education and Extension services, \$9.7 million for health sciences, \$2.28 million for the College of Science and Engineering, and just less than \$15 million for the partnership between the U and the Mayo Foundation. For more information, see [State Relations](#).

THE BOARD OF REGENTS WILL MEET JUNE 13–14. The board agenda includes an update on student mental health trends and services and action on President Kaler's six-year capital plan and his recommended FY14 capital improvement budget, as well as the 2014 annual operating budget. In addition, the board will receive a progress report on the Enterprise Systems Upgrade Program, and discuss an administrative services benchmarking and diagnostics study, which was conducted by Huron Consulting Services. For more information, see [Board of Regents](#).

Features

FEATURE: With a little help from microwaves and magnetite, the olden days of pothole repair may soon give way to a golden age of long-lasting fixes. Research led by Lawrence Zanko, a senior research fellow at UMD's Natural Resources Research Institute, indicates that mixing ground magnetite—an iron mineral found in taconite ore—into an asphalt patch material and then "nuking" it with microwaves will seal the patch far more securely than conventional methods. For more information, read ["Hate potholes? Nuke 'em."](#)

FEATURE: Horses were dying, and nobody could figure out why. Seemingly healthy animals put out to graze in pastures suddenly got very sick and died within a few days. Stephanie Valberg, director of the U's Leatherdale Equine Center, and Adrian Hegeman, associate professor in the Department of Horticultural Science, teamed up to find the cause. For more information, read ["The Mystery of the Fallen Horses."](#)

FEATURE: Researchers at the U's Department of Integrative Biology and Physiology and Lillehei Heart Institute have utilized molecular genetic engineering to optimize heart performance in models of diastolic heart failure. The advance offers a solid conceptual step forward. For more information, read ["Calcium sponge targets heart failure."](#)

FEATURE: You've probably heard of "superbugs"—bacteria that are resistant to numerous antibiotics. They've cost many lives and billions of dollars. Timothy LaPara of the U's Department of Civil Engineering addresses a pandemic that threatens to return the world to a pre-penicillin era. For more information, read ["Heated sludge helps defeat superbugs."](#)

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Allen Levine, dean of the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, announced plans to step down at the end of August; 2013 Minnesota Futures award recipients; spring 2013 Grant-in-Aid award recipients; Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Education Henning Schroeder has been offered a one-year appointment as Council of Graduate Schools/National Science Foundation Dean-in-Residence; professor Jon Christianson has been appointed to the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; the Robina Foundation has pledged \$9 million to University of Minnesota Law School; Mikhail Shifman, Ida Cohen Fine Professor of Theoretical Physics, is the winner of the 2013 Pomeranchuk Prize; Parking and Transportation Services is the winner of two 2013 Northern Lights Awards; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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SPRING 2013 GRADUATE EDUCATION COUNCIL (GEC) ELECTION RESULTS are now available. Five newly elected faculty members will begin serving three-year terms in fall 2013. Created in response to the recommendations for restructuring graduate education, the GEC serves as a University-wide advisory body to the vice provost and dean of graduate education. For more information, see [GEC election results](#).

2013 STATE FAIR EXHIBIT AND STAGE SPACE IS AVAILABLE NOW. Departments with unique and engaging exhibit ideas are encouraged to share with tens of thousands of fair-goers during the Minnesota State Fair, Aug. 22–Sept. 2. Showcase the work and talents of faculty, staff, and students for a day (or more). The U stage features performances, demonstrations, appearances by U personalities, and more. Email [Jackie Lee Stone](mailto:Jackie.Lee.Stone) to discuss exhibit ideas and available dates and times.

CROOKSTON:

STUDENT CONSERVATIONIST AWARD: Wade Jackson '13, and senior Bob Guetter were recently named recipients of 2013 Student Conservationist Awards from the Minnesota Chapter of the Soil and Conservation Society. The award is given to outstanding conservation students at a Minnesota college or university and includes a \$500 stipend. For more information, see [award](#).

MARGO BOWERMAN has joined University of Minnesota Extension's Center for Youth Development as an assistant professor. She is based at Extension's regional office in Crookston. For more information, see [Bowerman](#).

MARTY BREAKER, a teaching specialist in the business department, was recently certified as a volunteer ombudsman with the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a Department of Defense agency. This designation allows him to work with veterans and employers in Minnesota to provide information regarding the rights and benefits of veterans as provided for in the Uniform Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.

DULUTH:

MONICA BRUNING has been chosen as the new associate vice chancellor for enrollment and institutional effectiveness. She recently served as a senior research associate and faculty member at Iowa State University and led a collaborative multi-million-dollar National Science Foundation longitudinal study to broaden STEM participation with Des Moines Area Community College. For more information, see [Monica Bruning](#).

RESTORATION WORK on the Lester River Fish Hatchery/Limnology Lab, accomplished by UMD's Department of Facilities Management, was recently honored with an award from the Duluth Preservation Alliance. The structure was built in the late 1880s. Now owned by UMD, it was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1978. For more information, see [preservation](#).

THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE has selected the UMD Center for Economic Development's Northeast Minnesota Small Business Development Center (SBDC) for an "Excellence in Partnering" award. The award recognizes the SBDC's partnership with the IRS to educate and serve America's taxpayers. For more information, see [excellence](#).

JOIN REGIONAL ARTIST ANNE LABOVITZ at a reception to celebrate the opening of her exhibit, "Anne Labovitz: Composite Portraits," June 6, 5–8 p.m., Tweed Museum of Art. On June 7, 1–4 p.m., Labovitz will lead children and adults in creating self-portraits on large paper with crayons, pencils, and watercolor pencils in Family Day at the Tweed. Both events are free. For more information, see [Labovitz](#).

MORRIS:

THE UMM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (UMMAA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS has announced recipients of the 2013 UMMAA Distinguished Alumni Award, which honors alumni making noteworthy contributions in their professional lives, in public service, or in service to the University. The 2013 recipients are James "Doc" Carlson '65, Mathew J. LeFebvre '87, and Ann Michels '93. For more information, see [Distinguished Alumni](#).

THE GREEN PRAIRIE COMMUNITY ART COMMITTEE is looking to purchase original artwork for display in the new Green Prairie Living and Learning Community. The committee will review portfolios of two- and three-dimensional artwork for purchase, and selected pieces will become part of the University's permanent collection. Submissions are due by July 15. For more information, see [Green Prairie Community Art](#).

KAYLIE CLARK '14 achieved All-American status at the 2013 National Collegiate Athletic Association's outdoor track and field meet. Clark hit a mark of 43.07 meters to take sixth place in the javelin—and broke her own school record. The two-sport athlete is the fourth UMM student to earn All-American status this year. For more information, see [Clark](#).

ROCHESTER:

REGISTRATION IS OPEN for Signature Series 2013: Management of Technology Essentials, to be held Oct. 9–10 and Nov. 13–14. For more information about these short courses for high-tech professionals and leaders, see [Signature Series](#).

TWIN CITIES:**Lectures, exhibits, and other events**

JOIN IN A CONVERSATION WITH LANNY DAVIS, crisis manager behind the likes of Bill Clinton, Martha Stewart, and other famous individuals. A Q&A with professor Larry Jacobs will be followed by a book signing of Davis' latest work, *Crises Tales: Five Rules for Coping with Crises in Business, Politics, and Life*. June 5, 5 p.m., Humphrey School. For more information, see [Lanny Davis](#).

PHOTOGRAPHY SYMPOSIUM: CONSERVATION THROUGH THE LENS will feature acclaimed photographer/oceanographer Chris Linder, who has documented 32 scientific expeditions. Nature lovers and photographers of all skill levels are welcome. Cost: \$80 member/\$95 nonmember, with special 2-for-1 admission for U faculty, staff, and students. Use code 2FOR1 when registering. June 8, 9 a.m.–2 p.m., U of M Landscape Arboretum. For registration, call 952-443-1422 or see [photography](#) for more information.

GOPHER ATHLETICS WILL HOST "BREAKFAST WITH CHAMPIONS" June 11, 7:30–9 a.m., TCF Bank Stadium. Speakers include assistant athletic director Tom McGinnis, head women's hockey great Brad Frost, women's hockey co-captain Bethany Brausen Jr., and former Gopher football great Rickey Foggie. Cost: \$25 per person/\$150 per table. For tickets, call 612-624-8080 (option 2) or 1-800-U-GOPHER. Space is limited; register by June 7. For more information, see [champions](#).

HAPPY HOUR AT THE CAMPUS CLUB returns this summer for all U faculty and staff. Club membership is not required. Food and beverage specials will be available, in addition to an updated bar menu. Drink and food specials may be enjoyed in the bar and on the terrace weekdays, 3–6 p.m., through Aug. 30. For more information, see [Campus Club](#).

MORE EVENTS include OED Certificate Workshop 2: Leadership in the Context of Equity and Diversity ([June 6](#)); Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Information Session ([June 7](#)); Northrop Summer Music Festival presents Charanga Tropical with DJ Fatty ([June 7](#)); Kerlan Award, featuring children's literature author Kate DiCamillo ([June 8](#)); Dave Chase on Startups, Patient Engagement and the Future of Healthcare ([June 12](#)); Northrop Summer Music Festival presents The Tasty Tones ([June 12](#)); Soil Saturday: Building on Soils ([June 15](#)); Weekends with the Weisguides—Celebrate Dad ([June 16](#)); SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

AT ITS JUNE 14 MEETING, THE U OF M BOARD OF REGENTS approved a fiscal year 2014 operating budget that freezes resident undergraduate tuition and reduces administrative expenses. The budget also includes \$26 million for faculty hires, classroom and lab upgrades, and infrastructure maintenance, as well as a compensation pool increase of 2.5 percent; \$17.8 million for the Minnesota Discovery, Research and Innovation Economy (MnDRIVE) program; and \$19.7 million in reallocations and resource adjustments to support teaching, research, and outreach. For more information, see [Board of Regents](#).

THE FINDINGS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BENCHMARKING AND DIAGNOSTIC STUDY conducted by Huron Consulting Services LLC were presented to the Board of Regents. The report came at the request of Senator Terri Bonoff and Senate Majority Leader Tom Bakk and is the second of two reports on the University's administrative structures. For more information, see the [executive summary \(PDF\)](#) and the [full report \(PDF\)](#).

Features

FEATURE: It's a staple of science fiction: people who can control objects with their minds. At the University of Minnesota, a new technology is turning that fiction into reality. In the lab of biomedical engineering professor Bin He, several young people have learned to use their thoughts to steer a flying robot around a gym, making it turn, rise, dip, and even sail through a ring. For more information, read "[Mind over mechanics](#)" and watch the related video.

FEATURE: Research universities create mountains of data, and more and more, that data is tethered to a place in the world. The technology and field behind that spatial data are called Geographical Information Sciences, and the U of M has embarked on a visionary endeavor, called U-Spatial, to develop a network to support such research across the University. For more information, read "[Support for spatial research](#)."

FEATURE: You may never have heard of a twin screw extruder, but here's a hint: You can make your own Cheetos with one. It's a key piece of equipment in the food industry, and also one of many tools at the U's Joseph J. Warthesen Food Processing Center on the St. Paul campus. The unique workshop bustles with students, faculty, and industry developers working out new ideas. For more information, read "[Food science pilot plant](#)."

FEATURE: Kate Knuth served three terms as a state legislator, and earlier this year, Gov. Mark Dayton appointed her a citizen member of the state's Environmental Quality Board. Knuth is currently finishing a Ph.D. in conservation biology at the U's College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, and she directs the Boreas Leadership Program—a unique offering from the U's Institute on the Environment. For more information, read "[At home in her environment](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: The Office of the Vice President for Research has announced the recipients of the Research Infrastructure Investment Program awards; the U has received \$12.3 million from the estate of South Dakota farmer Millicent Atkins; Laura Bloomberg has been appointed associate dean of the Humphrey School of Public Affairs; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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THE U'S NEW SUPPLY PURCHASING WEBSITE, U MARKET, will be the topic of the next Campus Conversation, June 27, noon–1 p.m., 402 Walter Library. U Market will launch in July and will provide a single place to buy common supplies at contract prices, consolidating U Stores, U Mart, and many new vendors in one convenient, online location. This Campus Conversation is a chance to learn more about the tool and how you can save time and money by using it. [RSVP](#) if you plan to attend, or join online via [UMConnect](#) the day of the event.

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY: The Board of Regents has voiced the importance of protecting and providing a safe environment for children at the U in a new Board policy. Safety of Minors serves to best ensure the safety of children in U facilities and programs. The policy extends responsibilities for all University community members to report suspected child physical or sexual abuse to local law enforcement. New requirements of program registration, background checks, and online training will be communicated when the program launches this fall. This policy is open for a [30-day comment period](#).

Awards and funding opportunities

THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES has invited the U of M to submit two nominees for NEH Summer Stipends. Faculty interested in applying must submit a preliminary proposal to the Office of the Vice President for Research by June 30. Staff may apply to the NEH directly. For application instructions and more information, see [NEH stipends](#).

APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2013 JURAN FELLOWSHIP AWARD are due Aug. 5. Any doctoral candidate intending to apply for a Juran Fellowship must inform the Juran Research Center by July 8. 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 chosen field. Statements of intent should be emailed to juranctr@umn.edu. For more information, see [Juran Fellowship](#).

THE MELLON FOUNDATION has invited the U of M to submit one nomination for the Mellon Foundation New Directions Fellowship for faculty in the humanities who seek to acquire systematic training outside their own areas of special interest. The deadline is Sept. 10. For application instructions and more information, see [Mellon Foundation](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE INSTITUTE ON THE ENVIRONMENT'S sustainability studies minor invites those who are teaching a course or conducting programs or activities related to sustainability or the environment to share information at the fall "Sustainability Action!" open house, Aug. 30, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Some 2,500 incoming freshmen are expected to visit the open house. Email [Molly Buss](mailto:Molly.Buss) or call 612-626-9553 for more information.

CROOKSTON:

JEFF BUMGARNER has been appointed by Gov. Mark Dayton to the Minnesota Board of Judicial Standards. The board is an independent state agency that receives and acts upon complaints about Minnesota judges for judicial misconduct or wrongdoing. The board also handles judicial disability matters, issues advisory opinions, and seeks to educate judges and others about judicial ethics. Bumgarner is an associate professor in the Liberal Arts and Education Department, teaching in the area of criminal justice.

BARBARA KEINATH has been named vice chancellor for academic affairs for the University of Minnesota Crookston. Keinath holds a Ph.D. in educational administration, with a focus on higher education and policy from the University of Minnesota. She has served as vice provost and dean of graduate studies and, prior to that, as director of online learning at Metropolitan State University in the Twin Cities. She begins vice chancellor responsibilities July 1.

THE UMC COLLEGE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL (CIHS) WORKSHOP held June 3 brought to campus more than 100 high school teachers, faculty, counselors, and administrators from 42 school districts across northern Minnesota. More than 1,000 students take part in CIHS annually.

DULUTH:

PAULA PEDERSEN, assistant professor, Department of Psychology, has been selected to serve in the new cabinet-level position of Faculty Fellow for Intercultural Initiatives. Pedersen is a licensed psychologist and earned the Intercultural Development Inventory Administration and Interpretation Certificate. She has served on the Campus Climate Change Team, Diversity Commission, GLBT Advisory Board, and University of Minnesota Intercultural Competence Work Group. For more information, see [Paula Pedersen](#).

STANLEY WOLD, professor of music and director of choral activities, Department of Music, is the recipient of this year's Arrowhead Regional Arts Council (ARAC) Maddie Simons Advocate Award. In their statement, ARAC said, "Through his many years of conducting and performing music, he has made extraordinary choral music accessible to people throughout the Arrowhead Region, the state, and around the world." For more information, see [Stanley Wold](#).

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT have partnered to create Introduction to Construction Project Management from an Owner's Perspective, an online certificate designed for building owners interested in learning more about the design and construction process. For more information, see [Construction](#).

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST-AID TRAINING SESSIONS for youth and for adults are being offered through Continuing Education. This training helps the public identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. For more information, see [Mental Health](#).

MORRIS:

A GROUP OF FARMERS AND AGRICULTURE ADVISORS from France visited UMM to learn more about sustainable farming research on June 3. The group toured the biomass gasifier facility, as well as the West Central Research and Outreach Center. This visit provided the group an opportunity to learn about new farming techniques and future developments. For more information, see [Farmers](#).

EIGHT UMM PROFESSORS received awards in the latest round of the University of Minnesota Grant-in-Aid of Research, Artistry and Scholarship Program. Funds are awarded in the belief that scholarship is a determinant in the vitality of an institution. UMM recipients are Sheri Breen, Stephen Crabtree, Michael Lackey, Jessica Larson, Ted Pappenfus, Jennifer Rothchild, Dennis Stewart, and James Wojtaszek. For more information, see [Grant-in-Aid](#).

LEAH HOYT '13 spent the spring semester student teaching with Katie Graham LaPointe '01, an English and reading teacher at Brooklyn Junior High School in Brooklyn Park. With the common ground of a UMM education, the two were able to build their lesson plans on similar concepts and strategies. For more information, see [Leah Hoyt '13](#).

ROCHESTER:

UMR CONNECTS will be held outside on the Peace Plaza over the summer, Tuesday nights, 7 p.m. Upcoming themes are Journeys: Remarkable Life Stories—July; Spirituality and World Religion—August; and International and World Affairs—September. For weekly event details, see [UMR CONNECTS](#).

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THE U IS OFFERING SUMMER WORK OPPORTUNITIES TO MINNEAPOLIS YOUTH in the STEP-UP Achieve summer jobs program. University departments and programs can put underrepresented youth to work for as little as \$700 and help the U meet its goals as a leading employer in this citywide AchieveMpls program. A modest pool of matching resources is available to defray costs. Staff will help match students with departments and provide ongoing support. For more information, email U of M STEP-UP liaison [Tex Ostvig](mailto:Tex.Ostvig), or call 612-624-3958.

STRENGTHSQUEST: Faculty and staff can learn more about the strengths-based philosophy, their own "Top 5," and how to use the StrengthsQuest program in a [Strengths Educator for Higher Education online seminar](#) on the Twin Cities campus, July 30. For registration and more information, see [StrengthsQuest](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

SPONSOR A TURTLE IN THE "TURTLEY AWESOME" TURTLE DERBY, a fundraiser for kids at the U's Amplatz Children's Hospital featuring turtle races, food, games, and more. Departments and individuals can sponsor a turtle. June 27, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., Amplatz Children's Hospital. The event raises money for child and family programs at the hospital. For more information, see [Turtle Derby](#).

A U LIBRARIES EXHIBIT highlights prints and illustrated books produced during the period of scientific activity in Latin America in the 18th century and the Age of Enlightenment. The kings of Spain funded dozens of scientific expeditions in their American domains to identify and classify native plants and animals, illustrated in drawings, watercolors, and etchings. On display through June 28, 4th floor, Wilson Library. For more information, see [art and science exhibit](#).

THE U AND BREW, a summer beer event at the Campus Club, will take place June 27, 4–7 p.m. Meet local brewers who are also U of M alumni. Brewers will include representatives from Lucid Brewing, Fulton Brewing, Indeed Brewing, and several others. Sample beer, learn about the U's barley and hops research, enjoy appetizers, win a raffle prize, and more. Cost: \$25. Co-sponsored by the Office of Business Relations, *The Growler* magazine, and the Beer Dabbler. For more information, see [U and Brew](#).

GET ACTIVE THIS SUMMER. The University of Minnesota Department of Recreational Sports' Center for Outdoor Adventure and Recreation rents kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, mountain bikes, and more to faculty, staff, students, and the public. For more information, see [rental](#).

MORE EVENTS include A Celebration of New Orleans Food and Music ([June 20](#)); Northrup Summer Music Festival Presents Chastity Brown with Southwire and The Ericksons ([June 21](#)); Forest Trails and Forest Tales ([June 22](#)); "Instructions for Peace" ([June 25](#)); Birds and DNA: Biodiversity and Mountain Islands ([June 29](#)); SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS.

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TOP NEWS:

IN HIS FIRST INTERNATIONAL TRIP during his two-year tenure, President Eric Kaler traveled for 11 days in China to meet with key academic, institutional, and governmental partners. The trip saw a total of 10 cooperative agreements signed with universities and research centers. In addition, there were meetings with leading government and business officials in the region. The trip also helped launch the upcoming 100th anniversary of the first Chinese students on the University of Minnesota campus in 1914. President Kaler also met with incoming first-year students, who will travel to attend the U's Twin Cities campus this fall. For more information, see [China Trip](#).

AT ITS JULY 10 MEETING, THE U OF M BOARD OF REGENTS will discuss the University's research priorities and hear an annual report on Gopher Athletics. VP for Research Brian Herman will envision the future of the University's research enterprise and address the growing challenges due to stagnating or declining federal funds. Gopher Athletic Director Norwood Teague will present an annual report on student-athlete academic progress, athletic accomplishment, budget, and facilities. For more information, see [Board of Regents](#).

Features

FEATURE: A surgical procedure, invented by University of Minnesota professor John Foker during an operation, has helped children grow an esophagus. For more information, read "[He thought on his feet](#)."

FEATURE: Two faculty members got the ball rolling on a common defense against the emerald ash borer. Their case study shows how to mobilize against the insect, which could kill many of the state's ash trees. For more information, read "[Closing ranks on an invader](#)."

FEATURE: Assistant animal science professor Bradley Heins is leading a study to help the organic dairy industry become more profitable at the U's West Central Research and Outreach Center (WCROC)—home to one of only two certified organic dairy farms at land-grant research universities in the United States. For more information, read "[Where the organic cows roam](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Timothy P. Lodge and Stephen Polasky were named Regents Professors by the University of Minnesota Board of Regents; Rachelle Hernandez has been named associate vice provost for Enrollment Management; the White House recently honored professor Karen Oberhauser as a Champion of Change for Citizen Science; professor Emily Hoover has been selected by President Kaler as the U's Faculty Athletic Representative to the NCAA; the President's Excellence in Leadership program has named 2013–14 program participants; CBS Student Services has received a Regional Innovation Award from the National Academic Advising Association; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY: Revisions to the Background Checks and Verifications policy (formerly Pre-Hire Background Verification) create a consistent systemwide requirement of background checks on all individuals being offered employment in, or being transferred or reassigned to, non student positions. The checks will also be conducted for individuals, including volunteers, who are involved in work with minors, or where background checks are legally or contractually required. The policy is open for a [30-day comment period](#).

STRENGTHSQUEST: Faculty and staff can learn more about the strengths-based philosophy, their own "Top 5," and how to use the StrengthsQuest program in a Strengths Educator for Higher Education seminar on the Twin Cities campus, July 30. For registration and more information, see [StrengthsQuest](#).

Award and funding opportunities

SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS that experience funding shortfalls due to sequestration is available through the expansion of the Office of the Vice President for Research's (OVPR) bridge funding program. OVPR has raised the amount of allowable funding from \$30,000 to \$150,000. The program offers grants for research projects across all campuses and colleges. For more information, see [Grant-in-Aid](#).

THE CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH SERVICES PILOT FUNDING PROGRAM is accepting applications. Associate and assistant professors without RO1 or equivalent NIH funding can apply for \$5,000–\$25,000 of research services through the Clinical and Translational Science Institute. A letter of intent is due July 15; full proposals are due Aug. 26. Mini awards, up to \$5,000, are funded on a continuous basis. For more information, see [CTRS Pilot Funding](#).

THE POWELL CENTER FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH invites poster abstract submissions for its 10th Annual Women's Health Research Conference. The poster abstract can be on any topic related to women's health. Submission deadlines are July 15 (to be considered for an award) and Aug. 23. For more information or to submit an abstract, see [Women's Health](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE U OF M LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM is screening outdoor family-friendly movies during July and August. Movies are free with gate admission. Upcoming films are *Mighty Ducks*, July 11; and *Miracle*, Aug. 8. For more information, see [movies at the arboretum](#).

THE INSTITUTE ON THE ENVIRONMENT has released videos for all three of last spring's Ensia event series speakers. Watch online at [ensia.com](#).

CROOKSTON:

STUDENTS AND STAFF will be at the Polk County Fair in Fertile, MN, July 11–14. The fairground is located east of Highway 32 in Fertile and the campus display is located in the Industrial Exhibits Building number 2.

SOME 150 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS who earned Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) will be on campus learning about leadership during the week of July 14–20. For the complete schedule, see [youth visit \(PDF\)](#).

APPROXIMATELY 70 STUDENTS in grades two through six will participate in Club Kid activities on campus this summer. This is the fifth year UMC's Center for Adult Learning has partnered with Club Kid to introduce young students to a university environment at an early age. On July 16, the group will have a Golden Eagle Athletic Fun Day at the track and gym. For more information, see [Club Kid](#).

CROPS AND SOILS DAY at the Northwest Research and Outreach Center is scheduled for July 17 at North Farm, located one mile north of the UMC campus on Highway 75. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., with tours and programs in the morning and early afternoon. For more information, see [Crops and Soils Day](#).

DULUTH:

BRIAN MCINNES, UMD Department of Education associate professor, has been selected to join the Blandin Foundation's board of trustees. McInnes teaches leadership and ethics within UMD's Master of Tribal Administration and Governance program. He also leads the Minnesota Indigenous Youth Freedom Project. For more information, see [Brian McInnes](#).

UMD'S NEW CULTURAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP MAJOR is the first of its kind in the nation. The program focuses on business in a global economy, foreign languages, and cultural competency. Career fields where cultural entrepreneurs flourish include marketing, tourism, event management, and advocacy. For more information, see [Cultural Entrepreneurship](#).

A FREE ONLINE PUBLICATION by UMD's Natural Resources Research Institute and the U.S. Forest Service educates land managers, arborists, and others on disposal options and markets for trees killed by invasive insects. For more information, see [trees](#).

CONCERTS BY THE LAKE will take place every Wednesday, July 3–Aug. 14, at Glensheen, the historic Congdon estate. The free concerts start at 7 p.m. For more information, see [Glensheen](#).

MORRIS:

AWARD-WINNING ALUMNI BARBERSHOP QUARTET KORDAL KOMBAT competed in last week's Barbershop Harmony Society 75th Annual International Convention. Founded by Adam Helgeson '12 in 2009, the ensemble has qualified for international and district competitions since 2012. For more information, see [Kordal Kombat](#).

JORDAN WENTE '15, Dodge Center, is working with UMM's Center for Small Towns, Kandiyohi County, and Renville County to compile a comprehensive health narrative. The narrative will explore issues related to various health factors in the region, including demographic and economic factors. The final product will be used to help improve community health outcomes. For more information, see [Wente](#).

UMM'S CENTER FOR SMALL TOWNS AND SPRINGBOARD FOR THE ARTS co-hosted the 2013 Rural Arts and Culture Summit June 5–6 on the UMM campus. Attendees immersed themselves in seminars and activities designed to teach them how to best create and sustain vitality in rural areas by mobilizing the arts. For more information, see [Rural Arts and Culture](#).

UMM HAS BEEN NAMED ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S BEST AND MOST INTERESTING UNIVERSITIES by the *Fiske Guide to Colleges* and is featured in the 2014 edition of the book. The guide offers a selective, subjective, and systematic look at more than 300 colleges and universities in the United States, Canada, and Great Britain. For more information, see [Fiske Guide](#).

ROCHESTER:

UMR CONNECTS continues to be held outside on the Peace Plaza over the summer, Tuesday nights, 7 p.m. Upcoming themes are Journeys: Remarkable Life Stories—July; Spirituality and World Religion—August; and International and World Affairs—September. For weekly event details, see [UMR CONNECTS](#).

TWIN CITIES:

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THE BURSAR'S OFFICE HAS PERMANENTLY CLOSED. Student questions regarding tuition payments should be directed to [One Stop Student Services](#). Questions from staff on how payment payments will be processed should be directed to [Student Account Assistance](#). [Due dates and payment options](#) are available on the One Stop Student Services site. For more information about the closure, see [Bursar](#).

ALL NEW AND TRANSFER INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ARRIVING for fall semester 2013 must visit International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) for a mandatory [document check](#) to complete federal requirements. Students will not be allowed to register for classes until they complete the check. ISSS will also coordinate sessions with the Social Security Administration this August to facilitate the Social Security number application process for new international students with employment at the U. Space is limited. For more information, see [Audrey Park](#).

VIDEO PRODUCTION AND PUBLISHING TRAINING is available from Technology Training and Usability Services. Classes cover basic video editing skills, techniques for screen capture, publishing options, and more. For more information, see [video training](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE U OF M CHURCH STREET FARMERS MARKET is back for another summer. The market kicks off its ninth season July 10, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., and continues on Wednesdays through October 9. Join the estimated 3,000 people likely to attend the opener. For more information, see "[Fresh Eats on Church Street](#)."

DEVELOPING MEMORABLE PRESENTATIONS: STRATEGIES TO MAKE TEACHING STICK, a half-day workshop, will provide attendees with a set of principles for developing presentations for an academic audience. Chip and Dan Heath, authors of *Made to Stick: Why Some Ideas Survive and Others Die*, will present a simple framework for increasing the chances that presentations have a lasting impact. July 24, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Lunch is provided. For more information, see [workshop](#).

SUCCESSFUL MANAGER'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM information session will be held Aug. 5, 3–4 p.m., 210 Donhowe. The program is designed for mid- to top-level managers, and 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. The session is free. For more information, see [leadership program](#).

THE OTHER SIDE OF POVERTY IN SCHOOLS, a one-day workshop for teachers, administrators, counselors, and teacher educators, will feature Mark Vagle, U of M associate professor, and Stephanie Jones of the University of Georgia. Attendees will learn about the five principles for change to better meet the needs of working-class and poor students. Five continuing education credits are available. Aug. 23, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., St. Paul campus. For registration and more information, see [poverty in schools](#).

MORE EVENTS include OED Certificate Workshop 3: Working Effectively in Groups and Diversity Committees ([July 11](#)); Yoga Rocks the Park ([July 13](#)); Arboretum Auxiliary Summer Garden Tours ([July 14](#)); A Sense of Where You Are: Story and Science on the Mississippi River ([July 18](#)); Aquatennial Queen of the Lakes Coronation ([July 19](#)); Northrop Summer Music Festival Presents The Tasty Tones ([July 24](#)); SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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- Board of Regents meeting summary.
- VP Herman presents research priorities to Regents.
- Features: Simulation center gives nurses an edge; Mini golf as art; A U for everyone; A song of our warming planet.
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TOP NEWS:

AT ITS JULY 10 MEETING, THE U OF M BOARD OF REGENTS approved a resolution that extends in-state tuition rates to entering and current students who are Minnesota high school graduates and who meet eligibility requirements, regardless of immigration status. The board also heard from President Kaler, who highlighted aspects of his recent 11-day trip to China. In addition, Gopher Athletics Director Norwood Teague presented a comprehensive overview of Gopher Athletics to the Board. For more information, see [Board of Regents](#).

VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH BRIAN HERMAN OUTLINED HIS VISION for the University of Minnesota's research enterprise to the Board of Regents at its July 10 meeting. Herman expressed the importance of leading—not following—a transformative research agenda and outlined a series of innovative methods to address critical global challenges in an era of stagnating or declining federal funds. For more information, see [U Research](#).

Features

FEATURE: Students in the University of Minnesota's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program are learning to become family nurse practitioners using simulations that give them hands-on, worry-free practice in the School of Nursing's new Bentson Healthy Communities Innovation Center. For more information, read "[Simulation center gives nurses an edge.](#)"

FEATURE: Students in U of M assistant professor Chris Larson's sculpture course probably weren't expecting mathematics and power tools to play such an important role in their creation of art. But then, it's not every class that gets to design and build two holes of mini golf for a world-renowned museum like The Walker Art Center. For more information, read "[Mini golf as art.](#)"

FEATURE: The U's new vice president for equity and diversity, Katrice Albert, shares her vision for the University of Minnesota. For more information, read "[A U for everyone.](#)"

FEATURE: IonE resident fellow Scott St. George and U of M undergrad Daniel Crawford recently put their heads together to create "[A Song of Our Warming Planet](#)," a four-minute video that depicts changing global temperatures since 1880 as notes played on a cello. The performance has drawn coverage from a wide-range of national media.

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: UMTC has received a top ranking as an LGBT-friendly campus; professor Brian Buhr has been named interim dean of the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences and interim director of the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station; Dante Cicchetti has been chosen to receive the Association for Psychological Science's 2014 James McKeen Cattell Fellow Award; Mark Umbreit has been elected founding president of the new National Association for Community and Restorative Justice; Catherine McGlinch has been elected to the Council for Advancement and Support of Education's board of trustees; The Powell Center for Women's Health announced recipients of the 2013 Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH) and Masonic Cancer Center Women's Health Scholar awards; professor John Riedl has passed away; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

Administrative information

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND UPLAN CHANGES: Over the past several months, the University has been working to analyze the ACA and its effect on the UPlan. [Learn what changes to expect in 2014.](#)

DEPARTMENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF CAN NOW SPONSOR EMAIL AND INTERNET ID ACCOUNTS FOR GUESTS AT NO CHARGE. Providing guest accounts enhances the ability of faculty and staff to engage and collaborate with guest speakers, visiting faculty, and others, improving facilitation of innovation and outreach. Faculty and staff may request an account for visitors performing a service or function that directly impacts U of M students, faculty, or staff by completing the request form for [short-term](#), [extended-term](#), or [conference guests](#).

U OF M INFORMATION SECURITY has established a [phishing examples blog](#) listing examples of phishing targeting the University community. Of particular importance are phishing schemes that exist to compromise accounts in order to target individual PeopleSoft self-service options. A "[Hacked](#)" security video covers how to determine if your system or credentials have been compromised. For more information, the July issue of [OUCH! \(PDF\)](#) explores spear phishing in more depth.

NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION for Rochester and UMTC faculty will take place Aug. 20, 21, and 22. For registration (deadline is Aug. 17) and more information, see [new faculty](#).

Award and funding opportunities

THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR HEALTH of the Clinical and Translational Science Institute, along with the Center for Health Equity and the Program in Health Disparities Research, are launching the second year of the [Community Research Institute \(CRI\)](#) in October. The goal of the CRI is to enhance the capacity of community organization leaders and staff in health-related research methodology through a six-week series of workshops. Participating organizations receive a \$1,000 mini-grant. Applications are due by 4 p.m., Aug. 8.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: OUTSTANDING POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLAR AWARDS. Two \$500 awards are available—to a junior and a senior postdoctoral scholar. The submission deadline is Aug. 9. For nomination instructions, see [postdoc scholars](#).

THE GLOBAL SPOTLIGHT INITIATIVE IS SEEKING PROPOSALS for its 2014 grants competition to support international research by faculty and graduate students with a focus on the region of South Asia and/or the issue of global food security. Global Spotlight is the Global Programs and Strategy Alliance's biennial focus on a region of the world and a pressing global issue. The application deadline is Oct. 19. For guidelines and eligibility, see [proposals](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE U OF M LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM will unveil a new sculpture garden of contemporary works Aug. 24–25, offering guided art tours and more. The significant new addition—the Harrison Sculpture Collection—comprises 22 works by internationally acclaimed contemporary artists. For more information, see [Landscape Arboretum](#).

CROOKSTON:

FRESH VOICES, a digital arts project dedicated to the creation of photographs, videos, and writing pieces, will publicly celebrate the voice of Latinos living in the rural community between July 20 and Aug. 9. In Progress, the nonprofit arts center behind the project, will host a workshop for Latino youth and young adults to collaboratively produce a series of videos and photographic works for the local community. They will be on campus from July 22 through Aug. 2. For more information, see [digital arts](#).

THE FINAL TEAMBACKER GOLF TOURNAMENT of the summer will take place July 27 at courses in Fosston and Erskine, MN. Proceeds support student-athlete scholarships. For more information, see [Teambacker](#).

DULUTH:

RAIN GARDENS are a beautiful way to manage stormwater and preserve water quality. Minnesota Sea Grant and the Regional Stormwater Protection Team are offering two workshops on how to design, construct, and maintain a rain garden. Workshops take place July 24–25 and Aug. 7–8, UMD Chester Park Building. For more information, see [Rain Garden](#).

GLENSHEEN, the historic Congdon estate, will host the 19th annual Festival of Fine Art and Craft, Aug. 10–11. The festival features original photography, painting, glass, ceramic, wood, jewelry, fiber, and more. Live music and food add to the fun. For more information, see [Glensheen](#).

GLOBAL APPROACHES TO INDIGENOUS HEALTH PROMOTION is the theme for this year's Research for Indigenous Community Health summit. The event will feature internationally recognized keynote speakers, poster sessions, a traditional healing seminar, social activities, and more. Aug. 15–17, Duluth. Free and open to the public, but participants must [register before Aug. 1](#).

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN UMD'S NEW RUSSIAN AREA STUDIES MINOR will take courses in language, history, literature, and cinema—with current events woven into every class. Students will also be encouraged to study abroad in order to immerse themselves in a Russian-speaking culture. For more information, see [Russian Area Studies](#).

MORRIS:

THE MORRIS JANE ADDAMS PROJECT has been an important touchstone for the UMM campus and Morris community since fall 2011. This student-led project consists of bilingual group meetings and activities aimed at building a sense of community and understanding among diverse groups of people. For more information, see [Jane Addams Project](#).

TIM SODERBERG, associate professor of chemistry, has received a two-year [grant from the National Science Foundation](#) to assist in the creation of a single, flexible resource for chemistry education. The learning tool could provide students with a supplement or alternative to their traditional textbook and an opportunity to develop content for an integrated online resource. For more information, see [Soderberg](#).

ROCHESTER:

THE UMR CONNECTS theme for August is Spirituality and World Religion. Upcoming lectures include "Perspectives on Religion: Exploring Christianity and Atheism/ Agnosticism" (Aug. 6); "A Tour of World Religions" (Aug. 13); "A Conversation with Judas: A man of faith and honor" (Aug 20); and "Behind the Scenes of 'On Being'" (Aug. 27). For more information, see [UMR CONNECTS](#).

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

ON JULY 24 PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (PTS) will install temporary traffic control devices that simulate a roundabout at the intersection of Pleasant Street and Pillsbury Drive. The temporary roundabout will be installed after the morning rush hour and will be removed on Aug. 21. The month-long test will help PTS evaluate the feasibility of the design, which may be considered once buses return to Washington Ave. For more information, see [roundabout](#).

BRANDED GOOGLE DOC TEMPLATES ARE NOW AVAILABLE for the Twin Cities campus. Faculty and staff should use templates when creating official University-branded docs, spreadsheets, presentations, and Blogger websites. For guidelines and instructions, see [Google Apps Templates](#).

iPAD, 30-MINUTE BYTES are offered by Technology Training and Usability Services. Learning Bytes are short, learning sessions that teach one how to use an iPad more effectively for taking notes, drawing sketches, making presentations, and more. For more information, see [learning bytes](#).

THE SUSTAINABILITY FACULTY NETWORK brings together faculty and staff in pursuit of common opportunities for a more cogent set of graduate education programs and courses related to sustainability. More than 50 faculty and staff from 12 colleges representing the humanities, design and architecture, professional schools, the natural and physical sciences, and the social sciences are slotted members. To join them, see the [network website](#) or email network director [Carissa Schively Slotterback](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

NOBEL PRIZE WINNER Saul Perlmutter will present a public lecture on "Dark Energy" July 29, 8–9 p.m., Coffman Union. Perlmutter will describe his research with Type Ia Supernovae, the exploding stars used to measure the expansion of the universe—and his unexpected discovery that the expansion is accelerating due to a mysterious component known as "Dark Energy." For more information, see [Nobel Lecture](#).

THE TENTH ANNUAL SUMMER INSTITUTE IN ADOLESCENT HEALTH will feature Sarah Brown, CEO of The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. July 29-Aug. 1, Wilder Center, St. Paul. For more information, see [adolescent health](#).

THE McNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM will host a poster presentation and reception for student scholars Aug. 1, 2–4 p.m., Coffman Union. The [McNair Scholars program](#) seeks to increase doctoral program application, matriculation, and degree attainment by underrepresented and first-generation college students. For more information, see [McNair presentation](#).

EXPLORING URBAN FOOD PRACTICES will be the topic of an upcoming lecture by rising scholar Jaz Choi from Queensland University of Technology, Australia. Choi will introduce her three-year research project, Eat, Cook, Grow: Ubiquitous Technology for Sustainable Food Culture in the City, exploring urban food practices. She will also discuss ways to engage people in healthier, more environmentally sustainable, and socially inclusive eating, cooking, and food growing in their everyday lives. Aug. 1, 4 p.m., 225 Rapson Hall. For more information, see [urban food](#).

A STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EXECUTION webinar will teach participants how to create and implement viable business strategies and plans. Attendees will learn how businesses are using portfolio, program, and project management disciplines to support successful strategy execution. Instructor Richard DeBlicek specializes in management and organizational development. Aug. 7, noon–1 p.m. Free. For registration and more information, see [strategic planning](#).

THE BROW BAG LUNCH AND CHANGE MANAGEMENT COLLABORATORS (PCM) GROUP will present a book club brown bag lunch Aug. 13, noon–1 p.m., 101 Walter Library and 202 Skok Hall (St. Paul). The club will discuss *Decisive: How to Make Better Choices in Life and Work* by Chip and Dan Heath. For more information and to RSVP, see [PCMC book club](#).

A SCHOOL OF NURSING OPEN HOUSE will take place Aug. 27, 4–6 p.m., 4th floor, Weaver-Densford Hall. Faculty and staff are invited to tour and celebrate the school's new simulation center—the Bentson Healthy Communities Innovation Center. RSVP to [Barb Mullikin](#).

MORE EVENTS include Toast and Taste in the Gardens ([July 25](#)); Northrop Summer Music Festival Presents Voices ([July 26](#)); Yoga Rocks the Park ([July 27](#)); Northrop Summer Music Festival Presents Gloss ([July 31](#)); OEDU Certificate Workshop 5: Engaging Universal Design Concepts to Increase Access and Inclusion ([Aug. 1](#)); Physics Slam ([Aug. 2](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES CAMPUS EVENTS.

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--UMTC emergency training exercise Aug. 14.
--Features: Winds of change; New twist in electronics; Tackling fracking.
--People: A \$13.5 million grant will create the National Transdisciplinary Collaborative Center for African American Men's Health; and more.

TOP NEWS:

UMTC WILL HOST AN EMERGENCY TRAINING EXERCISE ON THE WEST BANK beginning at 9 a.m. Aug. 14. The exercise will be held in the Regis Center for Art. It is an exercise only and not an actual emergency. Nearby residents and those coming to campus should expect extra law enforcement and emergency activity on campus, including emergency sirens and announcements on the U's emergency sound system, as well as certain street and parking ramp closures. For more information, see umn.edu/news beginning Aug. 12.

Features

FEATURE: In mid-July, the U's West Central Research and Outreach Center in Morris officially launched a process believed to be one-of-a-kind, which takes the energy from wind, converts it to hydrogen, and then to ammonia that can be used as fertilizer on surrounding farmlands. The processing plant is part of the center's larger efforts to reduce fossil-fuel consumption in agriculture over the next 5 to 10 years. For more information, read "[Winds of change](#)."

FEATURE: In one of professor of mechanical engineering Uwe Kortshagen's dreams, cheap electronic inks result in touchpad devices that cost barely a dollar, and every schoolchild in Africa learns to read and do math with one. Kortshagen and colleagues have come up with a technology that may make those dreams come true. For more information, read "[New twist in electronics](#)."

FEATURE: In humans' eternal quest for more energy, a relatively new oil and natural gas mining technique targets deposits locked in pockets of rock. Called hydrofracturing, or fracking, the technique uses lots of water, which goes in clean and comes out contaminated. Microbiologists Larry Wackett and Michael Sadowsky are working toward purifying fracking water through development of a silica sponge stuffed with oil-eating bacteria. For more information, read "[Tackling fracking](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: A \$13.5 million grant will create the National Transdisciplinary Collaborative Center for African American Men's Health; the U of M launched a record number of start-up companies in FY 2013; the photographs of retired faculty member Vic Bloomfield are the subject of an upcoming exhibition at the Minnesota Museum of American Art; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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THE STUDENT RECORDS WORK GROUP OF THE ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS UPGRADE PROGRAM (ESUP) will host a town hall meeting to provide a status update on the progress of the team and an overview of the business processes that have been approved within ESUP governance. Aug. 9, 8:30-10 a.m., with locations on each campus as well as an online option. For more information, see [ESUP Student Records](#).

CONSTRUCTION OF THE ITASCA BIOLOGICAL STATION AND LABORATORIES' new campus center has begun. Funding for the project was included in the 2012 legislative bonding bill. A blog called [Under Construction @ Itasca](#) includes images and updates on its progress. For more information about the project, see [Rebuild Itasca](#).

CALL FOR CONFERENCE PROPOSALS: Sessions and posters for the 4th Internationalizing the Curriculum and Campus Conference are due Oct. 25. The conference will take place Apr. 11, Coffman Union. For registration and more information about conference proposals, see [Internationalizing Conference](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

AUGUST OFFERINGS AT THE U OF M LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM include classes for adults, kids, and families ranging from gardening and cooking to botanical illustration. For registration and more information, see [August at the Arboretum](#).

CROOKSTON:

TWO FACULTY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED INTERIM DEPARTMENT HEADS. Professor Bill Peterson will serve as interim head of the Math, Science, and Technology Department, and associate professor Soo-Yin Lim-Thompson will serve as interim head of the Liberal Arts and Education Department.

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT was the focus of the executive committee retreat led by Chancellor Fred Wood July 24-25. Discussions revolved around recruitment and retention, on-campus and online enrollment, learning assessment, graduation rates, and other related areas of importance to the future of the campus. The retreat marked the one-year anniversary for Wood as chancellor of the Crookston campus.

OX CART DAYS ICE CREAM SOCIAL will be hosted by UMC University Relations Aug. 14, 2-4 p.m., Peterson Gazebo, Campus Mall (rain site: Northern Lights Lounge, Sargeant Student Center). Members of the campus and the Crookston community are invited to enjoy free ice cream courtesy of Sodexo/Dining Services. For more information, see [Ox Cart Days](#).

DULUTH:

OVER THE LAST 100 YEARS, THE UMD FARM has known seasons of bounty and years of neglect. Now it's enjoying a rebirth as society's focus shifts to local and sustainably grown produce. Partnerships with UMD Dining Services, the College of Liberal Arts, and the Natural Resources Research Institute, to name just a few, are helping the enterprise thrive. For more information, see [UMD Farm](#).

A NEW MASTER OF LIBERAL STUDIES (MLS) DEGREE will launch this fall. Students will focus their work in one of four areas: the history of ideas, global indigenous studies, media studies, and sustainability studies. Studies include literature, philosophy, sociology, art, communication, languages, and more. For more information, see [MLS](#).

THE DEPARTMENT OF AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES is holding a series of consultation sessions with tribal members and educators in order to gain insights into what types of certificate programs are needed on reservations for the tribal work force. They will also explore the best way to set up an institute for the study, preservation, and protection of tribal sovereignty and decide what type of research the institute would conduct. For more information, see [Tribal Consultation Sessions](#).

MORRIS:

THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM has welcomed 29 incoming international students for the 2013 [Summer Transition for English Language and Liberal Arts Readiness](#) (STELLAR) program. The goal of the program is to give international students a strong foundation in academic English and to familiarize them with the liberal arts, campus, and community. For more information, see [STELLAR Program](#).

MICHAEL CEBALLOS, assistant professor of biology, received a Project SEED award from the American Chemical Society, which provides funding for area high-school students to conduct summer research with University science and math faculty members. The program provides students who historically lack exposure to scientific careers the chance to spend eight weeks conducting hands-on research. For more information, see [Ceballos](#).

UMM HAS AGAIN BEEN INCLUDED in *Forbes* magazine's "America's Top Colleges." According to the *Forbes* ranking, UMM ranked eighth lowest in overall cost of institutions sampled, fourth lowest in the Midwest, and the lowest in the state among non-military institutions for which figures were reported. In overall rankings, UMM placed 89th in the Midwest and 386th in the nation. For more information, see "[America's Top Colleges](#)."

ROCHESTER:

SAMANTHA DUKE, capstone and community engagement program manager, has been selected to represent UMR in the next cohort of Leadership Greater Rochester, a 10-month leadership development course created by the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce. The program's mission is to develop emerging leaders through participation in personal, professional, and community activities designed to encourage individual responsibility for taking a leadership role in the future vitality of the greater Rochester area. For more information, see [Leadership Greater Rochester](#).

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

FACULTY AND STAFF VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to assist with Welcome Week 2013. Opportunities include helping with New Student Move-In (Aug. 26-27), Parent Receptions (Aug. 26-27), New Student Convocation (Aug. 29), and the Class of 2017 Cookout (Aug. 30). Each year, more than 5,000 first-year students participate in Welcome Week, which is designed to prepare them for the start of their academic careers. For more information, see [Welcome Week volunteer opportunities](#).

COMPUTER RECYCLING SERVICES has selected a new vendor, Dynamic Recycling, for University of Minnesota computer and electronics recycling. This change will foster continued excellent service and reduce costs to the University by approximately \$75,000 annually. To schedule a pickup, call Dynamic Recycling at 608-781-4030. For more information, see [computer recycling](#).

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UMTC HAS SELECTED HOURCAR TO PROVIDE CAR-SHARING SERVICES ON CAMPUS. Service began Aug. 1 with 10 new vehicles. [Special membership plans](#) are available for University students, faculty, staff, and departments. Zipcar is no longer available on campus. *Remember:* Zipcar memberships renew automatically on anniversary dates; individuals must contact Zipcar directly to cancel. For more information, see [car sharing](#).

DEPARTMENTS THAT EMPLOY GRADUATE OR UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANTS for whom English is a secondary language should check UM Reports to ensure those students have attained the proper English Language Proficiency (ELP) rating to hold a TA position. For more information, see [ELP rating](#).

STUDENT UNIONS AND ACTIVITIES EVENTS AND CONFERENCES OFFICE has introduced inclusive room rates for faculty and staff. Basic AV will be included in the reservation rate, making the event planning and billing experience smoother. Basic AV includes the projector, computer audio, and lectern with microphone in all event spaces. Additional AV is available. For a full list of Coffman Union and St. Paul Student Center event spaces and rates, see [Student Unions](#).

THE COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE has begun a veterinary education "twinning" project with Chiang Mai University of Thailand under the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) Veterinary Education Twinning Program. Twinning is an approach that enables peer-to-peer exchange of knowledge, ideas, and experience between two universities. It is part of a broader OIE initiative to improve the capacity of veterinary services in developing countries. For more information, see [twinning project](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE MINNESOTA CENTENNIAL SHOWBOAT is offering a special on tickets for faculty and staff. Tickets will be \$12 for shows on Aug. 7 and 14. Use code W12 when ordering to receive the discount. Tickets may be purchased at [Showboat.umn.edu](#) or by calling 651-227-1100.

HAPPY HOUR AT THE CAMPUS CLUB continues on weekdays through Aug. 30, 3-6 p.m., for all U faculty and staff. Club membership is not required. Food and beverage specials are available, in addition to an updated bar menu. For more information, see [Campus Club](#).

NPR AND *NEW YORK TIMES* CROSSWORD GURU WILL SHORTZ will present "An Evening with the Puzzle Master," Sept. 12, 7 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Tickets are \$25 for faculty and staff, \$5 for students. For tickets and more information, see [Will Shortz](#).

MORE EVENTS include Scenes From The Telescreen' Short Film Marathon ([Aug. 10](#)); Dice Scientific Summer Series ([Aug. 14](#)); Sexual Assault Policies Under Scrutiny ([Aug. 15](#)); Yoga Rocks the Park ([Aug. 18](#)); The Other Side of Poverty in Schools ([Aug. 23](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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- U of M at the Minnesota State Fair.
- Features: The artistry of bees; Urban engagement.
- People: Chris Jolowsky has been named president-elect of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists; and more.

University News and Events[Top News](#) | [University-wide](#) | [Crookston](#) | [Duluth](#) | [Morris](#) | [Rochester](#) | [Twin Cities](#)**TOP NEWS:**

U OF M @ THE GREAT MINNESOTA GET TOGETHER: The U of M will have exhibitions highlighting the U's most exciting research, discoveries, and athletic accomplishments at the newly renovated building on Dan Patch Ave at this year's Minnesota State Fair. In addition, the Ag Hort Building will have an entire wing dedicated to the work of CFANS, and the Eco Experience Building will showcase how the U contributes to sustainability. Maroon and Gold Day will be Sept. 1, with President Kaler, the UMTC Marching Band, and Goldy Gopher on hand to celebrate. For a complete schedule and map of U events, see [U at the State Fair](#).

Features

FEATURE: There are more bees atop the museum's roof than all of the U of M's faculty, staff, students, and other daily visitors combined. The bees were put atop the Weisman in mid-May by the U of M's Bee Squad, in a partnership to educate the community about the need for bee-friendly landscapes, and about the trials and tribulations that bees face. For more information, read "[The artistry of bees](#)."

FEATURE: The U's innovative Metropolitan Physician Associate Program (MetroPAP) immerses students in inner-city medicine, where relationship building is lesson No. 1. The program trains medical students to work in urban, medically underserved communities. Now in its third year, it is the only program of its kind in the nation. For more information, read "[Urban engagement](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Chris Jolowsky has been named president-elect of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists; Sarah Westberg has been awarded Fellow status by the American College of Clinical Pharmacy; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

UNIVERSITY-WIDE:**Administrative information**

EXPERTS@MINNESOTA is a University-wide online database that offers an inside look at the depth and breadth of expertise at the U of M. The public directory includes information on approximately 4,200 U faculty, matched with data from the Scopus and SciVal databases to create a comprehensive listing highlighting the many areas of research at the U. Individual faculty can use the tool to receive email alerts about new funding opportunities based on their profile information and customizable descriptions of research interests. For more information, see [Experts@Minnesota](#).

THE U OF M'S NEW ENTREPRENEURIAL LEAVE PROGRAM is accepting applications from University faculty who are interested in temporarily assisting companies that are commercializing faculty-developed products or processes. Tenured and tenure-track faculty may apply for an entrepreneurial leave of 12 months, with an optional six-month extension. The program allows faculty to keep their benefits while on leave. For more information, see [Entrepreneurial Leave Program](#).

OFFICE EQUIPMENT SERVICES (OES) can work with departments to right-size copier equipment, potentially saving departments money. OES can assess departmental needs and recommend multifunction equipment options. For more information, email [Terry Kalata](mailto:Terry.Kalata) or see [OES](#).

Award and funding opportunities

THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM has announced early November deadlines for student applications. The program provides three years of graduate education support for students who have demonstrated potential for significant achievement in science and engineering research. For eligibility information and application instructions, see the [program description](#).

GRANT-IN-AID OF RESEARCH, ARTISTRY, AND SCHOLARSHIP applications for the fall 2013 competition are due Sept. 16. The grant seeks to promote the scholarly and artistic activities of faculty to foster academic excellence within the University. For the application and more information, see [Grant-In-Aid](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

"I HAVE A DREAM 50 YEARS LATER: Marking the Anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington" will be co-hosted by the Humphrey School and the African American Leadership Forum Aug. 28, 7 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. Panelists include Dr. Josie Johnson, educator and community leader; professor Nekima Levy-Pounds, University of St. Thomas Law School; former VP Walter Mondale; U of M professor Sam Myers; and the Rev. Roland Robinson. The event is sold out but will be [broadcast live online](#).

CROOKSTON:

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION begins Aug. 23. Orientation convocation will be held at 3:15 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium. [Classes begin Aug. 27](#).

THE MARY TYRRELL HEALTH WALK FOR SCHOLARSHIPS will take place Aug. 28, with registration at 5 p.m. The walk supports scholarships and helps raise awareness of heart disease, in memory of Mary Tyrrell. For more information, call Tricia Sanders at 218-281-8326 or see [Mary Tyrrell walk](#).

DULUTH:

A RECENT UMD CAREER SERVICES SURVEY of the Class of 2011–12 reveals a high level of success among graduates. Nearly 96 percent of graduates surveyed are either employed or continuing their education. This is up 3 percent from the previous year. A full 91 percent of the class responded to the survey. For more information, see [survey](#).

UMD DAY AT THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR WILL BE AUG. 23. Visitors are invited to stop by the UMD booth inside the U of M building and enjoy presentations and performances throughout the day on the U of M stage. The UMD Marching Band, along with Chancellor Lynn Black, dance team, cheerleaders, and Champ, will take part in the 2 p.m. parade. For more information, see [UMD at State Fair](#).

SCIENCE FRIDAY IS AUG. 30. The public is invited to tour the Blue Heron research vessel, docked at Great Lakes Aquarium, and enjoy a presentation by a Large Lakes Observatory scientist about large lake research. For more information, see [Science Friday](#).

MORRIS:

UMM HAS BEEN NAMED ONE OF *SIERRA* MAGAZINE'S TOP 40 "COOL SCHOOLS" for 2013. The Sierra Club's official magazine ranks universities that lead sustainability initiatives and make an effort to protect and preserve the environment. UMM was ranked 38th in the nation, its highest ranking to date and the highest ranking in the state. For more information, see [Cool Schools](#).

UMM HAS AGAIN BEEN NAMED ONE OF THE TOP 200 institutions in the nation in support of American Indian students by *Winds of Change*. The magazine aims to identify institutions that graduate a high percentage of American Indian undergraduates, as well as those with vibrant, supportive American Indian communities. For more information, see [Top 200](#).

UMM RECEIVED A COLLEGE SUCCESS GRANT in the amount of \$155,555 from [Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation](#). The grant will help 45 first-year students achieve success in college by helping them develop campus connections to increase their odds of completing their programs of study. For more information, see [College Success Grant](#).

ASHLEIGH THOMPSON '13 AND ALEX SHORT '14 participated in archaeological fieldwork at the Angel Mounds State Historic Site this summer. The excavation, a National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates, was offered by Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and the Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology at Indiana University-Bloomington. For more information, see [Students 'Dig' Summer Break](#).

ROCHESTER:

A UMR CONNECTS event held on Aug. 6 attracted a crowd of more than 100 for a respectful discussion of religious beliefs. Coverage was reported in the [Rochester Post-Bulletin](#).

AS STUDENTS RETURN TO CAMPUS, UMR has a variety of events planned from Aug. 27 through Sept. 8. See the [full schedule online](#).

TWIN CITIES:**Administrative information**

AN ORIENTATION FOR NEW P&A AND ADJUNCT INSTRUCTORS and a reception for all faculty and instructional staff will be hosted by the Center for Teaching and Learning the week of Aug. 26. The August Teaching Enrichment Series will take place Aug. 27 and 28. For registration and more information, see [Teaching and Learning](#).

FACULTY AND STAFF VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to welcome thousands of students to their residences in campus neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Liaison Program needs help distributing welcome bags and resource information on Sept. 5. Participation involves a two-hour shift between 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. For signup and more information, email neighbor@umn.edu or call 612-625-8939 by Aug. 27.

GOPHER FOOTBALL BEGINS AUG. 29. Because this is a regular business day at the University, faculty and staff may experience increased pedestrian and vehicle traffic as they leave campus (tailgating begins at 2 p.m.). State fair parking and shuttles will not be available on the East Bank that day. For more information, see [gamedays](#).

U LIBRARIES IS OFFERING FREE WORKSHOPS to give faculty, staff, and graduate students a jump on the semester, including workshops on organizing PDFs, iPads for graduate students, Zotero basics, and more. For a complete list, see [workshops](#).

MID-CAREER FACULTY WOMEN'S COMMUNITY 2013–14 will focus on issues central to the experiences of faculty women. The community draws upon the experiences of participants and research on gender, teaching, and women in academe. Participants who attend a minimum of six meetings receive a \$500 stipend. For registration and more information, email [Anita Gonzalez](mailto:Anita.Gonzalez) or see [Faculty Women's Community](#).

MID-CAREER TEACHING COMMUNITY 2013–14 invites faculty from multiple disciplines to exchange ideas, explore current challenges in university teaching, and draw upon evidence-based research on teaching. Participants who attend a minimum of six meetings receive a \$500 stipend. For registration and more information, email [Anita Gonzalez](mailto:Anita.Gonzalez) or see [Teaching Community](#).

DEPARTMENTAL CHANGE ORDERS are now accepted at the Coffman Union Post Office in amounts of \$200 or less. For more information, see [change orders](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

MnTAP INTERNS WILL PRESENT FINDINGS from their summer projects Aug. 22, 1–4:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Each summer, MnTAP interns help identify solutions for Minnesota companies in the areas of pollution prevention and energy efficiency. RSVP and see the agenda at [MnTAP](#).

NATIONAL COLLEGE COLORS DAY IS AUG. 30. U faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends are encouraged to show their U of M spirit. Post a photo of your best maroon and gold look on the [U of M Bookstore's Facebook photo contest page](#) and you could win a \$50 bookstore gift card. Bookstore fans will select the winning photo.

A GME GRAND ROUND, MEDICAL STUDENT, AND DEANS FORUM, a combined medical school event, will feature bestselling author, reporter, and filmmaker T.R. Reid in "Is Health Care a Human Right? The Lesson From Other Rich Democracies." Sept. 6, 5–7:30 p.m., Mayo Auditorium. For more information, see [health care](#).

A WELCOME AND ORIENTATION EVENT TO INTRODUCE NEW GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS to the University, the graduate community, and the broad range of resources and services available to support their success will be held Sept. 7, 9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m., 175 Willey Hall. The event is sponsored by the Graduate School in collaboration with the Council of Graduate Students. For more information, see [starting graduate school](#).

REUSE-A-PALOOZA IS BACK AND BIGGER THAN EVER. On Sept. 10, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., more than 200 used bikes will be available for \$50 or less on Northrop Plaza. The U's [ReUse Program](#) and several local reuse vendors/artists will be available at 10 a.m. to sell quality reused items and artwork. Regularly scheduled ReUse routes will not operate that day. For more information, see [ReUse-A-Palooza](#).

DISCOUNTS ON STATE FAIR TICKETS AND T-SHIRTS are available through U of M Bookstores at Coffman Union, St. Paul Student Center, or [online](#).

MORE EVENTS include Yoga Rocks the Park: Featuring UMN Center for Spirituality and Healing ([Aug. 24](#)); Harrison Sculpture Garden Grand Opening ([Aug. 24](#)); September 2013 First Tuesday ([Sept. 3](#)); Experts@Minnesota Funding Integration Training ([Sept. 5](#)); Is America Coming Out of its Great Stagnation? ([Sept. 9](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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- Board of Regents meet Sept. 12–13.
- The U will explore a potential new college.
- Features: High tunnels extend Minnesota's growing season; The trail of trauma; Wellness Center expansion; Engaged Living.
- People: Robert Elde, dean of the College of Biological Sciences, has announced his decision to retire at the end of June; and more.

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TOP NEWS:

THE BOARD OF REGENTS WILL MEET SEPT. 12–13: The board will discuss the University Plan, Performance and Accountability Report, the 2014 Capital Request to the state legislature, and the U's progress and future plans on achieving Operational Excellence. Other agenda items include an annual report on compensation from the Office of Human Resources. For more information, see the [news release](#).

THE U OF M WILL EXPLORE A POTENTIAL NEW COLLEGE to integrate faculty and staff from the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences (CFANS) and the College of Biological Sciences (CBS). Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Karen Hanson announced that she will appoint a task force to examine the potential consolidation. For more information, see [new college](#).

Features

FEATURE: Early University of Minnesota Extension research on high tunnels has helped growers learn to build and use them for cold-climate fruit and vegetable production. Now the simple hoop houses also serve as a nursery for Extension horticultural research. For more information, read "[High tunnels](#)."

FEATURE: Previous work at the U identified a brain activity pattern so strongly associated with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) that they can clearly tell who has PTSD. Now, a new study shows that in people with PTSD, these patterns persist. But, they found, in people who have not developed PTSD despite exposure to trauma, the patterns lack staying power. For more information, read "[The trail of trauma](#)."

FEATURE: The first thing you notice when you stroll around the new addition to UMTC's Recreation and Wellness Center is a sense of vast openness. If you're naturally a bit claustrophobic in gyms or health clubs, this is your place. The center added 175,000 square feet of space to meet the changing needs of the UMTC community. For more information, see [Wellness Center expansion](#).

FEATURE: New residence halls on the U of M's Twin Cities, Morris, and Crookston campuses are welcoming students to the fall 2013 semester and ushering in a new era of housing. A new hall on the East Bank of the Twin Cities campus includes features designed to engage and foster community among residents. For more information, read "[Engaged living](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Robert Elde, dean of the College of Biological Sciences, has announced his decision to retire at the end of June; Pamela Jacobson, College of Pharmacy, has been awarded Fellow status by the American College of Clinical Pharmacy; Stephen Kaufman has been elected to the board of the Cornea Society; Regents Professor and former Dean of the College of Liberal Arts Frank Sorauf has passed away; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

Administrative information

A NEW E-BOOK BY U OF M FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS showcases innovation and leadership related to human technologies. *Cultivating Change in the Academy: Practicing The Art of Hosting Conversations That Matter Within the University of Minnesota* is the second in the *Cultivating Change* series, and features meaningful conversation as a force for smart action across the U. For more information, see [change](#) or [download the book](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

U OF M DAY AT THE LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM will take place Sunday, Sept. 29. All current U of M faculty and staff will be admitted to the arboretum free of charge (a \$12 value). Activities that day include the arboretum's Auxiliary Harvest Sale, a sale of herb crafts and potpourris, and events for kids. For more information, see [U Day at the Arb](#).

THE 2013 U OF M HEALTHY FOODS, HEALTHY LIVES SYMPOSIUM AND FOOD SUMMIT will take place Oct. 14–15, U of M Landscape Arboretum. The theme, "Food and the Environment: Healthy Planet, Healthy People," will feature a research symposium led by world-renowned experts in food, health, and the environment, followed by a day of case studies and conversations. For registration and more information, see [Healthy Foods](#).

THE FRONTIERS IN THE ENVIRONMENT speaker series will kick off its fall schedule on Sept. 11. The weekly talks will include speakers from around the U of M and elsewhere on topics such as energy transformation, the importance of food literacy, fossil fuel divestment, the role of music in communicating climate science, and more. Wednesdays at noon, R380 IonE seminar room and live online. For more information, see [frontier lectures](#).

CROOKSTON:

THE UMC SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE will host an open house Sept. 12, 3:30–5 p.m., 15 Hill Hall. The event will provide an opportunity to meet Chunhui Wang and staff and learn what resources they offer for collaborations on campus and in the community. For more information, see [Confucius Institute](#).

UMC HAS BEEN RANKED among the top four colleges and universities in Minnesota for campus safety by the website StateUniversity.com. Data is compiled from reports submitted by college and university law enforcement. The full listing is [available online](#).

GREG BERGER, district assistant director for Facilities Management on the east bank of the Twin Cities campus, has agreed to assist the staff of UMC Facilities and Operations on an interim basis. Over the next several weeks, he will provide project management leadership for the many construction and renovation projects currently under way and others that will begin shortly.

DULUTH:

ALUMNUS BRIAN KOBILKA, recipient of the 2012 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, will present "Structural insights into G protein coupled receptor signaling," Sept. 13, 3:15 p.m., 200 Chemistry, followed by a reception in the Swenson Science Building atrium. For more information, see [Kobilka](#).

UMD'S COMMITMENT TO INCLUSIVITY HAS BEEN NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED. UMD was named one of the "Top 25 GLBT-Friendly Colleges and Campuses" in the U.S. by the organization Campus Pride. For more information, see [inclusivity](#).

DIRECTOR OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS JOSH BERLO has added some new projects that will increase emphasis on fan experience and engagement, while continuing to grow the national profile of UMD Athletics. For more information, see [athletics](#).

MORRIS:

UMM HAS OPENED ITS NEWEST RESIDENCE HALL. The Green Prairie Community is not only UMM's first fully accessible residence hall, but also an innovative living and learning environment that complements UMM's focus on sustainability. The facility provides housing for 72 undergraduates and was designed to meet Minnesota B3 sustainability guidelines and LEED Gold standards. For more information, see [Green Prairie](#).

UMM WAS RECENTLY RATED THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT PUBLIC FOUR-YEAR SCHOOL IN MINNESOTA by the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (based on the six-year graduation rate), a 12-state, nonprofit higher-education alliance. For more information, see [Morris Excels](#).

UMM HAS BEEN NAMED A *WASHINGTON MONTHLY* "BEST-BANG-FOR-THE-BUCK" SCHOOL. The list acknowledges colleges that best help students attain marketable degrees at affordable prices. Of the 349 schools included, UMM was ranked 27th. It was the most highly ranked Minnesota school and one of eight institutions named a standout. For more information, see [Washington Monthly](#).

UMM HAS BEEN NAMED A "COLLEGE OF DISTINCTION" by the web-based guide Colleges of Distinction. The designation is given to schools that excel at four distinctions: engaged students, great teaching, vibrant communities, and successful outcomes. For more information, see [College of Distinction](#).

EVELYN HU-DEHART, director of the Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America at Brown University, will deliver the 2013 O. Truman Driggs Distinguished Lecture in History on Sept. 16. Her talk is titled "The Strange and Curious History of the 'Illegal Alien': The Linked Fate of Asians and Latinos in U.S. History." For more information, see [Driggs](#).

ROCHESTER:

THE 2013–14 ACADEMIC YEAR LAUNCHED WITH CHANCELLOR LEHMKUHLE welcoming UMR students back to campus during a gathering on the Peace Plaza. For more information, see [Chancellor Welcome](#).

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

NETWORK OUTAGES SCHEDULED: Hardware and operating system upgrades will take place on all Twin Cities campus large core routers during the week of Sept. 15–22. The upgrade work will impact wired and wireless network service in all campus buildings at various times during the week, and users in all buildings can expect network outages of up to 90 minutes during these upgrades. For more information, see [network outages](#).

A DEMONSTRATION OF THE SYSTEMWIDE CLASSROOM AND EVENT SCHEDULING TOOL [Astra Schedule](#), which was implemented in May, will be held Sept. 13, 2–3 p.m., 512B STSS. The tool can be used to request both departmental and general-purpose classroom space for an event. A [quick-start guide](#) (PDF) is available with additional step-by-step instructions.

THE RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RAP) for new faculty and staff and their spouses and partners will host a workshop, "Conducting a Job Search in the Twin Cities," Sept. 16, 9–11:30 a.m., 317/8 Donhowe. To register, email raprequests@umn.edu by Sept. 13. Call Mary Everley at 626-0775 with questions. For more information, see [RAP](#).

U LIBRARIES IS ACCEPTING COURSE RESERVES FOR FALL 2013. Make course materials like articles, textbooks, videos, etc. available to students online and/or in the libraries. Reserve materials are available from Moodle, via the Library Course Pages on the Libraries home page, and through the "My Courses" tab in myU. The new streamlined system uses Internet ID and is mobile friendly. For more information, email wilsrsv@umn.edu or see [reserves](#).

THE PROJECT AND CHANGE MANAGEMENT COLLABORATORS ([PCMC](#)) GROUP will host the panel discussion "Great Teams at the University of Minnesota" on Sept. 19, 2:30–4 p.m., 3-180 Keller Hall. Four University experts will share experiences and respond to questions about building and maintaining effective teams and preventing development of dysfunctional teams. RSVP at [PCMC Panel Discussion](#).

CAMPUS PARKING AND GOPHER FOOTBALL: On six Saturdays, faculty and staff with East Bank parking contracts must relocate their vehicles to East River Road Garage. No reciprocal parking privileges are available on these Saturdays: Sept. 14, Sept. 21, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 9, and Nov. 23. For more information, see [game day parking](#).

BOYNTON HEALTH SERVICE has reopened its newly remodeled [St. Paul Campus Clinic](#). Besides primary care and Gopher Quick Clinic, visitors can now access mental health services. Physical therapy and nutrition services start Sept. 16. Call 612-624-7700 for appointments.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE NEXT INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY THURSDAYS AT FOUR LECTURE wrestles with "the conflict between the will to deny horrible events and the will to proclaim them aloud." Sept. 12, 4 p.m., 125 Nolte. For more information, see "[Unspoken](#)."

A LECTURE ON MYTHS AND REALITIES OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, a U of M Constitution Day event, will take place Sept. 17, noon–1 p.m., U Bookstore, Coffman Union. Jennifer Pierce, American Studies professor and author of *Racing for Innocence: Whiteness, Gender and the Backlash Against Affirmative Action*, will discuss the myths and realities behind cases of reverse discrimination and affirmative action. For more information, see [public engagement](#).

THE PUBLIC HEALTH FILM SERIES will kick off Sept. 17, 5 p.m., Coffman Union. Theatrical controversy and Q&A with the filmmaker will follow a screening of "Absolutely Safe," a film about the controversy over breast implants. Free and open to the public. [Register online](#). For more information, see [SPH film series](#).

U LIBRARIES will host five book discussions on the theme "Connected Histories" for the event series, "Let's Talk About It: Muslim Journeys." Discussions will be led by Giancarlo Casale, associate professor of the history of the Islamic world. Events are at Hennepin County Central Library Sept. 17, Oct. 1, 15, 29, and Nov. 12, beginning at 7 p.m. For more information, see [Connected Histories](#).

TECHNICALLY SPEAKING: LEADERSHIP IN ACTION is a speaker series designed to inspire and educate the business technology community. The series features presentations by leading experts in the public and private sectors on a wide range of topics. Events are free and take place the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. The next event is Sept. 18. For more information, see [Technically Speaking](#).

A LEARNING ABROAD FAIR will detail opportunities available to students, as well as other initiatives organized by the Global Programs and Strategy Alliance. Faculty and staff are asked to encourage students to attend and to stop by. Sept. 19, 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m., West Bank Plaza. For more information, email Kait.Dougherty.

INSTITUTE FOR MATHEMATICS AND ITS APPLICATIONS PUBLIC LECTURE: "From Rubik to Escher to Security: Symmetry from Scratch." The lecture will feature Stanford mathematics professor Brian Conrad in an engaging lecture that explores symmetry in the everyday world. Sept. 19, 7 p.m., 2-650 Moos Tower. For more information, see [IMA Public Lecture](#).

AN HEIRLOOM TOMATO FESTIVAL WITH LYNNE ROSSETTO KASPER will raise funds for Cornercopia, the University's Student Organic Farm. The event will take place at the Campus Club—Cornercopia's biggest customer. Sept. 25, 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$60 (\$30 for students). For more information, see [tomato](#).

HOMECOMING 2013, Sept. 27, will bring the campus community together with events such as community service opportunities, cheer and lip sync competitions, sports tournaments, concerts, and the Homecoming parade and football game. For more information and a full schedule of events, see [homecoming.umn.edu](#).

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON POLICY ANALYSIS will take place Oct. 16, Continuing Education and Conference Center, St. Paul campus. The analysis theme is "Access and Opportunities: All Things Not Being Equal." Keynote and concurrent sessions are designed for interactive discussion to address the development and analysis of policy related to inequalities and disparities. Early registration discount ends Oct. 2. For registration and more information, see the [conference website](#).

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT U OF M BOWLING LEAGUE is looking for two or more teams as well as individual bowlers to join existing teams. The season starts in early September and runs through mid-April at Midway Pro Bowl, Snelling and University Avenues, St. Paul. For more information, email Scott.Murdoch.

MORE EVENTS include Minnesota Cup final awards reception ([Sept. 11](#)); An Evening with *NY Times* Crossword Editor Will Shortz ([Sept. 12](#)); Clean Water Summit ([Sept. 12](#)); Party on the Plaza ([Sept. 13](#)); Joseph Amato to discuss latest book, *Surfaces: A History* ([Sept. 16](#)); Marriage and Equality in Minnesota ([Sept. 18](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

AT ITS SEPTEMBER 13 MEETING, THE BOARD OF REGENTS discussed the U's accountability report, the 2014 Capital Request to the state legislature, and the U's progress and future plans on achieving Operational Excellence. President Kaler told the board that the U would commit to \$90 million in administrative cost savings between fiscal years 2014 and 2019. The board also heard a report on compensation from the Office of Human Resources. For more information, see the [news release](#).

Features

FEATURE: The University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management welcomes veterans seeking an MBA with a package of financial, peer, and programmatic support. Its Veterans Initiative helps qualified veterans navigate the transition to what is often a completely different world, but one where they can continue contributing to the nation and society. For more information, read "[From military to MBA](#)."

FEATURE: The U's Medical School was ahead of the curve when it designed a novel program to expose students to urban family medicine nearly 20 years ago. Often, such exposure encourages students to consider a career in primary care medicine—where a shortage awaits those patients who will be newly insured when the Affordable Care Act is fully implemented next year. For more information, read [urban clinics](#).

FEATURE: Millions are disenfranchised by the U.S. education system, says recent graduate Adam Iversen. Iversen participates in the group Students for Education Reform, which seeks to bring awareness to the achievement gap—the discrepancy in performance across racial lines and income levels—and advocate for policies that will help close it. For more information, read "[The civil rights issue of our generation](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: U researchers have been awarded a \$5.7 million NIH grant to test a new treatment approach in the fight against HIV; two federal agencies have awarded a \$2 million grant for a multi-institutional research effort centered at the U's Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

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A NEW JOURNAL launched by the U of M Retirees Association (UMRA) will be a vehicle for a broad variety of high-quality articles on topics that may not be encouraged by or suitable for publication in conventional scholarly journals. *The Journal of Opinions, Ideas and Essays* (JOIE) will be accessible to anyone with electronic access to the University Digital Conservancy. UMRA invites submissions from any member of the U community. For more information, see [JOIE](#).

Award and funding opportunities

IMAGINE FUND GRANTS are available to support projects in the arts, humanities, and design. Tenured or tenure-track faculty (as well as certain, other full-time faculty appointments) from all campuses are invited to apply for support in one of two areas: innovative research and special events. Deadlines are Oct. 29 for individual faculty research awards and Nov. 29 for the special events awards. For more information, see [Imagine Fund](#).

CROOKSTON:

UMC WAS RANKED number one in this year's *U.S. News Best Colleges* rankings in the category Midwest Top Public Regional Colleges. The rankings for 2014 mark the 16th consecutive year the Crookston campus has appeared in the top four and signals a return to the top spot from number two in 2013. For more information, see [number one](#).

THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY'S North Central Section recently selected the Crookston Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society as its student chapter of the year. The chapter is advised by John Loegering, associate professor in natural resources at UMC. For more information, see [Wildlife Society](#).

A DELEGATION FROM JUNGWON UNIVERSITY IN SOUTH KOREA recently visited the UMC campus. The group discussed potential collaborations with UMC. Junwon University President Byunghwan Ahn and UMC Chancellor Fred Wood signed a friendship memorandum. For more information, see [collaboration](#).

DULUTH:

U OF M PRESIDENT ERIC KALER will meet with UMD students to learn about issues and opportunities on campus. Sept. 20, 11 a.m.–noon, 245 Kirby Plaza. For more information, see [President Kaler](#).

UMD'S VISUAL CULTURE LECTURE SERIES will welcome Mary Abbe, "Art Chat" writer for the *Star Tribune*, Sept. 24, 70 Montague Hall, 6 p.m. Abbe will discuss her career interviewing artists, museum directors, curators, and collectors. For more information, see [Abbe](#).

UMD WAS RANKED as one of the highest Return on Investment (ROI) colleges in Minnesota by AffordableCollegesOnline.org, a resource for college affordability. AC Online analyzed 145 colleges in Minnesota and named UMD as one of the top three public institutions and seventh overall. For more information, see [ROI](#).

MORRIS:

UMM IS ONE OF THE NATION'S TOP TEN PUBLIC LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES, according to the *U.S. News and World Report 2014* college rankings. This is the 15th consecutive year in which UMM has been included on this list. It also ranked 154th in the top tier of the National Liberal Arts Colleges list. For more information, see [Top 10](#).

ENROLLMENT IS UP AT UMM. The campus welcomed 469 freshmen and 99 new transfer students for the fall 2013 semester. This is a 13.5 percent increase over fall 2012 and the campus's highest freshman enrollment in 11 years. For more information, see [Enrollment](#).

UMM WILL CELEBRATE HOMECOMING 2013 Sept. 23–29. Alumni, students, faculty, staff, and community members are invited to participate in a wide variety of activities, including sporting events, reunions, alumni and student networking opportunities, performances, and more. For more information, see [Homecoming 2013](#).

UMM WILL HOLD A PUBLIC DEDICATION OF THE GREEN PRAIRIE COMMUNITY Sept. 28. The new residence hall invests in a sustainable future by encouraging green community outreach and research and by offering students leadership opportunities beyond the classroom. For more information, see [dedication](#).

UMM WILL HOST GLORIA LADSON-BILLINGS, an American pedagogical theorist and educator at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Education, as the 2013 Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Liberal Arts. Ladson-Billings will visit area schools and provide lectures, workshops, and discussions to UMM students Sept. 23–27. She will deliver a public keynote address Sept. 24. For more information, see [Ladson-Billings](#).

ROCHESTER:

SAVE THE DATE: Chancellor Stephen Lehmkuhle will present the 2013 State of the UMR Campus Address on Nov. 9. More details to follow.

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

FINALISTS FOR THE GLBTA PROGRAMS OFFICE director position have been announced by the Office for Equity and Diversity. Stef Wilenchek, Owen Marciano, and Carmen Phelps will give public presentations on campus Sept. 18, 19, and 23, respectively. The presentations will also be live-streamed. For more information, including candidate vitas and feedback forms, see [GLBTA director](#).

THE MINNESOTA POPULATION CENTER has scheduled 2013–14 Data Training Workshops. Participants will learn how to access and use the world's largest repositories of demographic data, including IPUMS, NHGIS, IHIS, ATUS-X, and NAPP. Workshops are free, but registration is required and seating is limited. Workshops take place Friday afternoons, S30C Wilson Library. For more information, see [data training](#).

SIGN UP ONLINE TO GET A FLU SHOT at any U of M flu vaccination clinic. Easily schedule, change, or cancel an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome. For more information, see [flu shot](#).

TEACH.UMN.EDU is a new website to find clear information about teaching careers and guidance on how to pursue teacher preparation at the University of Minnesota. For more information, visit [Teach.umn.edu](#).

THE ANNUAL PRIMARY DATA CENTER MAINTENANCE and related service interruption is scheduled for Jan. 4–5, 2014. The outage is set for 6 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, with restoration beginning at 6 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 5. It is expected that all affected services will be restored by noon Sunday. For more information, see [data center](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE U OF M COMMUNICATORS FORUM is hosting several upcoming programs, including a welcome and kickoff event Sept. 18 with an update on IT systems; "Health Quest: Story of a UMN iPhone App," Sept. 20; "Communicators Monthly Mixer," Sept. 26; and "The Enterprise Portal: Your Future BFF," Oct. 24. For more information and to RSVP, see [Forum events](#).

THE NEXT INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY THURSDAYS AT FOUR LECTURE will explore the emotional, social, and physical aspects of "placemaking" with curators and artists from the Nash Gallery exhibition "From Space to Place." Sept. 19, 4 p.m., 125 Nolte. For more information, see ["From Space to Place"](#).

A FORUM ON MAXIMIZING THE ROLE OF FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION in Minnesota's economy will feature Senator Amy Klobuchar, BNSF Railway CEO Matt Rose, former U.S. Rep. Jim Oberstar, and other state leaders. Sept. 20, 8:30 a.m.–noon, Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. Free, but registration is requested. For registration and more information, see [freight forum](#).

U LIBRARIES will host an exhibit reception for "Life Lines: Works by Clarence Morgan" Sept. 20, 4–6 p.m., Architecture and Landscape Architecture Library. The exhibit, on display until Dec. 31, features the work of U professor Clarence Morgan, whose studio focus is centered on painting, drawing, and printmaking. For more information, see ["Life Lines"](#).

NORTHROP PRESENTS Hubbard Street Dance Chicago on Sept. 21, 8 p.m., State Theatre. The program will include famed Swedish choreographer Mats Ek's theatrical inventive piece, *Casi-Casa*, two pieces by resident company choreographer Alejandro Cerrudo, and a new world premiere by Robyn Mineko Williams. U of M faculty, staff, and student rush tickets are available. For more information, see [Northrop](#).

COFFEE AND DONUTS WITH THE COPS returns for three days this fall. Meet UMPD officers and talk campus safety. UMPD will serve donuts and coffee beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the west end of the Washington Ave. Bridge, [Sept. 24](#); the intersection of Church Street and the Scholars Walk, [Sept. 25](#); and the St. Paul Student Center, [Sept. 26](#).

NOBEL LAUREATE and former U of M faculty member Christopher Sims will lecture on "Inflation and Public Debt" Sept. 26, 3 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, followed by a presentation of an honorary degree by President Kaler and the Board of Regents. Free, but [registration](#) is required. For more information, see [Sims lecture](#).

AMERICAN STUDIES SCHOLAR ANNETTE KOLODNY TACKLES MINNESOTA MYTH in her free lecture, "Who Was Really Here First? Vikings, Indians, and Solving the Mystery of Minnesota's Kensington Stone." Kolodny examines stories of first contact by Native, medieval Norse, and mainstream U.S. literary narratives, as well as these tales' continuing impact on North American culture and society. Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m., Weisman Art Museum. For more information, see [Annette Kolodny](#).

AN ALUMNI AWARDS CELEBRATION ON SEPT. 26 will honor outstanding alumni volunteers, groups, and programs. McNamara Alumni Center. For tickets and more information, as well as information about the award recipients, see [celebration](#).

THE FALL RAPTOR CENTER RELEASE of rehabilitated birds will take place Sept. 28, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., Carpenter-St. Croix Valley Nature Center, Hastings, MN. Activities for the family will include: orchard rides, children's activities, and opportunities to meet The Raptor Center's education birds. Free. For more information, see [Raptor Release](#).

CELEBRATE HOMECOMING AT SKI-U-MANIA, the Alumni Association's pregame celebration, Sept. 28, 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. U faculty, staff, students, and families are invited to attend and enjoy food, games, and entertainment, including the crowning of this year's Homecoming king and queen. For tickets and more information, see [Ski-U-Mania](#).

A FOUR-PART SPEAKER SERIES ON ESSENTIAL LEADERSHIP LEARNING will be presented by the [Urban Leadership Academy](#). The series will help school leaders to create instructional cultures where teachers continuously improve classroom practices. The first workshop will take place Oct. 23. Faculty, staff, and students receive a discounted rate of \$75/workshop. For more information, see [Essential Leadership](#).

MORE EVENTS include OED Certificate Workshop 2: Leadership in the Context of Equity and Diversity ([Sept. 19](#)); Critical Conversations: Examining the Academy: Helping a Centuries-Old Institution Create a New Culture ([Sept. 20](#)); Homecoming 2013: Thank U ([Sept. 22](#)); Goldy's Homecoming Kickoff ([Sept. 23](#)); Red Cross Blood Drive ([Sept. 24](#)); Frontiers in the Environment ([Sept. 25](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

PRESIDENT KALER HAS ANNOUNCED MEMBERS OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING WORK GROUP. The group of about two dozen faculty, staff, students, and administrators will gain input from the campus community; identify key strategic issues, trends, and strengths; and develop the vision, mission, values, goals, and strategies for the U's next strategic plan. For updates about the planning process and progress, see [strategic-planning.umn.edu](#).

Features

FEATURE: Scott Studham has been named CIO of the year/nonprofit by the *Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal*. Appointed VP and chief information officer of the U of M in February 2012, Studham has accomplished much in a short time. For more information, read "[CIO of the Year](#)."

FEATURE: U researchers have found that eating breakfast daily or frequently is strongly associated with a reduced risk of developing type 2 diabetes, along with other conditions like hypertension and abdominal obesity. For more information, read "[The most important meal?](#)"

FEATURE: The U unveiled a life-sized statue of Goldy Gopher outside Coffman Union on Sept. 23. The statue, in the works for more than two years and constructed out of bronze as well as maroon granite, was designed and sculpted by U of M alumnus Nicholas Legeros. For more information, read "[It's Goldy's day!](#)"

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: The U has been chosen as one of two finalists for the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities' first-ever Most Visible Progress National Degree Completion Trailblazer Award; Amy Kircher has been named director of the National Center for Food Protection and Defense at the U of M; Department of Family Social Science department head and professor Lynne Borden received a \$3.49 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture; the U of M and Teach for America have agreed to develop a new teacher preparation program; U in the News includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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AN ONLINE VERSION OF STUDENT DATA INQUIRY (SDI) TRAINING is in the final stages of development by Academic Support Resources. SDI training is necessary to be granted view access in PeopleSoft. The online SDI training may be used in lieu of in-person training. Registration for online training will open beginning Sept. 30. For more information, call 612-625-2803 or email srhelp@umn.edu.

Award and funding opportunities

PROPOSALS FOR THE FALL 2013 MINI GRANTS COMPETITION sponsored by the Institute on the Environment (IonE) are due Oct. 15. The grants help spur new collaborations by providing a small amount of funding (\$500 to \$3,000) plus in-kind administrative and logistical support to interdisciplinary groups of faculty, staff, and students from across the U of M. For more information, see [IonE Mini Grants](#).

THE HEALTHY FOODS, HEALTHY LIVES (HFHL) INSTITUTE seeks letters of interest for the Planning Grant Program, designed to fund the development of food, nutrition, and health-related interdisciplinary faculty research teams. HFHL has also issued a request for proposals for the Community-University Partnership Grant Program to fund partnerships that utilize community-engaged research strategies. For deadlines and information, see [HFHL grants](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

REMINDER: U OF M DAY AT THE LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM will take place Sept. 29. All U faculty and staff will be admitted free of charge (a \$12 value). For more information, see [U Day at the Arb](#).

UMD AND UMTC ARE COSPONSORING "Deconstructing the Baby Veronica Case: Implications for Working with Fathers in Indian Child Welfare Practice." Speakers and panelists will analyze the legal context of the case for a closer look at father involvement. Practice strategies and policy recommendations will be a focal point. Oct. 29, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. For registration and more information, see [Baby Veronica](#).

CROOKSTON:

MINNESOTA STATE SEN. TERRI BONOFF, chair of the Senate Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee, has launched a listening tour of college campuses throughout Minnesota to receive input from students and communities on higher education issues. A student forum is scheduled for Sept. 25, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom. For more information, see [listening tour](#).

UMC HAS JOINED THE COUNCIL ON UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH (CUR) as an institutional member. Representatives for the campus include assistant professor Venu Mukku, professor Sharon Neet, associate professor Brian Dingmann, and assistant professor Katy Smith. The mission of CUR is to support and promote high-quality undergraduate student-faculty collaborative research and scholarship.

A "TENT CITY" PROGRAM DESIGNED TO HELP RAISE AWARENESS OF HOMELESSNESS in Minnesota will be held Sept. 27 to 28, 5 p.m. to 6 a.m., with events at various locations. The event is co-hosted by the Office of Community Engagement and Office of Diversity and Multicultural Programs. For more information, see [homelessness](#).

DULUTH:

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR KAREN GRAN'S students are working with her to examine climate and human impact on land and water management in the Minnesota River Basin. Gran and a group of researchers from the U of M, along with five other institutions, were awarded a five-year, \$4.3 million Water Sustainability and Climate grant from the NSF. For more information, see [Karen Gran](#).

UMD'S LIBRARY HAS OPENED A NEW LEARNING COMMONS. It brings together a number of student services, including the Tutoring Center, the Writers' Workshop, and the Multimedia Hub. For more information, see [Learning Commons](#).

A SERIES OF FREE TALKS in the style of the popular TED Talk format will be hosted by Glensheen, the historic Congdon estate, and UMD's Office of Civic Engagement. The first "Chester Chat" (named for Glensheen's original owner, Chester Congdon) will be held Sept. 26, 7 p.m., Glensheen. State Sen. Roger Reinert, State Rep. Eric Simonson, and Glensheen interim director Daniel Hartman will speak on the topic of public service. For more information, see [Chester Chats](#).

UMD'S VISUAL CULTURE LECTURE SERIES will welcome Michael Duffy, a conservator at the Museum of Modern Art, Oct. 1, 6 p.m., 70 Montague Hall. Duffy specializes in the treatment of modern and contemporary painting. In 2004, he conserved Picasso's *Les Femmes d'Alger* for the reinstallation of the MoMA galleries. For more information, see [Duffy](#).

MORRIS:

UMM HAS BEEN NAMED A MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOL for the third consecutive year. The 2014 Military Friendly Schools list honors the top 15 percent of institutions that support American military service members and veterans as students. UMM will receive a listing in the 2014 *Guide to Military Friendly Schools*, published by Victory Media. For more information, see [Military Friendly](#).

WILLIAM BURGWINKLE, professor of Medieval French and Occitan at Cambridge University, will be the featured speaker at the 2013 Barber Lecture, Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m., Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall. The title of Burgwinkle's talk is "Medieval Bodies: Looking and touching." For more information, see [Barber Lecture](#).

MICHAEL CEBALLOS, assistant professor of biology, has received a NSF Innovation Corps Team Program grant for his project, "Commercialization of enzyme platforms for biofuel production." The project will consider the potential of commercializing a mobile enzyme sequestration platform system that is under development in Ceballos' Lab. For more information, see [Ceballos](#).

CYRUS BINA, distinguished research professor of economics, will speak at Columbia University's Seminar on Globalization, Labor, and Popular Struggles, Sept. 30. The talk, "The Specter of Our Time: Oil, War, and Global Polity," will be based on [Bina's latest book](#). For more information, see [Bina](#).

ROCHESTER:

UMR'S SIGNATURE SERIES brings together some of the hottest topics and key professors from the Master of Science in the Management of Technology program and offers short courses for high-tech professionals and leaders. For registration and more information, see [Signature Series](#).

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

LIVING LABORATORY CALL FOR PROPOSALS: The Twin Cities Sustainability Committee invites proposals from the University community to utilize campus grounds as a living laboratory. Selected proposals will receive campus space and assistance with the facilitation of an approved project. Application period: Sept. 30 to Nov. 1. For an application and more information, see [Living Lab](#).

A DINKYTOWN COMMERCIAL DISTRICT PUBLIC SURVEY seeks input from U faculty and staff to inform a [development planning study](#) being conducted by the City of Minneapolis. Information collected will be used to determine priorities for the area. The [survey is available online](#) through Oct. 1. Participants will be entered to win a \$25 gift card from a Dinkytown business.

THE U'S PIONEERING SERIES OF RETIREMENT PREPARATION COURSES, Encore Transitions: Preparing for Post-Career Life, will be offered again this fall, beginning Oct. 4. The series is designed to help employees create pathways and prepare for a successful post-career life. Courses emphasize post-career engagement. For more information, see [Encore](#).

A NEW STRENGTHSFINDER theme will be featured every week for 34 weeks, along with two stories of how students, staff, faculty, and alumni use that strength to be successful. [See stories here](#) and [submit your own](#) for consideration.

THE BOYNTON DENTAL CLINIC has added treatment rooms for better accessibility, plus a modern reception and private check-in area. A new appointment reminder system offers a choice of electronic reminders: texts, emails, or voicemails. The clinic, which is in-network for all UPlan members, is accepting new patients. For more information, see [dental](#).

Award and funding opportunities

EXTENSION'S CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY CONSORTIUM (CYFC) seeks applicants for the [CYFC Scholars Program](#), which supports a cohort of Twin Cities faculty, research staff, and Extension personnel from diverse disciplines in a four-year learning community focused on community-engaged research, and research responsive to CYFC's interests in educational and health disparities. Scholars receive \$15,000/year.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

SCHOOL OF MUSIC CONVOCATION with keynote speaker Claire Chase of the International Contemporary Ensemble (ICE) will take place Sept. 26, 3 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Chase is a soloist, collaborative artist, curator, arts entrepreneur, and founder of INN. Her keynote will address entrepreneurship in music, artistry, and engagement. For more information, see [convocation](#).

THE NEXT INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY THURSDAYS AT FOUR LECTURE will explore the women of sacred stories and histories with authors Anita Diamant, Rebecca Kanner, and Sherry Jones. Sept. 26, 4 p.m., 125 Nolte. For more information, see "[Women in Religious Con/texts](#)."

NORTHROP WILL PRESENT A FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES on select afternoons and evenings in September and October. *Music on the Plaza* will include free food, beverages, and prize drawings from various local vendors. For a full schedule, see [Northrop](#).

THE LAW SCHEDULED WILL CELEBRATE 125 YEARS at the [William B. Lockhart Lecture](#) by Doug Melamed, senior VP and general counsel of Intel Corp., in "Lawyers as Conflict Engineers" Sept. 30, 4 p.m., 25 Lockhart Hall. One CLE credit has been requested. RSVP to jawevent@umn.edu. On Oct. 4, Dean David Wippman will participate in the panel discussion "[The Future of Legal Education](#)."

THE 2nd ANNUAL "HMONG ACROSS BORDERS" CONFERENCE will take place Oct. 3 through 5, Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. For registration and more information, see the [conference program and abstracts](#).

U OF M HEADLINERS CURRENT EVENT SERIES begins its 2013 through 14 season Oct. 3, featuring Ravi Bapna, the director of the Social Media and Business Analytics Collaborative at Carlson, discussing "Big Data Landscape: Technology, Economy, Society." Attendees will hear how digital information is changing everything, from personal communication habits to widespread social movements. Cost: \$15. For tickets and more information, see [Headliners](#).

THE ACADEMY OF DISTINGUISHED TEACHERS FALL CONFERENCE, "Teaching and Learning in Changing Times," will take place Oct. 4, 8:30 a.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Free, but registration is required. Open to faculty, instructional staff, and graduate students. For registration and more information, see [distinguished teaching](#).

THE WEBINAR "SUPERVISING STUDENT EMPLOYEES, PEER EDUCATORS, AND GRADUATE STUDENTS" will take place Oct. 8, 1 to 2 p.m., 402 Walter Library. Cosponsored by the Office for Student Engagement, the Student Employee Leadership Program, and Organizational Effectiveness. For registration, see [webinar](#).

"THE BIOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT OF ASIAN CARP: LESSONS FOR MINNESOTA" will be presented by Duane Chapman, a U.S. Geological Survey biologist who is a national leader in efforts to study, control, and prevent the spread of Asian carp. Oct. 8, 7 p.m., St. Paul Student Center. Free. For registration and more information, see [Freshwater.org](#).

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR MINI MEDICAL SCHOOL's fall 2013 programming, "It's NOT all in your head: Understanding the complexities of mental health." Mondays, Oct. 14 through Nov. 11. Participants will learn how U of M researchers are making advancements in treating and helping patients cope with the complexities of mental health. Cost: \$60 before Oct. 1; \$65 on or after Oct. 1 for U faculty, staff, and students. For more information, see [Mini Medical School](#).

MINNESOTA LECTURES ON APPLIED ECONOMICS AND POLICY presents the Willard W. Cochrane Lecture in Public Policy, Oct. 18, 2 p.m., Cargill Building for Microbial and Plant Genomics, St. Paul. Professor emeritus C. Peter Timmer, Harvard University, will present "Why Ending Hunger is so Hard: Finding the Right Balance between Market Outcomes and Government Interventions to Improve Food Security." Free and open to the public. Registration requested. For more information, see [hunger lecture](#).

A SERIES OF INNOVATIVE NEW WORKSHOPS to support faculty conducting publicly engaged scholarship will be offered this fall by the Office for Public Engagement. Engaged Scholar Workshops are free and will feature discussions with community-engaged scholars, presentations of best practices, and hands-on activities to help scholars apply best practices to their own work. The first workshop is Oct. 24. For registration and a complete list of offerings, see [engaged scholar](#).

MORE EVENTS include Coffee and Donuts with the Cops ([Sept. 26](#)); Homecoming Parade ([Sept. 27](#)); Homecoming Ski-U-Mania and Gopher Football game ([Sept. 28](#)); Google Scholar and Web of Science: Contemporary Tools for Finding Academic Content ([Sept. 30](#)); Let's Talk About It: Muslim Journeys ([Oct. 1](#)); Frontiers in the Environment ([Oct. 2](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

PUBLIC INTERVIEWS FOR THE DEAN OF THE MEDICAL SCHOOL AND VP FOR HEALTH SCIENCES POSITION will be held Oct. 3, 4–6 p.m., 2-690 Moos Tower; Oct. 15, 4:30–6:30 p.m., 2-620 Moos Tower; and Oct. 17, 4–6 p.m., 1-450 Moos Tower. During each interview, candidates will participate in a public forum and provide their 10-year vision for the academic health sciences. Candidate names and vitae will be posted the day before their campus visit at [AHC VP Search](#).

Features

FEATURE: U VP for Research Brian Herman brings a wealth of experience to his roles as vice president for research and key player in the University of Minnesota's strategic planning process. For more information, read "[Driven to serve](#)."

FEATURE: History became easier for the nation and the world to access, thanks to the recent launch of the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA). The DPLA will make many of America's significant digital collections searchable and accessible to students, teachers, scholars, and the public from a single site. The U of M played a key role in the collaboration to launch the massive online library. For more information, read "[American history at your fingertips](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Doneka Scott has been named assistant vice provost in the Office for Equity and Diversity; the Center for Transportation Studies has been selected to lead a new \$10.4 million regional University Transportation Center consortium focused on improving transportation safety; U Medical School researchers have received a \$3.2 million grant to examine new approaches for diagnosing and treating meningitis; the Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare has received an NSF grant for research focusing on the wellbeing of at-risk children; U of M Extension's Heidi Haugen has received the Excellence in Volunteerism award from the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents; U in the News includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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THE UNIVERSITY SENATE AND FACULTY SENATE will meet Oct. 3, 2:30 p.m., 25 Mondale Hall. Topics include Resolution on Lactation Support Action, Guidelines for Evaluating Competitive Faculty Applications for University Funded Sabbatical Supplements, and Interdisciplinary Teaching and Learning. For more information, see the [agenda at University Senate](#).

THE P&A SENATE will meet Oct. 4, 9:30 a.m., 5-125 Mayo. Topics include a discussion with Faculty Consultative Committee Chair and professor Will Durfee, and a discussion regarding employee engagement with Brandon Sullivan. For more information, see the [agenda at P&A Senate](#).

A UPLAN BENEFITS CONVERSATION WITH THE GLBT COMMUNITY will take place Oct. 7, 1:30–3 p.m., Mayo Auditorium, and [live via UM Connect](#). Vice Presidents Katrice Albert, Office for Equity and Diversity, and Kathy Brown, Office of Human Resources, will hold the conversation about the U's same-sex marriage and same-sex domestic partner benefits coverage. They will provide an overview of current benefits and solicit input about possible changes to unmarried same-sex domestic partner coverage.

MOBILE APPS: In response to recent inquiries from University groups on the topic of mobile application development and branding, University Relations has created guidelines and requirements for branding University-related mobile apps. For more information, see [mobile app guidelines](#).

Award and funding opportunities

APPLICATIONS FOR FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS AT THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY (IAS) are due Oct. 18. Faculty systemwide are eligible to apply for one-semester residential fellowships at the IAS. For application instructions and more information, see [IAS Faculty Fellowships](#).

INTERDISCIPLINARY DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS are available to support outstanding Ph.D. students whose current or proposed dissertation topic is interdisciplinary and who would benefit from interaction with faculty at one of the U-wide interdisciplinary centers or institutes. Many centers and institutes have early application deadlines, starting Oct. 18. For deadlines and more information, see [Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowships](#).

NOMINATIONS FOR THE JOHN TATE AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING are due Jan. 13. The Tate Awards recognize and reward high-quality academic and career advising. Nomination guidelines and materials, as well as sample dossiers of previous award winners, are available at [Tate Awards](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

JOIN THE HEALTHY FOODS, HEALTHY LIVES INSTITUTE in two upcoming healthy food events, beginning with the [2013 Healthy Foods Summit](#), "Food and the Environment: Healthy Planet, Healthy People," Oct. 14 (Commons Hotel) and Oct. 15 (Arboretum). [Food Day 2013](#), a celebration of healthy, affordable, and sustainable food, will take place Oct. 24, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union.

FRONTIERS IN THE ENVIRONMENT past presentations are available online shortly after each event for the convenience of those unable to attend. Watch archived videos on the topics of sustainable food supply, crossing institutional silos, the palm oil problem, and more. The lectures take place weekly, Wednesdays at noon, 380 IonE seminar room and live online. For more information, see [frontier lectures](#).

CROOKSTON:

UMC IS CELEBRATING HOMECOMING Oct. 4–6. Outstanding Alumni Eugene Dufault '68, Timothy Rhonemus '84, Susan Jacobson '87 and '96, and Tyler Grove '94 will be honored. Michele (Johnson) Allen ex. '88, volleyball/softball, Craig Talberg '91, football, and Karla (Thormodson) Isley '98, women's basketball, will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. For more information, see [Homecoming](#).

THE ART COLLEGE OF INNER MONGOLIA UNIVERSITY will present a special performance of music and dance, sponsored by the Confucius Institute at the U of M Crookston. Oct. 2, 7 p.m., Crookston High School Auditorium. For more information, see [music and dance](#).

"MAKE IT OK," A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON MENTAL HEALTH will take place Oct. 7, 6:30–8:30 p.m., Prairie Room, Sargeant Student Center. The goal is to encourage people to talk about mental health and related issues. For more information, email [Laurie Wilson](mailto:Laurie.Wilson) or call 218-281-8587.

DULUTH:

A HIGHLIGHT OF THIS YEAR'S HOMECOMING will be a parade through downtown Duluth Oct. 3, starting at 6 p.m. There are more than 50 entries in the parade, all celebrating the theme "Now Entering Bulldog Country—Beware of Dogs." The Grand Marshall is Duluth Mayor and UMD alumnus Don Ness. This is the first UMD parade in more than 40 years. For more information, see [Homecoming](#).

THE UMD LIBRARY WILL BE DEDICATED as the Kathryn A. Martin Library Oct. 7, 3:30 p.m. That evening, the 12th Annual Weber Concert will be presented in Weber Music Hall. Kathryn A. Martin served as UMD chancellor from 1995 to 2010. Under her leadership, the campus experienced a \$167 million construction boom, beginning in 2000. For more information, see [Martin Library](#).

THE SWENSON COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING honored four alumni: Peggy Chun (physics), Alan Nelson (chemical engineering), Klaus J. Schulz (geological sciences), and Rik R. Tykwinski (chemistry and biochemistry), as well as UMD professor Joseph Gallian (mathematics and statistics), with induction into the UMD Academy of Science and Engineering. For more information, see [Academy](#).

THE SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS (SFA) AND THE LABOVITZ SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS (LSBE) have partnered to create two parallel degree programs: a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design and Marketing (SFA) and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing and Graphic Design (LSBE). The programs teach graduate level skills at the undergraduate level. For more information, see [New Majors](#).

MORRIS:

UMM'S STUDENT-RUN RADIO STATION, KUMM, served as Minnesota headquarters for College Radio Day. Founded in 2010, the event celebrates college radio listenership and the work contributed to high school and college radio stations by students worldwide. More than 30 countries participated in the celebration on Oct. 1. For more information, see [College Radio Day](#).

ERIC SCHWARTZ, dean of the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, will deliver the 2013 Jooinn Lee Lecture on Oct. 9. The endowed lecture series showcases the political science discipline and cutting-edge scholarship by bringing to campus distinguished alumni, scholars, and prominent practitioners representing the field of politics. For more information, see [Lee Lecture](#).

THE 2013–14 PERFORMING ARTS SERIES CONTINUES WITH SUSAN WERNER'S *HAYSEED PROJECT* Oct. 12. Backed by two sidemen, the Chicago-based singer/songwriter brings her unique musical mix of Americana, bluegrass, folk, and jazz to her newest project. A variety of farming and healthy eating activities will accompany the performance throughout the day. For more information, see [Werner](#).

ROCHESTER:

THE UMR CONNECTS THEME for the month of October is "Outer and Inner Spaces." UMR CONNECTS is a free weekly series connecting the Rochester community and visitors to speakers and panels on a variety of engaging topics. For more information, see [UMR CONNECTS](#).

TWIN CITIES:

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THE WOMEN'S FACULTY CABINET will hold two information-gathering sessions seeking input on directions for future efforts to support the personal and professional satisfaction and career advancement of female faculty. [Oct. 9, 3–4 p.m.](#), President's Room, Coffman Union; and [Oct. 10, 10:30 a.m.–noon](#), St. Paul Student Center, room 202. For more information, see Women's Faculty Cabinet.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

POINTS OF PRIDE RESEARCH DAY will take place Oct. 2, celebrating the College of Veterinary Medicine's Signature Program research while honoring faculty, fellows, students, and research partners who contribute to the advancement of biomedical sciences and veterinary medicine. The program begins at 1:15 p.m., Pomeroy Student-Alumni Learning Center. For more information, see [Points of Pride](#).

U LIBRARIES will host a new series of monthly events, organized by the DASH (Digital Arts, Sciences, and Humanities) Initiative. Attend to learn more about DASH, the events and projects planned for the year, how to start a research project or incorporate these ideas into classrooms, and meet others interested in building interdisciplinary digital projects. The first event is Oct. 2, 3:30 p.m., 119 STSS. For more information, email dash@umn.edu or see [DASH online](#).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH Ken Roth will present "U.S. Human Rights Policy: Leadership Must Begin at Home," Oct. 2, 4:30–6 p.m., Humphrey School. Human Rights Watch is regarded as the world's most influential human rights advocacy organization; Roth will discuss perspectives and advocacy on the use of drones, interrogation, privacy, and more. For more information, see [Human Rights](#).

BOYNTON HEALTH SERVICE'S [St. Paul clinic](#) will hold an open house to mark its grand reopening on Oct. 4, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. The event will include light snacks, giveaways, and therapy animals—including Woodstock the therapy chicken.

HEALTH CAREERS WEEK 2013 will include a screening of the critically acclaimed documentary, [The Waiting Room](#), which "goes behind the doors of a public hospital struggling to care for a community of largely uninsured patients." Open to all U of M faculty, staff, and students. Oct. 4, 6 p.m., 2-530 Moos Tower. For more information, see [Health Careers Week](#).

HOW DOES PSYCHIC TRAUMA PASS FROM PARENT TO CHILD? How can that transfer be interrupted? UCLA Professor of Sociology and psychoanalyst Jeffrey Prager will explore these questions in "The Intergenerational Transmission of Trauma: Recovering Humanity, Repairing Generations." Oct. 5, 9-11:30 a.m., 20 Mondale Hall. For more information, see [transmission of trauma](#).

A RECEPTION TO SHOWCASE [ARTWORK](#) created by graduate and undergraduate students last spring through a course partnership among Student Unions & Activities, the Department of Art, and the College of Design, will take place Oct. 7, 7 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. For more information, see [reception](#).

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON POLICY ANALYSIS will take place Oct. 16, St. Paul campus. The conference will address the development and analysis of policy related to inequalities and disparities. For registration and more information, see [policy analysis](#).

CIVIL RIGHTS & CIVIL JUSTICE: 50 YEARS LATER, a symposium of the Law School's *Journal of Law and Inequality*, will take place Oct. 18, 8:45–4:15 p.m. The event will honor former Vice President Walter Mondale, and will critique the nation's progress on race, immigration, LGBT, and women's rights. Seven U of M Law School faculty will be featured, as well as fourteen national scholars. For more information, see [symposium](#).

U OF M RESEARCHERS ARE INVITED to an Academic Founder Event to learn more about opportunities in commercializing technologies developed from research, and to gain a unique perspective on entrepreneurship. The event features two panels of investors and academics from around the country who have founded companies with university technologies, as well as networking opportunities. Oct. 22, 4–8 p.m., Banquet Room, TCF Bank Stadium. For more information, see [entrepreneurship](#).

CEHD SATURDAY SCHOLARS: WORKING IN THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP will feature College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) faculty members in sessions exploring what's working to improve PreK-20 student outcomes. Attend and share ideas, meet others, and hear how CEHD research and outreach uniquely positions the college as a leader in the effort to reduce the achievement gap in Minnesota. Nov. 2, 8 a.m.–1:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see [CEHD Scholars](#).

MORE EVENTS include IAS Thursdays: Gayle Morrison, "Hog's Exit: Jerry Daniels, the Hmong, and the CIA" ([Oct. 3](#)); "Real Happiness," a talk with Sharon Salzberg ([Oct. 4](#)); 2013 Fall Art Tour ([Oct. 5](#)); The Big WAM Bash ([Oct. 5](#)); Half-day Healing on Purpose Workshop with Ruth Bachman ([Oct. 7](#)); IMA Public Lecture: "The Evolution of Cooperation: Why We Need Each Other to Succeed" ([Oct. 8](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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THE BOARD OF REGENTS will meet Oct. 10-11. Regents will hold a strategic planning work session, act on the U's 2014 Capital Request, and take final action on the [2013 University Plan, Performance and Accountability Report](#) (PDF). In addition, the Facilities and Operations Committee will receive an update on space utilization efforts and strategies. For more information, see the [news release](#).

Features

FEATURE: Tracy Sides believes in healthy connections, the power of community, and the "magic" of food. Those three things have already played a role in her career path, and now they've come together in her vision for an "Urban Oasis," which won the \$1 million Forever St. Paul Challenge. For more information, read "[Urban Oasis' idea wins big](#)."

FEATURE: Twenty years ago, a plucky team of U of M students raced the U's first student-built solar car, Aurora I, from Texas to Minnesota in Sunrayce 93. Now the latest in the lineage, the solar-hybrid Daedalus, is racing across Australia in the World Solar Challenge, Oct. 6-13. For more information, see "[Solar car charges across Australia](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: The NIH has awarded \$24.3 million to a partnership between the U of M and Harvard for a new trial to combat diabetic kidney disease; Professor Romas Kazlauskas will receive an honorary doctorate from Stockholm's KTH Royal Institute of Technology; the College of Biological Sciences' Foundations of Biology course has been awarded the Science Prize for Inquiry-Based Instruction by the journal *Science*; U of M students won the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Student Sustainability Leadership Award; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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THE ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS UPGRADE PROGRAM's (ESUP) STUDENT RECORDS WORK GROUP will hold a Town Hall meeting Oct. 11 to discuss the training approach for the upgrade and demonstrate a new training tool: UPK. Locations to attend on each campus, as well as an online option, are available. For more information, see [ESUP Student Records](#).

THE U NOW ACCEPTS ONLINE TUITION PAYMENTS BY CREDIT AND DEBIT CARD. Note that the U's credit and debit card processing vendor assesses a nonrefundable 2.75 percent service fee whenever a credit or debit card is used. For more information, contact [One Stop Student Services](#).

RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH core curriculum (RCR parts 1 and 2) is now available as online workshops. Completion of the [RCR core curriculum](#) is a requirement for new faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and others who receive funding for research and scholarship.

Award and funding opportunities

EQUITY AND DIVERSITY OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD [applications are due](#) Oct. 11, 4:30 p.m. The award honors a campus, college, department, or unit that demonstrates outstanding leadership in equity and diversity.

INTERDISCIPLINARY DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS are available to support outstanding Ph.D. students whose current or proposed dissertation topic is interdisciplinary and who would benefit from interaction with faculty at one of the University's interdisciplinary centers or institutes. Many centers and institutes have early application deadlines, starting Oct. 18. For deadlines and more information, see [Fellowships](#).

GLOBAL SPOTLIGHT GRANTS are available for faculty, graduate, and professional degree students to support innovative research related to one of two themes: South Asia and global food security. Faculty grant applications are due Oct. 28; student applications are due Dec. 4. For more information, see [Global Spotlight](#).

A U-SPATIAL MAPPING PRIZE CONTEST will award six prizes to students (more than \$5,000) to celebrate design and cartography through maps of all kinds. The [U-Spatial Mapping Prize](#) is made possible by a gift from alumnus Jack Dangermond, founder and president of Esri. Entries are due Dec. 6.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE MORSE- ALUMNI UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION AWARD and the AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO POSTBACCALAUREATE, GRADUATE, AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION are due Jan. 13. The awards recognize and reward outstanding contributions to teaching at the University of Minnesota. Awardees become members of the Academy of Distinguished Teachers. Nomination guidelines and materials are available at [Distinguished Teaching Awards](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

A SPECIAL FRONTIERS IN THE ENVIRONMENT LECTURE, "The Satellite Record of Climate: Observations, not Beliefs!" will take place Oct. 17, noon-1 p.m., 380 IonE Seminar Room, St. Paul, and [live via UMConnect](#). For more information, see [Frontiers lectures](#).

THE SIXTH ANNUAL EQUITY AND DIVERSITY BREAKFAST will be held Nov. 13, McNamara Alumni Center. The event brings together alumni, donors, community organizations, and corporate entities to recognize the students, faculty, and staff who are reaffirming the U's commitment to equity and diversity. For registration and more information, see [Equity and Diversity Breakfast](#).

CROOKSTON:

STATE SEN. TERRI BONOFF and members of the Senate Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee visited UMC on Sept. 25. Photos and video from the visit are posted on a blog that highlights the "[Listening Tour](#)."

T. TODD MASMAN, educator, advocate, and GLBTA issues trainer, will present a program titled "[That's So Gay...REALLY?!](#)" Oct. 9, 6:30 p.m., Evergreen Hall classroom. The interactive event will consist of GLBTA Jeopardy and trivia and discussions on residential life issues, bullying, dating, pronouns/word association/terminology, role-play scenarios, and situational exercises.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY will be held Oct. 11, with all classes excused. During that day faculty and instructional staff across campus will meet to review student-learning outcomes in each academic major. For more information, see [Professional Development Day](#).

DULUTH:

UMD'S THIRD ANNUAL ZOMBIE FEST will take place Oct. 18. Zombie Fest features professors examining the phenomenon of the reanimated dead through their areas of expertise, including ethics, visual arts, and media. In addition, Nosferatu Nite is Oct. 11 and Werewolf Encounter is Oct. 25. For more information, see [Monster Trifecta](#).

SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS (SFA) ALUMNI Chad Albers, Bonnie Flesland, and Bill Shipley were recently inducted into the Society of Prometheans. The honor recognizes individuals who have demonstrated passion and success in their professions. In Greek myth, Prometheus was a Titan who stole fire from the gods and gave it to man. For more information, see [Society of Prometheans](#).

THE U OF M COLLEGE OF PHARMACY DULUTH is celebrating 10 years of success. Noted for its community outreach, including medication safety programs for elementary schools in the Duluth area, the program recently ranked third in *U.S News and World Report's* ranking of U.S pharmacy programs. For more information, see [Pharmacy](#).

UMD STUDENTS HAVE REDUCED THE NUMBER OF PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES BEING USED ON CAMPUS. A student project has improved hydration in UMD's dorms and made progress towards UMD's strategic plan to foster sustainability on campus. For more information, see [Hydration](#).

MORRIS:

THE UMM THEATRE DISCIPLINE announces its 2013-14 season, which promises "an innovative walk through the ages." Scenes from earlier eras take the stage with a sincerity and originality that will satisfy modern audiences' cravings for history. This year, the discipline presents *Twelfth Night, Bent, and Uncommon Women and Others*. For more information, see [Upcoming Season](#).

JAYCE KOESTER '16 Eagan, worked with UMM's Center for Small Towns and the [Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance](#) to organize summer arts programming for the Morris area. Koester was responsible for coordinating outreach activities and workshops, as well as connecting local artists and community members. For more information, see [Koester](#).

ROCHESTER:

UMR Faculty members Jim Ford and Ryan Furness have been selected as two of thirteen faculty members systemwide to participate in the University of Minnesota's 2013-14 [Internationalizing Teaching and Learning Cohort Program](#). The faculty participants will engage in professional development aimed at internationalizing the curriculum.

TWIN CITIES:

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DONATE TO THE 2013 COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE! The U partners with 7 federations representing more than 500 charities to give employees an easy way to donate directly or through payroll deduction to a favorite cause. This year's goal is to have 40 percent participation and raise \$1.5 million for the community. Join fellow faculty and staff and pledge today at umn.edu/cfd. The fund drive continues through Oct. 31.

U LIBRARIES will implement MNCAT Discovery as its primary search interface in January. The tool will provide significantly greater capability for searching print and digital resources. The first step in this process was this fall's implementation of MNCAT Article Discovery, a new general-purpose database for searching journal articles. For more information about each of the tools, see [MNCAT](#).

THE U CARD OFFICE HAS TRANSITIONED TO SATELLITE LOCATIONS with expanded hours of operation. The St. Paul U Card satellite station has moved from the St. Paul Gym to the St. Paul Student Center Information Desk, and the Rec Sports U Card satellite station has moved to the Coffman Union Information Desk. Both locations can produce first-time and replacement U Cards and can take photos for (but cannot print) security ID badges. See [U Card](#) for more information.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE CENTER FOR ADVANCED RESEARCH ON LANGUAGE ACQUISITION (CARLA) will celebrate its 20th anniversary with an [open house and special lecture](#) by Clay Pell, deputy assistant secretary for international and foreign language education in the U.S. Department of Education. Pell will make the case for teaching languages in the nation's schools. A reception follows. Oct. 15, 4-6:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. RSVP by Oct. 10.

PUBLIC HEALTH FILM SERIES: *MisLEAD: America's Secret Epidemic* offers a provocative look at the changing demographics of childhood lead poisoning in the U.S. A post-film panel discussion will include experts and the filmmaker. Free and open to the public. [Registration is requested](#). Oct. 16, 5 p.m., Coffman Union Theater.

U LIBRARIES WILL HOST A READING BY ROBERT BLY, Minnesota's first poet laureate, Oct. 16, 7 p.m., Willey Hall. The reading is in celebration of Bly's new book, *Stealing Sugar From the Cattle*. A reception follows. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [Robert Bly](#).

THE ANNUAL SILHA LECTURE will feature James C. Goodale, "Pentagon Papers" attorney, author, and former *New York Times* general counsel. Goodale will explore how far the government can go in its pursuit of those who disclose classified information, and whether the Obama administration has overstepped its constitutional authority in its efforts to shut down leaks. Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. For more information, see [Silha Lecture](#).

COMMUNITY DAY AT THE URBAN RESEARCH AND OUTREACH-ENGAGEMENT CENTER (UROCC) will showcase UROC's latest research projects and commitment to public accountability and transparency. A special 4 p.m. program will feature U President Eric Kaler, Provost Karen Hanson, VP for Equity and Diversity Katrice Albert, and Vice Provost for Student Affairs Danita Brown Young. Oct. 17, 2-7 p.m., UROC. For more information, see [UROCC](#).

THE 21ST ANNUAL KUEHNAST LECTURE will feature a presentation by Piers Sellers, deputy director of the NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center. Sellers is a veteran of numerous space shuttle missions (2002, 2006, and 2010). He is trained as a biometeorologist. He will give a presentation titled "The Race to Understand a Changing Planet." Oct. 17, 2 p.m., North Star Ballroom, St. Paul Student Center. A reception with refreshments will follow the lecture. Free. For more information, see [Kuehnast Lecture](#).

A TECHNOLOGY FORUM AND OPEN HOUSE, held biennially by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, will feature exhibits highlighting current departmental research activities and state-of-the-art demonstrations by members of industry. Afternoon workshops on robotics and big data and a keynote address by Ron Kohavi of Microsoft will round out the event. Oct. 18, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. [Registration is free](#) and parking is provided.

A U-SPATIAL SYMPOSIUM will bring together researchers working on spatial questions and issues. Symposium activities will focus on facilitating connections among researchers to support scientific and creative activities. This year's symposium will focus on data infrastructure and support, assessing U-Spatial after its first two years, and looking to the future. Oct. 21, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. For registration and more information, see [U-Spatial](#).

THE ADA COMSTOCK DISTINGUISHED WOMEN SCHOLARS LECTURE "Beyond HGTV: Can Design Change People's Lives?" will be given by Denise Guerin, professor in the Department of Interior Design. Oct. 29, 4 p.m., Humphrey School. For more information, see [Ada Comstock lecture](#).

THE DISTINGUISHED VISITING SCHOLAR SERIES ON HEALTH DISPARITIES will welcome Moon Chen of the University of California, Davis Nov. 18-19. Chen leads the largest project ever undertaken to curb cancer in Asian Americans. The national program is based at UC Davis Cancer Center and funded by the National Cancer Institute as part of an effort to reduce ethnic disparities in cancer. For more information, see [Distinguished Scholar](#).

MORE EVENTS include Reclaiming Our Democracy ([Oct. 9](#)); IAS Thursdays: Kirill Thompson, "Yan Fu: Between Tradition and Modernity" ([Oct. 10](#)); Assigning and Grading Posters and Poster Presentations ([Oct. 11](#)); Saturday with a Scientist: Ornithology in Action! ([Oct. 12](#)); 2013 Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives Symposium and Food Summit ([Oct. 14](#)); The Heart of the Matter--A Discussion with the Provost ([Oct. 15](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

AT ITS OCTOBER MEETING, THE BOARD OF REGENTS approved the U of M [2014 Capital Request](#) to the state legislature. The \$290 million request (\$66 million from University funds) includes numerous projects connected to serving the science fields, which will help the University comply with one of the performance metrics within the 2013 omnibus higher education bill. The board also examined forward-thinking space utilization strategies, and formally approved the 2013 University accountability report. For more information, see the [news release](#).

Features

FEATURE: Porcine epidemic diarrhea virus (PEDv) has recently entered the Western Hemisphere and struck swine herds in at least 17 states, including a handful of cases in Minnesota. But because PEDv may masquerade as a more benign pathogen, there's a need for a quick and definitive test. Just 12 weeks after being asked to help, a team at the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory has unveiled a rapid, reliable, and inexpensive test. For more information, read "[New weapon against killer of baby pigs](#)."

FEATURE: MN-IP, or [Minnesota Innovation Partnerships](#), is a U of M program launched in 2011 to provide more security and flexibility to companies interested in sponsoring research at the U. In the first MN-IP sponsored research agreement to be finalized, an interdisciplinary research team in the College of Science and Engineering has partnered with Adama Materials to create reinforced plastics used to make a broad variety of high-performance products. For more information, read [MN-IP licensing](#).

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: The NIH has recognized Associate Professor Demetris Yannopoulos with a Transformative Research Award, and Assistant Professor Anna Tischler with the New Innovator award; the Bentson Foundation has donated \$10 million to the School of Nursing's Doctor of Nursing Practice program; Gillian Roehrig, associate professor of curriculum and instruction, has been selected for the Association for Science Teacher Education 2013 Award II - Outstanding Mentor of the Year; Suzi Pyawasay of CBS Student Services has won the Minnesota Personnel Association's Voice of Inclusion Award; alumnus Lars Peter Hansen and former Department of Economics faculty member Robert Shiller have been awarded the 2013 Nobel Prize in Economics; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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AN EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT SURVEY was sent to benefits-eligible faculty and staff systemwide via email on Oct. 14 from the Hay Group, the external vendor administering the confidential survey. [Completion of the survey](#) will help the U to fulfill its research and teaching mission by using feedback to create a workplace in which people thrive. Complete the [Employee Engagement \(E2\) Survey](#) by Nov. 1. Results will be shared in early 2014 and will guide [action plans](#) developed by campus leaders.

TOWN HALLS ON THE HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (HRMS) UPGRADE portion of the Enterprise Systems Upgrade Program (ESUP) will be held to solicit feedback and share information regarding coming changes and new functionality. Interested faculty and staff are invited to attend one of three upcoming HRMS upgrade sessions: Oct. 31, 3-4 p.m., 166 Tate Lab; Nov. 7, 3-4 p.m., 2-206 Carlson; and Nov. 14, 3-4 p.m., 415 Alderman Hall. Attend in person or online via UMCConnect. RSVP via ULearn. For more information, see [HRMS](#) and [ESUP](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE INSTITUTE ON THE ENVIRONMENT'S COMMONS MEETING AND ART SPACE will [celebrate the opening of its newest exhibit](#), *Tales of Environmental Turbulence: the Common Trails of Art and Science*, Oct. 17, 4:15 p.m., R350 Learning and Environmental Sciences building. The Commons Meeting and Art Space is designed to highlight the intersection of science and the arts.

CROOKSTON:

ENROLLMENT AT UMC FOR FALL 2013 HAS AGAIN SURPASSED PREVIOUS RECORD LEVELS. The [highest enrollment in the history of UMC](#) now stands at 1,813 degree-seeking undergraduates, exceeding fall 2012's record of 1,802 and continuing a seven-year growth trend. For more information, see [record enrollment](#).

FALL SEMESTER CONVOCATION will be held Oct. 17, 12:30 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium. Crookston Student Association President Alexmai Addo will serve as emcee. The keynote speaker will be Bill Peterson, professor and department head for the Math, Science and Technology Department. For more information, see [convocation](#).

ANYTIME FITNESS cofounder and CEO Chuck Runyon will speak about the four phases of being an entrepreneur Oct. 22, noon, Bede Ballroom. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Center for Rural Entrepreneurial Studies. For more information, see [Anytime Fitness lecture](#).

PRAIRIE GROUSE CONSERVATIONISTS from across the U.S. and Canada [gathered at UMC](#) Oct. 10-12 to share knowledge and appreciation of prairie grouse populations.

DULUTH:

UMD IS CONDUCTING A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM PRIORITIZATION INITIATIVE of its services, programs, and courses to review how each area is aligned with UMD's mission and strategic plan. The initiative's goal is to ensure that UMD manages and allocates its resources to their fullest potential and in ways that meet the needs of students and the community. For more information, see [prioritization initiative](#).

THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICE PROFESSIONS (CEHSP) honors its first group of distinguished alumni: Angela Burda, Dept. of Communication Sciences and Disorders; Rick Smith, Dept. of Education; Lt. Gov. Yvonne Prettner Solon, Dept. of Psychology and Dept. of Social Work; and Paul Vesterstein, Dept. of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. For more information, see [Distinguished Alumni](#).

THE OPERETTA *DIE FLEDERMAUS*, a comic story of seduction, revenge, and mistaken identity, set to music by Johann Strauss II, will take place Oct. 17-20, Marshall Performing Arts Center. The production is directed by instructor Alice Pierce and conducted by associate professor Jean Perrault. For more information, see [Die Fledermaus](#).

AMBER-DAWN BEAR ROBE, guest curator of the Tweed Museum exhibit "Blood Memoirs: Exploring Individuality, Memory and Culture through Portraiture," will present a lecture Oct. 22, 6-7 p.m., 70 Montague Hall. The lecture is part of the Visual Culture Lecture Series. A reception will follow at the Tweed. In conjunction with the exhibit, internationally known filmmaker Chris Eyre will present his film *Skins* Oct. 23, 6-8 p.m., 70 Montague Hall. For more information, see "[Blood Memoirs](#)."

MORRIS:

FOR NEARLY 40 YEARS, UMM'S ART GALLERY went without a formal name. Earlier this year the campus community unanimously elected to name the space after Edward J. and Helen Jane Morrison, the donors who made its recent renovations and endowment possible. A dedication of the renovated gallery was held Oct. 12. For more information, see [Morrison's Generosity](#).

THE NEXT GENERATION ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS received the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education's Student Sustainability Leadership Award. The collaboration, featuring students from UMM and UMTC campuses, was lauded for work that culminated in Governor Dayton's 2013 Environmental Congress. For more information, see [Sustainability Leadership Award](#).

TIM SHEEHAN '16 AND OTHER STUDENTS FROM UMM'S MINNESOTA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP CHAPTER recently [organized a public environmental forum](#) with arctic explorer Will Steger and Fresh Energy's J. Drake Hamilton. Hosted by Clean Up the River Environment, the forum included presentations by Steger, Hamilton, and others.

THIS FALL TRIPLETS CLARA '17, MARYANNA '17, AND ANDREW KROSKA '17, ST. JOSEPH, came to call UMM home. Though they chose the campus for a variety of reasons, the siblings can now support each other while following their own paths. For more information, see [Kroska Triplets](#).

ROCHESTER:

UMR HAS HIRED A DIRECTOR OF ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT, tasked with leading and managing UMR's undergraduate enrollment efforts as the campus continues to grow. Karen Reilly joined UMR in late September and brings years of experience in higher education, most recently as the executive director of enrollment services at North Dakota State College of Science. For more information, see [enrollment management](#).

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COOLING-TO-HEATING TRANSITION SCHEDULES: With colder weather on the horizon, Facilities Management (FM) has begun transitioning buildings from cooling to heating, a process that takes several weeks. Some spaces may experience uncomfortable temperatures for a limited time. Contact the FM call center at 4-2900 if you experience uncomfortable temperatures in your space. For transition schedules and more information, see [heating transition](#).

DONATE TO THE 2013 COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE TODAY at [umn.edu/cfd](#). The fund drive continues through Oct. 31.

Award and funding opportunities

INSTRUCTORS ARE INVITED TO A TEACH ABROAD INFORMATION SESSION to learn about options to lead a group of students abroad in 2014-15. Oct. 25, 9-10 a.m., 289 Humphrey School. For more information about program models and proposal deadlines, see [Teaching Courses Abroad](#) or email Sarah.Tschida.

NOMINATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY SERVICES STAR PERFORMER AWARDS are due Nov. 4. The awards honor those individuals or work teams who represent University Services values of excellence, integrity, accountability, and stewardship, and who go above and beyond to provide great service to the University community. For more information and a 2012 nomination form, see [Star Performers](#).

THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY CONSORTIUM'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM application deadline has been extended to Nov. 4. For an application and more information, see [CYFC Scholars](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

AN UPDATE FROM WASHINGTON with renowned political scientist, author, and current scholar at the American Enterprise Institute Norm Ornstein will take place Oct. 17, noon, Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. Described as Washington's "smartest political polymath," Ornstein will give insight into the dysfunction in Congress and other important developments at the nation's Capitol. For more information, see [Update from Washington](#).

THE NEXT INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY (IAS) THURSDAYS AT FOUR DISCUSSIONS, "[The New Northrop](#)," will explore the past and future of UMD's Auditorium with the architects of its renovation in conversation with University Relations, Northrop directors, and the IAS. Oct. 17, 4 p.m., 125 Nolte.

CENTER FOR BIOETHICS SEMINAR, "[Re-engineering Ethics: The need for ethical innovation at the convergence of engineering and the life sciences](#)," will take place Oct. 18, 12:15-1:30 p.m., 2-110 Weaver Densford Hall.

THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC WILL PRESENT THE 2013 COLLAGE CONCERT, an annual showcase featuring more than 300 students and faculty in a concert including performances by choral, orchestral, jazz, chamber, world music and wind ensembles, as well as solo performances. Free and open to the public. Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. For more information, see [Collage Concert](#).

CIRQUE DE-STRESS returns to Coffman Union, after a successful debut last spring, featuring Circus Mojo, practical stress management tips, mental health resources, and therapy animals. Oct. 22, 9:30 a.m., with shows on the hour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, see [Cirque De-Stress](#).

IN CELEBRATION OF OPEN ACCESS WEEK, U LIBRARIES will host the presentation "The Ethic of Openness," by David Wiley. Oct. 22, 2:30-4 p.m., Coffman Theatre. The event encourages the academic community to come together to share and learn about open scholarship initiatives both locally and worldwide. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [Open Access](#).

THE EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP FORUM, hosted annually by the Department of Organizational Leadership, Policy, and Development, will focus on the role of educational leaders in serving Hmong students and communities. A panel discussion will be held Oct. 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Campus Club, Coffman Union. Free. For more information, see [Educational Leadership Forum](#).

A FOUR-PART SPEAKER SERIES ON ESSENTIAL LEADERSHIP LEARNING will be presented by the [Urban Leadership Academy](#). The series will help school leaders to create instructional cultures where teachers continuously improve classroom practices. The first workshop will take place Oct. 23. Faculty, staff, and students receive a discounted rate of \$75/workshop. For more information, see [Essential Leadership](#).

U OF M LAW REVIEW ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM "The Future of Organized Labor: Labor Law in the 21st century" will feature keynote addresses and panels with professors and laborers from the 21st century, representing both the management and labor sides of the debate. Oct. 25, 8:15 a.m.-4 p.m., 25 Mondale Hall. For more information, see [Law Review symposium](#).

SCREENINGS OF THE ACCESS PRESS DOCUMENTARY *THE REAL STORY* will be hosted by the Disabled Student Cultural Center and Disability Services. The documentary explores the evolution of and biases in media coverage of disability issues in Minnesota and nationwide. Screenings are free and open to the public, with a panel discussion to follow. Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center; and Nov. 4, 5 p.m., Coffman Union. For disability accommodation, email Linda.Wolford.

MORE EVENTS include Frontiers in the [field](#) ([Oct. 16](#)); UROC [Community Day 2013](#) ([Oct. 17](#)); From Telex to Twitter: 30 years as a foreign correspondent ([Oct. 18](#)); *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot* ([Oct. 19](#)); U-Spatial Symposium ([Oct. 21](#)); Regis Center 10th Anniversary: Faculty, Staff, Alumni Exhibitions ([Oct. 22](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

THE 2013 DRIVEN TO DISCOVER MARKETING CAMPAIGN "DISCOVERY ILLUMINATES EVERYONE" launches Oct. 24 with several new television commercials, as well as print, outdoor, and digital advertisements. This is the Illumination campaign's second year, and the focus is on the unrelenting work of U researchers and the value the University brings to the state. The umn.edu homepage will include expanded information on the stories told in the campaign advertisements, giving people the opportunity to discover more about University research and innovation.

Features

FEATURE: Each year, nearly 48 million people get sick from food poisoning. U of M Extension teaches food producers, distributors, restaurant workers, and consumers how to keep food safe--from farm to fork. For more information, read "[Ensuring safer food.](#)"

FEATURE: Climatologists have recorded temperatures on a statewide basis for 119 years, yet 7 of Minnesota's 10 warmest years have occurred in the last 15 years. 2012 was the third hottest on record for Minnesota, and the hottest ever for the 48 contiguous states. Moorhead was the hottest place on the planet at 6 p.m. on July 19, 2011. Nobody knows Minnesota's climate better than climatologist Mark Seeley. For more information, read "[Seeing Patterns: Mark Seeley charts a changing climate.](#)"

FEATURE: THE U OF M VETERINARY MEDICAL CENTER RECENTLY SAW TWO UNIQUE PATIENTS. A [sea turtle](#) from Sea Life Minnesota Aquarium at the Mall of America received a CT scan at the center, while [Fluffy the penguin](#) received an MRI.

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: The School of Nursing will embark on a \$3 million study to mitigate the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease; three U of M-based projects have received prestigious 2013 (Re)design awards from ALGA, one of the world's largest professional organizations for design; the research of U professor Jiali Gao was underscored in the scientific background of the 2013 Nobel Prize in Chemistry as having made important contributions to the progress of multiscale modeling of complex chemical systems; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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JOIN THE IT@UMN GOOGLE GROUP to get updates on IT services (e.g., product rollouts, disruption notifications), information on current and emerging technologies, IT events, and more. IT@UMN is a systemwide movement to build community among staff who work in IT and others who have an interest in IT at the U. The Google group is its established means of communication. To join, visit it.umn.edu and click [Join the Google Group](#).

THE U WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT BAROMETER SURVEY for the first time in late October. The survey is conducted at institutions around the world, including five other CIC institutions. Results will give the U a chance to hear from international students systemwide regarding their arrival, learning, living, and support on campus. Feedback will also help identify areas of success and opportunity. Questions may be emailed to [Barbara Kappler](mailto:Barbara.Kappler) or [Beth Isensee](mailto:Beth.Isensee).

Award and funding opportunities

LEARN ABOUT AWARD AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES available at the University of Minnesota at [Internal Funding Opportunities](#). In addition, U Libraries offers [grant funding search tools and resources](#), including workshops and databases.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE LAND GRANT UNIVERSITY AND RURAL RESILIENCE: A MINNESOTA STORY will consider opportunities and challenges facing the state's local economies. Kathryn Draeger, statewide director of U of M Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships and adjunct professor of agronomy and plant genetics, will present. Oct. 23, noon-1 p.m., R380 IonE seminar room and [live online](#). For more information, see [The Land Grant University](#).

CROOKSTON:

UMC WON THE WILDLIFE QUIZ BOWL at the annual conference of The Wildlife Society. The conference contest, held in Milwaukee, was a big win over a team from Humboldt State University, a perennial favorite. John Loegering and Vanessa Lane coached the UMC team. For more information, see [Wildlife Quiz Bowl](#).

FOUR UMC SENIORS TOOK TOP HONORS at the Mid-American Horticultural Society competition at the University of Wisconsin River Falls. The UMC team finished first overall, followed by Iowa State and Colorado State universities. Theresa Helgeson coached the UMC team. For more information, see [Horticultural Society competition](#).

THE BOARD OF REGENTS GRANTED APPROVAL at its October meeting for the UMC Business Department to offer its current bachelor's degree program in sport and recreation management online. Course offerings will begin spring semester 2014.

AT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY, approximately 60 faculty and instructional staff across campus met to update and improve program-level student learning outcomes. Departments and programs will continue to work on learning outcomes in preparation for the spring semester professional development day, Feb. 17, 2014.

DULUTH:

A NEW MASTER OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE (MAPS) DEGREE will launch in fall 2014. The [MAPS degree](#) offers three different emphases: Clinical-Counseling Psychology, Industrial-Organizational Psychology, and General-Experimental Psychology, and will prepare students for successful careers in organizational, educational, clinical, and counseling settings.

MINNESOTA'S MOOSE POPULATION HAS DECLINED DRAMATICALLY. Scientists, graduate students, and postdoc researchers at UMD and the Natural Resources Research Institute are studying the problem from multiple angles, including disappearing habitat, parasites, and climate changes. For more information, see [Moose](#).

THE UMD MULTICULTURAL CENTER will display the exhibit [Dia de los Muertos Ofrendas](#) through Nov. 8. Students in UMD's elementary education program created the ofrendas (which means offering). They also wrote Mexican folk art lesson plans for elementary school classes. Sponsored by the UMD Latino/Chicano Student Programs, Latino/Chicana Student Association, Office of Cultural Diversity, and the Art Education program in the School of Fine Arts.

GLENSHEEN, the historic Congdon estate, will host its third annual [Jack O'Lantern Spooktacular](#), Oct 24-27. More than 1,000 pumpkins, carved by UMD students and community members, will be on display. New this year: a Pumpkin Séance.

MORRIS:

UMM WILL WELCOME PETER FALKUM '80, director of research and development for Silk Brand of White Wave Foods, as the 2013 Latterell Visiting Alumnus lecturer on Oct. 24. His lecture, "[Opportunities in Food: A Stable and Growing Industry](#)," is free and open to the public.

THE EDWARD J. AND HELEN JANE MORRISON GALLERY CONCLUDES ITS FALL SEMESTER with [Holus Bolus: A Rural Aesthetic Initiative](#) by Andrew Nordin and Lisa Bergh. The exhibit opens Oct. 24 and runs through Nov. 29. Nordin and Bergh will give a joint artist lecture, with a reception to follow, on Oct. 24.

THE 2013-14 PERFORMING ARTS SERIES CONTINUES WITH ZENON DANCE COMPANY, Nov. 2. One of the nation's premier repertory dance companies, Zenon captivates audiences with a rare and dynamic blend of modern and jazz dance. Prior to its performance, the company will provide several free dance classes on campus. For more information, see [Zenon Dance Company](#).

ROCHESTER:

IN MAY, UMR ASSISTANT PROFESSOR STARR SAGE will lead a group of students to Kenya to study global health and social determinants of health. Sage was recently awarded a travel grant from the Global Programs and Strategy Alliance for a preliminary visit to Kenya to develop curriculum for the seminar and connect with Kenyan public health scholars and practitioners. For more information, see [Global Health in Kenya](#).

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

IN 2014, UPLAN-ELIGIBLE UMTC EMPLOYEES WILL HAVE A NEW, LOWER-COST HEALTH CARE OPTION: the Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Plan. ACO information sessions will take place Oct. 24, 1-3 p.m., St. Paul Student Center; Oct. 25, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., President's Room, Coffman Union; and Oct. 29, 12:30-4:30 p.m., 210 Donhowe. Representatives from ACO Plans and Medica will be at the events to answer questions and discuss plan options with UPlan members. [RSVP online via ULearn](#).

THE MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM IS RECRUITING FACULTY MENTORS for its summer 2014 cohort. The program recruits first-generation and low-income or underrepresented students to conduct research with faculty and prepare for graduate school. For more information, see [McNair Scholars](#).

PARATRANSIT SERVICE HOURS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED. Hours are now 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The free, on-campus transport service is for anyone with temporary or permanent physical disabilities. To book a ride, call 612-624-8338. For more information, see [Paratransit Services](#).

STAY TOBACCO-FREE IN NOVEMBER AND WIN up to \$2,000 in gift cards through a Boynton Health Service-sponsored "[Quit & Win](#)" campaign, open to all registered students, staff, and faculty who currently use tobacco products and meet eligibility requirements. Free nicotine patches and gum are available.

AN EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND BENEFITS FAIR will take place Nov. 12, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., North Star Ballroom, St. Paul Student Center; and Nov. 13, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union. Experts will be on hand to answer questions about UPlan benefits and the Wellness Program. Free flu shots will also be available.

LRT COMMUTING SURVEY: Answer questions about your commute to and from the U of M and you could win a \$50 gift card. The survey ends Oct. 31. [Take the survey](#).

Award and funding opportunities

LIVING LABORATORY PROPOSALS ARE DUE NOV. 1. The Twin Cities Sustainability Committee invites proposals from the UMTC community to utilize campus grounds as a living laboratory. Selected proposals will receive campus space and assistance with the facilitation of an approved project. For an application, see [Living Lab](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

[U LIBRARY](#) Oct. 24, 4 p.m., 120 Andersen Library. The exhibit, on an immigrant community's life and legacy" Oct. 24, 4 p.m., 120 Andersen Library. See [Little Syria, NY: An Immigrant Community's Life and Legacy](#) Oct. 24, 4 p.m., 120 Andersen Library. See [Little Syria, NY: An Immigrant Community's Life and Legacy](#) Oct. 24, 4 p.m., 120 Andersen Library. See [Little Syria, NY: An Immigrant Community's Life and Legacy](#) Oct. 24, 4 p.m., 120 Andersen Library.

WAM BEES: A WEEKEND WITH THE WEISBUIDEES will take place Oct. 27, 1-3 p.m., Weisman Art Museum. Participants will learn about beekeeping through the [Oct. 27, 1-3 p.m., Weisman Art Museum](#). Participants will learn about beekeeping through the [Oct. 27, 1-3 p.m., Weisman Art Museum](#). Participants will learn about beekeeping through the [Oct. 27, 1-3 p.m., Weisman Art Museum](#).

SOCIAL EXCLUSION AND THE PROBLEM OF DALITS IN INDIA will address theory and empirical realities of excluded groups in India considered "untouchables," or Dalits, and public policies designed to remedy social exclusion and over-inclusion. Presented by Sukhadeo Thorat, chair of the Indian Council of Social Research. Oct. 30, 25 Law School, 11:30 a.m. For registration and more information, see [Dalits in India](#).

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY SYMPOSIUM: "Resilience and Sustainability: What Are We Learning from the Maya and Other Ancient Cultures?" Archaeologists, earth scientists, and sustainability scholars will discuss interdisciplinary initiatives to reexamine datasets and question traditionally held notions of societal collapse and failure. Nov. 7-9. The [keynote address](#), "LIDAR, Water, and the Demise of Greater Angkor," by Roland Fletcher is Nov. 7, 4 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. [Registration](#) closes Nov. 3.

SAFETY DAY at the Carlson School of Management (CSOM) will include the presentations, "If You See Something, Say Something"; "Central Corridor Light Rail Transit--Green Line Train Safety"; and a Q&A with UMPD. Nov. 8, 10:30 a.m.-noon, 3M Auditorium, CSOM. Includes a prize drawing. For more information, see [Safety Day](#).

CENTER FOR BIOETHICS SEMINAR: "Morality and Care Practices at the End of Life" offers professionals who work with dying patients and their families the opportunity to advance their understanding of moral issues in decision-making and care at the end of life. Center for Bioethics faculty will present research, share insights, and engage seminar participants in discussion. Students are also encouraged to attend. Nov. 9, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Continuing Education and Conference Center, St. Paul. For registration and more information, see [Bioethics Seminar](#).

THE OFFICE FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION will recognize 20 years of serving the U of M with a program titled "[Departmental Cultures: Turning Challenges into Opportunities](#)." Nov. 15, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Rooms A, B, and C of the Campus Club and live streamed. The program will emphasize identifying concrete initiatives at the local level that can make a difference in the energy and accomplishments of a department.

MORE EVENTS include Why Do Academics Do Research Like Scholars but Teach Like Dummies? ([Oct. 24](#)); Housing Studies Site Tour: Designing for an Aging Population ([Oct. 25](#)); Fracking: Facts, Fiction, and Fixes ([Oct. 26](#)); The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra in concert ([Oct. 27](#)); Carbon-Neutral Germany: Imagining the Possible ([Oct. 28](#)); Momentum: Keeping it Local ([Oct. 29](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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BENEFITS OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS NOV. 1. If you are satisfied with your current medical and dental plan choices, you do not need to re-enroll. However, if you wish to have a flexible spending account in 2014, you must enroll. During open enrollment, you may increase the amount of your existing short-term disability by up to \$200 by completing a paper application, and, if eligible, you may enroll in or increase long-term disability coverage. You may also add child life insurance. Make selections online at [Employee Self-Service](#) by Dec. 2. For more information, see the [benefits guide](#) or call 4-UOHR (612-624-8647 or 800-756-2363).

Features

FEATURE: The Learning Technologies Media Lab on the U's campus in St. Paul has become one of the smartest places at the U. It's just one example of how creating smart space--with attention to design, technology, and accessibility--can pay off. For more information, read "[Smart space](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Epidemiologist and swine expert Andres Perez will join the College of Veterinary Medicine; professor Mark Umbreit's paper on the impact of death penalty sentencing on murder victims' families has received the award for best research paper by the University of Texas at Austin; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

Administrative information

SAME-SEX DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS will be offered again for 2014, phased out in 2015. Same-sex marriage was legalized in Minnesota Aug. 1, and the U is now offering benefits-eligible employees coverage of their same-sex spouse under the UPlan. Same-sex domestic partner medical, dental, and life insurance coverage will not be offered after Dec. 31, 2014, since coverage for same-sex spouses is now available. For more information, call 4-UOHR (612-624-8647 or 800-756-2363).

THE 2013 DRIVEN TO DISCOVER CAMPAIGN has launched, and includes an update to the U of M homepage and a refresh of the Driven to Discover site, [discover.umn.edu](#). The DISCOVER site has been designed to be both engaging and interactive, featuring visually rich content, including magazine-like stories and imagery, multimedia, and social media. In the coming months, resources for journalists will be added to the site as additional news content is transitioned, creating one destination for U stories.

THE U OF M AND GOOGLE have reached an agreement that will allow all Academic Health Center colleges, schools, centers, and departments, as well as other University departments with access to Protected Health Information, to transition email accounts to Gmail. For more information, see [Protected Health Information agreement](#).

MnDRIVE: The Office of the Vice President for Research has launched a webpage dedicated to the [Minnesota Discovery, Research and Innovation Economy \(MnDRIVE\) initiative](#), a landmark partnership between the University and the state of Minnesota to advance Minnesota's economy and enhance the U's ability to produce breakthrough research. In 2013 the Minnesota Legislature authorized an \$18 million annual investment for MnDRIVE.

Award and funding opportunities

CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR JUNIOR FACULTY through the Clinical and Translational Science Institute. CTSI is accepting applications for three [career development programs](#) designed for junior faculty interested in or pursuing clinical or translational research. Programs provide mentorship, training, and funds to help faculty advance their research careers and compete for NIH awards. Applications are due by noon Dec. 11.

RESIDENT FELLOWS COMPETITION: The Institute on the Environment (IonE) is recruiting a new cohort of resident fellows from across the U. The program supports creative faculty members from a range of backgrounds. Support includes \$10,000 in flexible funding, plus ongoing support for collaborative research projects and international travel grants. Proposals are due Dec. 15. For an application and more information, see [IonE fellows program](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

CAMPUS CONVERSATION: A STRATEGIC PLANNING WORK SESSION WITH PRESIDENT KALER AND PROVOST KAREN HANSON will be held Nov. 4, noon-1 p.m., 321 Coffman Union, or [live online](#) via UMConnect. [RSVP](#) to attend. The event will be an opportunity to contribute to the [strategic planning effort](#), provide feedback, and learn more about the process. Bring a lunch; refreshments will be provided.

CROOKSTON:

AN EVENT HONORING 2013 TORCH & SHIELD AWARD RECIPIENTS Charles Habstritt and Lynn Willhite will be held Nov. 6, Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. This celebration of leadership is the highest honor presented by the Crookston campus. For more information, see [Torch & Shield](#).

EXPLORING UNIVERSAL DESIGN FOR APPLICATION IN ELECTRONIC/ONLINE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS will take place Oct. 31, noon-2 p.m., Bede Ballroom. The panel discussion will serve as an opportunity to acknowledge the work being done across several campus departments to advance online accessibility, celebrate successes, acknowledge challenges, and identify upcoming opportunities for faculty and staff development. For more information, see [online learning panel](#).

CHANCELLOR FRED WOOD is traveling in China Oct. 27-Nov. 3. Highlights of his itinerary include meetings with administrators of Nan Kai University's Binhai campus in Beijing and several days at Zhejiang Economic and Trade Polytechnic (ZJETP) in Hangzhou. While in Hangzhou, he will meet with ZJETP President Li Shuming and celebrate the grand opening of the American Cultural Center, which UMC associate professor Jingpeng Tang helped establish through a [\\$100,000 grant](#) from the U.S. Department of State.

DULUTH:

RICHARD BROWN, senior fellow at the Labovitz School of Business and Economics (LSBE), has been named the recipient of *Financial Planning Magazine's* 2013 New Generation Influencer Award for his role in developing the TD Ameritrade Institutional Learning Lab at LSBE. The lab gives LSBE students the opportunity to manage real-life anonymous client scenarios in a working office and gain hands-on experience. For more information, see [Richard Brown](#).

A NEW STUDY BY THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY, DULUTH, is evaluating how pharmacist-provided medication management may affect blood pressure control for truck drivers. Blood pressure control is not only important for a truck driver's health, it's also crucial in maintaining their commercial driver's licenses. For more information, see [Pharmacy study](#).

THE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC will offer more than 25 events from Oct. 30 to Dec. 13, including student recitals, faculty performances, vocal and instrumental concerts, and guest artist appearances. On Nov. 7, as part of the Ovation Guest Artist Series, the Rogerio Boccatto Quartet presents the *After Bossa Nova Project*, Weber Music Hall. For more information, see [UMD Music](#).

MORRIS:

UMM PRESENTS ITS THIRD CELEBRATION OF SCHOLARLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS. This ongoing event showcases examples of outstanding research and artistic activities undertaken by more than 40 faculty, staff, and retirees. The celebration will be open to students and the public Nov. 6-7. There will be an exclusive showing for faculty, staff, and retirees Nov. 5. For more information, see [Scholarly Accomplishments](#).

THE UMM THEATRE DISCIPLINE'S 2013-14 SEASON opens with the oceanic flair of William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* on Nov. 7. Siobhan Bremer, associate professor of theatre arts, directs the whimsical comedy of mistaken identity and romance in which Shakespeare explores both the absurdity and triumph of love. For more information, see [Theatre](#).

UMM STUDENTS WILL GO DOOR-TO-DOOR in Morris on Oct. 31 collecting donations for the Stevens County Food Shelf. Since 1991 the food shelf has been a reliable source of assistance to the community, providing hygiene products and nonperishable food items to low-income households. For more information, see [Trick or Can](#).

NIC MCPHEE, professor of computer science, recently opened up about his experience as a summer intern with former students Dan Flies '04 and Matt Hardy '01, cofounders of Kidblog, Inc. McPhee told the [Star Tribune](#) that the experience "was a useful reminder of what it's like to be very confused ... and that's a valuable thing for a teacher."

ROCHESTER:

CHANCELLOR LEHMKUHLE WILL PRESENT THE UMR STATE OF THE CAMPUS ADDRESS Nov. 7, 11:45 a.m., 417 University Square. RSVP and find more information at [State of the Campus](#).

TWIN CITIES:

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A WIFI SECURITY CERTIFICATE UPDATE will begin Oct. 30 at 11 p.m. Network engineers will update a data file, known as a certificate, that is used to keep the University's wifi network connections secure, and to keep transmitted information encrypted. [The process](#) is expected to take 20 minutes and should not cause service interruptions.

FOUR UMTC BUILDINGS EARNED ENERGY STAR RATINGS THIS FALL. Burton Hall, Wulling Hall, the Learning and Environmental Sciences Building, and Roy Wilkins Hall recently qualified for the honor, bringing the institutional total to seven. Buildings qualify for the rating by proving to be more energy efficient than 75 percent of similar buildings. For more information, see [It All Adds Up](#).

MEET WITH A HEALTH COACH AND EARN 150 WELLNESS POINTS. Boynton Health Service and the U's Wellness Program offer free face-to-face [health coaching](#) to all UPlan members. Meet with a health coach three times before Aug. 31 and you may be eligible for 150 [Wellness Points](#). Call 612-625-3222 for appointments.

Award and funding opportunities

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY will convene an interdisciplinary [Sawyer Seminar](#), "Making the Mississippi: Formulating new water narratives for the 21st century and beyond," to theorize new ways of thinking about water systems. The seminar will provide funding for the participation of one [postdoc fellow](#) and two [graduate fellows](#). A planning session will be held Nov. 14, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 235 Nolte. [RSVP to Phyllis Messenger](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

VAMPIRES IN AUSTRIA: THE TRUE STORY BEHIND THE AUSTRIAN VAMPIRE PRINCESS, will feature a lecture by Rainer Koepl, professor at the University of Vienna, Austria, and 2013-14 Fulbright Visiting Professor in the Department of Cultural Studies and Comparative Literature at the University of Minnesota. Oct. 31, 3:30-5 p.m., 1210 Heller Hall. Costumes encouraged; spooky snacks will be served. For more information, see [Vampires](#).

DOES TEXT MESSAGING HARM PROFESSIONAL PROFICIENCY? At its next [Teaching with Writing event](#), the Center for Writing will explore whether college students' pervasive use of text messaging weakens their writing skills, or, conversely, whether texting might strengthen students' ability to write in diverse situations. Nov. 1, 9 a.m., 12 Nicholson Hall.

THE PROJECT AND CHANGE MANAGEMENT COLLABORATORS (PCMC) GROUP will present "Tools for Remote Meetings" Nov. 1, 1:45-3:15 p.m., 312 STSS. Participants will build skills and interact with colleagues in remote locations, as well as learn what tools other groups at the U are using. [RSVP online](#).

U LIBRARIES will host a series of [write-ins for National Novel Writing Month](#). Writing resources will be available to help participants pen or type their way to 50,000 words by the end of November. Write-ins take place Nov. 1, 8, 15, and 22; 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 201B Wilson Library.

AN INFORMAL RECEPTION AND OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH KATRICE ALBERT, VP for equity and diversity, will be held Nov. 4, 3:30-5 p.m., Maroon and Gold Room, McNamara Alumni Center. Albert began in her new role this past June. For more information, see [Albert Reception](#).

"ARAB UPRISINGS AND THE RESHAPING OF THE MIDDLE EAST": World-renowned scholar Shibley Telhami will speak about dramatic changes in the Middle East and the impacts on regional and international politics. Telhami is the Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development at the University of Maryland. Nov. 5, 4:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. For more information, see [Telhami](#).

PAYING THE PRICE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE, a panel discussion hosted by the Heller-Hurwicz Economics Institute, will feature world-renowned economists, including Steve Polasky (U of M) and Per Krusell, Stockholm University. Free, but registration is required. Nov. 7, 5:30 p.m., Union Club Room, TCF Stadium. For registration and more information, see [climate change discussion](#).

"WHY FAMILIES MATTER," a Center for Bioethics Seminar, will feature Hilde Lindemann, professor of philosophy, Michigan State University. Sponsored with the Medical School, Department of Pediatrics, and Family Medicine and Community Health. Nov. 8, 12:15-1:30 p.m., 3-100 Mayo. For more information, see [Bioethics Seminar](#).

MORE EVENTS include Vera Shevzov, "Imperial Miracles: The Romanovs and Russia's Icons of the Mother of God" ([Nov. 1](#)); All About Dogs Day ([Nov. 2](#)); Sexual Harassment: Awareness, Prevention, and Response ([Nov. 5](#)); Going for Broke: Enrolling Vulnerable Populations in MNSure ([Nov. 13](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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BENEFITS OPEN ENROLLMENT IS ONGOING THROUGH DEC. 2. Make selections online at [Employee Self-Service](#) by Dec. 2. For more information, see the [benefits guide](#) or call 4-UOHR (612-624-8647 or 800-756-2363).

Features

FEATURE: In a world where almost everything we write is shared electronically, the language of the Osage Nation is in danger of dying. Jessica Harjo took a big step toward saving her tribe's language-- and culture. For her master's thesis project, Harjo designed a typeface for the language of the Osage Nation of Oklahoma. Only 10 fluent speakers of Osage are now living. For more information, read "[Saving a language, a people.](#)"

FEATURE: Abdul Omari grew up in south Minneapolis, just 10 minutes from the U of M. Yet the first time he came to campus was for freshman orientation in 2004. Now, almost a decade later, Omari is deeply connected to the University. He is a Ph.D. candidate in comparative and international development education, and was elected to the U's Board of Regents this spring. For more information, read "[Learning for leadership.](#)"

FEATURE: Children's literature and social justice go hand in hand in the story and work of Marek Oziewicz, professor of children's and young adult literature. For more information, read "[The power of a book.](#)"

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PEOPLE: Outgoing Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak will become a distinguished visiting practitioner, with a joint appointment at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs and the College of Design; the Minnesota Library Association has awarded U Librarian Kirsten Clark its 2013 President's Award; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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THE ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS UPGRADE PROGRAM'S (ESUP) STUDENT RECORDS WORK GROUP will hold a town hall meeting Nov. 8 to provide an overview and wrap-up of the second phase of the project. Topics will include waitlist, grading, and FERPA. Locations to attend on each campus, as well as an online option, are available. For more information, see [ESUP Student Records](#).

CLOUD COMPUTING VIA AMAZON WEB SERVICES (AWS) IS NOW AVAILABLE. The University has entered into a U-wide agreement to provide access to [AWS cloud computing](#). The service is ideal for research projects, big data management, high-performance computing, business and web applications, and more, with self-service, on-demand deployment and management for IT applications and services for all campuses. Cloudnexus will manage the U's purchase options, support, and management. For more information and instructions on requesting AWS services, see [Cloudnexus](#).

Award and funding opportunities

THE DEADLINE FOR IMAGINE FUND GRANT PROPOSALS HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO NOV. 18, noon, for individual faculty research awards. The deadline remains Nov. 29 for special events awards. The grants support projects in the arts, humanities, and design. Tenured or tenure-track faculty (as well as certain, other full-time faculty appointments) from all campuses are invited to apply. For more information, see [Imagine Fund](#).

THE OFFICE FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT is seeking applications for the [MacJannet Prize for Global Citizenship](#), an international award recognizing exceptional student community engagement and community service. The award also financially supports up to \$7,500 for ongoing work of University-based civic initiatives. Deadline is Jan. 8. [Nomination guidelines \(PDF\)](#) are online. Email the completed nomination form to public@umn.edu. For more information, email [Amber Cameron](mailto:Amber.Cameron).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE U WILL CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK NOV. 11-15 with events happening systemwide that highlight the U's support of international education. For more information, see the [calendar of events](#).

2013 STUDENT VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY will take place Nov. 12, Coffman Union. The event recognizes the contributions of University student veterans, military members, and their families to the country and will include a chili luncheon for guests. For more information, see [Student Veterans](#).

CROOKSTON:

THE UMC WOMEN'S COMMISSION will host a [Women's Health Expo](#) Nov. 7, 5-7 p.m., Peterson Classroom, Heritage Hall. Guest speakers will include Annabelle Norlock speaking on survival and success, Sue Thompson speaking on laughter yoga, and Megan Scott speaking on nutrition.

THE 2013 [EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FAIR](#) will take place Nov. 7, noon-2 p.m., Bede Ballroom. All faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. Vendors from the University's medical plans, flexible spending accounts, life and disability benefits, retirement savings, dental plans, and employee wellness program will be available to answer questions.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK AT UMC will include adventures from around the world, ranging from culinary creations to an international market. For more information, see [International Education](#).

DULUTH:

"DIVERSITY AND DISCRIMINATION: PERSONAL AND SCIENTIFIC PERSPECTIVES" will be presented by author Daniel Seddiqui and UMD Professor Randall Gordon, Nov. 7, 3 p.m., Griggs Center. Seddiqui will discuss working and living among diverse people in each of the 50 states. Gordon will discuss the science behind stereotypes and techniques to reduce prejudice. Sponsored in part by UMD's new Master of Arts in Psychological Science. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [Diversity and Discrimination](#).

THE BAEUMLER KAPLAN HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE is sponsoring [three public events](#) in conjunction with the exhibit "Lawyers Without Rights: Jewish Lawyers in Germany Under the Third Reich," on display in Duluth Nov. 9-14. UMD Associate Professor Deborah Petersen-Perlman will present on Kristallnacht, Nov. 9; public defender Fred Friedman and UMD American Indian Studies Professor Tadd Johnson will lead a discussion following a screening of *Judgment at Nuremberg*, Nov. 10; and theater professor Tom Isbell will present Justice Robert Jackson's opening remarks from the Nuremberg trials on Nov. 12.

DERRICK BUISCH, a University of Wisconsin-Madison painting professor, will present a lecture Nov. 12, 6-7 p.m., 70 Montague Hall. His work focuses on abstract painting informed by ordinary, everyday visual information, and his inspiration comes from "pedestrian sources" such as roadside signs, graffiti, and tattoos. The lecture is part of the Visual Culture Lecture Series. For more information, see [Derrick Buisch](#).

"SOIREE OF SEASONS" will be held Nov. 13, Sacred Heart Music Center, 201 W. 4th St., Duluth. The evening will feature hors d' oeuvres created by UMD Executive Chef Tom Linderholm, using ingredients from the UMD Farm, as well as interactive displays crafted by Sustainable Agriculture Project students. The event is designed to raise awareness about UMD's Sustainable Agriculture Project, a 10-acre organic plot at the UMD Farm. For more information, see [Soiree](#).

MORRIS:

RAY SCHULTZ, professor of theatre arts, is the third UMM Founders Scholar. Schultz's Founders Scholar project, tentatively titled "Inciting Controversy, Provoking Thought: Performing the Liberal Arts," will provide a forum for critical dialogue on the UMM campus. The Founders Fund was established with gifts from a private donor in honor of UMM's founding faculty members.

TABITHA MORRIS '14 AND MAI PA TAO VANG '14 were recently awarded the Dr. Nancy "Rusty" Barceló Scholarship. Presented by the U of M Women's Center, the award supports women of color, immigrant students, students from disadvantaged families, first-generation college students, and mothers. Morris and Vang were two of eight students selected systemwide. For more information, see [Scholarship](#).

AMERICAN PEDAGOGICAL THEORIST GLORIA LADSON-BILLINGS will return to Morris on Nov. 11. As UMM's 2013 Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Liberal Arts, Ladson-Billings will again visit area K-12 schools and provide lectures, workshops, and discussions on the UMM campus. She will deliver a closing address Nov. 14. For more information, see [Gloria Ladson-Billings](#).

THE UMM SPANISH DISCIPLINE WILL HOST ZORONGO PALMENO DANCE THEATRE on Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium. Under the direction of Susana di Palma, Zorongo Flamenco combines the passionate soul of Spain with the lively, innovative spirit of America. For more information, see [Zorongo Flamenco](#).

ROCHESTER:

UMR IT ADMINISTRATOR KIM SIN has received the 2013 NAACP George Gibbs Meritorious Community Service Award for leadership education and service to the Rochester community. His contributions to the community include organizing and planning community cultural events, developing community initiatives to grow leadership and teamwork skills, and taking student groups on a service-learning trip to Cambodia. For more information, see [Kim Sin](#).

TWIN CITIES:

Award and funding opportunities

WRITING RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM AND WORKSHOP: Interdisciplinary Studies of Writing (ISW) grants. Join a disciplinarily diverse group of U of M faculty, staff, and students for a presentation and discussion of research projects funded by the Center for Writing, followed by a brief workshop on applying for the center's 2014 grants. Nov. 7, noon-2 p.m., University International Center. For registration and more information, see [ISW grants](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE INSTITUTE ON THE ENVIRONMENT will host a [roundtable discussion](#) exploring the role of art and science in adapting to climate change in conjunction with its "[Tales of Environmental Turbulence](#)" exhibit. Participants are Lewis Gilbert, Peter Reich, Sean Connaughty, Jonee Brigham, and Roslye Ultan. Free and open to the public. Nov. 7, 4 p.m., 380 Learning and Environmental Sciences Building, St. Paul.

THE CIVIL SERVICE BARGAINING UNIT WOMEN'S ACTION NETWORK will host a professional speed networking session Nov. 11, noon, 318 Donhowe. Bring a lunch. Hot chocolate provided. For more information, see [Women's Speed Networking](#).

TEACHING WITH WRITING IN LARGE-ENROLLMENT ONLINE COURSES will feature a panel discussion with instructors who have devised innovative ways for assigning informal and formal writing in such courses. Nov. 12, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., 135 Nicholson Hall. Lunch provided; registration is required. For more information, see [Teaching with Writing](#).

PET AWAY WORRY AND STRESS (PAWS) ON WEDNESDAYS beginning Nov. 13 at Boynton Health Service. De-stress by interacting with therapy animals, including dogs, Woodstock the chicken, and other animals. [PAWS visits](#) are free and run from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through spring semester. No appointment necessary.

SIP OF SCIENCE, held the second Wednesday of every month, will next feature "Duluth Stream Geomorphology and the Solstice Flood of 2012" with Karen Gran, UMD associate professor. The Sip of Science series bridges the gap between science and culture in a setting that bridges the gap between brain and belly. Nov. 13, 5:30 p.m., Aster Cafe, 125 S.E. Main St., Minneapolis. Free. For more information, see [A Sip of Science](#).

CELEBRATE PUBLIC ART ON CAMPUS WITH THE WEISMAN Nov. 13, 6 p.m., with a reception and panel discussion to mark 25 years of public art on campus. Join Forest Public Art founder Jack Becker and artists Andrew Leicester, Andrea Stanislav, and Diane Willow for a conversation about the significance of public art at the University of Minnesota. Snacks will be provided. [Cash bar](#). For more information, see [Public Art 25](#). A virtual tour of campus public art is available at [pa25.org](#).

U LIBRARIES WILL HOST THE NOMMO AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHOR SERIES, featuring poet Marilyn Nelson, Nov. 14, 7-9:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. The evening will include readings from Nelson's book of poems, *Faster Than Light*, a discussion between Nelson and host Alex Pate, and questions from the audience. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [NOMMO](#).

THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS: POSTER SESSION AND AWARDS DINNER will showcase and celebrate the partnerships between community organizations and healthcare research institutions at the U of M. Nov. 20, 4-7 p.m., Amherst H. Wilder Foundation. Hosted by the Clinical and Translational Science Institute, Center for Health Equity, and Program in Health Disparities Research. [RSVP and learn more](#).

"TALENT IN OUR MIDST: NURTURING FUTURE FACULTY AND STAFF OF COLOR" will take place Nov. 22, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Room 305 of Hamline University's Anderson Center. Richard Reddick of the University of Texas will share his research and experience on "growing our own" faculty and staff of color. All U faculty and staff are invited to attend this fall membership event of the Upper Midwest Higher Education Recruitment Consortium (UMHERC). For more information, see [UMHERC \(PDF\)](#).

MORE EVENTS include Guest and Faculty Concert: Zagreb Saxophone Quartet and Lydia Artymiw, piano ([Nov. 7](#)); Regis Center 10th Anniversary Faculty | Staff | Alumni Exhibitions ([Nov. 7](#)); Indian Student Association Fall Show ([Nov. 8](#)); Call to Action: a MN Out! Campus Conference (MOCC) and U of M Systemwide Summit Meta Conference ([Nov. 9](#)); Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Information Session ([Nov. 11](#)); and Interdisciplinary Women's Health Lecture Series ([Nov. 13](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE EVENTS [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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FEATURE: Fifty years ago, Joyce Wallin discovered that one of her kidneys hadn't been working for years, and that the other was diseased and getting worse. Wallin received a kidney transplant from her identical twin on June 7, 1963. That surgery was the first-ever solid organ transplant performed by U of M physicians. In the ensuing half century, the U has taken its place as a global leader in transplant medicine. For more information, read "[A half-century of transplant innovation.](#)"

FEATURE: U of M students are experiencing the hard work of farming, learning first-hand lessons from the land. The students manage Cornercopia, the largest organic farm in Ramsey County, St. Paul. For more information, read "[Learning from the land.](#)"

FEATURE: The year is 1913. People are still shuddering at the thought of the Titanic, and World War I is looming in the near future. Women aren't allowed in voting booths, and traveling daily by automobile seems like a foreign concept. Unknown to anyone at the time, one of the biggest plagues on modern human health was about to begin its reign in society: the cigarette. For more information, read "[The cigarette turns 100.](#)"

FEATURE: Institute on the Environment (IonE) resident fellow John Gulliver, a professor in the College of Science and Engineering, has spent more than a decade working on ways to protect our waters from the ravages of runoff. The story is the first in a series of profiles of U faculty. For more information, read "[John Gulliver: Runoff Wrangler.](#)"

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: U researchers have been awarded an \$8.3 million NIH contract to advance hormone-free birth control research; the NIH has awarded \$3.2 million to the U's Minnesota Population Center for a multi-year project; Brian Engdahl has been appointed the Anderson Chair in PTSD Research at the Med School; Deborah Powell has been awarded the Abraham Flexner Award for Distinguished Service to Medical Education by the Association of American Medical Colleges; the U has been named one of 16 Innovation and Economic Prosperity Universities by the Association of Public Land-Grant Universities; an annual report on international students and study abroad shows that the UMTC campus ranks in the top 20 in both categories; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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DRUPAL WEB CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CMS) UPDATE: Drupal will be introduced systemwide as the U's new enterprise-level CMS. Pilot site development has begun, with the first pilot expected to launch by mid-December. The U's current web CMS, UMContent, is scheduled for retirement by the end of November 2014. For more information, see [Preparing for the Drupal Transition](#) or visit the [project website](#).

THE ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS UPGRADE PROGRAM (ESUP) PORTAL TEAM has an early rough draft of the new U-wide portal planned for late 2014. The portal will simplify the online experience at the U by bringing together tools and resources in one place. Explore the site and provide feedback at [Enterprise Portal Project](#).

GOOGLE WILL RELEASE A NEW FEATURE within the next few weeks that will automatically update University Calendar events when changes are made in associated Google Groups. For more information, see [Google Groups changes](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

GIVE TO THE MAX DAY IS NOV. 14. Minnesota's annual online giving extravaganza is a day when Minnesotans give in full force to support important causes. Support the U and [give to a favorite U of M entity or cause](#), encourage family and friends to support the U, and [share Give to the Max Day](#) on Facebook and Twitter.

THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH has developed a [new online learning game](#) that simulates tasks performed by a team of public health professionals during an epidemic. [Epidemic!](#) includes an [instructor's guide \(PDF\)](#) that suggests ways to use the game in a classroom setting with groups of students working together to explore the world of public health.

CROOKSTON:

DISCUSS INTERCULTURAL OR MULTICULTURAL EDUCATIONAL ISSUES, clinical concerns, or cultural practices at a drop-in Q&A session with Alisa Eland, Soo Kyoung Lee, and Mingzhi Li from the Twin Cities campus Nov. 12, 9-11 a.m., Minnesota Room. The informal event is for faculty and staff only.

AN INTERNATIONAL MARKET will take place Nov. 13, 2-7 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. Items for sale include handcrafts, art, food, and more. Sponsored by the Study Abroad Club and Multicultural and International Club. For more information, see [International Market](#).

THE UMC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION will host the [fourth annual Fargo Alumni Social](#) Nov. 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Fargo Billiards and Gastropub, Fargo, ND.

A RECORD-SETTING COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL MATCH took place at Lysaker Gymnasium between UMC and Augustana College. UMC earned a hard-fought 3-0 (37-35, 25-23, 25-19) victory. In the first set, the Golden Eagles, down by 10 points, fought back to win the game in what is believed to be an NCAA Division II record for points in a single set during the 25-point scoring era. For more information, see [UMC Volleyball](#).

DULUTH:

A BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (BSW) degree will launch in the fall of 2014. The new program will prepare students for generalist practice in a variety of human service settings. Its curriculum has a special focus on services to American Indians and their communities. The program is primarily online, making it especially flexible for working professionals who want to earn a BSW. For more information, see [Social Work](#).

IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE 2012 DULUTH FLOODS, the U.S. Green Building Council of Minnesota approached UMD Continuing Education about developing an educational course focusing on stormwater management. The result is a self-paced, online course designed for individuals interested in gaining a better understanding of stormwater management issues. For more information, see [Stormwater](#).

THE 2013-14 THEATRE SERIES continues with *Last Summer at Bluefish Cove*, an important work in the history of lesbian theatre as the "first mainstream quality literary piece of its kind." Ongoing through Nov. 16, Dudley Experimental Theatre. For more information, see [Last Summer](#).

MORRIS:

UMM IS 28TH ON THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S (EPA'S) TOP 30 LIST of the largest onsite green power generators and consumers. UMM uses more than five million kilowatt-hours of green power annually, generated from several onsite renewable energy systems. For more information, see [EPA Top 30](#).

TIWALOLUWA AJIBEWA '14, HAZEN FAIRBANKS '14, NATASHA MYHAL '15, AND MAI PA TAO VANG '14 have received the [2013 Scholarly Excellence in Equity and Diversity \(SEED\) Award](#). Sponsored by the Office for Equity and Diversity, the award acknowledges diverse students doing outstanding work at the University of Minnesota. For more information, see [SEED Award](#).

A TEAM OF ARCHAEOLOGY STUDENTS LED BY REBECCA DEAN, associate professor of anthropology, will help restore the Boerner family cemetery near Herman, MN. The team will excavate, catalog, and eventually recreate the site, which was destroyed in 2012. While Dean has led excavations in Portugal and elsewhere, this is her first local dig. For more information, see [Local Cemetery](#).

AMERICAN TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETE AMANDA SMOCK VISITED UMM Oct. 30. Smock spoke with students in the Olympics and Social Change course taught by Jeremy Karger-Gatzow, cross country/track and field head coach. Smock was a member of the 2012 U.S. Olympic team. For more information, including photos, see [Olympic Athlete](#).

UMM WELCOMED THE HOUSE CAPITAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE on Nov. 6. The visit was part of a tour to see and hear cases for proposed bonding requests. After a tour of campus, the committee heard presentations from Rep. Jay McNamar, Superintendent of West Central Area Schools Pat Westby, and Stevens County Highway Engineer Brian Giese. For more information, see [Capital Investment Committee](#).

ROCHESTER:

ANDY FRANQUEIRA, UMR web and software developer, has been chosen for the U of M [IT Emerging Leadership program](#). The program provides development opportunities for future leaders across information technologies. For more information, see [Andy Franqueira](#).

UMR IT STAFF MEMBERS Michael Olesen, Linda Dick, and Nick Suchla attended the [EDUCAUSE Annual Conference](#) to collaborate with other higher education institutions on the best practices of IT.

UMR'S UNIQUE STUDENT-DEVELOPMENT APPROACH was recently shared with professionals from around the state. Parry Telander, Jennifer Hooke, and Samantha Duke presented "Intentional Space for Student Development: The CLI Seminar Series" at the fall conference of the Minnesota College Personnel Association. For more information, see [student development presentation](#).

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SUPPORT FOR NURSING MOTHERS is available on the UMTC campus. Through the efforts of the Lactation Advocacy Committee, resources and information are available for employees, supervisors, and students at [Lactation Support](#). Students are also encouraged to contact the [Student Parent HELP Center](#) for assistance. The committee welcomes new members. For more information, email women@umn.edu.

STUDENTS CAN BENEFIT FROM STUDENT TECHNOLOGY PEER TUTORS, offered free of charge in three Tech Stop locations. Tutors are available to provide one-on-one assistance to help students develop technical skills needed to complete course assignments in Excel, InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, and other programs. For more information, see [Student Technology Tutoring](#).

Award and funding opportunities

GRANT FUNDING FOR NEW RESEARCHERS: Learn about funding opportunities available to new researchers, as well as how to search for grant opportunities using tools like Pivot, SciVal Funding, and the Foundation Directory. Setting up email updates on specific subjects, as well as how to find internal U of M funding sources, will also be covered. Resources for the course are listed under [Researcher Support](#). Nov. 19, 3-4:15 p.m., 310 Walter Library. Register online at [Grant Funding](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE NEXT INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY (IAS) THURSDAYS AT FOUR LECTURE features a discussion with Bat of Minerva director Peter Shea and actor Danny Robinson Clark. Nov. 13, 4:15 p.m., 235 Nolte. Part of the [IAS Symposium on Site and Incitement](#).

MATH AND SCIENCE FAMILY FUN FAIR will feature fascinating activities, more than 30 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 more. Nov. 16, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Coffman Union. Free. For more information, see [Family Fun Fair](#).

[BIKES, BEATS, AND BOYNTON](#), an art exhibit featuring local artist and alumnus Adam Turman, will be on display at Boynton Health Service through Dec. 31. Free and open to the public.

THE DISTINGUISHED VISITING SCHOLAR SERIES ON HEALTH DISPARITIES will welcome Moon Chen of the University of California, Davis Nov. 18-19. Chen leads the largest project ever undertaken to curb cancer in Asian Americans. For more information, see [Health Disparities](#).

THE SUCCESSFUL ONLINE STUDENT: Learn why some students succeed in online and hybrid courses while other students do not, as well as strategies for engaging students to help them stay on track at a Center for Teaching and Learning workshop. Nov. 20, 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m., 226 Appleby, or live via UMConnect. For registration and more information, see [Successful Online Student](#).

JOHN BORCHERT LECTURE: Thomas Fisher, dean of the College of Design, will give the [seventh annual Borchert Lecture](#), which honors the late John Borchert, U of M Regents Professor of Geography and member of the U.S. National Academy of Science. Nov. 22, 3:30 p.m., L-110, Honeywell Auditorium, Carlson School.

MORE EVENTS include Robyn IAS Kimmerer: *Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Redemption of Plants (Nov. 13)*; Wall Street Journal's Roetzel Religious Studies Lecture, "Paul, and the Redemption of Israel," by Paula Fredriksen ([Nov. 14](#)); World Usability Day ([Nov. 14](#)); Regis Center 10th Anniversary Faculty | Staff | Alumni Exhibitions ([Nov. 15](#)); Critical Conversations: Under the Lens: Questioning the Culture of Science ([Nov. 15](#)); Saturday with a Scientist: Ready, Set, BLAST OFF! ([Nov. 16](#)); Let's Taste Popular Korean Street Foods! ([Nov. 18](#)); Award-winning journalist Stephen Jimenez discusses his book *The Book of Matt* ([Nov. 19](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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 REMINDER: BENEFITS OPEN ENROLLMENT CONTINUES THROUGH DEC. 2. Make selections online at [Employee Self-Service](#). Enrollment assistance sessions are available on the UMTC campus Nov. 25-27, and Dec. 2, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 315 Donhowe. For more information, see the [benefits guide](#) or call 4-UOHR (800-756-2363).

Features

 FEATURE: In a state with a thriving biosciences industry and rich history of innovation, it only made sense for the 2008 Minnesota Legislature to invest in a state-of-the-art research park. The Biomedical Discovery District's six buildings--the last one will open in 2015--will provide space for more than 1,000 investigators to collaborate on research leading to lifesaving discoveries. For more information, read "[Margin of excellence](#)."

 FEATURE: Computer science major Johanna Lucht was at NASA this summer, helping create a collision-avoidance app for pilots. She interned through a program for students with disabilities who are strong in science and aiming for technical careers. For more information, read "[Brilliant launch](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

 PEOPLE: Jay Brooks Jackson has been named the new Medical School dean and vice president for health sciences; the Graduate and Professional Student Association has presented five faculty members with 2013 Outstanding Adviser Awards; the U of M will become the first in the world to install a new ultrafast electron microscope that will be used to examine the dynamics of materials at the atomic and molecular scale over time spans measured in femtoseconds (one millionth of a billionth of a second); U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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 TXT-U IS THE U OF M'S EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION TEXT MESSAGING SYSTEM, and is a primary means of communication during emergencies. Register or update your information online at [TXT-U](#). Participants may add up to two numbers to keep family members or others informed.

 SUBSCRIBE TO THE ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS UPGRADE PROGRAM'S (ESUP) newsletter, *The Upgrade*, for biweekly information about what's changing with the University's human resource, student service, and financial systems and how it may affect you, as well as information on the new portal and the enhanced reporting capabilities. Visit upgrade.umn.edu to subscribe and learn more about ESUP.

Award and funding opportunities

 THE NOMINATION DEADLINE FOR 2014 DISTINGUISHED McKNIGHT UNIVERSITY PROFESSORSHIP AWARDS IS FEB. 3. The awards recognize outstanding faculty members who have recently achieved full professor status. For nomination information, see [2014 McKnight awards](#), email Chris Bremer, or call 612-625-6176.

 PROPOSALS FOR 2014-15 RESEARCH AND CREATIVE COLLABORATIVES awarded through the Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) are due Jan. 31. IAS seeks systemwide participation and encourages graduate student participation. Collaboratives may be convened by U faculty, students, or staff, but should show evidence of faculty participation. Collaboratives may request up to \$12,000. For an application and more information, see [IAS collaboratives](#).

CROOKSTON:
BELIEF, a performance celebrating Native American stories and songs that weave a journey of discovery between past and present, will take place Nov. 20, 7 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium. The performance features Julie Cajune and music by Gary Stroutsos, with special guests American Indian Woodwinds and World Percussion. For more information, see [Native American heritage event](#).

 THURSDAY COMMONS on Nov. 21 is the fall semester [UMC Campus Assembly meeting](#), 12:30-2 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.

WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER BROWN, lecturer in the Liberal Arts and Education Department, successfully defended his doctoral dissertation at Indiana University Bloomington and will be awarded a Ph.D. in English. Brown joined the UMC faculty in August 2012 as a lecturer in composition.

 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES MAJOR Tashi Gurung is the recipient of a Scholarly Excellence in Equity and Diversity award. [Gurung was recognized](#) Nov. 13 at the sixth annual Equity and Diversity Breakfast.

DULUTH:

 PROFESSOR AYDIN DURGUNOGLU will receive the 2013 Award for Global Engagement on Nov. 22. The systemwide award is bestowed on current faculty and staff in recognition of outstanding contributions to global education, research, and cultural understanding and/or international programs. Durgunoglu is to receive the award for her work in adult literacy in Turkey. For more information, see [Aydin Durgunoglu](#).

 IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY, two cadets from UMD's Air Force ROTC program posted a 24-hour watch at the flagpole outside the front entrance of the Darland Administration Building. For more information, see [ROTC Watch](#).

 THE ANNUAL SOUNDS OF THE SEASON CONCERT will be presented by the Department of Music on Dec. 7, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Symphony Hall, Duluth Entertainment Convention Center. The concert features performances by the UMD Symphony Orchestra, University Singers, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, and the Jazz Ensemble. For more information, see [Sounds of the Season](#).

 VOTE FOR UMD FOOTBALL COACH CURT WIESE in the 2013 Liberty Mutual [Coach of the Year](#) contest. Watch this [short video](#) for more information.

MORRIS:

 ALUMNA HEIDI EGER '13 has returned to UMM as a Minnesota GreenCorps member. Eger began her work as an intern in the Office of Sustainability and has since been a part of the Morris Healthy Eating team. Her goal is to make fresh, locally grown foods available on campus and in the community. For more information, see [Eger](#).

 SEVENTEEN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION SENIORS recently completed week-long practicums in the Chicago Public Schools district. The Chicago-practicum program provides cross-cultural classroom experiences for UMM's future teachers. Now in its 20th year, the trip is led by Professors of Elementary Education Carol Cook and Gwen Rudney. For more information, see [Education Students](#).

 ADRIENNE HAATAJA '13, COKATO, AND KELSEY BUTLER '14, BOWLUS, aided Associate Professor of English Michael Lackey in his research project *Truthful Fictions: A Conversation with American Biographical Novelists*. The forthcoming book includes interviews with 16 biographical novelists and addresses topics like creative freedom, writing already established characters, and sensualizing history. For more information, see [Research Project](#).

ROCHESTER:

 THE UMR CONNECTS theme for December is "By Your Request!" Upcoming lectures include "Diversity in Bioethics," Dec. 3; "The Powerful Healing of Music," Dec. 10; and "Adjacent Possible: Bone Marrow Cells in Skin Regeneration," Dec. 17. For more information see the [UMR CONNECTS](#).

 READ ABOUT THE CHANCELLOR'S STATE OF THE CAMPUS ADDRESS, the first alumni spotlight, and other stories about UMR faculty, staff, and students in [UMR E-NEWS](#), a newsletter for the UMR community.

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THANK YOU: THE TWIN CITIES COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE SET A RECORD for donations by raising \$1,342,146. The 2013 participation rate was the highest ever, with 36 percent of employees pledging gifts. Many thanks to all the faculty and staff who contributed to the fund, participated in local fundraising events, and shared their "Reason to Give," and to the 308 lead and grassroots volunteers who made the campaign a success.

 A TRANSPORTATION SAFETY CONTEST open to all UMTC students, faculty, and staff invites ideas on ways to improve transportation safety on campus. The [Big Ideas Challenge](#) seeks ideas that can be relatively easy to accomplish, as well as those that might require a significant change to campus. A second [Safety Videos Contest](#) seeks creative short videos that raise awareness around transportation safety on campus. Ideas will be reviewed by a panel of judges and submitted for a campus vote. The submission deadline for both contests is Dec. 9, 5 p.m.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

 CELEBRATE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCE (GIS) DAY at the U of M Nov. 20. The worldwide celebration of GIS is an annual salute to geospatial technology and its power to transform and better lives. [U-Spatial](#) will host an open house with hands-on activities, presentations, and a Geocaching contest with a \$50 prize. Nov. 20, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 609 Social Sciences. For more information, see [GIS Day](#).

 A FRONTIERS ON THE ENVIRONMENT lecture, "[Resonate! How 90 Seconds of Cello Music Is Helping People Connect With Climate Science](#)," will highlight a music video featuring a cello performance by undergraduate Daniel Crawford that reconfigures global temperature data as a musical composition. Nov. 20, noon-1 p.m., 380 IonE Seminar Room, St. Paul, and [live via UMConnect](#).

 DIGITAL STORYTELLING IN HIGHER EDUCATION will feature a panel of faculty and staff who have taken and taught digital storytelling workshops at the U of M. Nov. 21, 4 p.m., 125 Nolte. For more information, see [digital storytelling](#).

 STAGES OF OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION: As of 2008, nearly 40 percent of working Americans had a license or certification from a local, state, or federal government. Humphrey School Professor Morris Kleiner will discuss policy implications and offer new insights on the cost and benefits of this rapidly growing phenomenon. A book signing will follow. Nov. 21, 4:30 p.m. 1-108 Hanson Hall. For registration and more information, see [Kleiner Lecture](#).

 UNIVERSITY OPERA THEATRE WILL PRESENT Bedřich Smetana's *The Bartered Bride* Nov. 21-24, Ted Mann Concert Hall. Two-for-one tickets for U of M students, faculty, staff, alumni, and retirees are available.

 UNFOLDING NEW LEAVES: ENVISIONING THE FUTURE OF HORTICULTURE will explore current research in horticultural science and the ways it is evolving to meet the challenges of the future. The symposium will feature presentations from speakers throughout the day, as well as a poster session over lunch. Nov. 22, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 105 Cargill Building, St. Paul. For more information, see [Horticulture Symposium](#).

 GRADING RUBRICS: THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY, a Teaching with Writing panel discussion, will feature a conversation on the pros and cons of grading rubrics. Nov. 22, noon-1:30 p.m., 140 Nolte. For more information, see [Grading Rubrics](#).

 U LIBRARIES WILL HOST *ISLAMIC ART: MIRROR OF THE INVISIBLE WORLD*, a film about Islamic culture across nine countries and more than 1,400 years of history, followed by a discussion led by Professor Catherine Asher, a specialist in Islamic and Indian art. Nov. 25, 4-6:15 p.m., 120 Elmer-Andersen Library. For more information, see [film and discussion](#).

 COULD CRASHES BE A THING OF THE PAST? Seatbelts and airbags have significantly reduced injuries and fatalities, but at the Center for Transportation Studies annual fall luncheon, Mercedes-Benz R&D expert Luca Delgrossi will discuss technologies such as "6D vision" sensing and smart maps for expert navigation to prevent crashes from happening in the first place. Dec. 3, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m, McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see [technology for safer vehicles](#).

 MORE EVENTS include Political Theory Colloquium: Primitivism and Primitive Accumulation ([Nov. 20](#)); Artist reception at Boynton: "Portraits from Tikonko, rural Sierra Leone" ([Nov. 20](#)); Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Information Session ([Nov. 21](#)); Minneapolis-St. Paul Regional Competitiveness Forum ([Nov. 22](#)); Savoring Wine Class ([Nov. 23](#)); An Argentine Genocide? A talk by Antonius C.G.M. Robben ([Nov. 25](#)); Wind Ensemble & Elastic Bands present: The Electric Conductor, A Musical Murder Mystery ([Nov. 26](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: Over the last few weeks, both the House and Senate capital investment committees toured projects at UMTC. Earlier this fall, the committees visited UMD and UMC to learn about capital request projects on those campuses. As the 2014 legislative session approaches, the University is calling for all students, alumni, faculty, and staff to become informed on the [2014 capital request](#).

A ONE-YEAR MEDICAL COST RELIEF PROGRAM is available for employees who may qualify for a grant based on their 2012 household income and the tier of UPlan Medical coverage they will have in 2014. Grant amounts range from \$100 to \$500. If eligible, you must [submit an application by Dec. 17](#). Make all other open enrollment elections online at [Employee Self-Service](#) by Dec. 2. For more information, see the [benefits guide](#).

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FEATURE: When the revitalized Northrop opens this April, the building will have undergone a transformation both seismic and delicate. To some it will signify Northrop's ascent into the 21st century; to others, a nod to its history. Having risen in 1929 on the eve of the Great Depression, Northrop firmly anchored the state's University as a center of culture, education, and innovation. For more information, read "[Northrop Reimagined](#)" and [view a slideshow](#).

FEATURE: Food scientist Joanne Slavin examines the foods people eat. Her nutritional advice: One size doesn't fit all. Slavin teaches hundreds of students each year about nutrition as a professor in the Department of Food Science and Nutrition. In the lab, she investigates everything from how increasing fiber intake affects satiety to the role whole grains play in preventing disease. For more information, read "[To eat, or not to eat](#)."

FEATURE: Metastasis--the spread of cancer from its origin--is responsible for about 90 percent of deaths from human solid-organ cancer. In a new study, published in *Anticancer Research*, researcher Akhouri Sinha and colleagues looked into what happens in lymph nodes after cancer cells metastasized there, seeking to explain a difference in survival times. For more information, read "[The real killer behind cancer](#)."

FEATURE: As the health care industry rapidly transforms, medical training at the University of Minnesota isn't satisfied just keeping pace. Through a unique collaboration with industry partners, the U is developing new surgical simulation tools with an unprecedented level of realism--better preparing medical professionals for real-world procedures and ultimately leading to better patient care. For more information, read "[Partnership improves medical training](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: The Midwest's first "breathing lung" transplant was performed successfully at the U of M Medical Center, Fairview; the National Science Foundation has awarded a CBS/CFANS team a \$1.5 million grant to study plant microbial communities; Bernadette Gillick has received two grants to support research in pediatric hemiparesis; Sally Gregory Kohlstedt has been awarded the 2013 Rossiter Prize from the History of Science Society; Ruth Shaw has been awarded a \$700,000 NSF grant to study the genetics of adaptation; IT manager Andy Wattenhofer has been featured in *Oracle Magazine*; the UMTC campus has been awarded the Gold designation award as a Bicycle Friendly University by the League of American Bicyclists; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

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HOLIDAY SHOPPING ONLINE? [University Information Security offers advice](#) on how to shop online securely and how to manage passwords. For more information, see [Safe Computing](#).

Award and funding opportunities

THE IMAGINE FUND SEEKS APPLICANTS for its [Art, Design, and Humanities Chair](#) role. The funding opportunity provides up to \$70,000 over two years for a faculty member to lead cross-departmental, multi campus, and collaborative work.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS FOR RETIREES are available through the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) and the U of M Retirees Association. OVPR has announced a sixth cycle of awards to help U retirees pursue projects related to their scholarship. All retirees are eligible to apply for the grants (up to \$5,000). The application deadline is Dec. 10. For more information, see [2014-15 Professional Development Grants for Retirees](#) or email [Jan Hogan](mailto:Jan.Hogan).

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: CAREER INTEGRATION CONFERENCE. The Learning Abroad Center is hosting a [conference on Career Integration](#), which builds upon the U's proven curriculum integration methodologies, bringing together experience abroad with classroom, career, and life planning. Conference [proposals \(PDF\)](#) are due Jan. 1.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events**CROOKSTON:**

UMC RECENTLY EARNED RECOGNITION for the quality and affordability of its online degree programs. Create a Career, an online career and educational resource, [ranked UMC 17th nationally](#) among U.S. colleges in its "The 25 Best Colleges for 2014."

THE CENTER FOR RURAL ENTREPRENEURIAL STUDIES is seeking regional entrepreneurs and small business owners interested submitting projects that could be integrated into courses offered on campus. These projects become an integral part of the course curriculum and are designed to benefit small business owners and entrepreneurs while providing students with real-world business experiences. Applications are requested by Dec. 10. For more information, see [Center for Rural Entrepreneurial Studies](#).

UMC SENIOR KOLE PEDERSON, Bejou, MN, was recently [awarded a \\$5,000 Agricultural Aviation Scholarship](#), funded by an educational grant provided by BASF and administered by the National Agricultural Aviation Association.

DULUTH:

PROFESSOR JOHN GOODGE WILL DISCUSS HIS ANTARCTICA RESEARCH Dec. 5, 3:30 p.m., Life Science Building. Goodge and colleagues are using advanced technological methods to discover the secrets beneath the surface of Antarctica's ice. He has conducted 11 expeditions to Antarctica since 1985. For more information, see [John Goodge](#).

UMD's DEPARTMENT OF ART AND DESIGN has received accreditation as an associate member of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD). It is one of only 333 schools in the nation to have earned NASAD accreditation. For more information, see [Art and Design](#).

CONTINUING EDUCATION recently launched the first Government to Government Tribal State Training, created in direct response to an executive order signed by Governor Dayton that stressed training for designated staff who work with Minnesota Tribal Nations in an effort to foster a collaborative relationship between the State of Minnesota and the Minnesota Tribal Nations. More than 60 state agency and tribal leaders took part in the two-day event, which was led by UMD Professor Tadd Johnson and Associate Professor Ed Minnema. For more information, see [Tribal State Training](#).

MORRIS:

ANN DUHAMEL, head of keyboard studies, performed at Carnegie Weill Recital Hall last month with her group [Ensemble: Périphérie](#), under the auspices of Distinguished Concerts International New York. DuHamel is a founding member of the ensemble, which aims to promote lesser-known composers of modern chamber works. For more information, see [DuHamel](#).

ARTWORK BY STUDENTS OF MICHAEL EBLE, associate professor of studio art, will be available for sale at Willie's Supervalu until the end of November. All proceeds from this service-learning project support the Morris Area School District's Backpack Program, which provides high-quality, nutritious foods to more than 80 families in need. For more information, see [Sale of Student Paintings](#).

UMM STUDENTS WILL HOST A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ABOUT THE MINIMUM WAGE on Dec. 3. Representatives Ryan Winkler and Jay McNamar, along with a panel of UMM faculty and staff, will present and moderate a discussion on the implications of the minimum wage in Minnesota and the Morris community. For more information, see [Minimum Wage Conversation](#).

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR UMM'S 2013 CAROL CONCERT, Dec. 6-8, Assumption Church. Featuring seasonal favorites and well-known choral arrangements, the concert promises festive holiday music inspired by a bygone era. This will be the 35th Carol Concert and the first directed by Christina Armendarez '00, assistant professor of music. For more information, see [Carol Concert](#).

ROCHESTER:

HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCHER ROBERT ZEMSKY recently published a book that highlights the unique, integrated curriculum and technology-enhanced, personalized education that students receive at UMR. In [Checklist for Change](#), Zemsky looks at a list of problems facing higher education and provides constructive recommendations for change. Zemsky uses case studies to describe reforms, one of which is UMR's Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences curriculum.

TWIN CITIES:**Administrative information**

INFORM STUDENTS THAT THE GOPHER CHAUFFEUR SAFE-RIDE HOME PROGRAM is now available on Thursdays, as well as Fridays and Saturdays. The program is currently serving between 300 and 500 students each weekend. From 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., students may call [Gopher Chauffeur](#) (612-388-6911) for a ride to residences on or near the University's East Bank, West Bank, and St. Paul campuses, as well as Uptown Minneapolis (drop off only). For more information, see [Keeping Students Safe](#).

OCCUPY THE LIBRARIES: Walter and Biomed libraries (East Bank) will be open 24 hours a day Dec. 4-19, and Wilson (West Bank) Dec. 12-19. Magrath Library (St. Paul) will also have hours extended until 2 a.m. Study break activities include animal therapy, cartoons, chair massages, crafts, brain-boosting games, and holiday treats. For more information, see [Libraries 24/7](#).

CAMPUS CONNECTOR BUSES RETURN TO WASHINGTON AVENUE DEC. 9, with stops at Coffman and Oak Street (no stop at Moos Tower). The Washington Avenue Bridge Circulator will also be back at this time. Campus maps will be updated online and in print soon. Washington will remain closed to general traffic between Pleasant and Walnut streets. Only transit buses, light-rail, emergency vehicles, and bicycles will be permitted on the new Washington Avenue Transit/Pedestrian Mall between Walnut and Church streets. For more information, see [Washington Ave reopens](#).

THE CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE INSTITUTE (CTSI) has begun hosting clinical data office hours twice weekly: Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Room 212, 717 Delaware St.; and Thursdays, 10-11:30 a.m., 350G Diehl Hall. Visitors can learn more about the clinical data repository, discuss requests for data, see a demo on using the Data Shelter, and receive help using the i2b2 cohort-discovery tool. For more information, see [CTSI Office Hours](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY will host [The Art of Perfect Timing](#), a book celebration featuring a reading, discussion, and Q&A with author and associate professor Stuart Albert. Dec. 3, 4 p.m., 125 Nolte. Refreshments will be available.

HEADLINERS: "[A Trillion Reasons to Care: Early Evidence and Expectations of the ACA](#)" will feature Jean Abraham as she presents an in-depth look at key health-insurance provisions within the Affordable Care Act and helps to sort through the evidence and expectations related to this controversial legislation. Dec. 5, 7 p.m., Continuing Education and Conference Center, St. Paul campus.

GME GRAND ROUNDS: Graduate Medical Education Administration will host GME Grand Rounds, a quarterly gathering of the local GME community, Dec. 10, 4-6:30 p.m., Mayo Memorial Auditorium. Muriel Bebeau will present "A Theory-driven, Evidence-based Approach to Integrating Professional Identity Formation into Graduate Medical Education." For more information, see [GME Grand Rounds](#).

THE OFFICE FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT is hosting a [campuswide work session](#) to build a more coordinated, systems-based approach to public and community engagement as part of the U's Issue Area Networks initiative. The initiative is designed to strengthen the alignment of the U's community-engaged teaching, research, and outreach activities in nine areas: art; economic development; diversity and inclusion; environment and sustainability; food; health; poverty; transportation; and youth and education. Open to all staff and faculty. Dec. 13, 8 a.m.-noon, The Commons Hotel.

THE BELL SOCIAL WILL RETURN DEC. 13 for an evening that brings together art, science, and live local music, along with great eats, drinks, and door prizes. This year's Bell Social includes a performance by Rogue Valley and celebrates the debut of new works by the Bell Museum's current artist-in-residence, Minneapolis Art on Wheels. For tickets and more information, see [Bell Social](#).

MORE EVENTS include OED Certificate Workshop 10: GLBTQ Identities and Communities ([Dec. 2](#)); Health Reform Check-Up: Learning from the Medicare Prescription Drug Program ([Dec. 3](#)); University Symphony Orchestra Children's Concert ([Dec. 3](#)); Holiday Sale Kickoff Event | WAM Shop ([Dec. 4](#)); Can Machines Grade Writing? - TWM Engaging Controversies Discussion ([Dec. 6](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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FEATURE: Pharmacists and other health professionals with skills beyond filling prescriptions are in increasing demand. The U's Center for Leading Healthcare Change, housed in the College of Pharmacy, is driving the charge for reform of Minnesota laws regulating pharmacy practice. Extending the scope of what these pharmacists are allowed to do will take pressure off doctors and other health professionals. For more information, read "[New phase for pharmacists.](#)"

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE:

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THE FACULTY SENATE will meet Dec. 5, 2:30 p.m., 25 Mondale Hall. Topics include amendments to the Policy on Commercialization of Intellectual Property, an update on the Special Committee on Graduate Education, changes to the Student Rating of Teaching Form, and a resolution on issues arising from the CAFE Study and the suicide of Dan Markingson. For more information, see the [full agenda at Faculty Senate](#).

THE P&A SENATE will meet Dec. 6, 9:30 a.m., 5-125 Mayo. Topics include discussions with VP and CIO Scott Studham and athletics director Norwood Teague. For more information, see the [full agenda at P&A Senate](#).

THE NEXT P&A SENATE BROWN BAG will feature a panel discussion, "Understanding and Supporting the Mental Health of U of M Students," Dec. 5, noon, N101 Boynton, with remote participation available [via UMCConnect](#). For more information, see [P&A brown bag](#).

U LIBRARIES will implement MNCAT Discovery (called "Pounce" on the Morris campus) on Dec. 26. This new tool will greatly expand and enhance a user's ability to search books, articles, digital resources, and more. Users can choose to limit a search to only materials in the Libraries' collections and/or target specific databases. [Learn more](#) or test it at [MNCAT Discovery](#).

AN ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS UPGRADE PROGRAM (ESUP) VIDEO [provides an introduction](#) to the U's planned upgrade of human resource, student service, and financial systems, and ESUP's enhanced reporting capabilities, as well as the new portal. The upgraded systems will launch in fall 2014.

Award and funding opportunities

THE OFFICE FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SEEKS NOMINATIONS for the [President's Community-Engaged Scholar Award](#). The award recognizes one faculty member or P&A staff member for exemplary community-engaged scholarship. Nominations due Mar. 28. Finalists will be recognized, and the winner announced, at an awards luncheon on Apr. 18.

CROOKSTON:

FALL SEMESTER GRADUATES are invited to [attend Grad Fest](#) on Dec. 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., International Lounge, Sargeant Student Center.

THE AG AND NATURAL RESOURCES DAY COMPETITION will bring students from more than 50 high schools, chapters, and clubs to campus on Dec. 6 to compete in more than 20 contests. The competition has been held for more than 30 years on the Crookston campus. For more information, see [Ag and Natural Resources Day](#).

INSIGHT RADIO is a weekly 10-minute radio show celebrating students, faculty, and staff, as well as services and activities on the Crookston campus. Listen and learn more at [Insight Radio](#).

DULUTH:

SINCE 2007, JILL DOERFLER, associate professor, Department of American Indian Studies, has been involved in the White Earth Nation's constitutional reform effort and served on the team that wrote a proposed constitution, which the White Earth Nation voted to approve on Nov. 19. Doerfler's recent work on the project was supported by a UMD Strategic Initiative Grant and by the White Earth Nation through UMD's Tribal Sovereignty Institute. For more information, see [Jill Doerfler](#).

THE ALWORTH INSTITUTE has renamed its International Brown Bag Series the Martha B. Alworth International Brown Bag Series, in honor of Alworth's commitment to and enjoyment of this UMD event. The series was created in 1987 and provides attendees with the opportunity to share in the global travel experiences of people from UMD, as well as local, national, and international communities. For more information, see [Martha Alworth](#).

DAVID JAFFE, president and CEO of Ascena Retail Group, Inc., will provide insight on driving sustained, profitable growth as the Labovitz School of Business and Economics Distinguished Speaker on Dec. 4, 11 a.m., Weber Music Hall. A leading national retailer with \$5 billion in annual sales, Ascena has more than 3,800 stores and 25,000 associates. For more information, see [David Jaffe](#).

COMPLEAT FEMALE STAGE BEAUTY, a UMD production, runs Dec. 5-14, Marshall Performing Arts Center. The play is set at the beginning of the Restoration, when Charles II decrees that women may perform upon the English stage and actor Edward Kynaston is forced to take his final bow as a woman--the only role he identifies with. For more information, see [Stage Beauty](#).

MORRIS:

ALEXANDER SHORT '14, SAINT PAUL, AND MICHAEL LINDGREN '14, CRYSTAL, are partnering with the Minnesota Valley History Learning Center and UMM's Center for Small Towns to create a complete listing of historical sites in the Minnesota River Valley. Their goal is to create a comprehensive website that provides additional information about the sites. For more information, see [Short and Lindgren](#).

JORDAN WENTE '15, DODGE CENTER, AND NATALIE HOIDAL '15, FOREST LAKE, are leading an effort to photograph western Minnesota's growing Latino population. Their project, *Estar in el Prairie*, will document the lives of Latino community members in the area and bring them together with local photographers. For more information, see [Estar in el Prairie](#).

LOWELL RASMUSSEN, vice chancellor for finance and facilities, will accompany a Minnesota delegation to Dusseldorf, North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW), Germany this week. The delegation will attend a conference to explore energy use and opportunities between Minnesota and NRW. Rasmussen will present on UMM's approach to renewable energy. For more information, see [Rasmussen](#).

ROCHESTER:

FACULTY SEMINAR: Assistant Professor of Literature Marcia Nichols gave a presentation about integrating literature and writing into a health science curriculum at the second faculty seminar from UMR's [Center for Learning Innovation](#) (CLI) annual seminar series. The series features CLI's work in bringing new approaches to the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences program. For more information, see [CLI seminar](#).

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

UMPD IS A DROP SITE FOR TOYS FOR TOTS. UMPD is collecting new, unwrapped toys to be distributed 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 Ave. S.E., by Dec. 19, 3 p.m. For gift suggestions, see the FAQ section at [Toys for Tots](#).

TCF BANK STADIUM FARED WELL IN ITS FIRST GAME-DAY RECYCLING CHALLENGE. From September through November, the U competed with more than 85 universities across the country to reduce waste during football game days, finishing third overall in organics and fourth overall in diversion rate. For more information, see [It All Adds Up](#).

Award and funding opportunities

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: INNOVATIVE IDEAS IN INTERDISCIPLINARY GRADUATE EDUCATION are sought by the Graduate School. All members of the University's graduate education community are invited to submit ideas. Awards (up to \$5,000) will recognize and launch the three best ideas. [Proposals must be submitted online](#) by Feb. 14. For more information, see [Innovative Ideas](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

A WEISMAN ART MUSEUM HOLIDAY SALE will kickoff Dec. 4 with a preview for Gopher GOLD™ users from 3 to 4 p.m., followed by a [kick off event](#) from 4 to 6 p.m. The shopping event features unique gifts in the shop and local artists in the Riverview Gallery, with a 20 percent discount on purchases for U faculty, staff, and students. Discount Days continue Dec. 5-6 during regular [WAM Shop](#) hours.

THE DAIRY AND MEAT SALESROOM on the St. Paul campus will be open for holiday shopping Dec. 4, 11, 18, and 19, 2-5 p.m., and Dec. 20, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 166 Andrew Boss Meat Science Building. [Holiday gift boxes](#) (PDF) are available. For more information, email [Jodi Nelson](mailto:Jodi.Nelson) or see [meat and dairy sales](#).

CSE WINTER LIGHT SHOW: Join the College of Science and Engineering Dec. 6 for the premiere of a dazzling student-designed light show at 5:30, 6, 6:30, and 7 p.m. on the Civil Engineering Plaza. A Premiere Party with student entertainment will begin at 4:30 p.m., 100 Rapson Hall. The show will feature more than 100,000 LED lights synchronized to music composed and performed by U of M students. Shows last about 15 minutes, and continue Dec. 7, 12, 13, and 14. For more information, see [light show](#).

A COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS open house and poster session will be presented by the U of M Doctor of Physical Therapy Class of Feb. Dec. 10, 11:15-1 p.m., 202 Children's Rehabilitation Center.

MORE EVENTS include IAS Thursdays: Sawyer Seminar and the Life of the River ([Dec. 5](#)); Visual Servoing, 3D-Printed Robots, and Chicken Deboning Machines ([Dec. 5](#)); Can Machines Grade Writing? TWW Engaging Controversies Discussion ([Dec. 6](#)); Bees at the Tipping Point: Creating Bee-Friendly Flowers and Habitat ([Dec. 7](#)); Landscape Arboretum Holiday Sale Weekend ([Dec. 7](#)); Robot Show ([Dec. 9](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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THE BOARD OF REGENTS will meet Dec. 12-13. VP for Research Brian Herman will provide an annual research report to the board and an update on a research strategic planning process that Herman's office launched in May, in partnership with President Kaler. Additionally, the board will review and act upon contracts related to the Ambulatory Care Center project. The board will also hear an annual University safety update from UMPD Chief Greg Hestness, begin a review of the U's philosophy on undergraduate tuition and financial aid, and act upon the appointment of Brooks Jackson as the new dean of the Medical School and VP for Health Sciences. For more information, see the [news release](#).

Features

FEATURE: It has been a spectacular, victorious, and groundbreaking 2013 for the University of Minnesota. The short video "[2013: A Year to Remember](#)" features some of the inspiring highlights of the year.

FEATURE: A gift from the Robina Foundation has enabled the U of M Law School to create the Center for New Americans, an immigration law center and the first of its kind in the nation. The center is a collaborative initiative with leading area law firms and nonprofits, led by the Law School, that responds to critical legal and social needs of diverse immigrant groups. For more information, read "[New Beginnings](#)."

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ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY: On July 1, 2014, the new Smoke and Tobacco-Free Campus policy (UMTC, UMD, and UMR) will go into effect, prohibiting tobacco in all facilities and on all University property. The change supports the U's ongoing commitment to promote and protect the health and well-being of its students and employees. The Tailgating policy has also been revised to expand the tailgating option to other major stadium events on the UMTC campus; revises the list of lots in which tailgating is allowed; and addresses the hours for tailgating during weekday events. These policies are open for a [30-day comment period](#).

THE ANNUAL PRIMARY DATA CENTER MAINTENANCE OUTAGE, which impacts most University technology systems, is set for Jan. 4, 6 a.m., with restoration beginning on Jan. 5, 6 a.m. It is expected that all affected services will be restored by noon. For more information, see [data center outage](#).

DRUPAL ORIENTATION training is available through Technology Training and Usability Services. Learn more about the U's new systemwide, enterprise-level content management system. Orientation sessions will be offered Dec. 12, 11 a.m.-noon, 101 Walter Library, and Dec. 19, 2-3 p.m., 402 Walter Library. Remote participation will also be available. For registration (required) and more information, see [Drupal Orientation](#).

THE NEW GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ADVISING WEBSITE offers resources for faculty and students to maximize the advising relationship and deal constructively with conflicts that may arise. The site is a collaboration of the Academic Civility Work Group, the Student Conflict Resolution Center, and the Graduate School. For more information, see [Student Advising](#).

Award and funding opportunities

SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2014 REGENTS PROFESSORSHIP--the highest honor the University of Minnesota bestows on its faculty. The nomination deadline is Mar. 14. For nomination procedures, criteria, and a list of current and emeriti Regents Professors, see 2014 [Regents Professorship](#).

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS: A NEW RESEARCH FACILITY ON THE MN STATE FAIRGROUNDS will be a resource for both faculty and student researchers who wish to recruit research subjects from among the fair's 1.7 million yearly visitors. For more information and to apply, see [MN State Fair Driven to Discover Building](#).

THE MN LEND (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities) program is seeking applicants for fellowships in the 2014-15 academic year. MN LEND accepts pre- and post-doctoral students and community fellows for a yearlong interdisciplinary and leadership training program focusing on improving the health of infants, children, and adolescents with disabilities. Fellows are offered a stipend for participation. Applications will be accepted online until Feb. 28. For more information, see [MN LEND](#).

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: THE CHINA CENTER seeks distinguished Chinese alumni, both living and deceased, to be featured as part of China 100: A yearlong celebration honoring the first students from China at the University of Minnesota and the wealth of connections made since they arrived. Nomination deadline is Dec. 31. For more information, see [China 100](#).

CROOKSTON:

JEFF BUMGARNER'S article "Federal Law Enforcement" was published in *The Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*, edited by Jay Albanese and published by Wiley-Blackwell. Bumgarner also serves as associate editor for the encyclopedia.

THE MUSICAL PRODUCTION of *Church Basement Ladies*, directed by senior Beth Motley, is scheduled for Dec. 13, 14, and 15, Kiehle Auditorium. The student cast includes Alissa Hernandez, Jessica Stone, Cassie Hagg, Cheyanne Bell, and Alex Conwell.

THE HORTICULTURE CLUB will be selling poinsettias, wreaths, and arrangements for the holidays Dec. 11-13, Northern Lights Lounge, Sargeant Student Center. The poinsettias are the result of work by the commercial floriculture class taught by Sue Jacobson. For hours and more information, see [Poinsettia Sale](#).

DULUTH:

THE VOCAL JAZZ CONCERT, featuring the singing groups Chill Factor and Lake Effect, will be held Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Associate Professor Tina Thielen-Gaffe conducts the two groups. For more information, see [Vocal Jazz](#).

UMD WILL CELEBRATE KWANZAA Dec. 14, 7 p.m., Kirby Ballroom. The event, sponsored by the Black Student Association, will showcase the talents of students, faculty, and alumni, and feature music, dance, storytelling, and food. For more information, see [Kwanzaa](#).

UMD STORES WILL HAVE A SEASONAL PRESENCE in downtown Duluth, becoming one of 11 retailers taking part in the Greater Downtown Council's "Pop-up Downtown" program. The store, which opened on Small Business Saturday, will sell Bulldog items through Jan. 6 at 5 W. Superior St. For more information, see [Pop-Up](#).

MORRIS:

UMM STUDENTS SHOWCASE CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY: Last month, 14 UMM students attended the Upper Midwest Association for Campus Sustainability conference in Decorah, Iowa. Students presented their research and sustainable initiatives to faculty, staff, and students from across the Midwest. Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson gave a keynote address on sustainability and campus culture. For more information, see [Campus Sustainability](#).

THE MINNESOTA HIGHER EDUCATION "LISTENING TOUR" WILL VISIT UMM Dec. 12. Senator Terri Bonoff, chair of the MN Senate Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee, is leading the [statewide tour](#) of colleges and universities designed to gather input from students and key stakeholders about ways to improve the state's higher education system. For more information, see [Listening Tour](#).

CORY HOLTEN '15, Starbuck, is [working with his hometown](#) Chamber of Commerce to create an online directory of local businesses and events. Their aim is to create a [website for visitors and residents](#) wanting information pertaining to events and stores in town. Holten is collecting information to publish on the site.

ROCHESTER:

UMR CONNECTS: "[Adjacent Possible: Bone Marrow Cells in Skin Regeneration](#)," presented by Jakub Tolar, associate professor and director of the University of Minnesota Stem Cell Institute. Dec. 17, 7 p.m., University Square.

TWIN CITIES:**Administrative information**

THE SAFETY AND SECURITY WEBSITE has been updated to provide key information about safety at the University, including current updates, what the U is doing to respond to crime, campus safety resources, and tips to stay safe. For more information, see [Safety and Security](#).

THE PROJECT AND CHANGE MANAGEMENT COLLABORATORS GROUP and the U Services PMO are sponsoring a [vendor relationship management workshop](#) on Dec. 16, 1-3 p.m., 325 Education Sciences Bldg. RSVP online. Free and open to all faculty and staff.

ALL NEW AND TRANSFER INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ARRIVING for spring semester 2014 must visit International Student and Scholar Services for a [mandatory document check](#) to complete federal requirements. Students will not be allowed to register for classes until they complete the check.

A GENERAL PURPOSE CLASSROOM SATISFACTION SURVEY invites participants to provide feedback about current and future classrooms. The survey is short--seven questions; responses are confidential. [Take the survey](#) by Dec. 20.

Award and funding opportunities

THE PRESIDENT'S STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD honors the accomplishments of outstanding students and their leadership and service contributions to UMTC and the community. All faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to nominate current U students for the award, presented annually to one-half of one percent of University students. For nomination forms and more information, see [President's Student Leadership and Service Award](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE OTHER SIDE OF POVERTY IN SCHOOLS, a one-day workshop for faculty, administrators, counselors, and teacher educators, will take place Jan. 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 325 Education Sciences Building. Participants will learn about the five principles for change to better meet the needs of working-class and poor students and take away powerful classroom ideas for incorporating social class-related content. Cost: \$125 general admission; \$100 for U faculty, staff, and students. [Register online](#).

MORE EVENTS include Frontiers in the Environment: "Tracking Animals Through Space and Time" ([Dec. 11](#)); David A. Rothenberger Lecture: "Will Physicians Lead Us Through Health Care Challenges?" ([Dec. 12](#)); Bell Social ([Dec. 13](#)); CSE Winter Light Show "Illumination" ([Dec. 14](#)); Blue Scientifiques (Bird Brains: Decision-Making, Experimental Games, and the Evolution of Learning in Café Jays, with Professor David Stephens ([Dec. 17](#))). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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Brief publication calendar: *Brief* will not be published Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Publication will resume Jan. 8.

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TOP NEWS:

 THE BOARD OF REGENTS addressed campus safety, examined the U's tuition and financial aid philosophy, and approved agreements for the Ambulatory Care Center and other real estate transactions at its December meeting. The board also approved Brooks Jackson as the new dean of the Medical School and VP for Health Sciences. For more information, see the [news release](#).

 STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: Minnesota's latest budget forecast projects a \$1.08 billion budget surplus at the end of the current biennium. The budget forecast also shows that the state has the capacity to issue up to \$1.2 billion in additional debt. This will be important when legislators discuss and determine the size of the bonding bill in the upcoming legislative session. The U is [requesting funding for six projects](#) totaling \$232 million. For more information, see [State Relations](#).

Features

 FEATURE: As the University Senate enters its second century of shared governance, representation of faculty and staff from colleges and programs is more important than ever. By serving on committees, faculty and staff can take an active role in shaping the University. Mechanical engineering professor Will Durfee, a long-time participant in U governance, talks about why getting involved matters. For more information, read "[Getting involved in U governance](#)."

 FEATURE: From Parkinson's disease to obesity, human maladies and treatments are opening to discovery in the U's School of Kinesiology labs. For more information, read "[The Science of Movement](#)."

 FEATURE: In March 2013, a group of U of M students laid out for an assembly of a thousand state environmental leaders their vision and hopes for the future. The students' efforts were crowned in October, when the U's Next Generation Environmental Leaders group received the national Student Sustainability Leadership Award from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. For more information, read "[Getting their point across](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

 PEOPLE: Marilyn Speedie, dean of the College of Pharmacy, is the recipient of the 2014 Remington Honor Medal, the highest honor bestowed by the American Pharmacists Association; Civil Engineering Professor Emeritus Charles Fairhurst was in Paris recently to receive the French Medal of Honor; U in the news includes highlights of [Today's News](#), which features U faculty and staff cited in the media daily. Read about these topics and more in [People](#).

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS
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Administrative information

 THE ANNUAL PRIMARY DATA CENTER MAINTENANCE OUTAGE, which impacts most University technology systems, is set for Jan. 4, 6 a.m., with restoration beginning on Jan. 5, 6 a.m. It is expected that all affected services will be restored by noon. For more information, see [data center outage](#).

 PROVOST HANSON SEEKS THE NOMINATION of tenured faculty members for the half-time position of director of the [Institute for Advanced Study](#) (IAS), which supports and encourages interdisciplinary and collaborative work across and beyond the University. Send brief statements of nominee qualifications to search committee chair Professor Renee Cheng, c/o kt Tyler@umn.edu. Priority deadline is Feb. 15, 2014; applications accepted until the position is filled. For more information, see [IAS director search](#).

 ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY: A risk-based approach to processes associated with sales to external parties is incorporated into the revised Selling Goods and Services to External Customers policy. The new Sexual Harassment administrative policy provides options for reporting incidents of sexual harassment. Formal requirements for units to identify and manage information security risks are reflected in the new Information Security Risk Assessment policy. The policies are open for a [30-day comment period](#).

 AN ONLINE VERSION OF STUDENT DATA UPDATE (SDU) TRAINING has been created by the Academic Support Resources Training Team. The training may be used in place of in-person training. SDU training is necessary to be granted update access in PeopleSoft. Registration and training are available [via ULearn](#). For more information, see [SDU Training](#) or email srhelp@umn.edu.

 ONLINE TRAINING THROUGH LYNDA.COM IS AVAILABLE AT NO COST for U faculty, staff, and students systemwide. Lynda.com is a library of online training videos that provides access to more than 1,700 courses for all skill levels in more than 140 specialties. For more information, see [Lynda.com](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

 PUBLISHING ON INTERNATIONALIZING THE CURRICULUM: Akosua Addo, School of Music, and Shelley Smith, Instructional Development Service, UMD, will present a workshop designed to guide faculty through the process of publishing scholarly work on their efforts to internationalize the curriculum and their teaching and learning. The workshop will be delivered by ITV to all campuses. Jan. 9, 12:30-2:30 p.m. For registration and event locations, see [Internationalizing Teaching & Learning Workshop](#).

 CLASSROOM FACILITATION FOR GLOBAL LEARNING OUTCOMES is an interactive session for faculty and staff who want to reflect on and expand their ability to facilitate student discussions that promote intercultural, international, or global learning. The workshop will be delivered by ITV to all campuses. Feb. 27, 12:30-2:30 p.m. For registration and event locations, see [Global Learning Outcomes](#).

Award and funding opportunities

 A GRANT-IN-AID OF RESEARCH, ARTISTRY, AND SCHOLARSHIP information session with grant reviewers and OVPR staff will take place Jan. 14, 1-2:30 p.m., 101 Walter Library. The session will include an overview of the review process, plus small group discussions with reviewers in various disciplines. RSVP and learn more at [Grant-In-Aid session](#). Spring 2014 [Grant-In-Aid applications](#) are due Feb. 13.

CROOKSTON:

 FACULTY AND STAFF ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON Dec. 20, noon-1:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. For more information, see [holiday luncheon](#).

 THE COLLEGIATE CROPS TEAMS have been a part of campus history since 1967, and this year, the team from the Crookston campus--its first all-female team--placed third in both national competitions held this past November. For more information, see [Collegiate Crops](#).

 HERITAGE HALL WAS RECOGNIZED BY OTTER TAIL POWER CO. for its energy efficiency. Among the energy-efficiency strategies employed are increased insulation in walls and ceilings, energy-efficient lighting and controls, high-efficiency heat pumps for heating and cooling in each room, and high-efficiency heating and cooling for the common areas and classroom. For more information, see [energy efficiency](#).

DULUTH:

 UMD'S UNIQUE CULTURAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM encourages students to combine the traditional lessons of business schools with the creative thinking that is most often cultivated in the arts. The program's first cohort recently revealed solutions to cultural issues at a community event called "[CUE & A](#)."

 THE UMD MEN'S RUGBY TEAM clinched its first national title on Dec. 9. The rugby club, known as the Fighting Penguins, is part of UMD's Recreational Sports Outdoor Program. They went undefeated this season. For more information, see [national title](#).

 GLENSHEEN'S new holiday tour transports visitors back to 1912. Based on the letters of Dorothy Crawford, a Vassar school friend of Helen Congdon, the tour features costumed tour guides, 15 holiday trees, and a serving of shortbread, authentically crafted from Clara Congdon's original recipe. The tour will be held weekends through Jan. 5. For more information, see [Glensheen](#).

MORRIS:

 UMM HAS BEEN NAMED TO *Kiplinger's* Best Values in Public Colleges list for 2014. The ranking cites four-year schools that combine outstanding education with economic value. UMM is one of only two Minnesota colleges on this year's top 100 list, the other being UMTC. For more information, see [Kiplinger's](#).

 LUCIANA RANELLI '14, Duluth, is preparing to student teach at Eastwood High School in El Paso's Ysleta School District next semester. Having completed her preliminary coursework, the accomplished biology and secondary education student is looking forward to teaching in and exploring an unfamiliar city. For more information, see [Luciana Ranelli](#).

ROCHESTER:

 XAVIER PRAT-RESINA, assistant professor of biochemistry, presented this year's [Center for Learning Innovation seminar](#), given each year to update the UMR community on the presenter's research. Prat-Resina presented on the benefits of using computers in learning.

 UMR CONNECTS: Due to the holidays, there will be no [UMR CONNECTS](#) on Dec. 24 or Dec. 30. The series returns in January with the theme Conspiracy Theories.

TWIN CITIES:

 COPYRIGHT PERMISSION REQUESTS FOR SPRING 2014 course materials should be submitted to the Copyright Permissions Center as soon as possible. Submit source information by email to Kristen Maas or Dale Mossesstad. For more information, see [Copyright Permissions](#).

 THE NEW HOME FOR THE "LIVE GREEN GAMES" CUP WILL BE MIDDLEBROOK HALL. Community Advisers Claire Warren and Seth Wester's house (Team Middlebrook 8) completed the most green acts during the residence hall sustainability competition. More than 900 students completed 7,000 acts that reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 280,000 pounds, water consumption by 100,000 gallons, and electrical use by 250,000 kilowatt-hours. For more information, see [It All Adds Up](#).

 MORE EVENTS include *The Nutcracker* featuring Metropolitan Ballet and Kenwood Symphony ([Dec. 21](#)); How to integrate values, power, and advocacy into sexual science ([Jan. 8](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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