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FEATURE: *Science* magazine recognizes the U's approach to—and resounding success at—teaching introductory biology. For more information, read "[Inquiring minds want to grow.](#)"

FEATURE: Using pedal power and pedagogy, University of Minnesota students set out on long-distance bike trips to inspire the next generation of farmers. For more information, read "[Pedals for the Planet.](#)"

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PEOPLE: The University of Minnesota Informatics Institute has been established, to be led by Claudia Neuhauser; the U has been named one of 25 institutions that will lead a nationwide network of regional stroke centers as part of a new, NIH-driven effort to reduce the impact of stroke across the United States; the USDA has awarded the U of M a grant to create interactive education tools for organic farmers; IonE has announced its latest round of Mini Grant recipients; microbiology Professor Emeritus P. Patrick Cleary has been elected an honorary member of the Institute of Experimental Medicine; 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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OHR IS IMPLEMENTING A NEW HIRING SERVICE AGREEMENT that unifies the hiring process for all employee groups, assigns clear roles and timeframes, and reduces process steps and time to fill open positions. For more information, read "[Streamlined Hiring Process.](#)"

MILEAGE RATE CHANGE: The IRS announced changes in the standard business mileage rates for calendar year 2014. Beginning Jan. 1, the standard business mileage reimbursement rate for personal vehicle use on approved University business will decrease from 56.5 cents to 56 cents per mile. The standard mileage rate for moving expenses will decrease from 24 cents to 23.5 cents per mile. Business mileage incurred in 2013 but reimbursed in 2014 should be reimbursed using the 2013 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'S FISCAL YEAR 2013 AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE. The [report \(PDF\)](#) includes the independent auditors' report, plus financial statements, footnotes, and management's discussion and analysis. The 2013 report, as well as past reports, is available online at [annual reports](#). For questions regarding the report, [email Terri Carlson](mailto:email_Terri_Carlson) or call 612-626-1235.

THE U OF M INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMUNITY HAS ADVANCED IT PRIORITIES over the past year, such as [improving wireless and enhancing Moodle](#). Those priorities were selected through an IT governance process with input from faculty and staff. Learn about progress on this year's IT priorities and how to get involved at [IT Governance](#).

GET INVOLVED IN UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE: Your voice as a faculty or P&A staff member is needed to shape the University's future. Committees are the critical point where policies and other matters important to the University community are discussed. The application deadline is Jan. 15. For an application and more information, see [Service on Senate committees](#).

Award and funding opportunities

THE LEARNING ABROAD CENTER seeks Freshman Seminar Abroad and Global Seminar proposals for 2014-15. Proposals are due Jan. 15 and Feb. 1, respectively. For more information, see [Teaching Courses Abroad](#) or [email Sarah Tschida](mailto:email_Sarah_Tschida).

RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: The new [Driven to Discover Community Health Research Grants Program](#) will support pilot research and evaluation projects that address important Minnesota human health issues and enable Minnesota State Fair attendees to participate. The grant program, from the Clinical and Translational Science Institute, will award two to six grants worth a combined \$30,000 to support researchers' efforts to enroll and collect data from 2014 State Fair attendees in the U's new Driven to Discover fairgrounds research building. Application deadline is Jan. 31.

APPLY NOW FOR THE GRANT-IN-AID OF RESEARCH, ARTISTRY, AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, administered by the Office of the Vice President for Research. The program promotes the research, scholarly, and artistic activities of faculty and their graduate students. Proposals must be submitted electronically. Applications are due Feb. 10 to approvers, and by Feb. 13 to OVPR. For more information, including eligibility and terms of support, see [Grant-in-Aid](#) or [email facgrant@umn.edu](mailto:email_facgrant@umn.edu).

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. 10. For applications and more information, see [ISW grants](#) or instructions for the [Letter of Intent](#).

CROOKSTON:

PULITZER PRIZE WINNING AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN TAYLOR BRANCH will present "Civil Rights Then and Reflections on the King Years" Jan. 20, 7 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium. A book signing will be held in 124 Kiehle following the presentation. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [Taylor Branch](#).

DULUTH:

PROFESSOR JOSEPH GALLIAN, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, has received 40 years of support from the National Science Foundation (NSF). The funding helps to support a summer program, Research Experience for Undergraduates, which Gallian founded and has run at UMD since 1977. His first NSF grant was in 1975, and with this latest award, he is funded through 2016. For more information, see [Gallian](#).

THE INSTITUTE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (IonE) recently funded four [UMD interdisciplinary initiatives](#) through its Mini Grants program: Cultural Entrepreneurship Speakers; Enhancing the Teaching and Learning of Sustainability; Supporting Campus Sustainability Conversations; and Bicycle Repair Stations. IonE Mini Grants are designed to encourage collaboration on environmental themes among faculty, staff, and students across disciplines, units, and campuses.

THE LAKE SUPERIOR WATERSHED STREAM SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM took place at UMD Jan. 7-8. The event brought researchers, resource managers, foresters, and the public together to discuss regional water research. For more information, see [Watershed Symposium](#).

ALUMNUS ROB LUNDQUIST is among the members of Home Free, an a cappella group that recently became the champions of the NBC television show "The Sing-Off." Home Free was awarded a recording contract and \$100,000. Lundquist has been singing with the group since graduating in 2007 with a B.A. in music. For more information, see [Sing-Off](#).

MORRIS:

WORK BY JANET SCHRUNK ERICKSEN, associate professor of English, will appear in a Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges book project on teaching, scholarship, and service at small public liberal arts colleges and universities. The forthcoming work explores adaptations faculty members have made to lead integrated scholarly lives at public liberal arts colleges across North America. For more information, see [Ericksen](#).

UMM PROUDLY PRESENTS *ARTIST, TEACHER, SCHOLAR*, an exhibition featuring the work of studio art faculty members. The exhibit gives students, colleagues, and visitors a look into the minds and artistic activities of those in the studio art discipline. The exhibit runs Jan. 16-Mar. 6, Morrison Gallery. For more information, see [Faculty Work](#).

UMM INVITES MEMBERS OF THE CAMPUS AND GREATER COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FIFTH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE on Jan. 20. The day marks the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday and serves as an opportunity for Americans to honor King's legacy through community service. For more information, see [MLK Day of Service](#).

ROCHESTER:

[PARRY TELANDER has been named interim director of student development](#), a new position at UMR that addresses a student's development across a continuum, not just in regard to academics. Telander was first hired in 2009 as UMR's first student success coach.

UMR CONNECTS returns in January with the theme Conspiracy Theories. The next event, "Conspiracy Theories and Investigative Reporting," takes place Jan. 14, 7 p.m. For more information, see [UMR CONNECTS](#).

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES IS ACCEPTING COURSE RESERVES FOR SPRING 2014: Make your course materials available to students online (through Reserves Direct, Moodle, and via the library website) and/or in any of the Twin Cities U Libraries locations. Course materials include articles, textbooks, lecture notes, videos, and more. For more information, see [Course Reserves](#).

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.

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](mailto:email_Relocation_Assistance) or call 626-0775. For more information, see [RAP](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING will offer a workshop, Developing Memorable Presentations: Strategies to Make Teaching Stick, Jan. 16, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch will be provided. For registration and more information, see [Make Teaching Stick](#).

THE 33rd ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. TRIBUTE CONCERT will feature Bill Banfield and Jazz Urbane, with performances by Ysaye Barnwell, vocalist Yolanda Williams, and high school students from the FAIR School in Minneapolis. Jan. 19, 4-6 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. Free. For more information, see [MLK Tribute](#).

WRITE WINNING GRANTS: The Center for Health Equity, the Minnesota Center for Cancer Collaborations (MC3), and the Clinical Translational Science Institute will collaborate to bring the Write Winning Grants seminar, presented by the Grant Writers' Seminars and Workshops LLC. 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. 22, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. For registration and more information, see [Write Winning Grants](#).

TECHNICALLY SPEAKING: LEADERSHIP IN ACTION features experts each month on topics at the intersection of business, technology, leadership, and engineering. This month features Bill Murray, President and CEO of the Medical Device Innovation Consortium, in "Leading Trends Impacting our Medical Device Innovation Ecosystem." Free. Jan. 15, 5:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. For registration and more information, see [Technically Speaking](#).

HAPPY HOUR AT THE CAMPUS CLUB (3-6 p.m.) is open to the entire U community during winter break, membership not required. Offer ends Jan. 17.

MORE EVENTS include Musicians of the Minnesota Orchestra in concert ([Jan. 10](#)); Keeping Chickens: The Chicken and the Egg! ([Jan. 11](#)); PCMC Book Club Crucial Conversations ([Jan. 16](#)); Downton Abbey exhibit opening at Wangensteen Library ([through May 16](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

UNIVERSITY-WIDE:**Administrative information**THE U'S NEW SUPPLY PURCHASING WEBSITE IS HELPING RESEARCHERS order lab supplies, equipment, furniture, clothing, and more by simplifying the online shopping experience. The site, [U Market](#), is part of the U's "strategic sourcing" effort, which is saving more than \$8.2 million annually. For more information, see [U Market streamlines purchasing](#).THE OFFICE OF POSTDOCTORAL AFFAIRS HAS MOVED to the Graduate School from the Office of the Vice President for Research. The Graduate School will enhance postdocs' access to initiatives relevant to both postdocs and graduate students, such as career development, networking, and success in scholarly research. [See the announcement](#).TIPS FOR SECURING YOUR MOBILE DEVICES: Take [these simple steps](#) to protect your mobile devices and to track them if they become lost or stolen.**Award and funding opportunities**THE OFFICE FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SEEKS NOMINATIONS for the [President's Community-Engaged Scholar Award](#). The systemwide award recognizes one faculty member or P&A staff member for exemplary community-engaged scholarship with a \$15,000 prize. Nominations due Mar. 28. Finalists will be recognized, and the winner announced, at an awards luncheon on Apr. 18.**CROOKSTON:**THREE UMC FACULTY MEMBERS will share their current research with the campus community as part of the [Thursday Commons Spring Semester Faculty Research Day](#). Jan. 16, 12:30-2 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.UMC'S OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMS has collaborated with the University of North Dakota to plan the [Red River Valley Celebration](#) of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Grand Forks on Jan. 20. The event begins at 11 a.m. with a rally and unity walk from Grand Forks Central High School to the Empire Arts Center, where a noon program on MLK's legacy will be followed by a community social.**DULUTH:**UMD FOOTBALL COACH CURT WIESE is the 2013 Division II Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year. Five local charities and the UMD Alumni Association will benefit from donations made by Liberty Mutual. The honor recognizes college coaches for their responsibility, integrity, sportsmanship, and excellence, both on and off the field. For more information, see [Curt Wiese](#).A \$100,000 LEGACY GRANT from the Minnesota Historical Society has been awarded to UMD to research the history of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. Professor Tadd Johnson, head of the Department of American Indian Studies and director of the Masters of Tribal Administration and Governance program, is the project manager. A Mille Lacs Band committee will work alongside an academic researcher. For more information, see [Legacy Grant](#).UMD WILL PRESENT AN ENCORE PERFORMANCE of *Last Summer at Bluefish Cove* on Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m., Marshall Performing Arts Center. The production then heads to the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival regional competition in Lincoln, NE, Jan. 19-25. The work is one of only five pieces selected to compete. For more information, see [Bluefish Cove](#).UMD FIRST-YEAR STUDENT Jireh Mabamba knows firsthand how Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela changed the world. Mabamba, who was born in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, will share his experiences at the [MLK Day Holiday Rally](#) Jan. 20 in Duluth.**MORRIS:**SPEAKING IN TONGUES will perform at UMM on Jan. 25. Featuring an unprecedented combination of Chinese pipa, African and Middle Eastern percussion, and Latin bass, the group promises a diverse performance. Prior to the evening concert, Speaking in Tongues will host a Chinese pipa lecture and a drumming workshop. For more information, see [Speaking in Tongues](#).UMM WILL HOST PULITZER-PRIZE WINNING JOURNALIST CHRIS HEDGES Jan. 28, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium. A foreign correspondent for nearly two decades, Hedges writes and speaks extensively on war, religion, culture, empire, and the conflict in the Middle East. His lecture will examine faith and belief in American society. For more information, see [Chris Hedges](#).**ROCHESTER:**UMD's JAMES FETZER will present at the next [UMR CONNECTS](#). The topic will be "An Exploration into Political Conspiracy Theories: Exposing Falsehoods and Revealing Truths." Jan. 21, 7 p.m., University Square.**TWIN CITIES:****Administrative information**HELP THE VICTIMS OF THE CEDAR AVENUE FIRE: A New Year's Day explosion and fire on Cedar Avenue, adjacent to the West Bank campus, destroyed a building that housed a grocery store and apartments. Tragically, three residents of the building lost their lives and some remain hospitalized. Apartment tenants who survived lost their homes and possessions. Help our UMTC neighbors by donating to a fund created by [Pillsbury United Communities](#) or through the [Confederation of Somali Community in MN](#). A benefit concert will take place Jan. 24 at the [Cedar Cultural Center](#).THE MLK COMMUNITY SERVICE PLEDGE DRIVE kicks off Jan. 20 on the UMTC and UMR campuses. The [MLK Pledge Drive](#) honors the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. through the commitment of faculty, staff, students, and retirees who pledge to conduct community service on important causes during the spring semester. Volunteer any amount of community service hours in honor of MLK by May 16.NEW ROUTES WILL BE ADDED TO THE CAMPUS SHUTTLE SYSTEM beginning Jan. 24. In addition, Campus Connectors will run until 2 a.m. during spring semester. For more information, see [Parking and Transportation Services](#).**Lectures, exhibits, and other events**"MARTIN LUTHER KING'S DREAM: WHERE ARE WE NOW?" will reflect on Dr. King's vision and goals, and explore where we are in relation to those goals now. The event features keynote speaker Professor Nekima Levy-Pounds, director of the Community Justice Project at the University of St. Thomas Law School, followed by a panel discussion with leaders in civil rights and social justice efforts. Cosponsored by the Humphrey School and the African American Leadership Forum. Jan 23, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium. For more info, see [MLK Dream](#).THE MINNESOTA POPULATION CENTER invites registration for its spring data-training workshops. Participants will learn how to access and use the world's largest repositories of demographic data, including IPUMS-International, NHGIS, ATUS-X, NAPP, IDHS, and Terra Populus. Workshops are free, but [registration is required](#) and seating is limited. All workshops take place Friday afternoons in S30C Wilson Library."BREAST CANCER SUPERHERO PROJECT" celebrates the heroic nature of individuals affected by breast cancer. U of M staff member Barbara Porwit created honorary portraits of breast cancer survivors as their superhero of choice for the project. The exhibit is on display at Boynton Health Service through Feb. 28. A reception will take place Jan. 31, 5-7 p.m., Roen Room (W120), Boynton. For more information, see [Superhero Project](#).BIG DATA AND SOCIAL MEDIA will be the topic at the Carlson School's next "First Tuesday" speaker series, featuring Professor Ravi Bapna, academic director of the U of M's Social Media and Business Analytics Collaborative. Bapna will illuminate sources for and analysis of big data, and examine the monetization of "freemium communities" like social networks, mobile apps, and dating websites. Feb. 4, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. For registration and more information, see [First Tuesday](#).REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR MINI MEDICAL SCHOOL's winter 2014 programming, "Hot Topics in Health." Register today and learn from U of M experts as they take on some of today's most common health care questions. Mondays, Feb. 10-March 10. Cost for U faculty, staff, and students: \$60 on or before Jan. 27; \$65 after. For more information, see [Mini Medical School](#).MORE EVENTS include Minnesota Cup 101 Series: Legal ([Jan. 16](#)); Grow Lights: Jump Start Your Gardening! ([Jan. 18](#)); Saturday with a Scientist: A Day in the Life of a Food Scientist ([Jan. 18](#)); *Made in Minnesota* ([Jan. 21](#)); Leading Instructional Improvement: You And Your Team ([Jan. 22](#)). 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TOP NEWS:

STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: Gov. Dayton has recommended \$118.7 million for the University of Minnesota in his bonding proposal. The proposal fully funds three of the U's six project requests: Tate Science and Teaching Renovation (\$56.7 million), the Crookston Campus Wellness Center (\$10 million), and the Laboratory Improvement Fund (\$18 million). It includes \$40 million for Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement (HEAPR). The House and Senate are expected to release their recommendations once the legislative session begins in February. For more information, see [State Relations](#).

REGISTER FOR THE 2014 LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING and gather with University supporters to learn how you can make a difference by raising your voice for a better U. Join U leaders and featured speaker David Gillette for an insider's preview and discussion of the U's 2014 request to the Minnesota Legislature. Held annually, the legislative briefing serves as the U's kickoff to the legislative session, which begins Feb. 25. A light dinner will be served. Feb. 12, 5 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. For registration and more information, see [Legislative Briefing](#).

PRESIDENT KALER HAS ANNOUNCED A NEW PROGRAM FOCUSED ON IMPROVING FIRST-YEAR RETENTION OF LOW-INCOME STUDENTS. Kaler announced the initiative, "[Retaining all Our Students](#)" (RaOS), as part of a White House summit on expanding college opportunity, hosted by President Obama and the First Lady. The program is expected to impact close to 5,000 students on the Twin Cities campus.

Features

FEATURE: University of Minnesota pain researcher Donald Simone is investigating how cannabinoids, which may be manufactured in the body, by a Cannabis plant, or in a laboratory, can alleviate pain. His discoveries on pain mechanisms lay the groundwork for new approaches to relieve pain hypersensitivity. For more information, read "[How do we feel pain?](#)"

FEATURE: Inspired by global studies, Anna Meteyer '14 wanted to explore the world through her classes—and to conceive of new ways to bring change. Meteyer says that she aspires to be among the leading voices strategizing to close the gap between the Global North and the Global South, rethinking the political and economic system to bring about a more equitable distribution of wealth and the proliferation of human rights practices. For more information, read "[New voice for justice](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: The Institute for Advanced Study has announced its 2014-15 Faculty Fellows; Professor Jean O'Brien has been selected by Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Cobell Education scholarship fund; the U has partnered with CTSA Institutions to secure an award to form a national data network; 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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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 ktlyler@umn.edu. Priority deadline is Feb. 15, 2014; applications accepted until the position is filled. For more information, see [IAS director search](#).

RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH core curriculum is now available as a single online workshop. Completion of the [RCR core curriculum](#) is a requirement for new faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and others who receive funding for their research and scholarship.

Award and funding opportunities

MnDRIVE TRANSDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH PROGRAM: The Office of the Vice President for Research will award approximately 10 two-year grants of up to \$500,000 each for transdisciplinary projects that pursue grand challenges outlined in [MnDRIVE legislation](#). Funded research will include projects not only from basic and applied sciences, but also from the arts, humanities, business, and policy areas that will have a positive and sustaining impact on Minnesota's economy, environment, and residents. Two information sessions will be held the first week in February. Letters of Intent are due Mar. 14; proposals are due Apr. 21. Submit electronically to facgrant@umn.edu. For more information, see [MnDRIVE Transdisciplinary Research Program](#).

THE CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE INSTITUTE (CTSI) will award up to \$795,000 in total funding to support as many as 21 research projects aimed at improving human health. [Grant programs fund a wide range of projects](#), including early-stage translational research, clinical research, and community-engaged research. Letters of interest for all programs are due by Feb. 13, 5 p.m.; full applications are due Apr. 9.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE MINNESOTA GLOBAL FOOD VENTURE will host U-wide faculty briefing meetings on Jan. 30, 9 a.m., Cherrywood Room, St. Paul Student Center; and Jan. 31, 9 a.m., Presidents Room, Coffman Union. The venture is a public-private partnership committed to answering the global imperative of safe, nutritious, and affordable food through the application of innovative discovery and next generation workforce development. Meetings will start with a quick overview of activities to date and then focus on venture proposals funded by [MnDRIVE](#).

CROOKSTON:

UMC HAS BEEN RANKED by *U.S. News and World Report* among colleges and universities offering the nation's "Best Online Bachelor's Programs" for 2014. UMC was ranked 69 of 283 higher education respondents. For more information, see [U.S. News rankings](#).

THE ANNUAL AG ARAMA will take place Jan. 24-25, hosted by the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department. This year's [39th Ag Arama](#) is dedicated to long-time faculty member and alumna Susan Jacobson, '87 and '96.

DULUTH:

GOV. MARK DAYTON AND LARRY POGEMILLER, director of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education, will hold a town hall meeting on Minnesota's future Jan. 24, 2 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Chancellor Lynn Black will moderate the event. Students, faculty, and staff will be able to ask questions during a one-hour Q&A. For more information, see [Town Hall](#).

MINDFULNESS IN MOTION will be offered for UMD employees beginning Jan. 30. The eight-week course is designed to help employees reduce daily stress. It was first offered last fall and was well received. For more information, see [Mindfulness in Motion](#).

AMSOIL ARENA is one of the premier hockey venues in the country, according to *Stadium Journey* magazine. The 6,756-seat home of UMD hockey received five stars for concessions, atmosphere, location, access, ticket prices, and extras. For more information, see [AMSOIL Arena](#).

MORRIS:

CHANCELLOR JACQUELINE JOHNSON has been elected chair of the [Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education](#) (AASHE) Board of Directors. Johnson will lead the national association of colleges and universities as it works to create a sustainable future. For more information, see [AASHE Chair Chancellor Johnson](#).

MICHAEL CEBALLOS AND RACHEL GIBBONS, ASSISTANT PROFESSORS OF BIOLOGY, have received three awards in the fall round of the U of M Grant-in-Aid of Research, Artistry and Scholarship Program. Ceballos and Gibbons were awarded New Assistant Professor GIAs. They also were awarded a Shared Equipment GIA. For more information, see [Ceballos and Gibbons](#).

ROCHESTER:

UMR IT staff recently collaborated at a team building retreat. The group gathered for a training session that included an in-depth discussion of conflict and the related challenges of supporting a diverse and growing campus. For more information, see [Team Building](#).

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

RESEARCHERS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH DATA MANAGEMENT informal community of practice (iCoP) on campus to discuss issues around research data management (storage, security, archiving, sharing, preservation). Recent requirements by federal funding agencies have accelerated the already rapid growth of data management needs of research on campus. Join the [Google Group](#) to discuss how these needs are being addressed and look for opportunities to partner and learn from one another. For upcoming events and more information, see [Data Management iCoP](#).

U OF M STUDENT TOBACCO USE IS AT ITS LOWEST IN HISTORY, according to the [2013 College Student Health Survey Report](#) by Boynton Health Service. The daily tobacco use rate is 1.9 percent for 18-24 year olds (down from 9.8 percent in 1998). The survey includes campus health statistics on alcohol use, mental health, finances, and more.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE: SEEKING TRUTH AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SYSTEMATIC HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS will feature a [presentation on reframing mass violence](#) by Barbara Frey, director of the U's Human Rights Program. Jan. 23, 3 p.m., 235 Nolte.

DEBATING THE MINIMUM WAGE, a session of the Humphrey School, will feature a panel of Minnesota lawmakers and experts discussing the issue following President Obama's Jan. 28 State of the Union Address, where he reportedly plans to make the case for raising the minimum wage. Jan. 29, noon-1:30 p.m., Humphrey School. For registration and more information, see [Humphrey Forum](#).

THE HUMPHREY SCHOOL WILL HOST A PREVIEW OF THE 2014 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA Feb. 3, noon-1:30 p.m. Professor Larry Jacobs and former Speaker Steve Viggum will moderate a lively panel featuring Speaker Paul Thissen and Minority Leader Kurt Daudt, who will discuss prospects for issues at the Capitol such as rolling back some tax hikes and raising the state's minimum wage. For registration and more information, see [2014 legislative session](#).

A "SUCCESS IN LEAN TIMES" SEMINAR hosted by the Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) will teach strategies for securing funding in a tough economic climate. Jasjit Ahluwalia will lead an [interactive discussion and Q&A](#) to offer insight into the NIH funding process and share tips for being successful in acquiring funding. This session is part of a new seminar series from CTSI that assists junior faculty in developing strong applications for NIH funding, other sources of national extramural funding, and CTSI career development programs. RSVP by Feb. 14 to ctsieduc@umn.edu to reserve a lunch. Feb. 18, noon-1 p.m., Room 105, 717 Delaware.

MORE EVENTS include Martin Luther King's Dream—Where Are We Now? ([Jan. 23](#)); Jan Estep, "Art, Emotion, Mind: What can brain scans tell us about being human?" ([Jan. 24](#)); The Science of Gardening: Plants from Plants - Seeds ([Jan. 25](#)); Dinosaurs: The Science Behind the Stories ([Jan. 27](#)); "Fracking: What we know and don't know about its impact on water" ([Jan. 30](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

THE FIRST "CAMPUS CONVERSATION" of 2014 will provide an opportunity to learn about the U's 2014 capital budget request to the Minnesota State Legislature and how to support the U during the legislative session. The event features Jason Rohloff, special assistant to the president for government and community relations, along with members of the state relations team. A discussion will follow. Bring your lunch; refreshments provided. Feb. 6, noon-1 p.m., President's Room, Coffman Union. [RSVP if you plan to attend](#), or watch live online [via UMConnect](#).

Features

FEATURE: The University of Minnesota Twin Cities has launched a multipronged initiative to promote and increase safety on and near campus. The comprehensive approach involves a number of University offices, along with student government, local law enforcement agency partners, public officials, and nearby neighborhoods. For more information, read "[An increased emphasis on safety](#)."

FEATURE: New research suggests that one of the primary reasons people say they support the death penalty may be based on a flawed assumption. For more information, read "[The Death of the Death Penalty?](#)"

FEATURE: The Big Ten Network recently premiered video features shining the spotlight on University of Minnesota researchers who are [creating fertilizer from the wind](#) and [exploring the future of wearable technology](#).

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Eight faculty members have been named 2014-16 McKnight Land-Grant Professors; Provost Karen Hanson has announced the 2014-15 faculty recipients of the Imagine Fund individual research grants; the STEM Education Center's Tamara Moore will be awarded the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers; the College of Liberal Arts has been awarded a Mellon Foundation grant to develop the foundations for a new Consortium for the Study of the Premodern World; 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 WILL EXPAND ITS MN-IP PROGRAM to promote industry partnerships and boost regional economies. The Minnesota Innovation Partnerships (MN-IP) program was launched in 2011 to provide easy access to already developed University technologies by lowering the cost and risk companies may face when sponsoring U research. Now called [MN-IP Create](#), the program streamlines the process of sponsoring research and licensing intellectual property.

SEVERAL NEW PEOPLESOFT 9.0 SELF-SERVICE CENTERS for faculty and advisers, which will be released as part of the Enterprise Systems Upgrade Program (ESUP), are [available for preview via video](#). In-depth tutorials and documentation will be available before launch. For more information, email esup@umn.edu.

Award and funding opportunities

THE INSTITUTE FOR DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND ADVOCACY is accepting proposals for its 2014 Multicultural Research Awards, which fund research that addresses equity, diversity, underrepresented populations, and urgent social issues. Application deadline is Jan. 31. For more information, see [Multicultural Research Awards](#).

THE IMAGINE FUND SEEKS APPLICANTS for its Arts, 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. [Submit an application](#) or [connect as a collaborator](#) with another applicant. Full application proposals are due Jan. 31, 5 p.m.

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](#).

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2014 DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR INTERNATIONALS are due Mar. 14. The U-wide award recognizes leadership by international alumni, former students, and friends of the University, and highlights their outstanding accomplishments. Recipients have included the "father of air conditioning" in India and the governor of the Bank of Turkey. For guidelines and profiles of past recipients, see [Leadership Award](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE SPRING FRONTIERS IN THE ENVIRONMENT SEMINAR SERIES begins Jan. 29 with a talk by Regents Professor and IonE resident fellow Peter Reich and his two sons about MinuteEarth, a science education YouTube channel they developed that is viewed by millions. The series continues Wednesdays at noon, R380 IonE seminar room and live online. For more information, see [Frontiers](#).

CROOKSTON:

THE ANNUAL JOB AND INTERNSHIP FAIR will be held Jan. 29, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. Hosted by the Career Development and Counseling Department and Enactus. For more information, see [Job Fair](#).

THE JUSTIN KNEBEL MEMORIAL ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT will be held Feb. 1, Zippel Bay Resort, Lake of the Woods. The tournament supports scholarships and honors the life of Golden Eagle basketball player Justin Knebel. For more information, see [Justin Knebel Memorial](#).

THREE FACULTY MEMBERS RECEIVED GRANT-IN-AID OF RESEARCH, ARTISTRY, AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS: Omar Al-Azzam, for developing web-based bioinformatics software tools for genome mapping; Timothy Dudley for research in theoretical studies of proton-coupled electron transfer in benzimidazoles; and Venugopal Mukku for the purchase of a high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) system.

DULUTH:

THE UMD LARGE LAKES OBSERVATORY HAS RESEARCHED ICE LEVELS ON LAKE SUPERIOR for more than a decade. This year, the polar vortex, combined with the exceptionally low temperatures in December and early January, has contributed to significantly higher levels of ice coverage. For more information, see [Lake Ice](#).

BENJAMIN LEVITZ, founder of Studio on Fire in Minneapolis, will present a lecture Feb. 4, 6-7 p.m., 70 Montague Hall. Studio on Fire produces design and letterpress projects, in addition to printing custom work for agencies and design firms across the country. The lecture is part of the Visual Culture Lecture Series. For more information, see [Benjamin Levitz](#).

THE CIVIL ENGINEERING CAREER FAIR will be held at Swenson Engineering's High Bay Lab on Feb. 7. Students will have the opportunity to meet representatives from 18 companies hiring civil engineers. Last year, roughly 100 students participated in the event. For more information, see [Career Fair](#).

THE TWEED MUSEUM OF ART will host a display of ceramic vessels given to individuals inducted into the Society of Prometheans through Mar. 29. These honorees are School of Fine Arts alumni and donors who have achieved excellence in their respective fields. They are presented with a cup or bowl specifically designed and created for the event. For more information, see [Prometheans](#).

MORRIS:

UMM IS A FINALIST IN THE 2014 SECOND NATURE CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AWARDS, an annual competition among signatories of the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment. UMM is one of just four baccalaureate colleges to receive this recognition. The Second Nature board of directors will choose award winners in late spring. For more information, see [Climate Leadership](#).

TAMMY BERBERI, associate professor of French and director of the honors program, has received much media attention for her work with the [Society for Disability Studies](#). As president of the organization, Berberi is working to advance its mission of recognizing disability as a complex and valuable aspect of human experience. For more information, see [Berberi](#).

KENI ZENNER '12 holds the recently created AmeriCorps VISTA position hosted by the Office of Community Engagement, in partnership with area schools and community organization Lazos. Zenner's goal is to foster and expand pre-K-12 programs serving Morris's growing Latino population. She recently received the Thomas B. McRoberts Morris Human Rights Award in recognition of her efforts. For more information, see [Zenner](#).

ROCHESTER:

"NEW UNIVERSITY DOES SOMETHING RADICAL" is the title of a recent *Forbes* magazine article that says the University of Minnesota Rochester does "just what a college is supposed to do." The article also outlines what sets UMR apart from other universities. For more information, see [KAALtv.com](#).

THE UMR CONNECTS FEBRUARY THEME IS OLYMPICS/SPORTS. The next event, on Feb. 4, "Using Olympic Experience to Keep A Baby Boomer Buff: Strategies To Stay Fit For the Rest of Your Life," will feature Ed Laskowski, codirector of the Mayo Clinic Sports Medicine Center. For more information, see [UMR CONNECTS](#).

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BOYNTON HEALTH SERVICE IS OFFERING FREE WALK-IN FLU SHOTS. With flu cases on the rise, Boynton is offering [free shots with no appointment necessary](#) in the East Bank Clinic lobby between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. through Jan. 31. Open to all U students, faculty, staff, and dependents 18+.

ONE STOP HOURS WILL CHANGE ON FEB. 3. Office hours at the STSS One Stop location will be 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Friday office hours will remain 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, see [One Stop hours](#).

A VIRTUAL COMPUTER PILOT PROGRAM will begin in February in three University computer labs. Faculty, staff, and students can help test the viability and usability of the virtual machines (six will be available in each of the three locations). Surveys will be used to collect feedback on the experience. Potential benefits include: increased access to University software licenses, customized environments that are saved and appear at login (including bookmarks and desktops), and reduced energy consumption. For more information, see [Virtual Computer Pilot](#).

THE INSTITUTE ON THE ENVIRONMENT'S [Boreas Leadership Program](#) for grad students, professional students, and postdocs trains and develops the next generation of leaders on social and environmental issues. [Registration is open](#) for spring workshops.

THE U OF M CHAPTER OF MORTAR BOARD is seeking [student nominations](#) from faculty and staff for its scholarship, leadership, and service. Deadline is Feb. 14.

Award and funding opportunities

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. 10. For an application and more information, see [ISW grants](#) and [Letter of Intent](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY (IAS) and the Critical Science Studies Collaborative will present Hannah Landecker on the topic of "biofällibility" Jan. 30, 4 p.m., 125 Nolte. RCR credit is available. IAS lectures take place each Thursday. For more information, see the [spring schedule](#).

U LIBRARIES WILL HOST "A FEAST OF WORDS" featuring U of M associate dance professor Carl Flink in "A Dance Artist's Journey: How I Discovered Art is a Necessity, Not a Luxury." The event includes a multiple course dinner and presentation by Flink on dance in the Twin Cities. Tickets are \$25.99; \$12.95 for students. Jan. 30, 5 p.m., Campus Club. For more information, see [A Feast of Words](#).

THE U OF M STUDENT MOBILE DESIGN AND CODE FEST will be held Jan. 31, 432 STSS. Students are invited to drop in on this two-day event to influence and work with the people who make Moodle and mobile work at the U. Students will work in teams to help design user interfaces, improve usability, or write code that could be implemented at the University. [RSVP and learn more](#).

THE WOMEN PAY IT FORWARD NETWORK is an opportunity for female staff and faculty to meet monthly to informally network about professional development and best practices, and to discuss how to "pay it forward" to the next generation. Meets Wednesdays, Feb. 5-June 4, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Campus Club. For more information, call the [Women's Center](#) at 625-6039.

SIP OF SCIENCE will, hold the second Wednesday of every month, will next feature "The oil palm: Agricultural marvel, environmental menace?" with Kimberly Carlson, Institute on the Environment. Carlson will assess the environmental consequences of the rapidly growing palm oil industry. Feb. 12, 5:30 p.m., Aster Cafe, 125 S.E. Main Street, Minneapolis. Free. For more information, see [A Sip of Science](#).

MORE EVENTS include MnDRIVE Food Security funding opportunities meeting ([Jan. 30](#)); IAS Panel Discussion on Current Events in North Korea ([Jan. 31](#)); Art Reception: Breast Cancer Superhero Project ([Jan. 31](#)); Sergio Hernández: "Funámbulo de la Noche" ([Feb. 1](#)); ExploraDome: Zoom! From Earth to the Edge of the Universe ([Feb. 2](#)); OED Certificate Workshop 1: Being an Ally in the Work of Equity and Diversity ([Feb. 3](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE U'S 2014 LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING. Participants will get an insider's preview of the 2014 capital request to the Minnesota Legislature from President Kaler, network with other U supporters, and learn ways to raise our voices for a better U. Feb. 12, 5 p.m. For registration and more information, see [Legislative Briefing](#).

Features

FEATURE: After leading Minnesota's biggest city for 12 years, Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak stepped aside in early January and wasted no time tackling new challenges. The former mayor will teach several courses at the U of M during the coming semesters, while simultaneously leading Generation Next, an organization focused on closing the achievement gap. For more information, read "[Mayor 101](#)."

FEATURE: Each year millions of people get sick from food poisoning, and tiny organisms that you can't see, smell, or taste are everywhere in the environment. U of M Extension teaches how to keep food safe from farm to fork. For more information, read "[Ensuring safer food, from farm to fork](#)."

FEATURE: University of Minnesota professor Laura Kalambokidis talks about Minnesota's economy and on being named Minnesota's first female state economist. For more information, read "[The New Forecaster](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: A new \$9.5 million grant was awarded to U of M researchers to launch an innovative effort designed to tackle pain associated with sickle cell disease; Valspar Corporation has donated \$1 million for a new U of M materials science and engineering lab; the Institute for Advanced Study is part of a consortium of humanities institutes that has received a \$3 million grant from the Mellon Foundation for a collaborative project called Humanities without Walls; Law School Professors Amy Monahan and Susan Wolf have been elected to the American Law Institute; Assistant Professor Mo Li has received a five-year NSF Faculty Early Career Development 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 P&A SENATE will meet Feb. 7, 9:30 a.m., 3-100 Mayo. Topics include discussion of the Enterprise Systems Upgrade Program, as well as the 2014 Minnesota legislative session and bonding bill. For more information, see the [full agenda at P&A Senate](#).

Award and funding opportunities

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2014 President's Award for Outstanding Service are due March 7. The U-wide award recognizes exceptional service to the University, its schools, colleges, departments, and service units. For nomination guidelines and a list of previous recipients, see [Outstanding Service](#).

THE HEALTHY FOODS, HEALTH LIVES (HFHL) INSTITUTE requests proposals for the University Research Grant and the Graduate and Professional Student Research Grant programs, with proposals due Apr. 14. HFHL also seeks letters of interest (due Apr. 21) for seed funding toward the development of community-University research partnerships on food, agriculture, or health issues. For more information, see [HFHL Grant Programs](#).

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. 10. For more information see [ISW grants](#).

CROOKSTON:

A NEW ENTREPRENEURSHIP MAJOR has been added to the degree programs offered in the Business Department. It is available to students on campus and online. For more information, see [Entrepreneurship Major](#).

A GARDENING AND LOCAL FOODS SEMINAR will take place Feb. 6, 5:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom. Randel Hanson will present "Anchoring Food Systems Change: The Sustainable Agriculture Project at the University of Minnesota Duluth." Free, but reservations are required. For more information, see [Local Foods](#).

A FACULTY RESEARCH DAY is scheduled during Thursday Commons, Feb. 6, 12:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom. Faculty members Brian Dingmann, Dani Johannesen, and Rob Proulx will share their current research with the campus community. For more information, see [Research Day](#).

DULUTH:

SHANNON DRYSDALE WALSH, assistant professor, Department of Political Science, was awarded a 2014-16 U of M McKnight Land-Grant Professorship. Between 2007 and 2012, Drysdale Walsh completed 18 months of fieldwork and conducted more than 200 interviews in Central America, where she gathered the most extensive set of data ever collected as she conducted a cross-national comparison of responsiveness to violence against women. For more information, see [Shannon Drysdale Walsh](#).

LIVE COVERAGE OF THE 2014 WINTER OLYMPICS will be presented on station KUMD 103.3 FM. Listen online as UMD alumnus Cory Salmela hosts "Live From Sochi" each weekday Feb. 7-24, at 7 and 11 a.m. Interviews with players and coaches will also be featured. UMD has current and former student athletes on six women's hockey teams, the U.S. men's hockey team, and the U.S. curling team. For more information, see [KUMD](#).

THE LARRY OAKES JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIP will be celebrated Feb. 7, 6 p.m., Kitchi Gammi Club, 831 East Superior Street, Duluth. The scholarship will award a recipient \$1,200 to pursue an internship with a Minnesota newspaper. Oakes, who studied journalism at UMD, worked as the Star Tribune's Northern Minnesota correspondent for many years. For more information, see [Oakes Scholarship](#).

THE ANNUAL DARWIN DAY LECTURE will take place Feb. 10, 7 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Professor Walter Salzburger of the Zoological Institute at the University of Basel, Switzerland, will present "Evolution in Darwin's Dream Ponds: The Cichlid Fishes of the East African Big Lakes." For more information, see [Darwin Lecture](#).

MORRIS:

FOURTEEN UMM PROFESSORS received 2014 Imagine Fund Awards. Supported by a grant from the McKnight Foundation, the Imagine Fund is a unique systemwide program that supports projects in the arts, humanities, and design at the University of Minnesota. A total of 119 grants were awarded. For more information, see [UMM Imagine Fund Recipients](#).

MONICA RIN '14, San Jose, CA, isn't afraid of a challenge. The senior transfer student may have just completed her first semester at UMM, but she already has a wealth of experiences under her belt. And with graduation quickly approaching, it looks like Rin won't be slowing down anytime soon. For more information, read "[Rin Takes the Less Traditional Path](#)."

ROCHESTER:

THE UMR CONNECTS FEBRUARY THEME IS OLYMPICS/SPORTS. The next event, "Strange, but True: Stories from the Olympics," features Tom Ecker, author and Olympic historian. Feb. 11, 7 p.m. For more information, see [UMR CONNECTS](#).

TWIN CITIES:

Administrative information

BUILDING ACCESS PROGRAM: Work is under way to balance the University's traditionally public and open buildings with current security realities. A new building access program will be in place by the end of the spring semester. The program will improve safety by limiting access outside of regular business hours to students, faculty, and staff with U Cards. For more information, see [Building Access Program FAQ](#).

SELF-DEFENSE/PERSONAL SAFETY WORKSHOPS: The University is providing self-defense/personal safety workshops for students, faculty and staff. Reserve a space and see [workshop dates and times](#).

THE "LET'S GO! PHYSICAL ACTIVITY CHALLENGE" continues through Mar. 2. U faculty, staff, and students have free personal online wellness accounts where they can log daily physical activity, individually and in teams. [Prize drawings](#) will be held for participation. For more information, see [Let's Go!](#)

U OF M GUEST HOUSING is available for colleges and departments hosting visitors requiring a fully furnished rental unit. Housing & Residential Life offers two fully furnished, two-bedroom rental units at Pillsbury Court, a faculty and staff housing facility located in the Dinkytown area. For more information, see [Guest Housing](#).

PET AWAY WORRY AND STRESS (PAWS) ON WEDNESDAYS continues this spring with dogs, Woodstock the chicken, and other therapy animals at Boynton Health Service. [PAWS visits](#) are free and open to all faculty, staff, and students, 3-5 p.m. on Wednesdays through spring semester.

Award and funding opportunities

DISSERTATION RESEARCH GRANT: THE CENTER FOR URBAN AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS (CURA) offers a grant to support doctoral students engaged in dissertation research on urban issues. The grant provides unrestricted, one-time funding of \$20,000. Recipients must be registered Ph.D. students at the U of M who have passed preliminary exams and whose dissertation proposals have been approved by Mar. 1. The deadline for applications is Mar. 10. For complete proposal guidelines, see [CURA Grant](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

"THE EPIC JOURNEY OF VOYAGER 1 INTO INTERSTELLAR SPACE" will be presented by Don Gurnett, the James A. Van Allen/Roy J. Carver Professor of Physics at the University of Iowa. Gurnett began his career in 1958 by working on the design of spacecraft electronics as an undergraduate in James Van Allen's cosmic ray research group. Over his career, he led the development of instruments on more than 30 spacecraft projects. Feb. 6, 6:30 p.m., 150 Tate Lab. For more information, see [Van Vleck Lecture](#).

A SPECIAL GUEST LECTURE: "[AUDUBON'S MODERNITY](#)," with Christoph Irmscher, will take place Feb. 6, 4 p.m., 140 Nolte, followed by a gallery conversation, "[Audubon as Author](#)," at 6 p.m., Bell Museum.

HUMPHREY SCHOOL DEAN ERIC SCHWARTZ will present "Managing Global Crises and the Future of Our World: International Governance Challenges in the 21st Century" as part of the College of Continuing Education's Headliners series. Feb. 6, 7 p.m., St. Paul campus. For registration and more information, see [Headliners](#).

A LEARNING ABROAD PROGRAM MEET AND GREET for instructors to learn about opportunities for students, discuss curricular matches, explore programs included on Major Advising Pages, and hear from program provider experts will take place Feb. 12, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union.

WHAT IF ROADS AND BRIDGES COULD PAY YOU? At the Center for Transportation Studies annual winter luncheon, Cornell University's Rick Geddes will discuss a new approach to pay for transportation infrastructure—an investment public-private partnership (IP3) combined with a public trust fund—that could generate substantial revenues and provide annual dividend checks for citizens. Feb. 12, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. For more information, see [CTS Winter Luncheon](#).

GOOGLE'S CARRIE GRIMES will present "Keeping Track of the Web" at the next Institute for Mathematics and its Applications (IMA) lecture. Grimes will explore how to apply models developed for biological and physical systems to a new context in order to understand information creation and updates on the web. Feb. 12, 7 p.m., 2-650 Moos Tower. For more information, see [IMA Public Lecture](#).

U LIBRARIES WILL HOST THE NOMMO AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHOR SERIES, featuring poet Kevin Young, Feb. 12, 7-9 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. Young is widely regarded as one of the leading poets of his generation. The evening will include readings, a discussion between Young and host Alexs Pate, and questions from the audience. Free and open to the public, reservations requested. For more information, see [NOMMO](#).

"IN PURSUIT OF LEARNING: A FRAMEWORK FOR TEACHING IN THE SCIENCES" will be presented by Gregory Light, author of *Making Scientists: Six Principles for Effective College Teaching*. Feb. 18, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., A.I. Johnson Room, McNamara Alumni Center, with lunch to follow. [Registration is required](#).

AFL-CIO PRESIDENT RICHARD TRUMKA will present "Free At Last? On the 100th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act, Where Will We Be?" A third-generation coal miner and leader of the largest federation of unions in the U.S., Trumka argues for policy efforts to better ensure the right to vote, to guarantee unemployment insurance and a higher minimum wage, and for changes in criminal justice to reduce incarceration levels. Feb. 20, 5 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. For registration (free) and more information, see "[Free At Last?](#)"

THE U OF M JOB AND INTERNSHIP FAIR will take place Feb. 21, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Minneapolis Convention Center. Faculty and staff are asked to alert students to the opportunity to connect with more than 200 companies and organizations that will be recruiting for hundreds of [jobs and internships](#). Cost: \$10 in advance; \$25 at the door.

MORE EVENTS include Frontiers in the Environment ([Feb. 5](#)); The "Meaning" of Life: Approaches From Devastation ([Feb. 7](#)); Do SAT/ACT Essays Teach Writing Wrong? TWW Engaging Controversies Discussion ([Feb. 7](#)); Saturday with a Scientist: Amazingly Adaptable Amphibians ([Feb. 8](#)); Mini Medical School - Winter 2014 (Night 1 of 5) ([Feb. 10](#)); The New Way of War: Is There a Duty to Use Drones? ([Feb. 11](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

THE BOARD OF REGENTS WILL MEET Feb. 13-14. The board will act on a request for a \$4.1 million investment in campus safety enhancements, and review and act on TCF Bank Stadium plans to accommodate the Minnesota Vikings. Additionally, VP for Research Brian Herman will provide an annual research report to the board, summarizing the U's research metrics, trends in research productivity, and recent successes and innovation partnerships. For more information, see the [news release](#).

2014 STATE OF THE U ADDRESS: President Eric Kaler will deliver the annual State of the U Address March 6, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Coffman Union Theater. The address will be broadcast live via ITV and will be available for viewing at the following campus locations: UMC-101 Dowell Hall; UMD-173 Kirby Plaza; UMM-Studio A, Humanities and Fine Arts Building; UMR-419 University Square. Submit a question for the president now through the end of his address on March 6. Kaler will also accept questions on Twitter (#UMNsotu) and in written form during the event. For more information, live web-streaming the day of the event, and to submit a question, see [State of the U](#).

Features

FEATURE: Team USA is loaded with University of Minnesota connections. For more information, read ["The road to Sochi."](#)

FEATURE: Using one of the world's premier telescopes, astrophysicists Evan Skillman and Kristen McQuinn have discovered a priceless relic of the Big Bang in the Milky Way's back yard. For more information, read ["Time capsule of the Big Bang."](#)

FEATURE: Computer programming whiz Taylor Trimble ('14) leapt from the lights of theater to one of the world's bright start-up companies. For more information, read ["Wowing his new audience."](#)

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Professor Ned Mohan has been elected to National Academy of Engineering; CBS associate dean Robin Wright is one of five scientists to receive a 2014 Genetics Society of America award; Jasjit Ahluwalia has been selected as the recipient of the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research Duncan Clark Award; assistant professor John Gunnar Carlsson has been awarded a grant by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research through its 2014 Young Investigator Research Program; associate professor Ryan Elliott has been awarded the 2014 Thomas J.R. Hughes Young Investigator 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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FIVE YEARS FORWARD: The Office of the Vice President for Research has announced the launch of a new strategic plan designed to advance the mission of the U's research enterprise. [Five Years Forward through Collective Inspiration and Discovery](#) is the result of a collaborative planning process of participants from across the University and surrounding community. The plan, which aligns with the U's larger strategic planning efforts, will create opportunities for faculty, staff, students, and external partners to come together to tackle society's grand challenges.

EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT SURVEY RESULTS will be shared with the Board of Regents Feb. 13. Faculty and staff reported a high level of engagement in 2013, particularly in commitment and dedication. Campus, college, unit, and department leaders are being asked to develop and implement [action plans](#) for enhancing the workplace in 2014. For more information, see [Engagement](#).

Award and funding opportunities

P&A SENATE 2014 OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD: The P&A Senate is accepting applications for its annual Outstanding Unit Award, which recognizes units of the University that are judged to be exemplary in their support of P&A staff and the critical role P&A employees fulfill in supporting the U's mission. The application deadline is March 12. For more information, see [Outstanding Unit Award](#).

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD: The Office for Public Engagement is [accepting nominations](#) for the 2014 Outstanding Community Service Award, which recognizes faculty, staff, students, and University-affiliated community members who have made significant, demonstrable contributions to society's wellbeing.

THE INSTITUTE ON THE ENVIRONMENT is accepting proposals for Spring 2014 [Discovery Grants](#). Funding supports highly innovative, world-class research activities with a one-time investment of \$50,000-100,000. Initial concept papers are due March 21.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: The Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment & the Life Sciences is issuing a call for proposals addressing the societal implications of problems in health, environment, or the life sciences to graduate and professional students. Proposals are due by Apr. 21. For more information, see [Consortium Intramural Research Awards](#) or email boyle032@umn.edu.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE 2014 SUSTAINABILITY SYMPOSIUM offers an opportunity for graduate, professional, and undergraduate students to showcase their work and to improve their ability to communicate the sustainability implications of their research or creative work with others engaged in sustainability issues across the University. Submission deadline is March 14. Symposium takes place Apr. 11. For more information, see [Sustainability Symposium](#).

CROOKSTON:

THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DIVERSITY will host the campus community in a discussion to explore how we categorize others and how this leads to stereotypes, generalizations, bias, and prejudice. Feb. 13, 12:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom. For more information, see [Diversity Discussion](#).

CLASSES ARE EXCUSED FEB. 17 FOR A [FACULTY IN-SERVICE DAY](#). Faculty will work on projects related to the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) accreditation.

SENIOR DUSTIN SMITH, a double major in agronomy and agricultural business from Browerville, MN, is one of 20 university juniors and seniors chosen to attend the [USDA 2014 Agricultural Outlook Forum](#) Feb. 20-21.

DULUTH:

RECIPIENTS OF THE CHANCELLOR'S TEACHING, RESEARCH, AND SERVICE AWARDS for 2013-14 are Angela Sharp, instructor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics; John Goodge, professor in the Department of Geological Sciences; and Kathy Heltzer, instructor in the Department of Social Work. For more information, see [Award Recipients](#).

UMD'S ANNUAL "OUT COLD WEEK" will be held Feb. 10-15. Festivities include the Yeti Film Festival, Acoustic Guitar Competition, and Date-a-Palooza. Events culminate with the Polar Bear Plunge, where students will jump into Lake Superior to raise money for the Special Olympics. For more information, see [Out Cold](#).

SOUL FOOD DINNER will take place Feb. 15, 5-9 p.m., Kirby Ballroom. The event features music, dance, poetry, and wonderful food. Sponsored by the Black Student Association and African American Student Programs. For more information, see [Soul Food](#).

AN OPERA STUDIO CONCERT, *Lucia di Lammermoor*, will be held on Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Offered in a condensed form, the piece is produced by the Department of Music Opera Studio and the Department of Art and Design. For more information, see [Opera](#).

MORRIS:

UMM WELCOMED 200 PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS and their families at the eighth annual Community of Scholars event. Students from Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, Illinois, Texas, Washington, North Carolina, Oregon, and California competed for UMM's most prestigious competitive scholarships. Candidates also interacted with current students, engaged with faculty and staff, and explored campus. For more information, see [Community of Scholars](#).

DREW SCHIELD '12 is conducting research on reptile population genetics, phylogeography, and comparative genomics at the University of Texas, Arlington. His post-undergraduate research contributed to a paper published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, the official journal of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences. For more information, see [Schield](#).

UMM'S 2013-14 PERFORMING ARTS SERIES WILL CONCLUDE WITH AQUILA THEATRE COMPANY in Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*. Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium, Student Center. For more information, see [Aquila Theatre](#).

ROCHESTER:

UMR IS WELCOMING A CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT AND STUDY AWAY PROGRAM MANAGER, a new position tasked with helping students who want to take their education experience abroad. Brett Schieve joined UMR this month and comes with first-hand experience of helping students organize study abroad opportunities. For more information, see [Cultural Engagement](#).

AMANDA SMOCK, A 2012 U.S. OLYMPIAN, Minnesota native, and U of M graduate, will share her journey to the 2012 London Olympics at the [Feb. 25 UMR CONNECTS](#).

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U OF M EMPLOYEES MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE. Tax preparation may be available through the Volunteer Tax Assistance Program to both students and community members with an income of less than \$57,000. For information on preparing for and making an appointment, see [VTAP](#).

LEARN HOW TO INTEGRATE MEDIA INTO YOUR COURSES through a series of one-hour workshops offered by Academic Technology Support Services (ATTS). Faculty, staff, and teaching assistants may register for one or all course offerings. Topics include: digital storytelling, selecting media, and video hosting and sharing. Groups of five or more may request a workshop-on-demand. For more information, see [ATTS Workshops](#).

A SUCCESSFUL MANAGER'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM designed for mid- to top-level managers addresses the need for leaders to understand how to effectively apply sound leadership principles, with emphasis on personal leadership, thought leadership, results leadership, and people leadership. A free information session will be held March 26, 3-4 p.m., 120 Coffey Hall, St. Paul. RSVP to drlund@umn.edu to attend. For more information, program dates, and costs, see [Leadership Program](#).

VOLUNTEERS ARE SOUGHT by the Center for Teaching and Learning to meet with International Graduate Students for language practice and cultural exchange. Commitment is one hour per week for one semester. For more information and to sign up, see [Partners in English](#).

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THE CENTER FOR URBAN AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS (CURA) invites proposals for its 2014-15 Faculty Interactive Research Program. The program is designed to encourage University faculty members to carry out research projects that involve a significant urban-related public policy issue for the state or its communities. Applications are due March 10. For eligibility requirements and more information, see [CURA Grant](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

"ASSIGNING TEAM WRITING" PANEL DISCUSSION: Team-writing assignments present instructional, logistical, and ethical challenges. A faculty panel composed of Phil Barry (Computer Science), Denise Guerin (Interior Design), and Todd Arnold and Paul Venturelli (Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology), will discuss their approaches, strategies, successes, and challenges in assigning team writing. Includes lunch. Feb. 17, noon-1:30 p.m., 5 Peters Hall, St. Paul. For registration and more information, see [Team Writing](#).

THE 2014 TRANSPORTATION CAREER EXPO will take place Feb. 18, 4:30-7:15 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union. Learn about transportation career alternatives, career preparation strategies, and future job opportunities. Free for undergrad and grad students from any educational institution. For registration and more information, see [Transportation Career Expo](#).

THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH FILM SERIES will include screening of the 2013 documentary *American Heart* Feb. 18, 6 p.m., Coffman Union Theater. The film examines the lives and healthcare struggles of three refugee immigrants in Minnesota. Free, but [registration is requested](#).

"SHINING THE LIGHT ON MONEY: Campaign Finance and the Need for More Disclosure" will explore the potential for reform in Minnesota, featuring speaker of the House Paul Thissen, House Majority Leader Erin Murphy, and key lawmakers from both parties, joined by Trevor Potter, a national expert on campaign finance and former lawyer for the John McCain and George H.W. Bush presidential campaigns. Feb. 19, 9 a.m.-noon, Humphrey School. For registration and more information, see [Campaign Finance](#).

THE INTERDISCIPLINARY WOMEN'S HEALTH LECTURE SERIES, sponsored by the Powell Center for Women's Health, will next feature Katy Kozhimannil presenting "Making Birth Better: Women, Communities, Researchers, Clinicians, and Policymakers Can Work Together." Feb. 19, 12:15-1:15 p.m., 2-690 Moos Tower. For more information, see [Women's Health Lecture](#).

CONGRESSMAN KEITH ELLISON will introduce a screening of the film *Inequality for All*, a 2013 Sundance Film Festival-winning documentary featuring economist and bestselling author Robert Reich. Feb. 20, 3:30 p.m., Willey Hall Auditorium. The film explores America's widening income disparity and the erosion of its middle class.

CLA'S "A BRIGHTER U" will include a sampler program of some of the most intriguing and relevant ideas currently being explored in the College of Liberal Arts. The event will feature a lunch panel discussion among CLA faculty; an afternoon of six faculty-guided, interactive sessions; and a social reception hosted by the CLA Alumni Society. Feb. 22, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Coffman Union. Cost: \$20-25. Space is limited, [register by Feb. 14](#).

THE PROJECT AND CHANGE MANAGEMENT COLLABORATORS GROUP and College of Continuing Education are sponsoring a workshop on project management, ["Transforming with Agile"](#). Feb. 24, 1-2 p.m., 101 Walter Library. Free. RSVP requested.

STEVE BERRY, *New York Times* internationally bestselling author, will share his insights into the research process for historical thrillers, the role of libraries like the U's James Ford Bell Library, and his interest in historical preservation. Feb. 26, 7 p.m., Coffman Union Theater. Tickets are \$5 for students; \$10 for Library Friends and Associates; and \$15 for the general public. For more information, see [Steve Berry](#).

"UNDERSTANDING RANKISM" will be presented by Robert Fuller Mar. 27, 7 p.m., Humphrey School. Fuller is an international authority and thought leader on the topic of rankism--abusive, discriminatory or exploitive behavior toward people who have less power due to their lower rank in a particular hierarchy.

SPRING GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION ASSEMBLY will explore tools, technologies, best practices, and issues in building digital capacity in graduate education. The assembly will provide opportunities for participants to interact in a variety of formats with those on campus who are using digital tools and technologies to conduct research and scholarship, teach courses, publish, and develop a digital presence in scholarly or professional circles. Apr. 2, 1-4:30 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. For registration and more information, see [Spring Assembly](#).

MORE EVENTS include Weisman Sweethearts: Mini Love Tour ([Feb. 12](#)); Physics of NASCAR author to speak on "The Science of Speed" ([Feb. 12](#)); IAS Thursdays: Michael Lackey on The Haverford Group and Racial Justice ([Feb. 13](#)); Center for Bioethics Seminar: "Physician Aid in Dying Through Legislation, the Vermont Experience" ([Feb. 14](#)); The Missing Peace ([Feb. 16](#)); The Importance of Sustainability at General Mills ([Feb. 18](#)); Frontiers in the Environment ([Feb. 19](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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THE BOARD OF REGENTS approved a \$4.1 million investment in campus safety enhancements and authorized TCF Bank Stadium improvements to accommodate the Minnesota Vikings in 2014 and 2015 at its February meeting. Regents also endorsed a new health care brand: [University of Minnesota Health](#), and heard from VP for Research Brian Herman on the U's research enterprise. Additionally, VP for Equity and Diversity Katrice Albert provided an overview of her insights after seven months on the job, and results of the employee engagement survey were shared with the board. For more information, see the [news release](#).

Features

FEATURE: The University of Minnesota's Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center closes ranks against milfoil, curlyleaf pondweed, zebra mussels, carp, and other organisms fouling or threatening Minnesota's waterways. Professor Peter Sorensen is its director. For more information, read "[Stemming the tide of invasive species](#)."

FEATURE: A University of Minnesota startup spawned by U research is helping the Minnesota Department of Transportation manage traffic flow at intersections. For more information, read "[Getting the green light](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Jake Bailey, assistant professor of earth sciences, and Kai-Wen Lan, assistant professor of mathematics, have been awarded Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowships; marketing professors Kathleen Vohs and Vladas Griskevicius have been selected by *Poets&Quants* as two of the "40 Most Outstanding B-School Profs Under 40 in the World"; Irving Gottesman, senior fellow, Department of Psychology, will receive the Joseph Zubin Award from the American Psychopathological Association; Tracy Smith, deputy general counsel for the U, has been named one of four candidates for two at-large vacancies on the Minnesota Court of Appeals; 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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"EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT: MAKING OUR WORKPLACE EVEN BETTER," a Campus Conversation with VP for Human Resources Kathy Brown and Brandon Sullivan, will feature a discussion of the U's [employee engagement survey](#) results. Brown and Sullivan will provide an overview of University-wide results, and talk about how faculty and staff can be involved in action planning at their unit or department level to make the University work experience and workplace better. A discussion will follow. Bring your lunch; refreshments provided. [RSVP](#) if you plan to attend, or watch live online via [UMConnect](#). Feb. 24, noon-1 p.m., 321 Coffman Union.

A UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA RESEARCH REPORT presented to the Board of Regents by VP for Research Brian Herman shows the U maintained its high ranking among the top 10 public research institutions in 2013, receiving the third highest award amount in the Big 10. Herman also announced a new "Five Years Forward" plan to advance the U's research enterprise. The report also showed promising growth in key areas of research such as technology commercialization and public-private partnerships. For more information, see [2013 Research Report](#).

STORAGE AND DATA PROTECTION SERVICES offers consistent and reliable [data storage solutions](#) for researchers and faculty, as well as collegiate and noncollegiate units. Options and strategies are available for needs of any size, often at no cost, by using one of the many storage offerings the University provides. For more information, see [Storage and Data Protection Services](#).

THE WIRELESS SERVICE [eduroam](#) (education roaming) is available for faculty, researchers, staff, and students. eduroam is a secure, worldwide roaming wireless network developed for the international research and education community to access WiFi at institutions across the globe. For more information, see [Worldwide WiFi](#).

Award and funding opportunities

NOMINATIONS FOR THE JOSIE R. JOHNSON Human Rights and Social Justice Award are due by March 14. Nominate current U faculty, staff, or students for the award, which honors individuals who exemplify Johnson's principles and standard of excellence in creating respectful and inclusive living, learning, and working environments. For more information, see [Josie R. Johnson Award](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE LEARNING TECHNOLOGY MEDIA LAB (LTML) is offering "Pedagogy Spotlights for Online Teaching and Learning," a free professional development series to learn more about practices and principles for effective online teaching and learning. Each of the interactive sessions will feature a variety of the successful practices innovative LTML instructors use to engage students in online learning environments. The next session, "Using the I CARE Model to Facilitate Online Learning," features Jolie Kennedy and will be held completely online. March 12, 6-7 p.m. [Register to attend](#). For more information, email Angel.Pazurek or see [Pedagogy Spotlights](#).

INTERNATIONALIZING THE CURRICULUM AND CAMPUS CONFERENCE will focus on learning experiences through which students, faculty, and staff can gain global and intercultural competencies. The conference seeks to develop faculty and staff capacity to enrich curricula and develop pedagogy--either within study abroad programs or on-campus learning--that focuses on global learning outcomes. Apr. 11, Coffman Union. For registration and more information, see [Internationalizing the Campus](#).

"DIVERSITY IN THE CURRICULUM: TRANSFORMING YOUR SYLLABUS" is a hands-on, two-part workshop designed to assist faculty in revising a complete syllabus or specific segments of courses to include more consideration of diversity. Sponsored by the Institute for Diversity, Equity, and Advocacy. Open to all campuses. Apr. 25 and May 9, 1-3 p.m. For registration and more information, see [Diversity in the Curriculum](#).

CROOKSTON:

A GARDENING AND LOCAL FOODS SEMINAR will take place Feb. 20, 5 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. Speakers include Kirsten Fagerlund, Polk County Public Health's lead coordinator of the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP), and Shannon Stassen, Crookston city administrator. For more information, see [Gardening and Local Foods](#).

FUNDING FROM THE CENTER FOR PREVENTION will help the Northwest Minnesota Regional Sustainable Development Partnership (NWRSDP) connect children and nature in Northwest Minnesota. NWRSDP was recently selected to receive \$25,000 in Community Engagement Innovation funding from the Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota. For more information, see [NWRSDP Funding](#).

THE CAAM CHINESE DANCE THEATER will perform with UMC students, along with elementary students from across the area, as part of the Lantern New Year Celebration. Area students have been preparing since November for the opportunity. For more information, see [Chinese Dance Theater](#).

THE 2014 FACULTY AND STAFF FUND DRIVE will benefit endowment of the Faculty and Staff Fund Drive Scholarship, but donors may also designate their gifts to other scholarships if they choose. Those who donate \$100 or more by Feb. 23 will receive a Team UMC t-shirt.

DULUTH:

RETAIL CORPORATION maurices has [donated](#) one of its headquarters buildings in downtown Duluth to UMD. The four-story, 75,000-square-foot structure houses offices, a large auditorium, conference rooms, and skywalk access. Plans for the space include offering continuing education and certificate programs, hosting classes for adult learning, and expanding partnerships with other higher education and K-12 schools.

JEREMY LEIFERMAN has been named the new director of Housing and Residence Life. Previously, Leiferman was the senior director of community living at Brandeis University in Waltham, MA. He held a number of other leadership positions at Brandeis and was also formerly a staff member at Minnesota State University-Mankato. For more information, see [Jeremy Leiferman](#).

AMY HIETAPELTO, dean of the Labovitz School of Business and Economics, will be a featured guest at the Greater Downtown Council's "Downtown Live" quarterly speakers' series for the business community on Feb. 19, 4:30 p.m., Zeitgeist Arts, 222 E. Superior St. For more information, see [Amy Hietapelto](#).

ANGELA DAVIS, author, educator, and activist, will be the keynote speaker at the 2014 Summit on Equity, Diversity and Multiculturalism. Workshops on a variety of topics will be held throughout the day, and campus student groups will present a Diversity Fair. Feb. 25, 4 p.m., Kirby Ballroom. For more information, see [Summit](#).

MORRIS:

UMM'S TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM established the [Teacher Education Advisory Committee](#) to foster relationships with area K-12 school partners. In just four sessions, the committee has explored a range of topics, including student teaching and field experiences, teacher performance assessment, the Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examinations, and opportunities for meaningful collaboration and professional growth.

UMM'S NEXT CAFE SCIENTIFIQUE will take place Feb. 25, 6 p.m., Common Cup Coffeehouse. Carrie Eberle, a research agronomist postdoc at the North Central Soil Conservation Research Lab, will lead the discussion, titled "[The good, the bad, and the honey](#)." Open to all, with audience participation encouraged.

THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT will host the next Morris Community Meal Feb. 24, 5:30 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church. Since its inception in 2009, Community Meal has provided Stevens County delicious menus and warm, welcoming atmospheres. This month's meal features heart-healthy food and is free and open to all. For more information, see [Community Meal](#).

ROCHESTER:

THE ROCHESTER CITY COUNCIL [approved the release of sales tax money](#) to the University of Minnesota Rochester for future expansion of the UMR campus.

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SHARE TOOLS AND SERVICES FOR RESEARCH PAPERS FROM U LIBRARIES: The [Assignment Calculator](#) helps students plan papers, speeches, video projects, and more; [Library Course Pages](#), available on Moodle and the Libraries' homepage, feature course-specific article databases, 24/7 chat with a librarian, and reserve readings; and [Peer Research Consultants](#), available by drop-in hours or appointment, offer one-on-one tutoring on research.

STUDENT SAFETY TOWN HALL: Faculty and staff are asked to encourage students to attend a [conversation about safety issues](#) with President Eric Kaler, VP Pam Wheelock, and Vice Provost and Dean of Students Danita Brown Young on Feb. 26, 5-6 p.m., 130 Murphy Hall.

AURORA CENTER SERVICES ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN ST. PAUL. Get free and confidential sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking and harassment, and crisis counseling at Boynton's [St. Paul Clinic](#). [Aurora Center](#) advocates are available by walk-in or appointment Tuesdays, 8:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.; and 1:45-4:30 p.m.; and Wednesdays, 2-4:30 p.m. For more information, call 612-626-2929.

Award and funding opportunities

LIVING LABORATORY CALL FOR PROPOSALS: The Twin Cities Sustainability Committee selected proposals from the UMC community to utilize campus grounds as a living laboratory. Selected proposals will receive campus space and assistance with the facilitation of an approved project. Apply beginning Feb. 24, through March 28. For an application and more information, see [Living Lab](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

"PROVOST'S ROUNDTABLE: Arts, Humanities and Design in the 21st-Century University" will feature a discussion with Provost Karen Hanson, past chair of the Imagine Fund Renée Cheng, and outgoing director of the Institute for Advanced Study Ann Waltner. The trio will discuss the role of arts, humanities, and design across and beyond the borders of the University of Minnesota. Feb. 20, 2 p.m., 125 Nolte. Reception to follow. For more information, see [Provost's Roundtable](#).

"THE SCIENCE OF HAPPILY EVER AFTER" will be presented by the University's relationship expert Ty Tashiro. Tashiro received his Ph.D. in psychology from the U of M. [His talk](#) will focus on why enduring love is so difficult to find and how applying cutting-edge social science can help people find "happily ever after." Feb. 26, 2:30 p.m., 175 Willey Hall.

THE U LIBRARIES EXHIBIT, *Bound Fragments: 60 Years of Collecting at the James Ford Bell Library*, features the Bell Library's premier collection of rare books, maps, and manuscripts. The materials on display advance the understanding of global heritage by documenting the history and impact of trade prior to ca. 1800 CE. On view through Feb. 28, 4th floor, Wilson Library. For more information, see [Bound Fragments](#).

"THE REAL STORY OF MNSURE: THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE HOPEFUL" will feature Scott Leitz, interim CEO of MNSure, in an in-depth discussion of Minnesota's new health insurance exchange's breakdowns, as well as his steps to rework its operations to meet expectations. March 10, noon-1:15 p.m., Humphrey School. For registration and more information, see [MNSure](#).

MORE EVENTS include *Gideon's Army*, film screening and critical discussion ([Feb. 19](#)); *Inequality for All* ([Feb. 20](#)); Richard Trumka, President, AFL-CIO ([Feb. 20](#)); U-Spatial's GIS 101: Analyzing Data and Creating Maps ([Feb. 21](#)); Yoga/Meditation Retreat ([Feb. 22](#)); IAS open discussion on the Global Midwest ([Feb. 24](#)); *Audubon and the Art of Birds* ([through June 8](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

2014 STATE OF THE U ADDRESS: President Eric Kaler will deliver the annual State of the U Address March 6, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Coffman Union Theater. The address will be broadcast live via ITV and will be available for viewing at various campus locations, as well as live-streaming the day of the event. For more information, and to submit a question, see [State of the U](#).

Features

FEATURE: Imagine encountering a dozen people in the woods improvising on the spot as they're inspired by what they hear from the forest, or from the savanna, as the wind combs through tall native grasses and whispers inspiration. *Sounds and Visions of Cedar Creek* is just such an experience. The performance, which will take place Feb. 27 in St. Paul, evolved from the experience of a dozen students and faculty who spent two days talking with research scientists and otherwise exploring the Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve. For more information, read "[A musical environment](#)."

FEATURE: A bleeding heart is a metaphor. A leaking one is a common, and often deadly, reality. In conditions from Duchenne muscular dystrophy to heart attack and heart failure, leaky heart cells lose proteins vital to long-term survival. For University of Minnesota heart researcher Joseph Metzger, fixing these leaks is a prime concern. For more information, read "[A molecular band-aid](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Institute on the Environment director Jon Foley has been named the recipient of the 2014 Heinz Award in the Environment; Elizabeth Seaquist was recently named president of medicine and science of the American Diabetes Association; Dante Cicchetti has been selected for a 2014 James McKeen Cattell Fellow Award from the Association for Psychological Science; Sergey Germanovich Bobkov will receive the Humboldt Research Award; the Institute on the Environment has announced its 2014 resident fellows; recipients of the 2013-14 John Tate Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising have been chosen; 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 March 6, 2:30 p.m., Coffman Union Theater. Topics include introductions, Administrative Policy on Open Access to Scholarly Articles, and the president's upcoming State of the University Address. For more information, see the full agenda at [University Senate](#).

THE P&A SENATE will meet March 7, 9:30 a.m., Mayo Auditorium. Topics include Resolution on Regents Scholarship, as well as discussions with President Kaler and VP for Equity and Diversity Katrice Albert. For more information, see the full agenda at [P&A Senate](#).

ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS UPGRADE PROGRAM (ESUP) has identified February 2015 as the target for launch. Program leadership assessed project scope and weighed priorities carefully to make the decision. For more information, see [ESUP news](#).

Award and funding opportunities

THE MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND has issued a 2015 [Request for Proposals](#) (PDF) with more than \$40 million in funding available for projects related to foundational natural resource data and information; water resources; environmental education; aquatic and terrestrial invasive species; air quality, climate change, renewable energy; methods to protect, restore, and enhance land, water and habitat; and land acquisition for habitat and recreation. Proposals are due March 28, 4:30 p.m. For more information, see [2015 Proposal & Funding Process](#).

THE U OF M INFORMATICS INSTITUTE (UMII) has announced [two major funding initiatives](#) at the interface of informatics and its applications: the UMII Transdisciplinary Research Fellowship will position recently promoted associate professors to provide leadership in transdisciplinary collaborative projects, and the UMII Faculty in Industry Fellowship will enable faculty to build strong partnerships with Minnesota businesses or agencies to develop long-term projects that address critical societal challenges. For more information, see [UMII](#).

THE SPRING MINI-GRANT COMPETITION, sponsored by the Institute on the Environment (IonE), encourages faculty, staff, and students systemwide to apply for awards (up to \$3,000) designed to spur innovative, interdisciplinary collaborations that address sustainability challenges. Grant winners will engage with IonE and receive logistical and administrative support and access to meeting space. A two-page project outline is due March 16. For more information, see [IonE Mini Grants](#).

THE MULLEN/SPECTOR/TRUAX WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AWARD is accepting nominations through March 14, 4:30 p.m. The award honors the contributions, research, and/or leadership of current University female faculty and staff. For more information, see [Women's Leadership awards](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

A GLOBAL HEALTH SYMPOSIUM will be hosted by the School of Public Health on March 27, 3:30-5 p.m., Auditorium, Mayo Memorial. James Rice and John Cushing will present "The Challenges of Developing a New Generation of Health Sector Leaders in Low Resource Countries." For registration and more information, see [Global Health Symposium](#).

CROOKSTON:

THE WESTERN MINNESOTA REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR will take place March 1, Bede Ballroom, Sergeant Student Center. Exhibits will be open for public viewing from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, see [Science Fair](#).

THE 2014 INTERNATIONAL DINNER SERIES will feature the Caribbean on March 3, Japan on March 10, and Togo on March 24. The series also includes the April 2 Multicultural and International Dinner, featuring food and performances from across the globe. For more information, see [Dinner Series](#).

THE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT will host [regional FFA contests](#) March 5, with competition in small animal, crops, ag mechanics, salesmanship, and parliamentary procedure.

U EXTENSION NORTHWEST REGIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP will join six organizations to bring natural play spaces to connect children with nature in Polk, Norman, and Mahnomen counties. For more information, see [Sustainable Partnerships](#).

DULUTH:

GENES IDENTIFIED IN MINNESOTA GROUND SQUIRRELS could help develop a therapy to promote easier weight loss for humans, according to a team of UMD researchers including professor Matt Andrews, Department of Biology; professor Marshall Hampton, Department of Mathematics; and postdoctoral researcher Richard Melvin. For more information, see [Fat Burning Squirrels](#).

THE DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS has formed the Bulldog Fan and Community Advisory Board and is seeking students, faculty, staff, season ticket holders, and community and business leaders to provide ideas, suggestions, and feedback on fan experience and community engagement. For more information, see [Fan Advisory Board](#).

THE GLBTQA COMMISSION presents the [Super Gay Cabaret](#) on Feb. 27 and 28, 7:30 p.m., Marshall Performing Arts Center. The event features a series of musical theater songs celebrating sexual identity, gender expression, and diversity.

"PERSPECTIVES AND PARALLELS," a symposium and reception, will take place March 4, 4-8 p.m., Tweed Museum of Art. The panel includes curators and writers from last year's "Encoded" exhibit, as well as this year's "Blood Memoirs." Panelists will discuss American Indian identity, voice, and historical representation. For more information, see [Symposium](#).

MORRIS:

MICHAEL LACKEY, associate professor of English, recently came out with two new books, *The Haverford Discussions: A Black Integrationist Manifesto for Racial Justice* and *Truthful Fictions: Conversations with American Biographical Novelists*. Despite two new books on the market, the scholar plans to keep publishing at breakneck speed. For more information, see [Michael Lackey](#).

KRISTIN LAMBERTY, assistant professor of computer science, is dedicating time to community outreach while on sabbatical. Lamberty participated in a travelling science exhibit at the International Falls Public Library that helps participants engage with science and technology. She also worked with area sixth-grade classes, a high school engineering class, and other community members. For more information, see [Lamberty](#).

UMM'S CENTER FOR SMALL TOWNS and the Four Townships Economic Survey Committee have been gathering data on the economic and demographic conditions in the Four Townships area, which includes Fall Lake, Eagles Nest, Morse, and Stony River. The goal of the report is to provide a clearer picture of the region's economic landscape. For more information, see [Center for Small Towns](#).

ROCHESTER:

UMR CONTINUES TO MOVE AHEAD WITH PLANS to build a campus just south of the city's downtown district. The [second phase of development](#) moves forward this month.

UMR CHANCELLOR Stephen Lehmkuhle is offering students at the University of Minnesota Rochester a unique incentive to graduate in four years: money. UMR has established an initiative called "[Finish in 4](#)," which garners financial support from staff, businesses, and community members to recognize and reward UMR students who are on track to graduate in four years.

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DRUPAL TRAINING IS AVAILABLE. Technology Training and Usability Services now offers hands-on Drupal training for both website builders and content contributors. For registration and more information, see [Drupal Training](#).

LEARN ABOUT EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT TOOLS AND RESOURCES that are newly available to staff. Lea Bittner-Eddy, with HR's Organizational Effectiveness, will discuss how to be more engaged at work, prove one's value, and obtain useful training. March 19, noon-1 p.m., 312 STSS. For more information and to RSVP, [email Bonnie Marten](mailto:email_Bonnie.Marten).

Award and funding opportunities

NOMINATIONS ARE INVITED for the Ada Comstock Distinguished Women Scholars Award and the Sara Evans Faculty Women Scholar/Leader Awards. The awards honor the contributions, research, and/or leadership of current University female staff and faculty. Nominations are due March 14, 4:30 p.m. For more information, see [Women's Center awards](#).

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BOYNTON EYE CLINIC will host the [Eye Ball Frame Showcase](#), featuring 20 percent off a second pair of eyeglasses, as well as entry into a drawing for a free pair. Bring your current prescription. Feb. 27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

"THE RIVER AT OUR DOORSTEP," a one-day symposium of the River Life Program, will include roundtable discussions on research and student/public programs. Participants will discuss the use of the river corridor as a field study location. Feb. 28, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., President's Room, Coffman Union. For more information, see [River Symposium](#).

RARE DISEASE DAY: "Improving The Care Of Those Living With A Rare Disease: Opportunities In Education, Collaboration, and Public Policy" will take place Feb. 28, noon-2:30 p.m., 1-110 McGuire Translational Research Facility and live via UMConnect. For live-streaming and more information, see [Rare Disease Day](#).

THE ANNUAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC JAZZ FESTIVAL CONCERT will feature Jazz Ensemble I and special guests Patty Peterson and members of "Minnesota's First Family of Jazz," the Petersons. March 1, Ted Mann. For more information, see [Jazz Festival](#).

STATE OF IBEROAMERICAN STUDIES SERIES: "Human Rights Across the Disciplines/Human Rights and Theater," a symposium and theater festival, will feature world class scholars and artists, and one of the best Latin American theater groups, Malayerba. March 6-11, locations vary. For specific events and more information, see [Iberoamerican Studies](#).

ONLINE COMMENTS & ECHO CHAMBERS: THE STATE OF PUBLIC DISCOURSE, will feature a face-to-face discussion of virtual conversations and examination of questions of online dialogue, such as "What happens when public discourse and knowledge commenters are rude or willfully misinformed?" And, alternatively, "What discussions and knowledge emerge when people only engage the like minded?" March 7, 9-10:15 a.m., 125 Nolte. For more information, see [Online Comments](#).

MORE EVENTS include IAS Thursdays: Nabil Matar and Philip Sellow ([Feb. 27](#)); *Sounds and Visions of Cedar Creek* ([Feb. 27](#)); The Rome Project ([Feb. 28](#)); Growing Grapes in Minnesota ([March 1](#)); U-Spatial's LiDAR 101: Basics of Using LiDAR Data ([March 3](#)); Talk by Stephanie Gilmore: "Sexual Violence on College Campuses" ([March 4](#)); WAMChatter | What is Siberia? ([March 5](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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Features

FEATURE: For those of us who have spent our lives in the United States, it's difficult to imagine the reality of citizens living in countries that have been torn apart by leaders ruling with intimidation and repression--and without regard for human rights. According to U research led by Kathryn Sikkink, countries that use human rights trials over time wind up seeing improvements in their overall human rights. For more information, read "[Trials help alleviate tribulations](#)."

FEATURE: If you needed a diagnostic test for colon cancer and had a choice between a colonoscopy and giving a urine sample, which would you pick? You've got plenty of company. A team of researchers, including David Wood of the Masonic Cancer Center, University of Minnesota, has reported success with a fresh approach to diagnostic testing for noncommunicable diseases like cancer and cardiovascular disease. For more information, read "[A simple test for tumors](#)."

FEATURE: More than 100 people expressed interest in heading the University of Minnesota Medical School and health sciences. Jay Brooks Jackson was chosen because he has proven himself as someone who can implement the strategic vision that faculty have crafted--and who can grapple with the funding challenges that every healthcare institution faces today. Jackson began as the U of M's new Medical School dean and vice president for health sciences on Feb. 17. For more information, read "[Driven to lead](#)."

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THE BENEFITS ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS REQUESTING COMMENTS about your experiences with UPlan health and wellness plans since January 2013. Comment deadline is March 12. Anonymous summaries of comments are used in performance reviews of UPlan health plans. Enter comments at [BAC 2013-14 UPlan Comments](#).

FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT (FSA) CLAIMS DEADLINE IS MARCH 31. If you have money remaining in your 2013 health care or dependent daycare FSA and wish to receive payment, you need to incur eligible expenses by March 15. Submit claims by fax or mail to ADP, the claims administrator, by March 31. IRS regulations specify that funds remaining in accounts after March 31 will be forfeited. Obtain ADP claim forms at [FSA Accounts with ADP](#), or call ADP with questions at 1-866-697-6077.

ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS UPGRADE PROGRAM (ESUP) SNEAK PEEKS are brief videos that provide an early view of what's changing in the University's upgraded enterprise systems. The [latest video](#) features the power of integrated position data in the Human Resources Management System. Past videos are available at [ESUP videos](#).

Award and funding opportunities

REGIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIPS, a U of M Extension program, is soliciting project ideas from the University community. The partnerships connect local talent and resources with University of Minnesota knowledge and seed funding. Projects are located in Greater Minnesota and focus on sustainable agriculture and food systems, tourism and resilient communities, natural resources, and clean energy. For more information, and to submit a project idea, see [Idea Brief](#).

EQUITY AND DIVERSITY TRANSFORMATION AWARD PROPOSALS ARE DUE MARCH 31. The awards fund creative yet pragmatic proposals for projects that support equity and diversity initiatives. This year's focus is new, creative, and bold strategies that focus on outreach to, and recruitment of, diverse faculty, staff, and students. For more information, see [Transformation Award](#).

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED for the 2014-15 [Internationalizing Teaching and Learning Cohort Program](#). The year-long program and intensive three-day session (Jan. 7-9, 2015) provide opportunities for faculty to internationalize the curriculum by identifying global learning outcomes for their courses, expanding their teaching strategies, and developing course materials, activities, and assessments. Sponsored by the Global Programs and Strategy Alliance, Center for Teaching and Learning, and the Office of Information Technology.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

"ENHANCING THE IMPACT OF THE U's EQUITY AND DIVERSITY EFFORTS," a Campus Conversation with VP for Equity and Diversity Katrice Albert, will feature an overview of the top themes and trends that have emerged from Albert's conversations listening to individuals and communities on all five of the U's campuses since her arrival at the U eight months ago. Albert will also detail her ideas for enhancing equity and diversity efforts. A discussion will follow. Bring your lunch; refreshments provided. [RSVP](#) if you plan to attend, or watch live online via [UMConnect](#). Mar. 12, noon-1 p.m., 321 Coffman Union.

SUMMER DAY CAMPS at the U of M Landscape Arboretum are open for registration. Arboretum summer day camps provide an engaging mix of hands-on explorations into the plant world, plus science learning, cooking experiences, and art inspirations for ages 2-14. All camps feature delicious organic snacks and lunches. Choose from over 38 camps. Fees range from \$35 to \$210; discounts for arboretum members. For more information, see [Arboretum Summer Camps](#) or call 952-443-1422.

CROOKSTON:

A DRAINAGE DESIGN WORKSHOP hosted by U of M Extension will take place March 5-6, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Bede Ballroom. For more information, see [Drainage Design](#).

SPRING SEMESTER CONVOCATION will take place March 6, noon, Kiehle Auditorium. Alumnus Jordan McCormick '08 will be the featured speaker. Chancellor Fred Wood and Vice Chancellor Barbara Keinath will recognize students named to the Chancellor's 4.0 Club. For more information, see [Spring Convocation](#).

SOUP AND SUBSTANCE: "[What Does Feminism Mean to You?](#)" will take place March 11, noon-1 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. Soup and Substance sessions are designed as a continuing dialogue on current topics.

THE NEXT ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DIVERSITY MEETING will focus on "[Diversity: Making Connections between the Classroom and Programming to Enhance Learning](#)." March 12, noon-1:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom.

DULUTH:

UMD PROFESSOR ALEC HABIG and other researchers have seen their first neutrinos as part of the NOVA experiment, which uses one of the world's largest accelerators, located at the Department of Energy's Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory near Chicago. The beam is aimed in the direction of the two detectors, one near the source at Fermilab and the other in Ash River, MN, near the Canadian border. For more information, see [Lab Detects First Neutrinos](#).

ALUMNUS ROLF WEBERG has been named director of UMD's Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI). Weberg has worked for DuPont USA for the past 25 years, most recently as Global R&D manager in DuPont's Building Innovations; Surfaces Division. He begins on March 24. For more information, see [Rolf Weberg](#).

THE ART LANDE TRIO will perform as part of UMD's Ovation Guest Artist Concert Series, March 7, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall. Lande is an internationally known, Grammy-nominated pianist, composer, improviser, drummer, and educator. For more information, see [Art Lande Trio](#).

GLENSHEEN, the historic Congdon estate, is offering evening flashlight tours during the month of March. Led by guides dressed in period costumes based on photographs of the original Congdon staff, these tours allow guests to enjoy pieces in the mansion's collection that are best viewed at night. For more information, see [Glensheen](#).

MORRIS:

UMM HAS BEEN NAMED ONE OF BESTCOLLEGES.COM'S GREENEST UNIVERSITIES. The list honors the 50 U.S. colleges and universities that have earned the highest Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) ratings. UMM appears 17th on the list, and is the only Minnesota school included. For more information, see [Greenest Universities](#).

ELLIE HOFER '15, Sioux Falls, SD, is one of only a few students nationwide selected for the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Exceptional Research Opportunities Program. The program provides outstanding summer research experiences to bright, motivated undergraduate students from groups traditionally underrepresented in the sciences. For more information, see [Hofer](#).

THE UMM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM hosted the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) Semifinals on Feb. 27. The Cougars, who were the number-one seed, won 66-56 over Martin Luther College. They went on to host the UMAC Championship on March 1. This was the first home UMAC Championship game since the 2010-11 season. For more information, see [UMAC Championships](#).

ROCHESTER:

A UMR "BE THE MATCH" bone marrow registry drive organized by UMR's Nursing College Board and the Mayo Clinic had more than 180 sign up to potentially save a life. For more information, see "[Be The Match](#)."

UMR CONNECTS: "From Prison to Ph.D." Jason Sole, professor at Metropolitan State, will discuss his path from prison to professor after a life involved in gang activity at the next [UMR Connects](#), March 4, 7 p.m. 419 University Square.

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AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXHIBIT ART WORK ON CAMPUS is offered by Student Unions & Activities. Artists may submit their work to be exhibited in the Coffman and Larson art galleries during the 2014-15 academic year. Faculty, staff, and student artists should [submit a prospectus](#) to the program board's Visual Arts Committee by March 14.

SUPERVISORS OF STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO NOMINATE STUDENT STAFF for the [Outstanding Student Employee Award](#). The award seeks to recognize the top undergraduate student employees on the Twin Cities campus. Nominations are due March 26. Award winners will be recognized at an Apr. 23 event.

REGISTER FOR A BIOMETRIC HEALTH SCREENING TO EARN 100 WELLNESS POINTS for your [Wellness Points Bank](#). Screenings are free for UPlan members and take just 15 to 20 minutes. View the latest schedule or [make an appointment](#) online. Walk-ins are welcome.

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LINCOLN CHAFEE, RHODE ISLAND GOVERNOR and former U.S. senator, reflects on lessons learned in both the U.S. Senate and RI House to emphasize the role of economic justice and equality in realizing a contemporary vision of civil rights for all Americans. As governor, Chafee has focused on education, workforce revitalization, marriage equality, health care reform, and green infrastructure development. March 12, 5 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. For more information, see [Chafee](#).

"THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING PROSOCIAL: Communication, Health, and Well-being" will be presented by Kory Floyd of Arizona State University. The presentation examines the connection between interpersonal communication and the health of individuals and relationships. March 24, 1-2 p.m., N639 Elliott Hall. For more information, see the [Department of Psychology Spring Colloquium Series](#).

U LIBRARIES KERLAN AWARD CEREMONY AND LUNCH will honor Russell Freedman and Linda Sue Park Mar. 29, noon, Elmer L. Andersen Library. The award is given to celebrate accomplishments and the donation of unique resources in children's literature. Tickets are \$25 for the general public; \$20 for Kerlan Friends and include lunch. For more information, see [Kerlan 2014](#).

MORE EVENTS include Consortium for the Study of the Premodern World kickoff event ([March 5](#)); ExploraDome in the Evening: Are We There Yet? ([March 6](#)); Coffee Hour, Dr. Ben Cook on "Global Warning and 21st Century Drying" ([March 7](#)); Film Screening: *The Act of Killing* ([March 8](#)); Cold War Clint: How Asia Made a Hollywood Icon and How He Imagined Asia ([March 10](#)); Race for Empire: Critical Book Discussion with Takashi Fujitani ([March 11](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

AT THE 2014 STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS, U of M President Eric Kaler detailed this year's academic and legislative successes and outlined his vision for the future. Kaler's priorities for the next year include recruiting and retaining field-shaping faculty and researchers, supporting excellence and rejecting complacency, advancing equity and diversity efforts, continuing to invest in graduate education by extending funding for doctoral dissertation fellowships, and more. For more information, see the [news release](#) or read the full text at [SOTU 2014](#).

STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: The University recently presented its capital request to both the Minnesota House and Senate higher education committees. President Kaler and Vice President for University Services Pamela Wheelock outlined the six proposed projects and emphasized the value of state investment in University facilities. For more information, see [State Relations](#).

Features

FEATURE: A recent U of M Extension study details the economic value of Minnesota's wine industry, as well as challenges ahead. Among the findings: In 2011, the most recent year data could be studied, the wine industry contributed \$59 million to Minnesota's economy; Minnesota cold-hardy grapes, developed by the U of M, pumped \$401 million into the U.S. economy and created 12,600 jobs. For more information, read "[Minnesota wine comes into its own](#)."

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DRUPAL WEB CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CMS) is now available system-wide for University departments, academic units, faculty members, and researchers. Drupal is expected to be available to students and student organizations in summer. Drupal provides website authoring, collaboration, and administrative tools designed to allow users to create and manage online content with relative ease. It is not required that U websites use Drupal, but in general, it has more features than tools such as Google Sites and Blogger. For more information, see [Drupal CMS](#).

MICROSOFT SUPPORT FOR THE WINDOWS XP OPERATING SYSTEM ENDS AFTER APR. 8, 2014. This means no new security patches will be available, and computers running Windows XP will be increasingly vulnerable to malware. For non-University-owned computers, see [Microsoft](#) to learn about XP and how to upgrade. For more information and to upgrade your University-owned computer, contact your local IT department.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE INAUGURAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "[ONE MEDICINE ONE SCIENCE](#)" (iCOMOS) is a global forum for discussing the issues at the interface of animals, humans, and the environment with a focus on food safety and production and infectious diseases. The conference will feature Nobel laureate Peter Agre of the Johns Hopkins Malaria Research Institute, USDA Under Secretary Catherine Woteki, National Institute of Food and Agriculture Director Sonny Ramaswamy, PepsiCo Executive VP and Chief Scientific Officer Mehmood Khan, Merck Vaccines VP and Chief Public Health Officer Mark Feinberg, and chef and TV personality Andrew Zimmern. Registration is limited. Apr. 27-30, The Commons Hotel, Minneapolis.

THE U OF M LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM WILL HOST A SUGARBUSH PANCAKE BRUNCH, a time for outdoor walking and joining in educational activities, or staying inside with Minnesota maple syrup and all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausages, and drinks. For more information, see [Sugarbush Pancake Brunch](#).

HONEY BEE HAVEN: U professor and Extension entomologist Marla Spivak offers tips for [creating a bee-friendly environment](#) this spring in your yard and garden.

CROOKSTON:

UMC 2014 FUND DRIVE CELEBRATION closing ceremony will take place March 13, 3:30 p.m., Sargeant Student Center. Join colleagues in celebration of a [successful campus fund drive](#).

TWO U OF M INSTRUCTORS worked together to offer a [distinctive learning opportunity](#) to students on two campuses, combining video stories, GPS mapping, and more. Assistant Professor Eric Castle, UMC Agriculture and Natural Resources Department, and Associate Professor Akosua Addo, U of M School of Music, offered the opportunity during fall semester.

A WORKSHOP FOR ENTREPRENEURS AND SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS will take place March 12, 9-11 a.m., Bede Ballroom. Training will focus on website design, search engine optimization, and the use of social media. Sponsored by the Center for Entrepreneurial Studies (CRES) and the Small Business Development Center. For more information, see [CRES Workshop](#).

DULUTH:

RICHARD BROWN, senior fellow at the Labovitz School of Business and Economics and CEO of JNBA Financial Advisors, has been named the top financial advisor in Minnesota by *Barron's*. Brown co-teaches the financial planning program capstone course. For more information, see [Richard Brown](#).

UMD TEEN ENTERPRISE, run by the UMD Center for Economic Development, prepares young entrepreneurs. During weeklong camps, teens learn valuable skills, including how to conduct market research and write a business plan, and hear from local entrepreneurs. For more information, see [Teen Enterprise](#).

MIWA MATREYEK will present a multimedia performance titled *This World Made Itself* as part of the Visual Culture Lecture Series. Matreyek is an internationally known animator, designer, and multimedia artist based in Los Angeles. Mar. 11, 6-7 p.m., 70 Montague Hall. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [Miwa Matreyek](#).

BURIED CHILD, Sam Shepard's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, will be performed March 13-15 and 25-29, 7:30 p.m.; and March 30, 2 p.m., Dudley Experimental Theatre, Marshall Performing Arts Center. For more information, see [Buried Child](#).

MORRIS:

UMM HAS BEEN NAMED ONE OF THE "25 Best College Values Under \$30,000 a Year" and "30 Best Values in Small Colleges" by the editors of *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*. Among colleges under \$30,000, UMM is listed second and is the most highly ranked Minnesota school included. It is tenth among small public colleges. UMM received coverage in the *Star Tribune* for the recognitions. For more information, see [Kiplinger's](#).

UMM JAZZ FESTIVAL will be held Apr. 4-5. Featuring guest artists Kevin Harris on piano and Darren Barrett on trumpet, the festival promises to be a unique and soulful experience. Performances will be held nightly, 7:30 p.m., Edson Auditorium. For more information, see [36th Annual Jazz Fest](#).

ROCHESTER:

[ROCHESTER WOMEN MAGAZINE](#) features three women in leadership at UMR in its March/April issue. Karen Reilly, Molly Dingel, and Sarah Oslund discussed with the magazine what it takes to make a successful career in academia, as well as their insights on what success really means.

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A PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING EXERCISE will take place March 18, 9 a.m., near the Stadium Village station on the METRO Green Line. The exercise will simulate a crisis involving a light-rail train. [University Campus Connector](#) and [Metro Transit Route 272](#) bus service will be detoured from a portion of the intercampus transitway beginning March 17 at 6 p.m., through March 18. Certain surface lots and streets near the event will also be closed. For more information, see [Train Derailment Exercise](#).

THE MINNESOTA LANGUAGE PROGRAM offers free, face-to-face English as a second language support to international undergraduate students. [Student English Language Support](#) is designed for students who want to address a particular English language need to be more successful at the U of M. Faculty and staff are encouraged to make students aware of this option.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

A PANEL DISCUSSION related to a successful effort to suppress historical scholarship in India will take place March 12, 4 p.m., 125 Nolte. Panelists will discuss a recent out-of-court settlement in which book publisher Penguin India agreed to withdraw from the market and pulp all remaining copies of Wendy Doniger's book, *The Hindus: An Alternate History*. For more information, see [panel discussion](#).

CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF NORMAN BORLAUG with the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences as it hosts events that honor Borlaug's legacy and look toward new and developing research related to food security. Events include a birthday social, March 25; a panel discussion, March 26; and the Borlaug 100-Year Celebration, March 27. For registration and more information, see [100 years of Norman Borlaug](#).

"CONTROL YOUR STRESS," with U Professor of Psychology Patricia Frazier, will provide an overview of Frazier's translational research on the role of perceived control in coping with stressful life events. March 27, 4 p.m., 402 Walter Library. For more information, see the [Department of Psychology Spring Colloquium Series](#).

TEACHING STUDENTS TO WRITE FOR AUDIENCES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM will feature panelists Peter Hilger (Construction Management), Chris Ison (Journalism & Mass Communication), and Holly Littlefield (Carlson School of Management) in a discussion about how they move student writing away from "teacher as sole audience" and toward professional audiences. Lunch included with registration. March 28, noon-1:30 p.m., 140 Nolte. For registration and more information, see [Beyond the Classroom](#).

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR SPRING "ENGAGED SCHOLAR" WORKSHOPS. The workshops, sponsored by the Office for Public Engagement, are designed to help faculty with strategies for developing publicly engaged teaching and research through discussions with experienced scholars, as well as presentations and activities involving best practices. The series begins Apr. 1 with "Advising Graduate Students on Engaged Scholarship." For registration and more information, see [Engaged Scholar](#).

2014 CLASSES WITHOUT QUIZZES: Learn how to make sense of the confusing world of food labels from keynote presenter and food science expert Ted Labuza, then choose two more classes on a variety of subjects like weather, wind energy, economics, strawberries, moose, and food security. A Kids' Edition program will have youth K-6 learning opportunities. Apr. 5. For registration and more information, see [Classes Without Quizzes](#).

"FINDING COMMON GROUND ON HEALTH REFORM: REGAINING MINNESOTA'S COLLABORATIVE TRADITION" will feature Rep. Laurie Halverson (DFL) and Rep. Tara Mack (R) in the launch of a discussion to convene a diverse set of stakeholders to rediscover Minnesota's collaborative agenda. Apr. 7, noon-1:15 p.m., Humphrey School. For registration and more information, see [Finding Common Ground](#).

2014 HEALTH DISPARITIES ROUNDTABLE, "Improving Access to Mental Health Services: The Affordable Care Act," will focus on access to mental health services. Hosted by the School of Public Health, the event features keynote speakers Susan Aberholden, Howard Goldman, and Veronica Svetaz. Free and open to the public, but [registration is requested](#). Apr. 10, 9 a.m.-noon, Coffman Union.

MORE EVENTS include WAM@20: PAPER ([through July 6](#)); IAS Thursdays: Peter Shea ([March 13](#)); Visiting Artist: Dread Scott ([March 13](#)); "Sensory Perceptions: Architecture as Catalyst" exhibition and open house ([March 14](#)); Saturday with a Scientist: Insects in Icy Times ([March 15](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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FEATURE: From a telescope at the South Pole, a team of physicists, led by the University of Minnesota's Clem Pryke along with colleagues from Harvard, Stanford, and Caltech, has found concrete evidence of the early universe's incredible expansion. For more information, read "[When gravity rocked the universe.](#)"FEATURE: According to new University research, later high school start times improve both student academic performance and overall health. For more information, read "[The benefits of a late start.](#)"FEATURE: The UMTC College of Liberal Arts is reimagining traditional historical boundaries, and its new Consortium for the Study of the Premodern World will examine the connections between global cultures, the movements of history and time, and how we came to be who we are today. For more information, read "[Rethinking history.](#)"

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: 2014 recipients of the Award for Outstanding Contributions to Postbaccalaureate, Graduate, and Professional Education; 2014 recipients of the Horace T. Morse-University of Minnesota Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education; Professor Shaker Zahra is the recipient of the 2014 Global Award for Entrepreneurship Research; 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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AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SURVEY requests feedback from faculty, staff, and students to help shape the future of IT at the U of M. The foundation of [IT governance](#) is in understanding the needs of the U community. Complete a [brief IT Input Survey](#) to help IT set technology service priorities.SIX NEW MOOCs are being offered this year through the University's partnership with Coursera: Fundamentals of Fluid Power; Preventing Chronic Pain: A Human Systems Approach; From GPS and Google Maps to Spatial Computing; Resilience in Children Exposed to Trauma, Disaster and War: Global Perspectives; Creative Problem Solving; and Introduction to Human Behavioral Genetics. Key components of the project include a focused research agenda and the integration of selected MOOC content with University of Minnesota on-campus courses. For more information, see [Coursera FAQ](#).ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY: Resolving Alleged Student Conduct Code Violations policy incorporates a new provision for reporting parties of sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, or relationship violence for access to one campus-wide appeal process. The Student Employment policy has been revised to remove requirements that are appropriate for career (not student) employees, such as a probationary period, formal review, and just cause for termination. Clarified pre-travel and planning requirements and involvement of the dean in select risk-advisory committee meetings are reflected in the Student Travel and Education Abroad policy. Policies are open for a [30-day comment period](#).THE OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (UED) has been created to enhance collaboration and promote the U's unique strengths in research, entrepreneurship, and innovation. The office is a revamp of the central business office, and will be housed within the Office of the Vice President for Research. UED will encourage economic growth throughout the state, attracting industry and workers by offering programs and services that target Minnesota and regional business needs. For more information, see the [news release](#).

Award and funding opportunities

A NEW PEDIATRIC MEDICAL DEVICE TRANSLATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM supports the development of pediatric medical devices. The program's partners, [CTSI's Office of Discovery and Translation](#) (ODAT) and the [Pediatric Device Innovation Consortium](#) (PDIC), will provide funded investigators with work strategy guidance, feedback, and access to comprehensive internal and external services. ODAT and PDIC anticipate funding up to three projects, awarding each a maximum of \$50,000 for one year. Letters of intent are due Apr. 10. [Apply online](#).A CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM will provide mentorship, training, and funds to assistant professors (rank ≤ six years) conducting clinical and translational research. Up to one awardee will receive 75 percent salary support, up to \$26,000 per year in research and travel funds for three years, as well as training and ongoing support from the [Clinical and Translational Science Institute](#). The program aims to help investigators develop successful, independent careers with extramural funding and scholarly publications. For an application (due May 15, 5 p.m.) and more information, see [KL2 Scholars Career Development Program](#).

CROOKSTON:

MOSHE WEISS, a St. Paul rabbi and inventor of Sound Bender, a sound amplification accessory for the iPad, will present "[Bait and Pitch: How a Rabbi Hooked a Shark and How You Can Too](#)" March 25, noon, Bede Ballroom, Sergeant Student Center. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by UMC's Center for Rural Entrepreneurial Studies.DURING CAREER DAY, more than 500 high school juniors from regional schools will visit UMC to learn about different careers from approximately 40 local professionals. [Career Day](#) is sponsored by the Crookston Chamber of Commerce Education Committee. March 20, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.THE SPRING 2014 ANNUAL REPORT EDITION of *Torch* alumni magazine is now [available online](#). The annual report issue is focused on current students, faculty and staff.UMC WILL DESIGN A NATURAL PLAY SPACE in Mahnommen, MN. A [design workshop to engage the community](#) is scheduled for March 24, 7 p.m., Mahnommen Area Senior Center. Eric Castle, assistant professor in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department, will assist with the project.

DULUTH:

CHANCELLOR LENDLEY C. BLACK has been awarded an Alumni Honor Citation from the University of Kansas Department of Theatre. The award recognizes the academic and professional accomplishments of graduates of the department. For more information, see [Chancellor Black](#).THE HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM at the Labovitz School of Business and Economics has attained the Association of University Programs in Health Administration's (AUPHA) Full Certified Undergraduate Program membership status. The certification process requires rigorous peer review. Currently, only about 45 undergraduate programs nationwide have attained AUPHA certification. For more information, see [Certification](#).DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING assistant professors Mary Christiansen and Rania Al-Hammond recently answered questions from the media about the dynamics of snow in light of recent roof failures due to snow loads. Topics included the impact of drifting snow, proper ventilation and insulation, ice dams, and building codes. For more information, see [Civil Engineering](#).THE UMD HEROES FUND benefits UMD students attending the College of Education and Human Service Professions who are also veterans, active service members, active Reservists, or National Guard members. The fund's committee is working to raise an additional \$25,000, through the sale of military-style UMD Heroes dog tags at UMD Stores and [Duluth-area Holiday Stationstores](#), in order to expand the scholarship to any UMD undergrad program. For more information, see [Heroes](#).

MORRIS:

THE NEXT CAFE SCIENTIFIQUE will take place March 25, 6 p.m., Common Cup Coffeehouse. Brad Heins, assistant professor of organic dairy management at the U's West Central Research and Outreach Center, will lead the discussion, "Organic Food: Fact or Fiction?" Audience participation is encouraged. For more information, see [Cafe Scientifique](#).UMM WILL HOST THE FOURTH ANNUAL PRAIRIE GATE LITERARY FESTIVAL March 28-29. The festival aims to build the role of the literary arts in Morris and the surrounding community. Aspiring writers and literary enthusiasts are invited to enjoy free public readings and workshops with nationally and internationally recognized authors. For more information, see [Prairie Gate](#).THE CENTER FOR SMALL TOWNS 2014 symposium, "Understanding Rural Migration: Myths, Trends, and Opportunities Exposed," will be held June 4-5 on the UMM campus. The symposium will address the changing realities of small communities and debunk myths surrounding migration to and from small towns. For more information, see [Symposium on Small Towns](#).

ROCHESTER:

UMR FACULTY MEMBER VIRGINIA WRIGHT-PETERSON's research is the basis for an exhibit, "[Women of Mayo Clinic 1883-1943: Character, Courage, Commitment](#)," on display through Apr. 9, Hage Atrium, Siebens Building, Mayo Campus.UMR'S STUDENT SUCCESS COACH program brings together academic advising, career counseling, and personal support under one umbrella. The holistic model is unique in the university setting, as larger campuses often have separate offices and counselors for these areas. For more information, see [Student Success Coach](#).

TWIN CITIES:

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PARATRANSIT REQUESTS CAN NOW BE MADE ONLINE. Anyone with a temporary or permanent disability can request a pick-up at z.umn.edu/paratransit. Appointments can still be made by phone at 612-624-8338.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

U LIBRARIES exhibit: "[Downton Abbey: Behind the Scenes of Health and Illness](#)" illuminates the medicine of Edwardian England. Themes of nursing, surgery, and combat injuries in WWI, as well as household medicine and maternal and child health, are explored using books and artifacts from the library's early 20th century collections. On display through May 16, Diehl Hall, Wangenstein Library.[A JAPANESE BAMBOO CARVING WORKSHOP](#) will be taught by Professor Fumio Watanabe, Yamagata University, Japan, Mar. 25, 7:15-8:30 p.m., 125 Nolte. Come to the workshop to learn how to carve a chashaku 'bamboo tea scoop' used in the Japanese tea ceremony. Sponsors: Institute of Linguistics, Departments of Anthropology and Asian Languages and Cultures, and Institute for Advanced Studies.

"UNDERSTANDING RANKISM" will be presented by Robert Fuller Mar. 27, 7 p.m., Humphrey School. Fuller is an international authority and thought leader on the topic of rankism--abusive, discriminatory, or exploitive behavior toward people who have less power due to their lower rank in a particular hierarchy.

A GLOBAL HEALTH SYMPOSIUM will be hosted by the School of Public Health on March 27, 3:30-5 p.m., Auditorium, Mayo Memorial. James Rice and John Cushing will present "The Challenges of Developing a New Generation of Health Sector Leaders in Low Resource Countries." For registration and more information, see [Global Health Symposium](#).[JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY PERFORMANCE](#): Experience the ceremonial communion between tea maker and guests in the centuries-old ritual during one or more of six tea ceremonies performed by Professor Fumio Watanabe, Yuriko Watanabe, and U tea ceremony students. Mar. 31, 4:30-7 p.m., 140 Nolte. Sponsors: Institute of Linguistics, Departments of Anthropology and Asian Languages and Cultures, and Institute for Advanced Studies."THE SUFFOCATION OF MARRIAGE" will be presented by Eli Finkel of Northwestern University as part of the Department of Psychology's Spring 2014 Colloquium Series. Finkel will discuss insights from historical, sociological, and psychological analyses of marriage resulting in the suffocation model of failure in America, where contemporary Americans are asking their marriage to help them fulfill different sets of goals than in the past. Apr. 3, 4 p.m., N639 Elliott Hall. For more information, see [Suffocation of Marriage](#).[MORE THAN HONEY](#), a documentary about the disappearance of honey bees, will show during the Public Health Film Series. Apr. 8, 6 p.m., Coffman Union Theater. Free, but [registration is requested](#)."FEDERAL FOOD PROGRAMS AND THE OBESITY EPIDEMIC: WHETHER A CHANGE POLICY?" will feature discussion of the current state of federal food programs and time for current policy may be contributing to the obesity epidemic. All attendees will be entered to win one of three copies of Parke Wilde's book *Food Policy in the U.S.*. Apr. 22, 9-11:30 a.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. Free, but [registration is requested](#).THE BIG TEN HIGHER EDUCATION SUMMER INSTITUTE will come to the U of M Twin Cities campus in June. The institute will feature two intensive, weeklong, 3-credit courses: Beyond the Stadium: Implications from Intercollegiate Athletics for Higher Education Leaders, June 2-6; Legal Aspects of Access and Equity in Higher Education, June 9-13. For more information, see [Big Ten Summer Institute](#).MORE EVENTS include Sustainable Edible Landscape - Gardening Class ([March 22](#)); Film screening of Brazilian Documentary *Elena* ([March 24](#)); I AM WATER Presentation ([March 26](#)). 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 administrative weekly news digest, featuring human resource, employee benefit, administrative, legislative, budgetary, event, and other pertinent information.Published by 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. [See submission guidelines](#).*Brief* is also available through [email subscription](#).



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TOP NEWS:

THE BOARD OF REGENTS WILL MEET MARCH 28. Regents will explore the University's expertise in food and agriculture, coinciding with the week's celebration of Norman Borlaug. In addition, Senior VP for Academic Affairs and Provost Karen Hanson will outline and invite discussion on preliminary goals emerging from the Twin Cities campus strategic planning process. A draft of the full strategic plan is expected this fall. For more information, see [Board of Regents](#).

STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: Minnesota House Capital Investment Chair Alice Hausman released her bonding bill proposal, which provides the University with \$224.2 million for requested projects, including full funding for five projects. On March 25, the Senate Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee heard a bill that would establish an adoption program for research animals, and the Senate Higher Education Committee heard a bill that would provide the University with a \$5 million appropriation to invest in regenerative medicine research. For more information, see [State Relations](#).

Features

FEATURE: On the 100th birthday of U alum and father of the Green Revolution Norman Borlaug, the University continues to help secure the world's food supply through innovative research—and through the determination and brilliance of students like Margaret Krause and Tessa Ries. For more information, read "[A legacy of feeding the world](#)."

FEATURE: Academic achievement expert Ernest Davenport helps students overcome barriers to using math and statistics. Last year in Chicago, Davenport won the Best Paper Award at the International Conference on Education. The paper recommended that closing the achievement gap in math must begin before high school, due to significant ethnic achievement differences that are already in place before students begin their coursework. For more information, read "[Walking the math path](#)."

FEATURE: Immigrant students are one of the nation's fastest growing demographic groups. Faculty member Mike Stebleton is one of several Postsecondary Teaching & Learning faculty who teach in CEHD's First Year Experience program, designed to engage students in topics from multiple perspectives. Stebleton creates experiences that foster a sense of belonging on campus. For more information, read "[Finding Direction](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: University of Minnesota postdoc ecologist Will Pearse has won a British Ecological Society Young Investigator prize; 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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REGENTS SCHOLARSHIP: Gov. Dayton has signed into law a [federal tax conformity bill](#) that provides three postsecondary-related tax benefits for tax year 2013. The tax changes will affect employees participating in the Regents Scholarship Program who use the benefit for graduate-level studies. The bill reinstates the exclusion of up to \$5,250 of employer-provided education assistance for graduate-level studies, increases the income limits for student loan interest deductions, and provides a tuition expense deduction. Affected taxpayers who have not filed are asked to wait until Apr. 3 to file. The Department of Revenue will contact those who have already filed and are eligible for refunds, although that process may take some time. U Payroll Services will contact employees affected by this change directly.

ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS UPGRADE PROGRAM (ESUP) TRAINING began this month with a series of sessions. The [HRMS process and functions training](#) is designed to guide HR and finance staff through high-level flowcharts mapping all HRMS business processes and highlighting new functions and capabilities that may change the way units approach HR work. Initial feedback was positive, and included insights into what units are most excited (and nervous) about with the new system.

UTHINK WILL BE RETIRED by University Libraries and University IT. Sites within the UThink domain will no longer be available after Dec. 31. Existing blogs will be accessible throughout the 2014 spring and fall semesters. For more information, see [UThink decommissioning](#).

Award and funding opportunities

NOMINATIONS FOR THE U OF M [PRESIDENT'S COMMUNITY-ENGAGED SCHOLAR AWARD](#) are due March 28. The systemwide award recognizes one faculty member or P&A staff member for exemplary community-engaged scholarship with a \$15,000 prize. Finalists will be recognized, and the winner announced, at an awards luncheon on Apr. 18.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

2014 RECIPIENTS OF THE MORSE-ALUMNI UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING AWARD AND THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL TEACHING AWARD will be honored Apr. 16, 4-6 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. [Registration is requested](#).

A U OF M LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM "[PROTECT THE POLLINATORS](#)" event will take place in honor of Earth Day. The program will feature the latest scientific research on the decline in the pollinator population, and what citizens can do to help preserve and protect bees, butterflies, and other vital pollinators. Apr. 22, 1-5 p.m., Oswald Visitor Center. A registration fee of \$15 for members/\$25 for non-members includes admission and a take-home, pollinator-safe plant.

THE STATE OF WATER: MINNESOTANS PROTECTING OUR LAKES AND RIVERS conference will be held May 1-2 at Cragun's Resort, cosponsored by U of M Extension. The conference is an opportunity for citizens to learn and share what can be done to be better stewards of water resources. For registration and more information, see [State of Water](#).

CROOKSTON:

UNDERGRADUATE ANDY ALBERTSEN, a senior from Nelson, MN, majoring in natural resources, is conducting a long-term study with associate professor John Loegering on the American kestrel and its declining population. The project has become a community bird [conservation and citizen-science research project](#).

THE RED RIVER VALLEY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION will hold its [100th anniversary celebration](#) March 29, noon, Bede Ballroom, Sergeant Student Center. Couples from northwest Minnesota will be honored as Red River Valley Farmers and Homemakers and Northwest Minnesota Youth Leadership Awards will be presented.

TRAINING for all Northwest Research and Outreach Center employees will be held March 26-27. Topics include safe practices in lockout/tagout, grain storage, respiratory protection, field and farmstead equipment, forklift, employee right-to-know, electrical safety, hazardous waste, lab, and greenhouse safety. Anne Burke and Tom Feiro work with Paul Serafini to hold the annual safety meetings.

DULUTH:

NRRI RESEARCHER MATT ARO and his team are using thermal modification to improve the performance of under-performing wood species. This can make historically undervalued and underutilized wood species perform similarly to high-performing and often overexploited species. Thermally modified wood was used at the new Sax-Zim Bog visitor's center in northern Minnesota. For more information, see [Thermal Modification](#).

THE CENTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CED) will host the Labovitz School of Business and Economics (LSBE) [Student Projects Showcase](#) Mar. 26, 5-7 p.m., Duluth Technology Village Atrium, 11 East Superior St. The event will highlight many of LSBE's specialized business programs. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for CED's newly remodeled offices will take place at 4 p.m.

[NORTHLAND COMMUNITY WELLNESS DAY](#) will be held March 29, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., UMD Romano Gym. In addition to providing information about health and wellness, public safety, environmental awareness, and financial literacy, this free family-friendly event features rock-climbing, the Zoo Mobile (10 a.m.-noon), and kids' activities with UMD athletes and Champ.

OVATION GUEST ARTIST SERIES CONCERT: "[A Night in the Tropics](#)" with the Chuck Lazarus Quartet will feature music from Brazil, Cuba, and Hawaii. Apr. 3, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall.

MORRIS:

STEPHEN BURKS, associate professor of economics and management, has received the UMM Faculty Distinguished Research Award. The award recognizes sustained research/artistic productivity of a UMM faculty member over the course of a career. Burks has made many contributions to the fields of experimental and behavioral economics and the economics of the U.S. trucking industry. For more information, see [Burks](#).

PETER BELL will be the 2014 Commencement speaker at UMM. This will mark UMM's 51st commencement exercise. Bell is the former chair of the Twin Cities' Metropolitan Council, as well as a distinguished author, community leader, and former member of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents. For more information, see [Bell](#).

THE CIRCLE OF NATIONS INDIGENOUS ASSOCIATION will host its 30th annual powwow Apr. 5. Dancers from across the United States and Canada come to Morris for this annual social gathering. In recent years there have been more than 150 dancers, with even more expected at this year's event. For more information, see [Powwow](#).

THE 28TH ANNUAL EDITH R. FARRELL FRENCH POETRY CONTEST will be held Apr. 1. The event showcases French language and verse from across the francophone world. It includes songs and poems chosen by students who have perfected pronunciation, rhythm, and intonation while learning works from celebrated French and francophone poets. For more information, see [French Poetry Contest](#).

ROCHESTER:

UMR CHANCELLOR Stephen Lehmkuhle recognized the outstanding contributions and commitment to collaborative action by faculty, staff, and students at UMR, as part of the [Minnesota Campus Compact Presidents' Awards for Public Engagement](#). The awards provide an opportunity for university presidents and chancellors to give statewide recognition to effective leaders in the development of campus-community partnerships.

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CAMPUS POTHOLE HOTLINE ACTIVATED: Help Parking and Transportation Services (PTS) find campus potholes. Call the Pothole Hotline at 612-626-7578, and PTS will get them fixed as soon as reasonably possible.

THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE IN THE RESEARCH UNIVERSITY (SERU) SURVEY opened this week for all UMMC undergraduates. The [SERU survey](#) is the U's most comprehensive survey of the student experience. Faculty and staff are asked to encourage students to take the survey. [Promotional assistance and materials are available](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF NORMAN BORLAUG as the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences honors Borlaug's legacy and looks toward new and developing research related to food security. Events include a March 26 panel discussion and the Borlaug 100-Year Celebration on March 27. For registration and more information, see [100 years of Norman Borlaug](#).

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR and Institute for Advanced Study Fellow Yasmeen Arif will explore post-crisis conditions that cover a global terrain of catastrophic and critical events in "[Recovering the Social after Damage](#)." March 27, 4 p.m., 125 Noltz.

[FINDING SUCCESS THROUGH FAILURE](#): Entrepreneurs and University researchers are invited to an Office for Technology Commercialization event featuring a panel of successful entrepreneurs, as well as opportunities to network with researchers and learn more about U of M technologies and inventions. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. Cost: \$10. March 27, 6:30-9 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center.

DESIGN IN 7: 7 STORIES, 7 MINUTES, will feature seven professionals from the fields of architecture, apparel, and 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. 2, 6:30-8 p.m., Coffman Union Theater. For tickets and more information, see [Design in 7](#).

"WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ARAB SPRING?" will be presented by Elliott Abrams, former White House official and senior fellow for Middle Eastern Studies with the Council on Foreign Relations. Abrams will consider events in the Middle East since 2012 and discuss implications for U.S. policy. Apr. 2, 7 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. For registration (free) and more information, see [Arab Spring](#).

THE WOMEN'S CENTER will host "Salsa, Soul and Spirit: Leading in our Diverse and Multicultural Communities," a lecture by Juana Bordas. Bordas is president of Mestiza Leadership International, a company that focuses on leadership, diversity, and organizational change. Apr. 3, 4 p.m., Mayo Memorial Auditorium. RSVP at [Workshop Registration](#).

NORTHROP'S GRAND REOPENING will begin Apr. 4 and continue through the end of the semester with dance, music, scholarly presentations, film, and more. See the [complete list of events](#) and help celebrate.

[GRADUATE REVELS AT NORTHROP](#) will celebrate the accomplishments of the U's best and brightest graduate students. The event will include the 2014 Doctoral Research Showcase, plus theatre, music, dance, and spoken word performances, a photo show and contest, research demonstrations, and food. Tours of Northrop will provide a first look at some of the architectural and historical highlights of the renovation. Apr. 8, noon-3 p.m., Northrop.

LEVERAGING ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS (EHR) FOR YOUR RESEARCH [career development seminar](#) will focus on how EHR data can be used for grant applications, studies, recruitment efforts, and more. Attendees will also learn about the EHR data available to researchers via the U of M's clinical data repository from speakers Bonnie Westra, Genevieve Melton-Meaux, and Connie Delaney. Apr. 16, noon-1 p.m., Room 105, 717 Delaware St. S.E. [RSVP by Apr. 15](#) to reserve a lunch.

[NATURAL RESOURCES GRADUATE SYMPOSIUM](#) will announce the research efforts of graduate students in the field of natural resources. Apr. 22, 9 a.m., 105 Cargill Building. The first 100 guests to register receive a complimentary lunch.

[THE OTHER SIDE OF POVERTY IN SCHOOLS](#), a one-day workshop for teachers, administrators, and teacher educators, will feature curriculum and instruction professor Mark Vagle and award-winning researcher Stephanie Jones. Attendees will learn about the five principles for change to better meet the needs of working-class and poor students, develop research-based teaching practices, and take away classroom ideas. Cost: \$100 for faculty, staff, and students. May 13, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 325 Education Sciences Building.

MORE EVENTS include Frontiers in the Environment ([March 26](#)); Lecture "American Vision, Chinese Mission, and the Lake Wobegon" ([March 27](#)); Dr. Patricia Japazier - "Control Your Stress!" ([March 27](#)); Oral History Workshop and Panel Discussion ([March 28](#)); Franzees Tea Ceremony ([March 28](#)); Labor in the Eyes of Artists: Zines, Scenes and In-Betweens ([Apr. 1](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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AT THE MARCH BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING, Senior VP for Academic Affairs and Provost Karen Hanson led a discussion on goals emerging from the Twin Cities campus strategic planning process. The next step in the process includes establishing implementation groups to focus on goals that will guide the Twin Cities campus plan. The board will review a draft of the full strategic plan this fall. The board also heard about the U's work in global food security. For more information, see the [news release](#).

Features

FEATURE: On April 4, after having undergone a transformation both seismic and delicate, the University of Minnesota will unveil the new Northrop. [Join the celebration](#) with the Northrop Inside Out Grand Reopening Gala performance, reception, and Inside Out After Dark dance party. Grand Reopening events continue through June.

FEATURE: Insights gained from treating canine cancer are being translated to humans. The work, carried out through the Masonic Cancer Center, is still new but promising, and brings together researchers and clinicians in veterinary and human medicine. For more information, read "[Dogs teach medical science new tricks](#)."

FEATURE: Whether you fancy yourself a cheese connoisseur, a Sherlockian, or a "mole person" who prefers the subterranean world, take this [video tour of Twin Cities campus treasures](#).

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Mark Seeley is among the 2014 recipients of the Siehl Prize for Excellence in Agriculture; University Honors Program student Rachel Soble is a 2014 Goldwater 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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THE UNIVERSITY SENATE AND FACULTY SENATE will meet Apr. 3, 2:30 p.m., 25 Mondale Hall. Topics include discussion of the Graduate Education Committee Report and the University budget model, and a resolution on Condoleezza Rice's coming visit. For more information, see the [full agenda at University Senate](#).

THE P&A SENATE will meet Apr. 4, 9:30 a.m., 3-100 Mayo. Topics include elections and discussion with Vice President Wheelock. For more information, see the full agenda at [P&A Senate](#).

RIGHTSIZING FACULTY EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS: A recent risk recalibration study conducted by the U's Research Education and Oversight office revealed that the additional continuing education requirement of its RCR curriculum is no longer needed, given the broad range of educational opportunities and requirements that have been implemented at the U. Eliminating the continuing education requirement removes 3,900 total hours annually from the collective administrative burden of 2,400 U of M faculty.

ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS UPGRADE PROGRAM (ESUP) Reporting and Data Management work stream recently released a "sneak peek" video introducing the new reporting center that will be part of the upgrade. [The two-minute video](#) highlights key features and explains how faculty and staff will use this location in the new myU portal to access reports from UM Reports, UM Analytics, and PeopleSoft. To stay informed, subscribe to the [Upgrade newsletter](#).

THE RESILIENT COMMUNITIES PROJECT has selected the city of Rosemount as its partner for the 2014-15 academic year. The partnership will bring the expertise of hundreds of U graduate students to 40 sustainability projects identified by the city of Rosemount and community partners. For more information, see the [news release](#).

[COMPLETE AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SURVEY](#) and provide feedback to help shape the future of IT at the U of M.

Award and funding opportunities

A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE FACULTY, P&A, AND CIVIL SERVICE employees who have made a significant commitment to and impact on University Senate governance is available. Nominations are due Apr. 14. For criteria and more information, see [Outstanding Service to U Senate Governance](#).

APPLY FOR A [MONDALE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP](#) through the Center for the Study of Politics and Governance. The fellowship will encourage research in the archives of the Minnesota Historical Society on elected government officials whose service in office improved Minnesota and the opportunities of its citizens. Applications are welcome from faculty and non-academic researchers, as well as students in high school, college, and graduate school. Apply by May 30.

THE HUMPHREY SCHOOL IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for its [2014-15 Policy Fellows program](#). The program brings together 35 mid-career Minnesota leaders from business, nonprofit, and government sectors for a unique nine-month professional development experience. Applications are due May 30; the program begins in September.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

"SOLVING GRAND CHALLENGES: A STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE," a Campus Conversation with President Eric Kaler and Senior VP for Academic Affairs and Provost Karen Hanson, will take place Apr. 14, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 321 Coffman Union and [live online](#). The event will provide an update on a faculty-led work group convened by Provost Hanson last fall, and will cover the plan's vision, values, and goals. [RSVP](#) if you plan to attend.

APRIL'S [FRONTIERS IN THE ENVIRONMENT](#) lecture topics include developing world changers in graduate education, saving Yellowstone, the real global disease hotspots, corporate social responsibility in Scandinavia, and the frontiers of carbon reduction. The series continues Wednesdays at noon, R380 IonE seminar room and [live online](#).

CROOKSTON:

[GRAD FEST 2014](#) will take place Apr. 2, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., International Lounge, Sargeant Student Center. At the event, hosted by the Office of the Registrar and several other campus units, graduating seniors will receive important information about all things regarding the process of graduation.

AN OVERVIEW OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS will take place at the spring semester meeting of UMC's Campus Assembly on Apr. 3, 12:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to review [strategic planning information and documents](#) prior to the meeting. Thoughts, feedback, and involvement from the campus community are encouraged.

THE UMC [COLLEGE ADVISORY AND ADVANCEMENT BOARD](#) (CAAB) will meet Apr. 4, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. Chancellor Fred Wood will lead CAAB through campus updates, including strategic planning. CAAB is a reformulation of the former All-College Advisory Committee.

THE [UMC HEALTH EXPO](#) will feature information on a variety of health and wellness topics for students, faculty, and staff, including Donate Life organ and tissue donation, Be the Match bone marrow donation, and the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank. Apr. 8, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Sargeant Student Center.

DULUTH:

HOW PLANTS MANUFACTURE AND SECRETE NECTAR has, surprisingly, largely remained a mystery. Associate Professor Clay Carter and colleagues studied the genes of nectar-yielding plants to find out how it is produced. Their research has been published by *Nature*. For more information, see [Nectar Research Leads to Breakthrough](#).

GLENSHEEN, the historic Congdon mansion, will serve as the set for Living Literature's *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, presented Apr. 3, 4, and 5. In addition to the performance, attendees will enjoy a post-viewing presentation on the Sherlock Holmes genre, an abbreviated Flashlight Tour of Glensheen, and refreshments. For more information, see [Living Literature](#).

ECOFEMINIST SCHOLAR AND ACTIVIST Vandana Shiva will present "Making Peace with the Earth," the keynote address of UMD's Women's History celebration on Apr. 8, 6 p.m., Kirby Ballroom. Shiva is the author of more than 20 books, the recipient of numerous international awards, and a woman who *Forbes* magazine has called one of the top seven most powerful women on the planet. For more information, see [Vandana Shiva](#).

UMD INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS WILL HOST [DINNER WITH CHAMPIONS](#) Apr. 30, 5 p.m., Lake Superior Ballroom, Duluth Entertainment Convention Center. This annual event celebrates UMD's junior and senior athletes and connects them with the community that has cheered them on all season.

MORRIS:

SHERI BREEN, assistant professor of political science, has received the 2014 UMM Alumni Association Teaching Award. The award honors individual faculty members for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education. Breen is, in the words of the nominating committee, "a paragon of excellence in teaching, advising, research, academic program development, and educational leadership." For more information, see [Breen](#).

UMM THEATRE WILL PRESENT *UNCOMMON WOMEN AND OTHERS* by Wendy Wasserstein, directed by Professor of Theatre Arts Ray Schultz. The production will offer audiences a feminine contrast and witty finale to the theatre season. Performances run Apr. 10-13. For more information, see [Uncommon Women](#).

UMM STUDENTS WILL PRESENT THEIR RESEARCH, CREATIVE, AND SCHOLARLY WORK during the 14th annual Undergraduate Research Symposium on Apr. 12. Spanning the UMM campus, this event celebrates the diversity and quality of student scholarship. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [Undergraduate Research Symposium](#).

THE WINTER/SPRING 2014 ISSUE of [Profile magazine](#) is now available online. This "green" issue provides a behind-the-scenes look at the new Green Prairie Living and Learning Community.

ROCHESTER:

[UMR CONNECTS](#) will feature a "Wars and Conflicts" theme during April. At the next event, "Telling War Stories: Exploring the Wartime Experience Through Writing," a panel will discuss reading, writing, and reporting during wartime. Apr. 8, 7 p.m., 417 University Square.

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RESOURCES FOR BUYING A HOME IN THE UNIVERSITY DISTRICT or elsewhere in Minneapolis for those who might not otherwise be able to afford it will be presented at information sessions Apr. 17 and 29, noon, 140 Nolte. For registration and more information, see [City of Lakes Community Land Trust](#). Sessions are co-sponsored by the U's Office of Government and Community Relations, and the University District Alliance.

A TWO-WEEK [PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD](#) FOR ACADEMIC PROGRAM CHANGES has been implemented on the Twin Cities campus. The public review period for the May Board of Regents meeting will take place Apr. 2-15. See the [list of items up for review](#). With questions about particular items, contact faculty affiliated with the program. After this outreach, if you still have questions or concerns, email Emily.Ronning or call 612-626-8031.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

[WELCOMED TO THE NEW NORTHROP:](#) PROVOST KAREN HANSON--the "heaurate the Northrop," reinvented for the 21st century. Drawing on memories of Northrop's storied past and visions for its future, Hanson will explore Northrop's expanded role at the center of campus academic life. Apr. 7, 7 p.m., Best Buy Theater, Northrop. Reception to follow.

THE 2014 [DOCTORAL RESEARCH SHOWCASE](#) will feature the work of more than 80 recipients of prestigious doctoral fellowships in a casual and conversational environment. Apr. 8, noon-2 p.m., Northrop.

THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY'S [MELENDY LECTURE](#) will feature Brooks Jackson, vice president for health sciences and dean of the Medical School, presenting "Clinical Drug Studies in Resource Limited Settings." Apr. 9, 12:15 p.m., 2-650 Moos Tower.

[WOMEN'S HEALTH LECTURE SERIES](#) will next feature "Why Aren't We Screening As We Used To For Cervical Cancer?" presented by Shalini Kulasingh. Apr. 9, 12:15-1:15 p.m., 2-690 Moos Tower. A light lunch will be provided for the first 50 attendees.

2014 [KERMIT OLSON AWARDS CEREMONY AND LECTURE](#) will feature Washington, D.C.-based photographer Todd Forsgren and his decade-long photographic documentation of gardening traditions around the globe. Apr. 9, 3:30 p.m., 335 Borlaug Hall, St. Paul campus.

[ARTWORDS RECEPTION:](#) ArtWords, an annual writing competition held in collaboration with the U of M Creative Writing Program and the student literary magazine *Ivory Tower*, will feature the work of finalists, followed by a reception with light fare, music, and post-it poetry. Participating students selected an artwork from the Weisman Art Museum's permanent collection and wrote an original short piece of prose or poetry in response. Apr. 9, 6 p.m., Weisman.

[CLOUD ATLAS](#) AUTHOR DAVID MITCHELL will read from his new novel at the Department of English's [sprung Esther Freier Lecture in Literature](#). Mitchell, whose time-traveling *Cloud Atlas* was made into a 2012 movie starring Tom Hanks, will preview *The Bone Clocks*, due in September. Apr. 9, 7:30 p.m., Carlson Family Stage, Northrop.

ENAGAGED SCHOLAR WORKSHOP: ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING will be an interactive workshop for University faculty focusing on reflection practices, rubrics, and communications strategies designed to ensure meaningful service-learning experiences. Apr. 11, 1-3 p.m., 180 Humphrey School. For registration and more information, see [Engaged Scholar Workshops](#).

THE 2014 [SUSTAINABILITY SYMPOSIUM](#) will highlight undergraduate, graduate, and professional students from a wide array of departments across the University. The symposium's slogan, "Tell Your Sustainability Story," encourages students to communicate the sustainability implications of their work in terms relatable to the broader U community. Apr. 11, 1:30-5 p.m., Institute on the Environment.

THE TEXTILE CENTER will present the annual [World's Largest Textile Garage Sale](#), featuring fabrics, yarn, patterns, knitting tools, sewing machines, and more. Apr. 12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., U of M ReUse Program Warehouse, 883 29th Ave SE, Minneapolis. Admission: \$1. Fabric donations will be accepted Apr. 10, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

[SATURDAY WITH A SCIENTIST: SUN, SPACE AND ASTEROIDS](#), designed especially for children and families, will next feature Professor of Astronomy Terry Jones and his team of graduate students. Includes a special guest expert on space rocks and free ExploraDome Planetarium shows. Free with museum admission and open to the public. Apr. 12, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Bell Museum.

U LIBRARIES: [CELEBRATING EQUITY AND DIVERSITY IN FACULTY PUBLICATIONS](#). Professors Brenda Child and Zenzele Isoko will read from their respective publications, *Holding Our World Together: Ojibwe Women and the Survival of the Community*, and *Urban Black Women and the Politics of Resistance*. Apr. 15, 4:30-6 p.m., Andersen Library.

[CAFÉ SCIENTIFIQUE: OUR DISAPPEARING BEES](#) will feature entomologist and professor Marla Spivak. Spivak will discuss the many challenges facing honeybees that are contributing to colony collapse disorder. Apr. 15, 7 p.m., Bryant Lake Bowl, 810 W. Lake St., Minneapolis. Tickets range from \$5 to \$12.

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 begins in early September and runs through mid-April at Midway Pro Bowl, Snelling and University Avenues, St. Paul. For more information, email Scott.Murdoch or call 612-625-0745.

MORE EVENTS include Dr. Eli Finkler: "The Suffocation of Marriage" ([Apr. 3](#)); Is Handwriting Old-School? TWW Engaging Controversies Discussion ([Apr. 4](#)); Classes Without Quizzes ([Apr. 5](#)); Finding Common Ground on Health Reform: Regaining Minnesota's Collaborative Tradition ([Apr. 7](#)); U-Spatial's Cartography 101: Designing Appealing Maps ([Apr. 9](#)); Watershed: A Conversation on the state of water ([Apr. 11](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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FEATURE: At the University of Minnesota Duluth, researchers studying 13-lined ground squirrels have found more than 2,000 genes whose activity patterns are related to hibernation. All have counterparts in the human genome. The ability could someday be harnessed to help people with obesity. For more information, read "[Fat-burning squirrels](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Priscilla Gibson, associate professor of social work, is the faculty/staff recipient of the 2014 Josie R. Johnson Human Rights and Social Justice Award; doctoral candidate Daniel Nidzgorski is the student recipient of the 2014 Josie R. Johnson 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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FINANCIAL SERIES WEBINARS: a series of live webinars on timely financial topics will be presented online or via teleconference by three vendors for the University's faculty and voluntary retirement savings plans. Apr. 10-14. For registration and more information, see [Financial Webinars](#).

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES WILL RESUME OFFICE DELIVERY of library materials via MNCAT Discovery Apr. 14. As in the past, the service will be a choice in the "Pickup Location" dropdown menu in the "Get It" tab of the material you wish to have delivered. No follow-up email or phone call will be necessary. An Apr. 14 email will provide additional details.

"SOLVING GRAND CHALLENGES: A STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE," a Campus Conversation with President Eric Kaler and Senior VP for Academic Affairs and Provost Karen Hanson, will take place Apr. 14, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 321 Coffman Union and [live online](#). The event will provide an update on a faculty-led work group convened last fall, and will cover the plan's vision, values, and goals. [RSVP](#) if you plan to attend.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE MIDWEST INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE, hosted by the U of M Center for International Food and Agricultural Policy, will take place May 2-3, McNamara Alumni Center. Tim Besley, School Professor of Economics and Political Science at the London School of Economics, will present the keynote address, "Democratic Institutions as Robust Control." [Register by Apr. 23](#).

CROOKSTON:

A [CENTURY-OLD BIRD COLLECTION](#) has landed in the UMC campus museum in Owen Hall. The remarkable collection has changed hands over the years, but will now be used by faculty in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department to teach students.U OF M EMPLOYEE BENEFITS SPECIALIST Barry Melcher [will be on campus](#) to help faculty and staff with phased-retirement or general retirement planning and to answer questions regarding the University's Uplan, dental plans, and/or disability insurance coverage. Apr. 11, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., 105 Kiehle Building.

DULUTH:

[BONE MARROW DONOR REGISTRATION DRIVE](#) will take place Apr. 10, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Kirby Plaza. Faculty, staff, and students, ages 18-55 and who are in good general health, are invited to register. All it takes is a cheek swab.THE SIGURD OLSON LECTURE SERIES will feature Mike Clark, former executive director of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition. In his presentation, "[Yellowstone: More Valuable Than Gold](#)," Clark will focus on the coalition's efforts to halt mining adjacent to Yellowstone. Apr. 10, noon-1 p.m., 4th Floor Rotunda, Kathryn A. Martin Library.THE [VISUAL CULTURE LECTURE SERIES](#) will present ceramic artist, sculptor, and educator Dylan J. Beck on Apr. 15, 6-7 p.m., 70 Montague Hall. Beck's research focuses on the built environment, including the economic, social, and psychological effects of living in a super-modern world. Free and open to the public.CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR Jane Yolen will present "The Swallows Still Fly Around the Camp Chimneys: The Lasting Impressions of Holocaust on Writers and Child Readers" on Apr. 23, 4-6 p.m., Chem 200. The event is one of three [Baeumler Kaplan Holocaust Commemoration events](#) to be held at UMD.

MORRIS:

UMM IS A FINALIST in the 2014 Second Nature Climate Leadership Awards, which feature an online public voting component. Voting is open through Apr. 15. Viewers are encouraged to [vote daily](#) and to help spread the word about energy innovation. For more information, see [Video Contest](#).UMM STUDENTS WILL PRESENT THEIR RESEARCH, CREATIVE, AND SCHOLARLY WORK during the 14th annual Undergraduate Research Symposium on Apr. 12. Spanning the UMM campus, this event celebrates the diversity and quality of student scholarship. Free and open to the public. For more information, see [Undergraduate Research Symposium](#).

ROCHESTER:

UMR LIBRARIAN MARY BETH SANCOMB-MORAN has been selected to compete in the [Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale's Aspiring Conductor contest](#). Five individuals will compete in this year's contest. The candidate who raises the most in [donations](#) between now and Apr. 21 will conduct at the Apr. 26 evening concert at Century High School.

TWIN CITIES:

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THE OFFICE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION will offer a series of workshops in April, including Sexual Harassment: Awareness, Prevention, and Response, Apr. 16; Addressing Bullying Behavior in the Workplace, Apr. 22; and Incorporating Equity & Diversity into the Job Performance, Apr. 24. For registration and more information about each workshop, see [EOAA Upcoming Events](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

"WHEN DID LAUGHTER MEET THE SENSE OF HUMOR?" will be presented by Professor Anatoly Liberman, Apr. 10, 7 p.m., Best Buy Theater, Northrop. In a scholarly and entertaining talk, Liberman will provide insight into how the history of the human race changed forever when the modern sense of humor was born. A light reception will follow the event.

THE 20TH ANNUAL [DAVID NOBLE LECTURE](#) will feature Avery Gordon in "Running Away and Other Forms of Escape: Stories from the Hawthorne Archives." Apr. 10, 7 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School.[TEACHING WITH STYLE, GRAMMAR, AND MECHANICS: PRAGMATIC APPROACHES](#) will focus on pragmatic ways of prioritizing, diagnosing, and teaching about typical sentence-level writing issues. Apr. 15, 1-3 p.m., N647 Elliot Hall.[INTERACTING WITH THE MEDIA](#), a Boreas workshop for graduate and professional students, will provide feedback on how to pitch stories and how to prepare and give a great interview, using mock interviews with professional reporters. Apr. 17, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Institute on the Environment.CARLSON GLOBAL INSTITUTE will host its spring Global Matters speaker on Apr. 17. Shari Ballard, president of international and chief human resources officer for Best Buy, will present "Leadership Lessons from the Front lines of Global Business." For registration and more information, see [Global Matters](#).[PROBLEMS IN MINING SOCIAL MEDIA DATA](#) will feature Huan Liu, professor of computer science and engineering at Arizona State University, discussing how mining social media data differs from traditional data mining, and how unique characteristics of social media data affect algorithms and tools for mining. Apr. 22, 1:30 p.m., 6-212 Keller Hall.MINI BIOETHICS ACADEMY: HOT TOPICS IN BIOETHICS will include The Affordable Care Act as Health Care Reform: Fact, Fiction, Spin; Health Care Directives: Beyond the Document to the Conversation; and Shades of Gray: Ethics and Controversies about Brain Death. Sponsored by the Center for Bioethics and open to all. Attendees may join one or more sessions, which take place Apr. 22, 29, and May 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Mill City Innovation & Collaboration Center, 901 S. Second St., Minneapolis. For registration and more information, see [Mini Bioethics Academy](#).POET JOYCE SUTPHEN will speak at the [Pankake Poetry Series](#). In 2011 Sutphen was named the second Minnesota Poet Laureate by Gov. Mark Dayton, following the tenure of Robert Bly. Apr. 23, 4 p.m., Elmer L. Andersen Library. Reception to follow.[ELEMENTS](#), a student design competition and runway show, will feature 16 student designers who have created ready-for-the-runway garments inspired by the Weisman's exhibition "Siberia: Imagined and Reimagined." The competition will showcase designs with an emphasis on sustainability. [Advanced tickets are required](#). Apr. 23, 6 p.m., Weisman Art Museum.[GLOBAL PROSPERITY AND DEMOCRACY](#): Challenges for Corporations, Government, NGOs, and Civil Society will explore perspectives on the interdependence of democracy, economics, and prosperity around the world. Hosted by the Humphrey School and the Carlson School of Management, the forum will feature discussions with Robert Zoellick and Francis Fukuyama. Apr. 24, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3M Auditorium, Carlson School.THE [ANNUAL MINNESOTA FFA CONVENTION](#) will bring more than 3,000 students, parents, teachers, and representatives of agribusiness and agricultural organizations to both the Minneapolis and St. Paul campuses Apr. 27-29.UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS, once the domain of the military, are quickly being adapted for use in industry, research, and the public sector. Government, academic, and industry leaders from Minnesota will explore the opportunities and challenges these systems offer agriculture, industry, technology, and business during a forum sponsored by the Center for Transportation Studies, MnDRIVE, and MnDOT Aeronautics. Apr. 30, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Continuing Education and Conference Center, St. Paul campus. For registration and more information, see [UAS forum](#).THE SOCIAL MEDIA AND BUSINESS ANALYTICS COLLABORATIVE (SOBACO) will host a symposium for University scholars and industry leaders to discuss research in social media, social computing, and big data analytics. May 6, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Carlson School of Management. For registration and more information, see [SOBACO Symposium](#).THE [2014 SUMMER PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTE](#) offers courses for students and professionals in public health and related fields. Courses are intensive, highly interactive, and applications-based, with opportunities for field trips, case studies, hands-on labs, and simulations. Continuing education and graduate-level academic credit enrollment options are available. May 27-June 13.MORE EVENTS include Art Fair ([Apr. 9](#)); Who Stole the American Dream? Can We Get it Back? ([Apr. 10](#)); "Asia 2.0: A Long History." Lecture by Carol Gluck ([Apr. 11](#)); Coalesce ([Apr. 12](#)); 5th Annual American Indian Film Series - Qapirangajuq: Inuit Knowledge and Climate Change ([Apr. 14](#)); Cafe Scientifique: Our Disappearing Bees with Prof. Marla Spivak ([Apr. 15](#)). 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 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. [See submission guidelines](#).*Brief* is also available through [email subscription](#).

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TOP NEWS:

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FEATURE: Oyster the sea turtle and a snowy owl get help with what ails them from the U's Raptor Center and Veterinary Medical Center. For more information, read "[Unusual patients](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: English Professor John Watkins is the recipient of a 2014 Guggenheim Fellowship; the Institute for Advanced Study has announced Research and Creative Collaboratives for 2014-15; Flipgrid, an educational tool developed by the Learning Technologies Media Lab, has been selected as an honoree in three categories for this year's Webby Awards; Law School graduate and Ph.D. candidate Lauren Beach '12 has been named one of "10 Outstanding Young Americans" by U.S. Jaycees; 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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EMAIL PHISHING SCAM THREAT: The University is responding to the global "[Heartbleed Bug](#)," a serious vulnerability affecting information protected under normal conditions. There is an increase in phishing scams based on this event; therefore, it is recommended that you do not click on links in notification emails that advise you to change your password. To change a password, directly type the URL or use a bookmark you've previously saved. For more information, see [Phishing Scams Targeting the U](#).

A NEW U OF M SOCIAL MEDIA USERS GROUP will share best practices on social media strategy, content development, analytics, and more. The group aims to help U communications professionals effectively manage social media accounts on behalf of the U. Sponsored by University Relations, and for more information, join the [Google Group](#) and [RSVP to attend](#) the next presentation, "Best Practices on Social Media Engagement with Rocket 55 - Minneapolis Digital Agency." Apr. 17, 10-11 a.m., 412 STSS.

SHARE THE AIR: Starting July 1, University facilities, buildings, and grounds on the Duluth, Crookston, Rochester, and Twin Cities campuses will be smoke and tobacco free. The Morris campus is actively engaging students, faculty, and staff in looking at options. A new "[Share the Air](#)" website has comprehensive information.

Award and funding opportunities

[CALL FOR PROPOSALS](#): The Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment & the Life Sciences is issuing a call for proposals to graduate and professional students. Proposals, due by Apr. 21, should address the societal implications of problems in health, environment, or the life sciences. For more information, email boyle032@umn.edu.

A [NEW INVESTIGATOR PRE-K CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM](#) from the Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) will provide mentorship, training, and funds to assistant professors (in rank ≤ 4 years) interested in clinical or translational research. Awardees will receive \$52,000 in research and travel funds, an individualized educational and training plan, and ongoing support from a mentor and CTSI. Applications are due May 15, 5 p.m.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE U OF M LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM [AUXILIARY SPRING PLANT SALE](#) will take place May 10-11, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The sale features unique plants, hard-to-find varieties, and U of M introductions, and is the most comprehensive plant sale in the Twin Cities area. Regular admission fees apply during the sale.

CROOKSTON:

[CLAUDIA NEUHAUSER](#), director of the U of M Informatics Institute (UMII) on the Twin Cities campus, will visit campus Apr. 16. Her schedule includes a presentation and Q&A on UMII from 8 to 9 a.m., as well as a meeting with interested faculty and staff from 10 to 11 a.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.

UMC AND UMM SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATORS Dan Svedarsky and Troy Goodnough will present an overview of the sustainability efforts and accomplishments of faculty, staff, and students at each campus during the next [Thursday Commons: "A Sustainability Tale of Two Campuses"](#) Apr. 17, 12:15-1:45 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.

"[HAVING FUN CARING FOR THE EARTH](#)," an Earth Day celebration, will take place Apr. 22, 9 a.m.-noon, Sargeant Student Center. The celebration includes a poster contest for college and high school students with \$500 scholarships awarded to the winning posters.

AN EARTH DAY PERFORMANCE of the two-act, four-character play [Walden: The Ballad of Thoreau](#) will take place on Apr. 22, 12:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., Kiehle.

DULUTH:

THE FIRST EXCLUSIVELY ONLINE ISSUE OF [BRIDGE MAGAZINE](#) for UMD alumni and friends has been published. The electronic format includes photo galleries and videos, saves thousands of dollars in printing and postage expenses, and conserves more than 600,000 pages of paper.

THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION has named UMD's Center for Economic Development and Northeast regional office of the Minnesota Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network the [Minnesota SBDC of Excellence of the Year](#). The Northeast regional center provides a myriad of economic development tools, programs, and innovations that far exceed the typical offerings of an SBDC regional service center.

KEN ROSE, senior staff attorney at the Center for Death Penalty Litigation in Durham, N.C., will present "[The Bo Jones Story and My Fight to Save Death Row Inmates](#)" Apr. 16, 7 p.m., 4th Floor Rotunda, Kathryn A. Martin Library. The free event is part of the Ben and Jeanne Overman Distinguished Speaker Series.

WILL OBERTON, CEO of Fastenal, North America's largest fastener distributor, is the featured guest at the [Labovitz School of Business and Economics' \(LSBE\) Distinguished Speaker Series](#) Apr. 23, 4 p.m., 118 LSBE. Oberton will present on the importance of finding balance among what matters most in one's work life and personal life.

MORRIS:

THE CENTER FOR SMALL TOWNS (CST) "Connecting Students and Communities" program provides student support to local units of government, K-12 schools, and community-based organizations. Students assist with research, project administration, and more. Project areas may focus on sustainable energy, natural resources and water, local food, tourism, and resilient communities. For more information, see [Connecting Students and Communities](#).

UMM IS OFFERING A DIVERSE SELECTION OF SUMMER COURSES for degree- and non-degree-seeking students. Summer courses give community members and students from UMM and other colleges the chance to fulfill general education credits, accelerate degree completion, recover lost credits, and work while completing coursework. May Session starts on May 12. For more information, see [Summer Term](#).

ROCHESTER:

HOLLY RENN has been awarded an [Outstanding Service Award](#) by the Mayo School of Health Sciences for her contributions to the Bachelor of Science in Health Professions (BSHP) degree programs.

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RESOURCES FOR BUYING A HOME IN THE UNIVERSITY DISTRICT or elsewhere in Minneapolis for those who might not otherwise be able to afford it will be presented at information sessions Apr. 17 and 29, noon, 140 Nolte, and on May 15, 4:30 p.m., 2-228 Carlson School of Management. For registration and more information, see [City of Lakes Community Land Trust](#). Sessions are co-sponsored by the U's Office of Government and Community Relations, and the University District Alliance.

PERSONAL DEVICE REPAIR WILL NO LONGER BE OFFERED, effective May 19. This fee-for-service, which had been available at Coffman Union, was found to be redundant with comparable commercial businesses located on or near campus. Retiring this service will enable UMN IT to focus resources on strategic IT initiatives. [Tech Stop](#) will continue to provide personal device support (consultation and troubleshooting).

[SAFETY TIPS FOR THE NEW LIGHT RAIL LINE](#): On June 14, the METRO Green Line will begin service. Three stations will serve the U of M campus: the Stadium Village Station, the East Bank Station, and the West Bank Station. Buses are already operating and trains are being tested. Use caution near the light rail tracks.

U OF M [ZIMRIDE COMMUTING CONTEST](#): Log your commutes with Zimride from Apr. 1 to Apr. 30 to enter to win Amazon gift cards, Starbucks gift cards, and a Kindle Fire HD.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE [UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM](#) will take place Apr. 16, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Great Hall, Coffman Union. More than 250 undergraduate students across all colleges will showcase their research on a range of topics, deepening the understanding of undergraduate research across the University.

AN "[EARTH ART](#)" EXHIBIT is on display through May 30 at Boynton Health, featuring earth-inspired mixed media by local artist Marjorie Schalles. An artist reception will take place Apr. 16, 5-7 p.m. Free and open to the public.

[THE AFRICAN AMERICAN RESEARCH COLLECTIVE \(AARC\) SPRING SYMPOSIUM](#) will take place Apr. 18-19, 180 Humphrey School. Free, but registration is required. AARC is an initiative formed to bring together the diverse array of faculty at the U of M who specialize in research and engagement with African American experiences.

[EARTH DAY 2014](#) AT UMTC will feature a daylong celebration, including a morning information fair outside the Recreation & Wellness Center, a Northrop Plaza concert at noon, and an afternoon exhibit inside Northrop, as well as free food. Apr. 22.

"FEDERAL FOOD PROGRAMS AND THE OBESITY EPIDEMIC: TIME FOR A CHANGE?" will feature discussion of the current state of federal food programs and whether current policy may be contributing to the obesity epidemic. All attendees will be entered to win one of three copies of Parke Wilde's book *Food Policy in the U.S.* Apr. 22, 9-11:30 a.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. Free, but [registration is requested](#).

[CHINA 100 SYMPOSIUM](#): "U, Minnesota, and China looking forward to the next century" will take place Apr. 22, 1-4 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Free and open to the public. Following the event, former Governor of Utah and former U.S. Ambassador to China Jon Huntsman will present the annual Bob and Kim Griffin "[Building U.S.-China Bridges](#)" lecture.

RENEWABLE PLASTICS: STEP ONE IN BREAKING OUR OIL ADDICTION: Leading bioenergy scientist George Huber will discuss the growth and the market drivers for the renewable plastics industry, as well as some of the current market successes and products that are near commercialization. He will also highlight how renewable plastics are the first step in reducing society's dependence on foreign oil. Apr. 22, 7 p.m., Bell Museum. For registration (required) and more information, see [renewable plastics](#).

TWO LANDMARK U.S. SUPREME COURT CASES that defined First Amendment protection of the press will be the focus of "How Far from Near? 50 Years of *New York Times* v. Sullivan in Minnesota and Beyond: a Symposium Honoring the Legacy of Silha Professor Emeritus Donald M. Gillmor." Apr. 23, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. For speakers and a full schedule of events, see [Silha Symposium](#).

SEE THE NEW PHYSICS AND NANOTECHNOLOGY BUILDING during an [open house and public tours](#) Apr. 24, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. or 4-7 p.m. Enjoy self-guided tours, with experts at various stations throughout the building available to answer questions. The 144,000-square-foot building includes about 40 modern and highly flexible laboratories, with more than 15,000 square feet dedicated to interdisciplinary nanotech research, including a clean-room facility and labs for biological and nanomaterials research.

THE MINNESOTA SUPERCOMPUTING INSTITUTE will hold its [2014 research exhibition](#), providing an opportunity to learn about U research using MSI's high-performance computing resources, as well as an opportunity to network with each other and with members of the local business community. Apr. 24, 1:30-3:30 p.m., 4th floor, Walter Library. Light refreshments will be served throughout the event.

THE [OFFICE FOR STUDENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS](#) and the Southeast Como Improvement Day festivities will present "Neighborhood Spring Cleaning" and "Bike-Motion II" as part of Earth Day festivities. Activities include a neighborhood cleanup, pancake brunch, and bike tutorials on Apr. 27. All are welcome to volunteer and participate.

MORE EVENTS include Frontiers in the Environment: "Global Capital and Disease Hot Spots" ([Apr. 16](#)); From Health Reform to Care Reform: Top Ten Trends to Navigating the Transition ([Apr. 17](#)); Reading and writing in new media forms: graphic novels and weblogs ([Apr. 18](#)); *Don Juan* ([Apr. 20](#)); Decay of Polar Ice and its Environmental Impact ([Apr. 21](#)); Richard Graff: Reconstructing Sites of Oratorical Performance in Ancient Greece ([Apr. 22](#)); "Psychiatric Genetics: A Current Perspective" ([Apr. 25](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

A [PUBLIC BUDGET FORUM](#) will take place May 9, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Boardroom, 600 McNamara Alumni Center. Members of the U community and the public are invited to provide input on President Kaler's recommended FY15 Annual Operating Budget. The proposed budget will be available in the May docket materials after May 2 at regents.umn.edu. To provide in-person testimony to the Board of Regents, register in advance by calling (612) 626-2266 or emailing uregents@umn.edu with the subject line "Public Forum" by May 5, 3 p.m.

Features

FEATURE: The new Physics and Nanotechnology Building serves U's School of Physics and Astronomy and Minnesota Nano Center. The building is the new home for faculty ranging from nanotechnology researchers studying the ultra tiny to cosmologists probing the origins of the universe. For more information, read "[Physics and Nanotechnology building open](#)."

FEATURE: Native chef Jason Champagne, a member of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa, is pursuing a master's degree in public health nutrition. Champagne aims to change Native American eating by teaching ancestral cooking traditions to children. For more information, read a [Q&A with Jason Champagne](#).

FEATURE: A U of M program that takes the mystery out of commercializing technology has helped Ph.D. student Shawn Wilhelm design a new, highly efficient hydraulic pump with serious market potential. Using MnDRIVE funds, Wilhelm hopes to further prove his invention's capabilities, then work with the U to start a company and market his technology. For more information, read "[Cultivating student entrepreneurs](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Six new recipients of the Distinguished McKnight University Professorships have been announced; the STEM Education Center's Tamara Moore has been awarded the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers; Michele Allen is the recipient of the U of M 2014 President's Community-Engaged Scholars Award; Thomas Hays has been named interim dean of the College of Biological Sciences; Professor Ozayr Saloojee will be the U's new Arts, Design, and Humanities Chair; IonE has awarded \$41,000 to 18 interdisciplinary projects in its spring 2014 Mini Grants competition; Jonathan Foley kicked off an eight-month *National Geographic* series on the future of food; the Carlson School has been ranked 16th in research journal contributions among business schools worldwide; 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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"ENGAGING WITH THE NEW NORTHROP," a Campus Conversation with Senior VP for Academic Affairs and Provost Karen Hanson, Northrop Director Christine Tschida, University Honors Program Director Serge Rudaz, Director of the Institute for Advanced Study Ann Waltner, and Dean of the College of Design Tom Fisher, will take place Apr. 29, noon-12:30 p.m., Best Buy Theater, Northrop, and [live online](#). The presentation will be followed by an in-person tour of Northrop. [RSVP](#) if you plan to attend.

STRENGTHSQUEST TRAINING SURVEY: The Office for Student Engagement is assessing the need for future campus training sessions related to the StrengthsFinder assessment. [Complete the short form](#) by May 2 to indicate an interest in or need for training for yourself or those you supervise.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

HOW CAN EDUCATION ADVANCE SUSTAINABILITY? That's the central question being investigated by "Earthducation," a project led by professors Aaron Doering, Charlie Miller, and Cassie Scharber. Doering and Miller are traveling to climate hotspots on all seven continents, documenting local answers to this question and sharing them online. "Earthducation Expedition 6: Nepal" begins Apr. 27. Follow the adventure and learn more at [Earthducation](#).

CROOKSTON:

A [BONE MARROW DONOR REGISTRY DRIVE](#) will take place Apr. 24, 4-5 p.m., Evergreen Hall Classroom. Panelists will discuss how leukemia and other blood cancers have affected them and how you can save a life. The drive will also be held on Apr. 29 and 30 in Bede Ballroom.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS will be recognized during the annual [student awards night](#) Apr. 24, 6 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium. Sponsored by the Student Awards Committee.

AN [OPEN FORUM ON UMC's STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS](#) will take place Apr. 25, 1:30-3 p.m., Prairie Room, Sargeant Student Center. The agenda will include a brief overview, small group discussion, and "input cards" for individuals to share their ideas.

[TAKING SHAPE: 3D PRINTING](#), a special presentation hosted by 360-degrees Manufacturing and Applied Engineering ATE Regional Center of Excellence, together with the Center for Rural Entrepreneurial Studies, will take place Apr. 28, 6-8 p.m., Peterson Classroom, Heritage Hall.

DULUTH:

THE MARSHALL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (MPAC) celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. As part of the festivities, the musical *Damn Yankees* will be presented Apr. 24-26 and Apr. 30-May 3, 7:30 p.m., and Apr. 27, 2 p.m. For more information, see [MPAC](#).

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR SCOTT LADERMAN, Department of History, surfs Lake Superior and around the world. His new book, *Empire in Waves*, connects surfing culture and global events. For more information, see [Scott Laderman](#).

SEVENTEEN UMD STUDENTS recently presented at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) in Lexington, KY. Three students were from the College of Education and Human Service Professions and 14 were from the Swenson College of Science and Engineering. For more information, see [NCUR](#).

RESEARCH BY SCIENTISTS at UMD's Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRRI) is providing expertise to organizations involved in restoring the St. Louis River estuary in Duluth. In an effort to reverse decades of damage from logging, milling, and steelmaking, restoration will reclaim lost wetlands and improve habitat for fish and wildlife. For more information, see [NRRRI](#).

MORRIS:

JORDAN WENTE '15, Dodge Center, has received a 2014 Harry S. Truman Scholarship. Truman Scholars are chosen for their academic and leadership accomplishments and likelihood of becoming public service leaders. Wente is one of just 59 students selected from 655 candidates. He is the fifth UMM student to receive the award. For more information, see [Jordan Wente '15](#).

UMM IS ONE OF THE 332 MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE COLLEGES in the United States and Canada, according to *The Princeton Review's Guide to 332 Green Colleges*. For the third consecutive year, the education services company profiles UMM, highlighting the campus's "deep roots in agriculture and land stewardship." For more information, see [The Princeton Review](#).

UMM WILL BEGIN TO ESTABLISH A NEW SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM. Building on UMM's existing strengths and unique alternative energy facilities, "Sustainability Leaders for the Future" will link experience, study, and research to classroom studies with a focus on sustainable living aimed at creating an integrated approach to developing and enhancing leadership qualities in students. For more information, see [Sustainability Leadership Program](#).

UMM'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WILL HOST ITS 7TH ANNUAL [BREAD 'N BOWLS](#) event on Apr. 28, 5:30-7 p.m., Morris Area Elementary School, 151 S. Columbia Ave. All proceeds from the event are donated to Stevens County Food Shelf, Someplace Safe, and the Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance.

THE NEXT [CAFE SCIENTIFIQUE](#) will take place on Apr. 29, 6 p.m., Common Cup Coffeehouse, 501 Atlantic Ave. Stephen Burks, associate professor of economics, will lead the discussion "Who Is Greedy and Who Is Not? Comparing Morris Residents, UMM Students, and Trainee Truckers in the Behavioral Economics Laboratory."

ROCHESTER:

THE UMR CONNECTS THEME for the month of May is "Food and Travel," with the first event, "Calories and Carbon Footprints: Well-traveled food," taking place May 6. April's theme of "Wars and Conflicts" will close out with "Rwanda: The Legacy of the Genocide" on Apr. 29. 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 [STEP-UP SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM](#) offers meaningful job opportunities to Minneapolis high school students from underrepresented backgrounds. University departments and units are encouraged to support Minneapolis youth by employing one youth for 15 or more hours per week for a minimum of six weeks between June 23 and Aug. 15.

[MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY](#) will take place Apr. 23 with an event on Northrop Plaza to encourage conversation and show support for the roughly 1 in 4 Americans who struggle with mental illness every year.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

NORTHROP GRAND REOPENING EVENTS CONTINUE with "[The Moving Cell: When Art and Science Collide](#)," Apr. 24, 4 p.m., Northrop Rehearsal Studio; [TEDxUMN 2014: Mapping Our Potential](#), Apr. 27, noon, Carlson Family Stage; IonE's Jon Foley in "[Looking for Planet Levers](#)," Apr. 28, 4 p.m., Best Buy Theater; and "[Ann Pflaum on An Anecdotal History of Northrop](#)," Apr. 28, 7 p.m., Best Buy Theater. For more information, see [Northrop Events](#).

THE [45TH ANNUAL IRON POUR](#), the final pour before Professor Wayne Potratz's retirement, will take place Apr. 25, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Foundry Courtyard, Regis Center for Art. Students and visiting artists will work together to perform an aesthetic, athletic, pyrotechnic event, pouring molten iron into sand molds to make cast iron sculptures.

[MORE THAN JUST BACKING UP: ORGANIZING AND PRESERVING YOUR DIGITAL ASSETS](#), a U of M Libraries hands-on workshop, will take place Apr. 28, 10:30-11:30 a.m., 101 Walter Library.

"[WHEN LOVED ONES DISAPPEAR](#): Ambiguous Loss and Approaches for Working with Families of the Missing" will feature two of the world's leading experts on how to deal with the unresolved grief and stress related to missing persons--FSoS professor emeritus Pauline Boss and Simon Robins, research fellow at the Center for Applied Human Rights at the University of York. Apr. 28, 4-5:15 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center. Free, but [RSVP is required](#).

"[MATHEMATICS IN MODERN ARCHITECTURE](#)" will feature renowned mathematician Helmut Pottmann in an overview of the mathematics behind many of today's most striking buildings, highlighting the recent progress in the emerging field of architectural geometry. He will also discuss contemporary research in geometry and computer graphics, and illustrate the shift of mathematical research into architectural practice. Apr. 29, 7 p.m., 2-650 Moos Tower.

A PLANT SALE by College of Biological Sciences (CBS) Greenhouses and CBS Phytgraduate students will take place Apr. 30 and May 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Minnesota Commons Room, St. Paul Student Center. The sale will include a large selection of annuals for perennials, tropical plants, herbs, carnivorous plants, and succulents. An orchid and succulent expert will be present to answer questions. The horticultural club will also host a plant sale May 1-2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., on the corner of Larpenteur and Gortner Avenues, featuring a host of unique plants as well as common shrubs and trees.

A [SERIES OF COLLEGE READINESS AND ACHIEVEMENT GAP TALKS](#) will include short presentations on five faculty research projects and provide an opportunity to connect with colleagues and possible collaborators. Topics include how schools, libraries, and community-based urban settings position youth as engaged learners through the use of digital technologies; absenteeism of young children and adolescents and Hennepin County's Be@School truancy initiative; the influence of social class and poverty on the ways teachers and students perceive and engage with one another, and more. May 1, noon-1 p.m., 325 EdSci Bldg.

ANDREA DAVIS PINKNEY will present the [2014 Arbuthnot Honor Lecture](#) May 3, 7 p.m., Willey Hall. Pinkney is a *New York Times* bestselling author of more than 20 books for children and young adults, including picture books, novels, and nonfiction. Hosted by the Children's Literature Research Collections at the University of Minnesota Libraries. Free. Reservations are required.

FILM PREMIERE: *Mr. Civil Rights: Thurgood Marshall and the NAACP*, by South Hill Films producer Mick Caouette, tells the story of Thurgood Marshall's journey through war and depression in the South, leading to the 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education* Supreme Court decision to desegregate public schools. The premiere will feature remarks by Juan Williams, author and political analyst, and Q&A discussion with cast and experts. May 3, 7:30 p.m., Ted Mann Concert Hall. [Register at Civil Rights](#).

THE VERNON W. RUTTAN LECTURE IN SCIENCE AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY, hosted by the Department of Applied Economics, will feature Maurício Antônio Lopes, president of the Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (Embrapa). His presentation, "Development of a Science-Based, Advanced Tropical Agriculture in Brazil," is free and open to the public. May 6, 2 p.m., 105 Cargill Building. RSVP and find more information at [Ruttan Lecture](#).

THE DISTINGUISHED VISITING SCHOLAR SERIES ON HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH continues with Collins Airhihenbuwa of Pennsylvania State University. Airhihenbuwa, a global leader in research focusing on health, identity, and culture, will participate in a community dialogue May 6, and present the lecture "Culture, Race, and Research: Negotiating the Journey Between the Head and the Heart" May 7. For more information, see [Health Disparities](#).

"[MAKING MEANINGFUL CHANGE IN THE AGE OF MONEYBALL](#)" will feature Steve Warren in a presentation on recent technological and methodological innovations that serve as examples toward assisting children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Sponsored by MN LEND. May 8, 2-4 p.m., Continuing Education and Conference Center, St. Paul.

THE [BIG TEN HIGHER EDUCATION SUMMER INSTITUTE](#) will come to UMMC in June, the Stadium two intensive, weeklong 3-credit courses on topics facing higher education: "Beyond the Stadium: Implications from Intercollegiate Athletics for Higher Education Leaders," June 2-6; and "Legal Aspects of Access and Equity in Higher Education," June 9-13.

MORE EVENTS include Frontiers in the Environment: "Scandinavia: Sustainability & Corporate Social Responsibility" ([Apr. 23](#)); Physics and Nanotechnology Building Open House and Public Tours ([Apr. 24](#)); Polar Geospatial Center Speaker Series: Google Street View ([Apr. 25](#)); "A Prairie Home Companion" ([Apr. 26](#)); Spring Fling! ([Apr. 26](#)); Google Street Day ([Apr. 27](#)); Webinar: A Life is Waiting: Issues Facing Hispanic Males in College ([Apr. 30](#)); "Forty Years Later: What Happens to Mathematically Precocious Youth Identified at Age 12?" ([Apr. 30](#)); Occupational Health of Immigrant Workers: Reducing the Disparities ([May 1](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

A PUBLIC BUDGET FORUM will take place May 9, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Boardroom, 600 McNamara Alumni Center. President Kaler's recommended FY15 Annual Operating Budget will be available in the May docket materials after May 2 at regents.umn.edu. To provide in-person testimony to the Board of Regents, register in advance by calling 612-626-2266 or emailing uregents@umn.edu with the subject line "Public Forum" by May 5, 3 p.m.

Features

FEATURE: As the emerald ash borer threatens forests, a U of M collaboration is preparing for a scenario in which trees disappear from the forest. For more information, read "[Rising from the Ashes.](#)"

FEATURE: Adopt A Rooms at University of Minnesota Amplatz Children's Hospital are donor-funded, private, customizable rooms with special features designed to promote healing and help kids and their families cope during an intense time. For more information, read "[A more comfortable place to heal.](#)"

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: 2014 recipients of the President's Award for Outstanding Service have been announced; 2014 recipients of the U of M Outstanding Community Service Award have been announced; U of M President Eric Kaler has been elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; Jennifer Gunn has been named director of the U of M Institute for Advanced Study; Jonathan Foley will depart the Institute on the Environment to become executive director of the California Academy of Sciences; the Soil Science Society of America has recognized Professor David Mulla with its Applied Soil Science Research Award; UMTC has been upgraded to a "Gold" bicycle friendly organization 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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UMTC, UMD, and UMM WERE RECOGNIZED as 3 of the 332 most environmentally responsible colleges in the United States and Canada, according to [The Princeton Review's Guide to 332 Green Colleges](#). UMTC, UMD, and UMM received "Green Ratings" of 97, 87, and 95, respectively, out of a possible score of 99.

THE UNIVERSITY SENATE AND FACULTY SENATE will meet May 1, 2:30 p.m., 25 Mondale Hall. Topics include Administrative Policy on Open Access to Scholarly Articles, amendments to the Evaluation of Teaching policy, the policy on Makeup Work for Legitimate Absences, Grading and Transcript policies, and a Resolution on Faculty Caregiver Support. See the [full agenda at University Senate](#).

THE P&A SENATE will meet May 2, 9:30 a.m., 2-101 Hasselmo Hall. Topics include presentation of the 2014 Outstanding Unit Award to the Rothenberger Institute, discussion with Associate Vice President Andy Furco, and an update on the Job Family Study. See the [full agenda at P&A Senate](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE 10th ANNUAL [MINNESOTA CUP](#) is accepting entries through May 9 for an opportunity to win \$300,000 in cash prizes and additional resources. Minnesota Cup, the largest statewide new venture competition in the country, seeks to identify breakthrough ideas and support emerging Minnesota-based startups. Entry is free.

CROOKSTON:

[DIVERSITY CERTIFICATE TRAINING](#) is scheduled for May 2 and includes two sessions: Understanding Disability and Advancing Access, 8:30-11:30 a.m., and GLBTQ Identities and Communities, 1-4 p.m.

[NEW STUDENT MERIT SCHOLAR BRUNCH AND REGISTRATION DAY](#) for admitted students receiving merit scholarships and their parents/family will take place May 5. 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Sargeant Student Center.

[FIESTA IN THE SPIRIT OF CINCO DE MAYO](#) will take place May 5, 7 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium. Local musician Tony Diaz and singer Bryan Sanchez will be the featured performers. Free and open to the public.

A [SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING SYMPOSIUM WEBINAR](#), hosted by the Extension Center for Youth Development at the Extension Regional Office in Crookston, will take place May 6, 8:45 a.m.-noon.

DULUTH:

DEAN OF THE SWENSON COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING [James P. Riehl](#) will step down June 30 to return to teaching in the Department of Chemistry and to finish writing two books. As dean, Riehl worked to build world-class programs and facilities, including two buildings: the Swenson Science Building, which opened in 2005, and the Swenson Civil Engineering Building, which opened in 2010.

THE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM TUTORING CENTER has been named the 2014 [Most Outstanding Tutoring Program in the nation](#). During this school year, more than 200 tutors provided tutoring primarily to undergraduate students for 112 courses. Tutoring services are open and available to all of UMD's 8,500 undergraduate students on a free, walk-in basis, 54 hours per week.

THE ONLINE PUBLICATION [LAKE VOICE NEWS](#) is the product of a three-credit class, offered by the journalism department, designed to teach students how to work in a real newsroom. Students focus on community journalism, telling the stories of the people of Duluth. Now in its fifth year, [Lake Voice News](#) also includes videos that complement articles.

UMD WILL IMPLEMENT A NEW PROGRAM TO INCREASE RECYCLING AND REDUCE WASTE. This summer, departments will begin using centrally located garbage and recycling bins. Based on data from an initial test, this change could reduce landfill waste by 20 percent or more. For more information, see [Sustainability](#).

MORRIS:

UMM'S [GREEN PRAIRIE COMMUNITY](#) has been awarded Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification. Established by the U.S. Green Building Council and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute, LEED is the nation's preeminent program for the design, construction, and operation of high-performance green buildings. It is UMM's second LEED-certified building.

UMM HAS BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE [MADE IN MINNESOTA](#) SOLAR INCENTIVE PROGRAM. The program gives incentives to commercial, nonprofit, and residential participants that install solar systems manufactured in Minnesota. UMM's affiliation with the Made in Minnesota program is made possible in part by the Cedar Creek Energy.

[BRADLEY DEANE](#), associate professor of English, is a 2014 recipient of the Horace T. Morse-University of Minnesota Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education. Deane is one of eight recipients systemwide. He is the 41st UMM faculty member to receive the award.

THE CENTER FOR SMALL TOWNS has announced the [keynote speakers for its 2014 Symposium on Small Towns](#): Ben Winchester, research fellow for the U of M Extension Center for Community Vitality; Randy Cantrell, expert on institutional change in rural areas; Craig Schroeder, senior associate for the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship; and Jim Russell, geographer.

MORE THAN 375 UMM STUDENTS will receive their degrees during the [51st Commencement](#) on May 10, 1:30 p.m., campus mall. The public is invited to attend the ceremony, to watch the event streamed online, or to listen on KMRS/KKOK radio.

ROCHESTER:

[UMR CONNECTS](#) will feature Professors Patrick Dean (UMTC Nursing) and Ryan Furness (UMR CLI, Spanish) in a presentation with students May 6, 7-8:30 p.m., 417 University Square. "Calories and Carbon Footprints" will include discussion on the environmental and nutritional aspects of locally grown fruits and vegetables vs. those that travel great distances, and will introduce some of the most common issues that Hispanic migrant workers encounter. Free and open to the public.

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[TUITION AND BILLING DUE DATES](#) will occur approximately two weeks earlier than in previous years, beginning fall 2014. The first tuition bill will be sent to students on Aug. 30 and will be due Sept. 13. This permanent change will help the University observe current best practices in higher education and allow consistent billing across campuses.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE FUTURE OF STEM EDUCATION POLICY: NATIONAL PERSPECTIVES AND MINNESOTA IMPACT brings a research focus to the conversation about closing Minnesota's achievement gap. Join CEHD and U of M President Eric Kaler for a discussion of Next Generation Science Standards, STEM integration, and Minnesota's assessment policy. Heidi Schweingruber, deputy director of the Board on Science Education at the National Research Council, will deliver a keynote address, followed by a response from panelists Joe Alfano, Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Doug Paulson, and Gillian Roehrig. May 1, 8-10:30 a.m. The Commons Hotel. [RSVP and learn more.](#)

MAY HEADLINERS WILL FEATURE R.T. RYBAK in "What's Next for Generation Next? R.T. Rybak Tackles the Education Achievement Gap." The former Minneapolis mayor will discuss the present and long-term consequences of the education achievement gap, as well as his vision for Generation Next and what he hopes to achieve in his inaugural year as its leader. May 1, 7 p.m., Continuing Education and Conference Center, St. Paul. Cost: \$15. [Registration is required.](#)

"THE BIOLOGICAL RESIDUE OF EARLY LIFE ADVERSITY" will be presented by Greg Miller of Northwestern University as part of the Department of Psychology's [Spring 2014 Colloquium Series](#). Cosponsored by the Institute of Child Development. May 1, noon, N119 Elliot Hall.

TWIN CITIES STARTUP WEEKEND EDU will bring together a diverse group of people, including educators, technologists, designers, and business professionals, all passionate about making a positive impact on education. In 54 hours, participants will form teams, share ideas, design products, and launch education startups. May 2-4, Carlson School of Management. Register at [Startup Weekend Edu](#).

NEW HIRES AND WORKPLACE WRITING: Some employers express disappointment at the writing of newly hired college graduates; media outlets report a crisis of writing skills. Are colleges graduating less able writers than previously? Join the Center for Writing during its next [Engaging Controversies Discussion](#) on May 2, 9-10:15 a.m., 125 Nolte.

THE UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will perform [Mahler's Symphony No. 2](#), an epic five-movement symphony that explores themes of death and resurrection. The orchestra will be joined by the University Singers, the Women's and Men's Chorus, and members of the Minnesota Chorale. May 3, 8 p.m., Northrop. Free, but tickets are required.

[BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY DAY](#) will showcase 15 senior design project displays/prototypes and more than 45 graduate student posters on various topics, including cardiovascular engineering, neural engineering, medical device design, biomedical optics and imaging, biomaterials, and cell and tissue engineering. The event is also an opportunity for networking with industry professionals. May 7, 3-6 p.m., McNamara Alumni Center.

[WAM SHOP SPRING SALE](#): U of M faculty, staff, and students can save 20 percent May 7-9 at the Weisman Art Museum's Spring Sale. Save on jewelry, accessories, toys, gifts for the home, and more. Purchases support Weisman Art Museum programs and exhibitions.

FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LIBRARIES will host its annual celebration on May 12, 6 p.m., Rarig Center. This year's event features celebrated Twin Cities actor, director, and teacher Wendy Lehr, a recipient of the 2013 McKnight Distinguished Artist Award and a lifetime achievement award at the 2010 Ivey Awards. For tickets and more information, see [Wendy Lehr](#).

FOUNDERS DAY 2014 will feature students participating in a broad range of entrepreneurship courses showcasing how they're applying their education to solve real problems with creative new ideas. Student teams from seven collegiate units will share their experiential projects and progress in developing new products and ventures. May 13, 5:30 p.m., Carlson School Atrium. [Register for the event.](#)

MORE EVENTS include "Adventures on the Frontiers of Carbon Reduction" ([Apr. 30](#)); IAS Thursdays: Apostolos Georgopoulos ([May 1](#)); "Change Your Brain by Transforming Your Mind" presented by Dr. Richard Davidson ([May 2](#)); Earthworks: Experimental Practices and the Coming of the Anthropocene ([May 2](#)); Mr. Civil Rights: Thurgood Marshall and the NAACP ([May 3](#)); Bud Break 5K Run/Walk and Youth Daffodil Dash Run/Walk ([May 4](#)); Geology of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness ([May 5](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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Brief publication calendar: The last regular issue of *Brief* for the academic term will be May 21, after which *Brief* moves to an approximately every-other-week schedule. Summer publication dates will be June 11 and 25, July 9 and 23, and Aug. 6 and 20. The weekly schedule returns Sept. 10.

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TOP NEWS:

BOARD OF REGENTS WILL MEET MAY 8-9. Regents will review President Kaler's proposed FY15 \$3.6 billion budget, which freezes tuition, cuts administrative costs, and invests in key academic priorities. Regents will also take comments from community members during a [May 9 public forum](#). Additionally, Regents will review the U's proposed FY15 capital improvement budget.

- Features**
- FEATURE:** U researcher Rebecca Schlafer evaluates a doula program at the Minnesota Correctional Facility in Shakopee and finds that, by all accounts, the emotional support and labor coaching of doulas, along with a peer support group for pregnant inmates, has had a deep impact. For more information, read "[Pregnant and imprisoned.](#)"
- FEATURE:** The U of M's College of Education and Human Development joined forces with a community to build the I. J. Holton Intermediate School in Austin, MN, which integrates the arts with science, technology, engineering, and math. For more information, read "[A new kind of school.](#)"
- FEATURE:** A University of Minnesota study led by IonE resident fellows finds that people of color in the U.S. generally live with 38 percent more air pollution than whites. For more information, read "[Unfair Air?](#)"

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: The U of M has received grants to support Chinese language instruction and a consortium of Chinese arts experts; IonE's Natural Capital Project will add three full-time research positions: a lead scientist, an ecologist, and an economist; Mary Schoenborn and Lynn Skupeko of University Libraries were awarded the 2014 "Librarian/Media Specialists of Merit" award at the State History Day ceremony; 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 AMENDMENT TO THE FACULTY RETIREMENT PLAN regarding covered salary and the waiting period for P&A employees was approved by the Board of Regents at its February meeting. Starting May 4, faculty earnings classified as summer research and summer session instructional earnings will be included as covered salary for all nine-month faculty. Beginning June 30, the waiting period for P&A employees to enter the Faculty Retirement Plan will be eliminated. Securian will contact employees currently in the waiting period in early June.

MOODLE 2.6 IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR FALL 2014 COURSES. This version has an enhanced grade book and works and looks better across all devices, including desktops, tablets, and phones. Training and self-help are available. [Learn more.](#)

A NEW EMAIL MARKETING TOOL, ExactTarget, will become part of the U's email marketing solutions. The [U's Messaging and Calendaring service team](#) is exploring the full capabilities of the tool and developing training in preparation for the rollout. Lyris will be retired once the rollout is complete. For more information, see [email solutions](#).

ESUP UPDATE: Data quality is critical to the Enterprise Systems Upgrade Program (ESUP), which is why collegiate and administrative units are working with the HRMS upgrade team to fix inaccurate or incomplete data and align all the U's HR data with the new system and processes. The benefits of data cleanup will extend well beyond the upgrade, enabling automated workflows, improved reporting, and more targeted communication over the long term.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

CROOKSTON:

CLASS OF 2014 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES will take place May 10, 2 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium, with a reception for all online graduates at 9 a.m. and a pre-ceremony reception for all graduates at 11 a.m. in the Sargeant Student Center.

THE NATURAL RESOURCES CLUB launched the fourth decade of its [annual spring pilgrimage](#) to the Deer River Ranger District of the Chippewa National Forest on Apr. 26. The club planted about 1,600 white pine seedlings west of Big Fork, MN.

FACULTY AND STAFF AWARDS DAY LUNCH AND CELEBRATION will take place May 13, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom. All faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. Various year-end awards will be presented during the program.

DULUTH:

UMD FACULTY WERE RECENTLY HONORED WITH TEACHING AWARDS. Professor Justin Rubin, Music, School of Fine Arts, received the Albert Tezla Teacher/Scholar Award. Instructor Angela Sharp, Mathematics and Statistics, Swenson College of Science & Engineering (SCSE); Professor John Gogode, Geological Sciences, SCSE; and Instructor Kathy Helzer, Social Work, College of Education and Human Service Professions, received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, for Distinguished Research, and for Outstanding Public Service, respectively.

PROFESSOR PRAVEEN AGGARWAL has accepted the position of associate dean of the Labovitz School of Business and Economics (LSBE). Aggarwal has served as interim associate dean for almost two years, and as chair of the Marketing and Management Studies departments for seven years, and has championed numerous LSBE initiatives.

UMD's DANCE TEAM has been named the National Dance Association Division 2 Collegiate National Champions for the second consecutive year. The club team works without a coach. For video and more information, see [Dance Team](#).

UMD's SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING CLINIC provides community members with free assessments and offers students majoring in communication sciences and disorders the opportunity to gain skills they will need in careers as speech pathologists, audiologists, and clinicians. Providing services at an extremely reduced rate, the clinic donates an estimated \$100,000 worth of services to the community each year.

MORRIS:

NATALIE HOIDAL '15, Forest Lake, has been named a 2014 Udall Scholar. This year the Udall Foundation awarded just 50 scholarships to sophomore- and junior-level college students committed to careers related to the environment, tribal public policy, and Native American health care. Hoidal is the fourth UMM student to receive a Udall scholarship.

JAYNE BLODGETT, assistant library director, is the [recipient of the 2014 Academic Innovators Award](#). The award recognizes academic librarians who have made outstanding contributions to advance the missions of academic libraries in Minnesota through innovative projects, programs, or services. Blodgett has been the driving force for innovation in multiple areas of UMM's Briggs Library.

THE UMM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (UMMAA) Board of Directors has named Barbara Gunderson Stowe '72 and Tim Goodmanson '86 recipients of the 2014 UMMAA Distinguished Alumni Award. The award honors alumni who make noteworthy contributions in their professional lives, in public service, or in service to the University of Minnesota. For more information, see [UMMAA](#).

UMM'S 2014 FACULTY AND STAFF RECOGNITION DINNER was held Apr. 24. Hosted by Chancellor Jacqueline R. Johnson, the event provided the campus an opportunity to congratulate faculty and staff award recipients and to thank retirees for their service to UMM.

ROCHESTER:

COMMUNITY LEADERS CONDUCTED MOCK JOB INTERVIEWS with UMR students to help them prepare for their future careers. Second-year students in the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences program participated in 30-minute mock interviews, conducted with help from 30 community leaders who volunteered their time to sit down with students to give them a glimpse of what their future internship or job search could be like.

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HOMECOMING PARADE REGISTRATION IS OPEN. To reserve a spot for your college, department, or organization, you must register online. Registration is first-come, first-served, and space is limited. This year will mark 100 years of Homecoming, celebrating Gopher pride and spirit, Oct. 12-18. The Homecoming Parade will take place Oct. 17, 7 p.m., and will again travel down University Avenue.

BOYNTON HEALTH SERVICE IS EXPANDING HOURS on the St. Paul campus this summer. Access the Gopher Quick Clinic, schedule appointments, and receive health coaching at both the St. Paul and Minneapolis locations. For hours and more information, see [Boynton Health](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

"PERSONALITY, THE NUMBER FIVE, AND EVERYDAY LIFE" will be presented by Oliver P. John of the University of California, Berkeley, as part of the Department of Psychology's [Spring 2014 Colloquium Series](#). May 9, 1-2:30 p.m., N639 Elliott Hall.

HEALTH REFORM 2015 will feature a discussion with local experts on a number of vital questions raised now that Minnesota has tackled the first year of MNsure. Registration is free. May 14, 2-3:15 p.m., Humphrey School.

SIP OF SCIENCE, held the second Wednesday of every month, will next feature "Minnesota Falls Dam Removal and River Restoration Project," with Tom MacDonald from Barr Engineering and Jim Bodensteiner of Xcel Energy. May 14. 5:30 p.m., Aster Cafe, 125 S.E. Main St. [RSVP and learn more.](#)

RESOURCES FOR BUYING A HOME IN THE UNIVERSITY DISTRICT or elsewhere in Minneapolis for those who might not otherwise be able to afford it will be presented at an information session May 15, 4:30 p.m., 2-228 Carlsson School of Management. For registration and more information, see [homebuyer assistance through the City of Lakes Community Land Trust](#). Sessions are co-sponsored by the U's Office of Government and Community Relations and by the University District Alliance.

"EFFECTIVE ACTIVE LEARNING STRATEGIES FOR STEM: Enhancing student learning when teaching 10 or 1000" will be presented by Ed Prather, executive director of the Center for Astronomy Education at the University of Arizona. Prather will model several active learning strategies, discuss research supporting their use, and discuss ways this research is forging a new instructional model for teaching STEM classes of any size. May 20, 9 a.m., 3-210 Keller Hall. [Registration is required.](#)

BUILDING RESILIENCE IN THE WORKPLACE, with Rosie Barry, will be hosted by the Project and Change Management Collaborators Group on May 22, 1:30-3 p.m., 312 STSS. The session will focus on understanding why change is challenging and how to build resilience in order to thrive. [RSVP to attend.](#)

EDUCATION DAY 2014, hosted by the College of Veterinary Medicine, will take place May 30, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Posters and electronic presentations are currently being accepted. [Registration is free](#); walk-ins are welcome if space is available.

A CAREER INTEGRATION OF EDUCATION ABROAD CONFERENCE, hosted by the Learning Abroad Center and the Global Programs and Strategy Alliance, will take place July 21-22, The Commons Hotel, Minneapolis. International educators, career service and employer relations professionals, student service professionals, recruiters, and industry leaders will share best practices and innovations within the fields of education abroad and career services. Space is limited. See [registration and conference session](#) information.

MORE EVENTS include WAM Shop Spring Sale ([May 7](#)); Frontiers in the Environment with Sarah Hobbie: "A Watershed Approach to Understanding Urban Eutrophication" ([May 7](#)); Ann Waltner, Sababu, and collaboration across arts and humanities ([May 8](#)); Performing the Past and Provoking the Future: Symposium on Interdisciplinary Collaboration ([May 9](#)); Arboretum Auxiliary Annual Spring Plant Sale ([May 10](#)); "My Life in the Theater: I Always Said Yes!" featuring Wendy Lehr ([May 12](#)); The Other Side of Poverty in Schools ([May 13](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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UNIVERSITY-WIDE:**Administrative information**LEARN ABOUT HOW ESUP WILL AFFECT YOU at a [Student Systems Town Hall meeting](#) May 15. The meeting will focus on the changes associated with admissions, financial aid, student finance, student records (e.g., registration, grading, academic standing), and other topics related to the [student systems component](#) of the Enterprise Systems Upgrade Program. Locations to attend are available on each campus.**Lectures, exhibits, and other events**THE 2014 MINNESOTA DIABETES RESEARCH MEETING, cosponsored by the University of Minnesota and the Mayo Clinic, will take place May 17, 8:30 a.m., 4-105 Chucker Lecture Hall, Mayo Clinic. Presenters include U of M and Mayo Clinic researchers. For more information, email [Brenda Micheel](mailto:Brenda.Micheel) or call 507-284-3289.**CROOKSTON:**THE LATEST EDITION OF UMC [alumni e-news](#) is now available. The newsletter is intended to provide information while continuing relationships with alumni of the UMC and the Northwest School of Agriculture.OVER THE SUMMER UMC WILL SERVE AS A HOST SITE for a number of camps and conferences sponsored by University units and other organizations. For more information about the events, see [UMC Summer Camps and Conferences](#).**DULUTH:**[UMD's NEW MOBILE APP](#) is available free for both iOS and Android. The app puts users in touch with everything on the UMD website, no matter where they are. Features include Bulldog athletics information, social media links, KUMD radio, and a virtual campus tour. Users can even listen to the UMD fight song.[COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES](#) for undergraduate and graduate students will be held May 17, AMSOIL Arena, Duluth Entertainment Convention Center. Timothy Holst, associate vice chancellor for graduate education and research, will speak at both ceremonies. Holst earned a baccalaureate degree in geology in 1973, and a Ph.D. in 1977, both at the UMTC campus. Holst is retiring after 35 years at UMD.[UMD AND GOODWILL HAVE PARTNERED](#) to encourage students who are moving out of dorms and apartments to donate unwanted clothing, small appliances, kitchen utensils, and other household items. Donations not only help Goodwill's nonprofit mission, but also keep thousands of reusable items out of landfills.**MORRIS:**A NEW PROGRAM CREATED BY PEER HEALTH EDUCATORS AND "FOODLUMS" will help students foster balanced diets with limited resources and time. Called "Refridgeraiders," the program will focus on three basic ideas: cooking with few utensils, cooking on a budget, and cooking quickly—all while eating healthy. For more information, see [Refridgeraiders Program](#).CHIMNEY SWIFTS displaced by the demolition of an abandoned school building will find a new home, thanks to efforts by Assistant Professor of Biology Heather Wayne, Associate Professor of Biology Margaret Kuchenreuther, the UMM Biology Club, Facilities Management, and the West Central Research and Outreach Center. Colloquially known as "cigars with wings," chimney swifts get their names by roosting in brick chimneys. The team unveiled its [Chimney Swift Tower project](#) late last month.THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (OCE) has presented its [2014 Community Engagement Awards](#). The awards recognize students, faculty, staff, and community partners whose involvement in OCE programs has been exemplary. Recipients include community partner Jennifer Amy-Dressler, Assistant Professor Nina Ortiz, and students Laura Hoppe '15 and Hector Garcia '17.**ROCHESTER:**[MAPS DETAILING THREE OPTIONS](#) for the planned University of Minnesota Rochester campus near downtown Rochester moved closer to reality this week as the options were shown to the Rochester City Council. UMR officials hope to select a campus layout by June. All three show the campus nestled north of Soldiers Field, with a major corridor down First Avenue Southwest.**TWIN CITIES:****Administrative information**[REGISTRATION FOR THE EARLY CAREER TEACHING PROGRAM](#) is available on a first come, first served basis. The program is for U of M faculty and instructional staff who are in their first five years of teaching in any environment--classroom, clinic, lab, or studio. It is designed to develop and enhance teaching skills and establish a foundation for a lifetime of creative and engaging teaching.

A "LAST CHANCE" OFF CAMPUS HOUSING FAIR will take place May 22, 3-5 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. The event is the last opportunity for students who are still seeking housing in the fall to meet with area landlords, city services, and University services.

Lectures, exhibits, and other eventsCALL FOR PROPOSALS: TAKE PART IN NORTHERN SPARK 2014 AT NORTHROP. As a key destination during the citywide June 14-15 overnight event, Northrop seeks arts participation proposals as well as volunteers to staff the event. Proposals are due May 16. For proposal instructions and more information, see [Northern Spark](#).WHAT CONSTITUTES AN ETHNIC IDENTITY AND HOW DOES IT DEVELOP? Two leading scholars of ethnic identity will discuss a new NSF-funded interdisciplinary collaborative that examines new conceptualizations of ethnic identity and the contexts through which it develops. May 15, 4 p.m., Crosby Seminar Room, Northrop. For more information, see [Ethnic Identity Development in a Changing World](#).THE U LIBRARIES exhibit: "[Downton Abbey: Behind the Scenes of Health and Illness](#)" is on display through May 16, Diehl Hall, Wangenstein Library. The exhibit illuminates the medicine of Edwardian England, including themes of nursing, surgery, and combat injuries in WWI, as well as household medicine and maternal and child health.THE END OF CAR CULTURE? Though America has long been one of the world's prime car cultures, that status might be shifting because of new population and demographic trends. The 25th CTS Annual Transportation Research Conference will feature state and national leaders and experts discussing socio-demographic trends and travel demand. In addition, scientist Joe Casola will talk about resilience planning in response to extreme weather due to climate change. May 21-22, St. Paul RiverCentre. For a full conference schedule, fees, and registration, see [transportation conference](#).THE [MARY J. PAGE COMMUNITY-UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS FUND](#) has been created to support University of Minnesota Extension's [Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships](#) (RSDP). The fund commemorates the contributions of Mary Page (1934-2013), a former U of M Regent and a strong voice for Greater Minnesota. Join RSDP and the Page family for a fund kickoff May 21, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Cargill Building, St. Paul campus.TOP COAST FESTIVAL HEADLINERS: Tickets are on sale for the *MPR News* Top Coast Festival, featuring headliners Russell Simmons, Ezekiel Emanuel, Aneesh Chopra, and Paul Tough. Presented with the U of M College of Continuing Education, the two-day festival features interactive headline presentations, symposia, and solution finding with some of the nation's most renowned thought leaders and top public radio personalities. May 31 and June 1. Headliners will present at Northrop. For the complete schedule, see mprnews.org/topcoast.MORE EVENTS include THE REVEAL: Graphic Design Senior Portfolio Show ([May 15](#)); Academic Freedom, the Public Trust, & the Entrepreneurial University ([May 16](#)); Saturday with a Scientist: Honey Bees and the Flowers they Pollinate ([May 17](#)); OED Certificate Workshop 1: Being an Ally in the Work of Equity and Diversity ([May 19](#)); Café Scientifique: Birds, Evolution and the Tree of Life ([May 20](#)); U-Spatial's Cartography 101: Designing Appealing Maps ([May 21](#)). 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 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. [See submission guidelines](#).*Brief* is also available through [email subscription](#).

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TOP NEWS:

STATE RELATIONS UPDATE: On May 14, the House and Senate released their bonding bill agreement, which includes \$119.3 million for U of M projects. The bonding bill fully funds two of the U's six requested projects: Tate Science and Teaching Renovation and the UMC Campus Wellness Center. Three projects received partial funding: Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement, the Laboratory Improvement Fund, and the UMD Chemical Sciences and Advanced Research Materials Building. The University also received funding for a new Bell Museum and planetarium.

Features

FEATURE: An unusual pair of professors give ninth-grade geography students a first-hand look at life on the other side of the world. For more information, read "[Live from Nepal: Faces of climate change.](#)"

FEATURE: From Parkinson's to obesity, the School of Kinesiology is using exercise as a prescription to make a difference in people's lives. For more information, read "[The Science of Movement.](#)"

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Brian Buhr has been named dean of the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences and director of the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station; Professor Michael Sommers is among the first-ever recipients of the Doris Duke Impact Award; the Graduate School has recognized five innovative ideas in interdisciplinary graduate education in its Call for Innovative Ideas competition; OHR's Employee Engagement Program recently received the Midwest Region Excellence in HR Practices 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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NEW myU SNEAK PEEK: Watch a short video about the homepage for the new myU and learn how the University community will use some of its features. Part of the [Enterprise Systems Upgrade Program \(ESUP\)](#), the new myU portal will help faculty, staff, and students be successful in getting their work done at the U.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events**CROOKSTON:**

UMC'S [COLLEGE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL'S \(UMC-CIHS\) annual workshop](#) will take place June 2. Through National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships accreditation, the campus will host nearly 90 CIHS Instructors, as well as counselors and principals from nearly 42 participating school districts. The event connects high school partners with on-campus faculty in peer-to-peer faculty engagement, professional development, and program updates and oversight.

[CAMPS-2-CAREERS HEALTH CAREERS EXPLORATION CAMP](#) will take place June 3-5 on the Crookston campus. The residential camp is a collaborative effort among the NW MN Area Health Education Center (AHEC), the University of Minnesota Crookston, RiverView Health Care Association, and local providers.

[FACULTY AND STAFF RECOGNIZED during Faculty and Staff Day](#) included Terrill Bradford, instructor in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department, Distinguished Teaching; Linnea Barton, master tutor, Distinguished Civil Service/Bargaining Unit; and Chris Winjum, assistant to the chancellor, Distinguished P&A. Also recognized were those reaching years of service milestones and retirements.

DULUTH:

JILL DOERFLER, associate professor, Department of American Indian Studies, and her colleagues recently donated the royalties from their book *Centering Anishinaabeg Studies: Understanding the World through Stories* to the Enweyang Ojibwe Language Nest. Located on the UMD campus, the Language Nest provides children, ages 33 months to five years, with instruction taught through the Ojibwe language in all areas, including core literacy, science, math, music, and art. For more information, see [Enweyang](#).

GLENSHEEN, the historic Congdon estate on the shores of Lake Superior, is celebrating 35 years as a house museum. To mark the anniversary, the estate is offering free standard house tours on [Community Day](#), May 22. Arrive early, as tickets are limited.

[NORTHEASTERN MINNESOTA BOOK AWARDS \(NEMBA\)](#) will take place May 22, Kirby Ballroom. Awards are given in five categories: poetry, fiction, general nonfiction, memoir/creative nonfiction, and children's literature. This year's keynote speaker will be Cathy Wurzer, host of *MPR's "Morning Edition"* and author of *Tales of the Road-Highway 61*.

UMD'S LARGE LAKES OBSERVATORY (LLO) will present "[LLO Science Friday](#)" May 30, June 20, July 18, Aug. 22, and Sept. 26, Great Lakes Aquarium, Duluth. The family-friendly event is held aboard UMD's Blue Heron research vessel and features an LLO scientist sharing information about recent global large lake research.

MORRIS:

A [SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE](#) at the University of Minnesota is coming to UMM. The program will be implemented in Morris this fall, thanks to the efforts of Pilar Eble, assistant director of equity, diversity, and intercultural programs, and Viktor Berberi, assistant professor and director of the Hasselmo Language Teaching Center.

BRENDON FOSS '14, HANCOCK, MN, AND ABBY FRAGODT '14, BENSON, MN, have been named [Upper Midwest Athletic Conference \(UMAC\) 2014 Scholar Athletes of the Year](#). Foss is the Cougars' first male winner; Fragodt the third female. They are part of the seventh group to win the UMAC Scholar-Athlete Leadership Award since its inception in 2008.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2014 [SYMPOSIUM ON SMALL TOWNS](#), "Understanding Rural Migration: Myths, Trends, and Opportunities Exposed," is open through May 27. The symposium will take place June 4-5, UMM campus. Space is limited, so early [registration is recommended](#).

ROCHESTER:

[UMR CONNECTS](#) will feature a "Cooking and Dining Adventure with Johnny Mango" with Johnny Mangouras, president of Cabernet Catering and Consulting. May 27, 7 p.m., University Square.

TWIN CITIES:**Administrative information**

SUMMER TECHNOLOGY TRAINING SCHEDULE is now available. View a list of course options, including [live online courses](#), at [Technology Training](#). Not seeing a topic you need? More online training videos are available through the U's agreement with Lynda.com at lynda.umn.edu.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

[TURTLE DERBY 2014:](#) 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 on June 26, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Amplatz Children's Hospital plaza. Departments and individuals can register to sponsor a turtle beginning May 27 and ending June 6. Cost: \$30 for an individual or family; \$75 for a department.

THE BELL SOCIAL, featuring a unique evening of art, science, and music, will take place May 30, 7-10:30 p.m., Bell Museum. The popular evening series will include the debut of works by spring 2014 McKnight-funded Artist in Residence Andy Ducett, culinary creations by Chef Ian Gray of The Gray House, a dessert and cash bar, live music, a mini Café Scientifique program, special screenings of ExploraDome planetarium programs, and after-hours access to all exhibits, including *Audubon and the Art of Birds*. For tickets and more information, see [Bell Social](#).

[THE U & BREW III](#) will take place June 3, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Campus Club. Guests will include University researchers and U business and industry partners, as well as select local breweries offering samples of their best and newest products. Attendees are given six tickets and a tasting glass, and appetizers including brats, soft pretzels, U of M cheeses, and other beer compatible morsels. Open to faculty, staff, Campus Club members, and the general public.

EARLY LEARNING ADDS UP, a panel discussion hosted by the Heller-Hurwicz Economics Institute, will feature economics and policy experts Libby Doggett, early learning deputy assistant secretary at the U.S. Department of Education; Art Rolnick, senior fellow and codirector of the Human Capital Research Collaborative, Humphrey School of Affairs; and Aaron Sojourner, assistant professor, Carlson School of Management. Free, but [registration is required](#). June 5, 5:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School.

U SPATIAL SUMMER BOOT CAMP, a 10-day geospatial workshop, will cover desktop and web GIS, cartography, remote sensing, GPS, and LiDAR. Emphasis will be on foundational skills in gathering, creating, managing, analyzing, and communicating spatial data, as well as geospatial topics and techniques as they relate to commercial imagery and the polar regions. Sponsored by U-Spatial and the Polar Geospatial Center. July 21-Aug. 1. For an application and more information, see [U Spatial Boot Camp](#).

SUMMER SHORT COURSES AND ONE DAY IMMERSIONS are offered through the College of Continuing Education. Offerings include Monarchs in Minnesota: Understanding an Iconic Insect; Caving in the Twin Cities; The Chemistry of Taste: Exploring Food and Wine Pairings; Your Sustainable Home Landscape: Designing Gardens; Churches of Minnesota; Exploring Relationships: Loneliness, Social Interaction, and Health; and more. For a complete schedule and course registration, see [LearningLife Summer Events](#).

MORE EVENTS include The Lunch Box at WAM ([May 21](#)); The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra in concert ([May 25](#)); *Vietnam: A Window to War* ([May 27](#)); OED Certificate Workshop 2: Leadership in the Context of Equity & Diversity ([May 28](#)); Monarch Larva Monitoring Project Training ([May 31](#)); Who is contaminating your lunch? A national security perspective ([June 3](#)); American Hustle Scotch Tasting ([June 11](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

THE [BOARD OF REGENTS](#) will review and act on the U of M capital improvement budget at its June 12-13 meeting. The budget includes \$119.4 million in funding allocated by the Minnesota Legislature: Renovations to Tate Laboratory and the UMC wellness center received full funding; HEAPR projects, the aquatic invasive species and bee laboratories, and a new chemical sciences and advanced materials building on the UMD campus received partial funding. The Board will also act on President Kaler's recommended FY15 operating budget, which freezes tuition for resident undergraduates, commits to more than \$20 million in administrative cost savings, and invests more than \$23 million in academics.

Features

FEATURE: Green Line Light Rail begins service on June 14. It will link downtown St. Paul to downtown Minneapolis and run through the heart of the UMTC campus. For more information, read "[Wait for it... The Green Line is here.](#)"

FEATURE: The U's apple breeding program burst onto the global scene with the release of the Honeycrisp apple in 1991. It hasn't slowed down since. For more information, read "[The apple, rebooted.](#)"

FEATURE: Researchers track diets through time and space in search of the reasons for Minnesota's vanishing moose. For more information, read "[Now you see them.](#)"

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Institute on the Environment (IonE) current Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer Lewis Gilbert has been appointed as interim director; former state Sen. Ellen Anderson will head the newly created U of M Energy Transition Lab; U of M Department of Art Professors Lamar Peterson and Tetsuya Yamada are recipients of the 2014-15 McKnight Artist Fellowships for Visual Artists; 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 OF M HAS HIRED](#) the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs, Inc. to logistically manage an inquiry into current policies, practices, and oversight of clinical research on human subjects as called for in a resolution issued by the U of M Faculty Senate. AAHRPP, an independent, nonprofit accrediting body internationally recognized as an organization that sets the highest quality and ethical standards for human protections in research programs, will manage a team of external, independent experts to conduct the inquiry, including Melissa Frumin (Harvard Medical School), Joan Rachlin (former executive director, Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research), and Jeremy Sugarman (Johns Hopkins University).

Award and funding opportunities

APPLICATIONS FOR THE [JURAN FELLOWSHIP AWARD](#) will be accepted through July 11. The Joseph M. Juran Center for Research in Supply Chain, Operations, and Quality at the Carlson School will award the \$10,000 fellowship to a doctoral student whose thesis research contributes to the study of process excellence and quality in their chosen field. Any candidate intending to apply must email the [Juran Center](#) by June 16.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

SEMINAR: [STATISTICAL GUIDELINES FOR PILOT STUDIES](#), sponsored by the Clinical and Translational Science Institute, will take place June 24, noon-1 p.m., 717 Delaware St., Room 105. Participants will learn what is meant by "feasibility," how large a pilot study should be, what data is most useful for a full-scale study proposal, and more. RSVP by June 23 to ctsieduc@umn.edu to reserve a lunch, or join remotely via [UMConnect](#). The seminar is part of an ongoing series that assists junior faculty with developing strong applications for NIH extramural funding and [CTSI-Ed career development programs](#).

SUMMER AT THE U OF M LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM includes something for everyone, from glass in the gardens to botanic art and butterflies. Feature events include Weekly Music in the Gardens, Yoga in the Gardens, the annual Toast & Taste garden party, a garden art crawl, and more. For more information, see [Arboretum Events](#).

CROOKSTON:

RURAL DESIGN CONFERENCE: [Thriving by Design II: Achieving Rural-Urban Economic and Community Health](#) will take place on the Crookston campus July 30-31. The conference will explore design thinking and practice, applying the technique to specific issues on the rural landscape: nature-based recreation, food systems, and the role of Extension.

THE CROOKSTON CAMPUS WELLNESS CENTER received full funding in the Minnesota Legislature's bonding bill. [Next steps for the center](#) include finalizing the design by late 2014.

DULUTH:

THE TWEED MUSEUM OF ART'S new exhibit, "[Engagement and Transcendence](#)," explores the work of Sister Mary Charles McGough. As an artist, she is best known for her woodcuts and icons. As a teacher, she introduced hundreds of Duluth children to creative visual expression.

THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION has named UMD a [Gold Level Fit-Friendly Worksite](#). UMD was also honored for Worksite Innovation, having developed and launched a number of programs and workshops that focus on such topics as healthy eating, financial health, parenting, and disease management.

[UMD HAS BEEN NAMED ONE OF THE BEST COLLEGES FOR SUMMER SCHOOL](#) by Collegechoice.net, noting Duluth's "ideal blend of natural and urban attractions."

MORRIS:

[UMM HAS RECEIVED A 2014 CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AWARD](#). Sponsored by Second Nature, the awards are presented annually to American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment signatory institutions that demonstrate innovative and advanced leadership in education for sustainability and climate mitigation and adaptation. UMM was the only baccalaureate college selected.

[GWEN RUDNEY](#), professor of education, concluded her 20th year as chair of the Minnesota Teacher of the Year selection panel. The experience has enriched both Rudney's career and those of current and former UMM students.

THE [RODNEY A. BRIGGS LIBRARY](#) is [one of 73 institutions selected](#) to take part in the Association of College & Research Libraries Assessment in Action program. Results from this project will be used to improve the quality of its library instruction program.

UMM IS HOSTING [SUMMER CAMPS FOR YOUTH ATHLETES](#). Cougar coaches and special guests will help campers improve their soccer, volleyball, and basketball skills. Camps are available for students entering grades 4-12 and include women's soccer (July 31-Aug. 2), women's volleyball (July 27-29; July 28-30), and youth basketball (Aug. 4-7).

ROCHESTER:

THE [UMR CONNECTS SPEAKER SERIES](#) MOVES OUTDOORS to the Peace Plaza in order to enjoy the summer nights. The June theme is "Performing Live" and will be headlined by the premier rock band of the U.S. Air Force, "Max Impact," on June 24. The band's six members perform exciting classic and current rock and country hits, as well as patriotic favorites and original music. Events will continue on the Peace Plaza through Aug. 26. Free and open to the public.

TWIN CITIES:

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[THE WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE \(WLI\)](#) is [accepting applications](#). WLI is a selected cohort of University women who meet monthly to learn about and cultivate leadership skills via guest speakers, reflection, and peer mentoring. Application deadline: June 27. Activities begin Sept. 19. WLI is open to women systemwide. WLI is facilitated by the Women's Center and the Aurora Center for Advocacy and Education.

[DASH GRADUATE STUDENT SUMMER CAMP](#) is a hands-on, intensive training for graduate students who want to integrate digital technologies (data visualization, crowdsourcing, mapping, and more) into teaching and research, with the goal of expanding possibilities in coursework, projects, and careers. Previous experience is welcome, but not necessary. Application Deadline: June 15. Camp takes place Aug. 18-22.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

UMTC IS A HUB FOR THE NORTHERN SPARK ALL-NIGHT ARTS FESTIVAL that will take place June 14-15. University department participants include the Institute for Advanced Study, Northrop, Weisman Art Museum, Bell Museum of Natural History, Katherine E. Nash Gallery, U of M Department of Art, and University Dining Services. For more locations and events, see [Northern Spark at the U of M](#).

[REGISTER](#) FOR THE [2014 COMMUNICATORS FORUM CONFERENCE](#) to hone your craft with a day of professional development and networking opportunities. This year's conference features three keynotes: Ellen Lupton: curator, author, teacher, designer; Dessa: singer, writer, rapper, and producer; and Joyce Award winner and visual artist Seitzi Jones. The conference includes breakfast, lunch, door prizes, keynotes, and breakout sessions on a wide variety of communications issues and trends. Each attendee will also receive a copy of Dessa's new album, *Parts of Speech*. June 19, Carlson School of Management.

[THE SHELTERING NATURE EXHIBITION AND SALE AT THE BELL MUSEUM](#) will feature a group of 21 regional artists calling attention to the preservation and restoration of natural areas. Up to 20 percent of the proceeds of artwork sales will be donated to support natural areas in Minnesota and Wisconsin. The exhibit will be presented in two parts: The first half is ongoing through July 12. The second half runs July 20-Aug. 31, with a reception scheduled July 27, 1-4 p.m.

THE CAMPUS CLUB IS OPEN TO NONMEMBERS FOR [HAPPY HOUR](#) THIS SUMMER. All U faculty, staff, and guests are welcome during summer happy hours, weekdays through Aug. 29, from 3 to 6 p.m. Food and beverage specials are available Mon.-Wed.

U LIBRARIES OFFERS FREE WORKSHOPS AND CONSULTATIONS on topics such as Organizing Your PDFs, RefWorks, Zotero, Formatting your Dissertations in Word, and more. Library staff and librarians are here to help. [Set up a consultation](#) to learn about ways the U Libraries can support you or register for a [free workshop](#).

MORE EVENTS include OED Certificate Workshop 3: Working Effectively in Groups & Diversity Committees ([June 12](#)); U-Spatial's Web Mapping 101: Creating Online Maps ([June 13](#)); Exhibit opening: *Vanished Landscapes* ([June 17](#)); OED Certificate Workshop 4: Communicating on Issues of Equity and Diversity ([June 18](#)); Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus presents The Big Gay Sing! ([June 21](#)); *Ink: Zen or Revolution* ([June 24](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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- Board of Regents June meeting highlights.
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TOP NEWS:

THE [BOARD OF REGENTS](#) approved the U of M capital improvement budget at its June 13 meeting. The Board also approved the U's FY15 operating budget, which freezes tuition for resident undergraduates and professional resident and non-resident students in the Medical School and College of Veterinary Medicine, commits to more than \$20 million in administrative cost savings, and invests more than \$23 million in faculty hires, classroom and lab upgrades, instructional and student support, and academic support.

Features

FEATURE: We know highly creative people and those with schizophrenia share many genes. U student Rachel Grazioplene is using what we know about apophenia--the ability to connect unrelated details--to find how traits in the brains of healthy people protect them from developing mental illness. For more information, read "[How chaos may be organized.](#)"

FEATURE: When his graduate student Adam Steiner walked in and announced, "My rats are expressing regret," neuroscience professor David Redish responded along the lines of, "You've got to be kidding." But indeed, it seems rats that passed up a short wait at one feeding station only to encounter a much longer wait at the next showed evidence of regret. For more information, read "[Rat regret informs decision research.](#)"

FEATURE: University research drives scientific and technological advances that address critical global challenges and improve the health and well-being of society. Hear from three U of M researchers about why they are inspired to be part of a university research community in the video, "[Why University research?](#)"

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: Professor Ann Masten has been named Regents Professor, the highest honor the U of M bestows on faculty; the U has been awarded a \$12 million DOE grant to lead a research center aimed at accelerating scientific breakthroughs in energy research; the U has received an NSF grant aimed at helping science and engineering students and faculty identify the commercial potential of their discoveries; OVPR has recognized U of M faculty who have recently acquired patents; CLA interim dean Raymond Duvall will receive the International Studies Association's Distinguished Scholar award; Gayle Woodruff has been awarded the Marita Houlihan Award for Distinguished Contributions to the Field of International Education; the U.S. Geological Survey has named an Antarctic mountain in honor of adjunct professor Akhouri Sinha; Classroom Technical Services has received a \$25,000 AMX Innovation Award for innovative collaboration practices in higher education for its design of the College of Pharmacy's Active Learning and Interactive Video Environment; nine current interdisciplinary graduate groups have been awarded funding through a spring 2014 competition; Michael Goh will join the Office for Equity and Diversity as its associate vice provost; 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 NEW BLOG EXPLORES THE IMPACT OF UNIVERSITY RESEARCH. Launched by the Office for the Vice President for Research, the new blog, [Inquiry](#), explores the impact of U research through thought-provoking and visually engaging content. *Inquiry* is designed to promote U of M research excellence and tap into the collective knowledge of our communities to generate and share new ideas on university research, innovation, partnerships, and university-wide collaboration.

WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS: Congress has approved a bill that launched the Pilot Program for Enhancement of Contractor Employee Whistleblower Protections. All faculty, staff, and students working on a federal grant should learn more at [Whistleblower Pilot Program](#).

ESUP UPDATE: [UM Reports will not go away](#) as part of the Enterprise Systems Upgrade Program (ESUP); however, U faculty and staff will access reports contained in UM Reports differently, using a new Reporting Center that will be available through the myU Portal in spring 2015. Email questions about ESUP to esup@umn.edu.

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT recently launched "[HR Stars](#)," an advance-team strategy to provide local system support in academic and administrative units systemwide.

Award and funding opportunities

A NEW RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY FOR PRE-AND POSTDOC TRAINEES is available through the Clinical and Translational Science Institute's [Translational Research Development Program \(TRDP\)](#) program. TRDP helps health sciences trainees gain clinical and translational research experience by providing them with up to \$16,000 in research funds, mentorship, seminars, and more. In addition, a career development infrastructure supports investigator success with a goal of securing publication in a peer-reviewed journal. Letters of intent are due by July 8, 5 p.m.

NOMINATION INFORMATION FOR THE [2015-17 McKNIGHT LAND-GRANT PROFESSORSHIP AWARDS](#) is now available. The program seeks to advance the careers of promising junior faculty members who are at the beginning stages of their professional careers, and who have the potential to make significant contributions to their departments and scholarly fields. The nomination deadline is Oct. 28. Learn more about [recent recipients of the award](#). For more information, email [Chris Bremer](mailto:Chris.Bremer) or call 612-625-6176.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE U OF M LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM WILL HOST TOAST & TASTE IN THE GARDENS, featuring fresh local flavors from Minnesota eateries, as well as regional wines and beers, on July 16. The party starts at 6 p.m. for the early-admission patron event (\$125); general admission begins at 7 p.m. (\$75). All proceeds benefit the arboretum. For reservations and more information, call 612-625-9875 or see [Toast & Taste](#).

CROOKSTON:

[MARK OLSONAWSKI SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT](#) will take place June 26, Two Rivers Golf Club. Registration begins at 9 a.m., tee-off at 10 a.m. A social and awards program will follow at 4 p.m. Cost: \$40 per person. The style of play is 18-hole Texas scramble, teams of four.

[NORTHWEST SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE \(NWSA\) ALUMNI REUNION](#) will take place June 28. The NWSA, a predecessor of the U of M Crookston, was a residential agricultural high school from 1906 to 1968.

DULUTH:

JOSH HAMILTON has joined UMD as the [new dean of the Swenson College of Science and Engineering](#). Previously, Hamilton was the chief academic and scientific officer at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA, where he served from 2008 to 2013. In this role, he oversaw five research centers and programs and all educational and outreach programs.

THE UMD DEPARTMENT OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS has received [four "Best of" awards](#) from the National Association of Collegiate Marketing Administrators. Two gold awards, one silver, and one bronze were presented for exemplary marketing and fan-experience efforts in the 2013-14 sports season.

THE MASTER OF TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE PROGRAM will be available to a national audience in fall 2014 when it is offered for the first time online. The program, the only one of its kind in the U.S., focuses on best management practices for tribal governments and was developed through extensive consultations with tribal administrators, tribal leaders, and tribal organizations. [Registration is accepted through August](#).

[GLENSHEEN](#), the historic Congdon estate on the shores of Lake Superior, offers free outdoor concerts each Wednesday in July at 7 p.m. BYOC--Bring Your Own Chair. Mansion tours may be purchased up until 7 p.m.

MORRIS:

[THE UMM CLASS OF 1964](#) and friends returned for the campus's inaugural 50th reunion. The first of its kind, the reunion marks an important milestone for UMM. In addition to providing alumni the chance to reconnect and reminisce, it offers them the opportunity to establish a new campus tradition and to relish a moment in time.

[MORRIS HEALTHY EATING](#) has emphasized environmental changes and policy approaches to improve Stevens County's food environment over the last five years. By doing so, it has not only increased access to and availability of healthy foods, but also reduced overweight and obesity rates. University of Minnesota student health researchers note that there is clearly something unique happening in Morris.

ROCHESTER:

SCOTT SIMPKINS has been [awarded a prestigious National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship](#). The award will support Simpkins for three years, beginning in summer 2014. The highly competitive program "recognizes outstanding graduate students" pursuing graduate degrees in STEM fields.

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[SHARE THE AIR SMOKE- AND TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS POLICY](#) begins July 1. Celebrate fresh air at the Share the Air Fresh Air Fair July 1, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Northrop Plaza. Free shaved ice, pinwheels, outdoor activities, special guests, and, most importantly, fresh air.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

A PUBLIC MEMORIAL FOR U.S. REP. JIM OBERSTAR is scheduled for June 26, 2:30-4 p.m., Humphrey School of Public Affairs. Oberstar served the 8th Congressional District from 1975 to 2011, and died last month at the age of 79. The Humphrey School memorial is one of three scheduled this week around Minnesota. [Registration is requested](#).

THE CIVIL SERVICE/BARGAINING UNIT WOMEN'S ACTION NETWORK year-end retreat will take place July 11, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 116 Armory. Those unable to attend the entire event are encouraged to join in a special session titled "Addressing Bullying Behavior in the Workplace," 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. RSVP to [Mary Austin](#) if you plan to attend.

"HOW TO BE OUTRAGEOUS," a workshop sponsored by the Women's Center, will take place July 15, 8:30 a.m.-noon, 101 Walter Library. To be outrageous is defined as exceeding the bounds of the expected, to be unconventional, and to challenge accepted standards. Participants will actively think about how they are outrageous, gain some ideas for increasing self-confidence and confidence of others, and commit to taking some action for continued positive change and outrageousness. [Registration is requested](#).

MORE EVENTS include Smart Clothing: Wearable Technology ([June 26](#)); *Ink: Zen or Revolution* ([June 27](#)); Ray LaMontagne ([June 28](#)); OED Certificate Workshop 8: Breaking the Glass Ceiling: Making the Case for Women's Equity ([June 30](#)); MOVE LIVE ON TOUR ([July 9](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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- Board of Regents meet July 9.
- Features: Chemists turn key to new energy future; New Regents Professor Ann Masten.
- People: The Office of the Vice President for Research has announced the recipients of the Research Infrastructure Reinvestment Program; and more.

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TOP NEWS:

THE [BOARD OF REGENTS](#) will hear an annual update from the U of M Alumni Association at the Board's July 9 meeting, beginning at 12:15 p.m. In addition, Gopher Athletics Director Norwood Teague will highlight key successes in his annual update to the Board. Other agenda items include the evolving national landscape of intercollegiate athletics, and a review and action on a contract extension for U of M President Eric Kaler, whose current contract expires June 2015.

Features

FEATURE: U chemists explain new reaction, demonstrating how quantum mechanics can help design more energy-efficient catalysts. For more information, read "[Chemists turn key to new energy future.](#)"

FEATURE: New Regents Professor Ann Masten works tirelessly to help children adapt to adverse circumstances. For more information, read "[A child's best friend.](#)"

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: The Office of the Vice President for Research has announced the recipients of the Research Infrastructure Reinvestment Program; the University of Minnesota Informatics Institute has announced the recipients of the Transdisciplinary Research Fellowship; the Institute on the Environment has awarded four new Project Grants to faculty around the University; 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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LEARN MORE ABOUT THE STRENGTHSQUEST PROGRAM, strengths-based philosophy, your own "Top 5," and how to use the StrengthsQuest program with students, faculty, and staff at an [Introduction to Strengths-Based Education](#), July 24, 114 STSS, UMTC East Bank campus. For registration and more information, see [Strengths](#).

Award and funding opportunities

THE OFFICE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION (EOAA) invites nominees for the [Lillian H. Williams Award](#). Nominees can be individuals or units that have shown commitment to equal opportunity and affirmative action by educating the community on issues and topics related to equity, diversity, and the struggle against discrimination and harassment; or individuals and units that show deep involvement in an initiative that supports EOAA's goal of promoting a thriving University culture. Email a one-page nomination to [Nancy Xiong](mailto:Nancy.Xiong) by July 28. The recipient will be announced Oct. 27 at the EOAA Fall Liaison Conference.

CROOKSTON:

UMC AND THE U OF M SCHOOL OF NURSING have signed a memorandum of understanding to develop a framework of cooperation regarding enrollment of qualified UMC graduates in the U of M's Master of Nursing program. UMC will support the recruitment and collaborative advising of students interested in and preparing for the program in coordination with the Office of Student and Career Advancement Services.

UMC UNIVERSITY RELATIONS WILL HAVE A BOOTH AT THE POLK COUNTY FAIR JULY 10-13, Fertile, MN. Individuals from University Relations and Development and Alumni Relations will staff the booth, which is open from noon to 6:30 p.m. each day. Additional faculty, staff, and alumni volunteers are welcome to help staff the booth in two- or three-hour shifts. Email [Andrew Svec](mailto:Andrew.Svec) or call 218-281-8438 to volunteer.

DULUTH:

JAMES G. BOULGER, director of the Center for Rural Mental Health Studies and a faculty member at the U of M Medical School in Duluth, has received the [Rural Health Hero award](#) from the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Rural Health Association. The award honors his more than 40 years of educating and mentoring family medicine physicians. The Duluth campus produces the largest percentage of rural physicians and family medicine physicians in the nation.

UMD DEPARTMENT OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS has received [four "Best of" awards](#) from the National Association of Collegiate Marketing Administrators for marketing and fan-experience work during the 2013-14 sports season. The department received a gold award for Sponsorship Activation; a gold for its 2013 football schedule promotional poster; a silver for its Penalty Box t-shirt, designed by graphic design student A. J. Liskiewicz; and a bronze for a new revenue-generating idea.

[FOUR IN-DEPTH PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES ON HOW TO MARKET ONLINE](#) are the latest online offerings from UMD Continuing Education. The certificates are Social Media & Mobile Marketing; Search Marketing; Paid Search; and Digital Analytics and Conversion. Individuals who complete one or more of these certificates will be certified by OMCP (Online Marketing Certified Professionals).

THE LABOVITZ SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS will hold an MBA program information session and open house July 10, noon-1 p.m., LSBE 160. The program is designed for working adults and features evening and weekend classes. An [RSVP is appreciated](#), as a light lunch will be served.

MORRIS:

UMM IS FEATURED IN THE [FISKE GUIDE TO COLLEGES 2015](#). The guidebook delivers an insider's look at the academic climates and the social and extracurricular scenes at the "best and most interesting" schools in the United States, Canada, and Great Britain. This is the fourth consecutive year in which UMM has been included in the guide.

UMM'S [CITIZENS' CLIMATE LOBBY](#) (CCL) chapter is celebrating its first year on campus. One of the first in rural Minnesota, UMM's group was formed by National Wildlife Federation Campus Ecology Fellow Tim Sheehan '16, Minneapolis. As part of the larger organization, this CCL chapter focuses primarily on environmental issues affecting Minnesota's farming regions.

[UMM HAS INSTALLED A NEW SCULPTURE](#) in the Welcome Center's Legacy Courtyard. Created by Chicago-based artist Plamen Yordanov, the piece commemorates two distinct eras of campus history and is part of a larger initiative to revitalize the courtyard space. A dedication of the sculpture is planned for July 19.

ROCHESTER:

A GROUP OF UMR STUDENTS, led by faculty members Yuko Taniguchi (writing) and James Ford (humanities), took its education overseas for a course titled [Philosophies of Wellness: Holistic Healing in Japan](#). For three weeks, the group toured Japan, from Tokyo to Otsuchi--where the 2011 tsunami hit--with an objective to understand the concept of "wellness" and the different aspects of Japanese culture that promote wellness.

TWIN CITIES:

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THE APPLICATION TO HOST AN OUTDOOR EVENT ON UMTC CAMPUSES IS NOW ONLINE. Submit an online outdoor space application by first requesting an account at [Student Unions & Activities](#). The space is confirmed upon delivery of an approved Outdoor Space Permit. For more information, email odspace@umn.edu or attend a training session to learn more about [planning outdoor events](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

[THE FARMERS MARKET RETURNS JULY 9](#), marking its 10th year. Free veggie scrub brushes will be distributed on opening day (quantities are limited, so arrive early). The market takes place every Wednesday, rain or shine, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., on the Church Street pedestrian mall. Bring cash as well as reusable shopping bags for locally grown produce, berries, fresh flowers, and more. The market is also an opportunity to visit with U of M Wellness Program partners Boynton Health Service, Parking and Transportation, Campus Club, University Recreation & Wellness, U Card Office, and University Dining Services.

[RECEPTION AND FILM SCREENINGS](#) for U Libraries "Labor in the Eyes of Artists" exhibit will take place July 10, 4-7:30 p.m., 4th floor Wilson Library. Featured films include *The Wobblies* and *Artists at Work: A Film on the New Deal Art Projects*. The exhibit features artist zines, posters, and text/image formats that explore issues of social justice and promote social change.

WORKSHOP: "Addressing Bullying Behavior in the Workplace" will take place as part of the Civil Service and Bargaining Unit Women's Action Network Planning Retreat, July 11, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 116 Armory. RSVP to [Mary Austin](mailto:Mary.Austin) and indicate whether you plan to attend just the workshop (11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.), or the full retreat.

THE HENNEPIN COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS 2014 LEARNING GARDEN TOUR will take place July 12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The tour will feature eight beautiful gardens in Northeast, Southeast, and Longfellow neighborhoods of Minneapolis. Each garden is designed and maintained by U of M Extension Master Gardeners. For tickets and more information, see [Learning Garden Tour](#).

THE [McNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM](#) will host a [poster presentation and reception](#) for student scholars July 31, 2-4 p.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union. The program seeks to increase doctoral program application, matriculation, and degree attainment by underrepresented and first-generation college students.

[THE OTHER SIDE OF POVERTY IN SCHOOLS](#) is a one-day workshop for teachers, administrators, counselors, and teacher educators to learn about the five principles for change to better meet the needs of working-class and poor students, develop research-based teaching practices, and take away classroom ideas. Taught by curriculum and instruction professor Beth Vagle. Cost: \$75 for faculty and staff; \$25-\$50 for students. Email [Colleen Clements](mailto:Colleen.Clements) for the discounted rate. Aug. 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., North Star Ballroom, St. Paul Student Center.

"[ESTAR EN EL PRAIRIE](#)," the new installation in the Institute on the Environment's [Commons Meeting & Art Space](#), is a montage of Latino immigrants to western Minnesota photographed in their work, home, or school environment, holding a written message about themselves and their lives.

[LEARNINGLIFE SUMMER COURSES](#) are now available for registration. Upcoming topics include the history of working-class and poor students, how to turn your personal stories into written work, and more. U of M staff receive a 10 percent discount on LearningLife summer courses.

MORE EVENTS include Flying with Northwest Airlines in the Age of Luxury and Innovation ([July 10](#)); The Teddy Bear Band ([July 12](#)); Public Symposium: Ink: Zen or Revolution (Day One) ([July 12](#)); Auxiliary Private Garden Tours ([July 15](#)); OED Certificate Workshop 7: Race, Racism, and Privilege ([July 16](#)); Toast & Taste in the Gardens ([July 16](#)); From Rails to Rubber Tires: The Streetcar Era in the Twin Cities ([July 17](#)); Jazz on the Prairie ([July 20](#)); OED Certificate Workshop 6: Educating about Equity & Diversity: Facilitating Challenging Conversations ([July 23](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

THE [BOARD OF REGENTS](#) heard an annual update from the U of M Alumni Association and, separately, from Gopher Athletics during its July meeting. In addition, the board discussed the current environment and future of college athletics, acted on a resolution related to the U's new approach to engagement efforts for the neighborhoods surrounding the Minneapolis campus, approved the purchase of two vacant lots north of UMTC's Intercampus Transitway and Metro Transit Green Line, and approved an amendment to U President Eric Kaler's current contract, which ends in June 2015, as well as a five-year extension.

Features

FEATURE: The evidence of air pollution in China is jarring at best. At worst, it's toxic. Worldwide, air pollution is to blame for about 7 million deaths every year. Professor David Pui and fellow faculty members are working with colleagues at the Institute of Earth Environment of the Chinese Academy of Sciences to address the health effects of air pollution. For more information, read "[Lifting the Smog](#)."

FEATURE: Jian-Ping Wang has developed a tool for fast, accurate early disease detection through a simple blood test. The technology moved closer to becoming a reality in March, when the U helped form a startup company called Zepto Life Technology to make Wang's invention portable, inexpensive, and available across the world. Wang is responsible for 39 invention disclosures at the U of M and 28 patents. For more information, read "[Fast, accurate early disease detection](#)."

FEATURE: UMD Pharmacy student Julie Corradi is dedicated to halting the misuse and abuse of prescription drugs. For more information, read "[Popping the myths of prescription pills](#)."

FEATURE: Five College of Design students can lay claim to something typically reserved for astronauts--they've floated freely, in zero gravity, miles above earth. The students are the first non-engineering all-female team to participate in NASA's "Microgravity U." For more information, read "[Upward and Onward](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: The Office of the Vice President for Research has announced award recipients of the MnDRIVE Transdisciplinary Research Program; more than \$3 million has been awarded to 17 projects in the first round of MnDRIVE Global Food Ventures funding; Professor Zhi-Quan (Tom) Luo has been elected to the Royal Society of Canada, the highest honor for a scholar or artist in Canada; 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 RESEARCH TOOL i2b2 HAS EXPANDED to include searches based on lab tests and medications. i2b2 now includes functionality to enable researchers to determine the feasibility of their study by finding the number of patients in the Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) clinical data repository who match study criteria based on lab tests and medications. i2b2 is a free, web-based tool that researchers and their staff can run on their own with minimal training and start-up effort. For more information, see [i2b2 expands](#) or email ics@umn.edu.

CTSI HAS EXPANDED ITS CLINICAL RESEARCH COORDINATOR (CRC) ORIENTATION PROGRAM by adding a [new course about recruiting and retaining research participants](#), an online forum for the CRC community, and digital badges.

THE POWELL CENTER FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH AND THE MASONIC CANCER CENTER seek poster abstracts for the annual [Women's Health Research Conference: Updates on Women's Cancer Research](#), Sept. 29, McNamara Alumni Center. The deadline for award consideration and oral presentation is July 28.

A NEW PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR FACULTY will tackle "The Art and Craft of Facilitating Learning Spaces." The three-day master class will help faculty explore experiential ways of learning to inspire and facilitate creativity and innovation in teaching. Oct. 22-24, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., College of Design Travelers Innovation Lab, 110 Northrop. Cost: \$125. For registration and more information, see [Innovation in Teaching](#).

CROOKSTON:

THE DOCUMENTARY *IF YOU BUILD IT* will have a [free public screening](#) July 30, 8:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. Presented as part of the Rural Design Conference, the film chronicles two designers as they lead ten teens through a year-long design project that generates new hope in their rural North Carolina town. Presented by U of M Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships.

THE FRANK W. VEDEN CHARITABLE TRUST has made a \$100,000 contribution to the University of Minnesota Crookston. The gift, given in memory of the late Ken Broin, who served as its lead trustee for more than a decade, will benefit business students on the Crookston campus through the establishment of the [Ken Broin Scholarship](#).

SOD HOUSE THEATER AND CROOKSTON AREA COMMUNITY PERFORMERS will present an [outdoor production of Peer Gynt](#), a magical Norwegian fairy tale by Henrik Ibsen. July 25, 7 p.m., and July 26, 1 p.m.

"[FRESH VOICES](#)" is a digital arts project dedicated to the creation of photographs, videos, and writing pieces that publicly acknowledge and celebrate the voice of Latinos living in the rural community of Crookston, MN. An associated digital art camp will be on campus through July 25, and at the Crookston Public Library through Aug. 1.

DULUTH:

[A RECENT SURVEY OF THE UMD CLASS OF 2013](#) has found that 95 percent of respondents are employed or continuing their studies. The report was based on responses from 1,792 graduates (90 percent of the reported 1,982 undergraduate students granted degrees between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013). The survey was compiled by the office of Career and Internship Services.

A [NEW REPORT OUTLINES THE PROGRESS](#) made since UMD completed an all-campus strategic plan in 2011. The report highlights a number of significant initiatives and projects that were launched as a result of the initial strategic plan work.

[ROBERT W. STERNER](#) has been named the new director of the Large Lakes Observatory and a member of the faculty in the UMD Department of Biology. He comes to UMD from UMTC, where he has served in several capacities since 1994: associate professor, professor, and head of the Department of Ecology, Evolution and Behavior.

[SCOTT "HONEY BEAR" HANNA](#), who was a player, coach, or staff member at UMD for over 40 years, was inducted into the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Hall of Fame on July 9. He first joined the Bulldog family in fall, 1968 as an offensive lineman and went on to serve in a number of capacities, including head baseball coach, assistant football coach, and athletic department equipment manager.

MORRIS:

UMM RECENTLY HOSTED THE [WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE \(WCSA\) ALL-SCHOOL REUNION](#). The reunion is an annual event on the campus, former home of the WCSA. It is a cherished tradition that provides opportunities for WCSA "Aggies" to share memories and reunite with friends. During the reunion, UMM also dedicated a [sculpture](#) installed in its Legacy Courtyard last month.

UMM'S [SIGMA DELTA PI](#) CHAPTER was one of four chapters nationwide chosen to present at the 96th Conference of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese in Panama City, Panama. Members of the chapter's executive board--Amy Grant '14, Katie Jacobson '14, Erica Mumm '14, and Ashley Thorpe '14--attended the conference earlier this month.

ROCHESTER:

[UMR HAS HIRED LORI J. CARRELL](#) as vice chancellor for academic affairs and student development. Carrell previously worked at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, where she played a leadership role directing both the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, a research-based faculty development effort, and the University Studies Program, where she facilitated and implemented a large-scale curricular reform. Carrell will join the UMR leadership team on Aug. 18.

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ALL NEW AND TRANSFER INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ARRIVING for fall 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. ISSS will also coordinate special sessions in August to facilitate the social security number application process for new international students with employment at the U. For more information, email [Audrey Park](mailto:Audrey.Park@umn.edu).

BOYNTON HEALTH SERVICE clinic locations on the East Bank and St. Paul will close at noon on July 30 for an electronic health record system upgrade. Boynton will open on Aug. 4, 10 a.m. To refill a prescription or schedule an appointment, see [Boynton Health](#).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

[THE AMERICAN SOLAR CHALLENGE ENDS AT THE U OF M](#) on July 28 at the Victory Lot near TCF Bank Stadium. Join Golden Gopher and other supporters in cheering on the U of M Solar Vehicle Project team as they cross the finish line in a 1,700-mile, cross-country race against 20 solar cars from around the world. Finish line activities are from 1 to 4 p.m. Most cars are expected to cross the finish line between noon and 2 p.m.

[THE BELL MUSEUM EXHIBIT FEATURING U OF M LION RESEARCH](#) has returned for a summer run through Sept. 7. The exhibit, "The Lion's Mane," has been one of the Bell's most popular, giving the public behind-the-scenes access into University of Minnesota research by Craig Packer and Peyton West.

MORE EVENTS include Maple River Aquaduct Model Open House ([July 24](#)); Ink: Zen or Revolution ([July 25](#)); Summer Chorus Concert ([July 26](#)); See, Shoot, Edit, Share: Photography Fundamentals for the Beginner ([July 30](#)); Summer Orchestra Concert ([July 31](#)); Dining in the Cities ([Aug. 4](#)); OED Certificate Workshop 9: Understanding Disability & Advancing Access ([Aug. 7](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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FEATURE: The U's McNair Scholars program prepares undergraduates like Amber Jones, a senior honors student majoring in African American studies, to enter graduate and Ph.D. programs. For more information, read "[Jump-starting student research](#)."

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: The U's Center for Sustainable Polymers has been awarded a \$20 million NSF grant to pioneer next generation plastics; Jed Elison, assistant professor in the Institute of Child Development, has received the Biobehavioral Research Award for Innovative New Scientists from the National Institute of Mental Health; the American Psychological Foundation has named Professor Emeritus Thomas Bouchard, Jr. its 2014 recipient of the Gold Medal Award for Life Achievement in the Science of Psychology; 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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VETERANS IN GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS ARE NOW ELIGIBLE to receive in-state tuition rates; the change took place Aug. 1. To receive the waiver, students must provide proof of service to [University Veterans Services](#).

THE [2014 EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT SURVEY](#) will include three new questions to gauge the impact of last year's survey and whether employees had the opportunity to review the 2013 results, whether action was taken in response to results, and if they think survey information was used constructively. Nearly 80 [action-planning resources are available](#) to help leaders and groups take action before the next survey in mid-October.

[IMPLEMENTATION OF DRUPAL](#), the U's new enterprise-level web content management system, continues systemwide for departments, academic units, faculty members, and researchers.

Award and funding opportunities

DISTINGUISHED MCKNIGHT UNIVERSITY PROFESSORSHIP AWARDS honor and reward the U's most distinguished and highest-achieving mid-career faculty who have recently attained full professor status--especially those who have made significant advances in their careers at the U of M, whose work and reputation are identified with the U, and whose accomplishments have brought renown and prestige to Minnesota. The nomination deadline for 2015 awards is Feb. 3. For nomination information, see [McKnight](#). For additional information, email [Chris Bremer](mailto:Chris.Bremer) or call 612-625-6176.

APPLY NOW FOR THE [GRANT-IN-AID OF RESEARCH, ARTISTRY, AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM](#), administered by the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR). The program promotes the research, scholarly, and artistic activities of faculty. Proposals must be submitted electronically. Applications are due Sept. 15 to approvers, and by Sept. 18 to OVPR.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

U OF M LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM August events include [Yoga in the Gardens](#), Aug. 7 and 24; [Fire in the Garden: Flatbread on the Grill Artistry](#), Aug. 9; [Art Crawl Through the Gardens](#), Aug. 16-17; and [more events and programs](#).

LEARN HOW TO WRITE EFFECTIVELY FOR SOCIAL MEDIA at the free upcoming webinar presentation, [Writing for Social Media: Tips and Tricks for Effective, Efficient Copy in an Ephemeral Medium](#). Aug. 13, noon-1 p.m.

CROOKSTON:

[2014 OX CART DAYS](#) will kick off with the annual Ice Cream Social Aug. 13, 4-6:30 p.m., Campus Mall. Free ice cream will be served, along with a musical performance by The WoodPicks.

[THE THIRD ANNUAL UMC NIGHT](#), hosted by the Office of Development & Alumni Relations, in collaboration with the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks, will take place Aug. 6, Newman Outdoor Field.

ENTREPRENEURS AND SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS can receive valuable assistance through [an opportunity offered by the Center for Rural Entrepreneurial Studies](#) (CRES) at Crookston. CRES is seeking regional entrepreneurs and small business owners interested in forming a unique partnership that would include valuable consulting services by students under the guidance of qualified faculty.

DULUTH:

UMD FACULTY RECIPIENTS OF THE [2014 IDEA MULTICULTURAL RESEARCH AWARD](#) are: Assistant Professor Jennifer Gomez Menjivar, Foreign Languages and Literature, College of Liberal Arts (CLA); Assistant Professor William Salmon, Writing Studies, CLA; Assistant Professor Lin Xiu, Management Studies, Labovitz School of Business and Economics; and Associate Professor Hairong Feng, Communication Studies, CLA. The Institute for Diversity, Equity, and Advocacy (IDEA) strives to build community and a network among equity and diversity scholars and researchers across the U of M system.

UMD HAS BEEN AWARDED AN [\\$8.97 MILLION GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION](#) to construct a new drilling platform for research in Antarctica. Called the Rapid Access Ice Drill, it will penetrate the Antarctic ice sheets in order to take cores of the deepest ice, sample across the glacial bed, and continue coring into bedrock below. UMD Professor John Goode, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Swenson College of Science and Engineering, will lead the project.

UMD's NATURAL RESOURCES RESEARCH INSTITUTE (NRRI) has [received \\$500,000 from the U's MNDrive Transdisciplinary Research Program](#). The award will implement "Smart Bioremediation Technology" to reduce sulfate concentrations in northeastern Minnesota watersheds. David Hendrickson, NRRI director of strategic development, is the project's principal investigator.

THE LARGE LAKES OBSERVATORY (LLO) celebrates its 20th anniversary with "[The Legacy of Large Lakes: Celebrating a 20-Year Voyage](#)," Aug. 24, Harborside Ballroom, Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center, 350 Harbor Drive. LLO researchers focus on a variety of sciences, including aquatic chemistry, geochemistry, and paleoclimatology. LLO provides research opportunities for graduate students and undergraduates, most recently in Indonesia, Mexico, and Malawi, as well as on Lake Superior.

MORRIS:

THE REMARKABLE OUTCOMES OF UMM'S [MORRIS COLLEGE SUCCESS PROGRAM](#) have earned it two College Success grants from the Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation. UMM was one of 16 organizations invited to build upon its success in strengthening students' connections to campus, peers, faculty, and staff. It received its first Great Lakes College Success grant in August 2013.

[ALAYNA JOHNSON '15](#), Poplar, WI, has spent her summer doing ecological research at Harvard Forest, a department of Harvard's Faculty of Arts and Sciences. A biology and environmental studies double major, Johnson is working with Chris Williams, associate professor of geography at Clark University, to examine the relationship between climate and deforestation.

[UMM WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD SQUAD](#) received U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association 2013-14 Track and Field All-Academic Team honors. This is the second consecutive year in which the Cougars have earned this honor and the fourth in the past five years. The squad was recognized for having a 3.27 cumulative GPA.

THE [UMM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM](#) tied for the 13th-best GPA in NCAA Division III, earning it a place in the Women's Basketball Coaches Association 2014 Academic Top 25. This is the first time the Cougars have won this award. The team finished the 2013-14 academic year with a 3.527 cumulative GPA.

ROCHESTER:

[CHANCELLOR STEPHEN LEHMKUHL](#) was part of a group of Rochester leaders who recently traveled to Germany to explore the German dual workforce development strategy, which includes a high level of vocational training for young adults. The group was led by the University of Minnesota's Office for Economic Development.

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[FACULTY AND STAFF VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED](#) to assist with [Welcome Week 2014](#). Opportunities include helping with Residence Hall Move-In (Aug. 25-26), Parent Receptions (Aug. 25-26), New Student Convocation (Aug. 28), and the Class of 2018 Cookout (Aug. 29). 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.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS GAME DAY: The Minnesota Vikings kick off their 2014 season at TCF Bank Stadium on Aug. 8 with a preseason game against the Oakland Raiders. Parking ramps and lots will open for fans at 3 p.m.; game time is 7 p.m. Expect congestion and delays to and around campus. For more information about game day parking, road closures, and traffic management, see [Vikings at TCF Bank Stadium](#).

LEARN HOW TO COOK HEALTHY FOOD FOR A HEALTHY LIFE IN A NEW EMPLOYEE WELLNESS COURSE. Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives - Cooking for Wellness is reimbursable up to \$200 for UPlan members and qualifies for [50 Wellness Points](#). The format is a hands-on demonstration course led by professional chefs. For course dates and times, fees, and more information, see [Cooking for Wellness](#).

[UPI CIRCLES PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY](#) is a seven-month professional development program offered by the Office of Human Resources Leadership and Talent Development team for U faculty and staff. UPI Circles help to advance employee professional goals, hone interpersonal communication and networking skills, and bridge barriers that lead to staff isolation. Applications are due Sept. 12. Registration fee is \$50.

SAVE TIME AND REDUCE STUDENT COSTS WITH [COURSE RESERVES for fall 2014](#). Make course materials easily available to students online in Moodle, through Reserves Direct, via the University Libraries website, and/or at any of the 13 Libraries locations. Reserves formats include articles, textbooks, e-books, lecture notes, streaming videos, images, primary sources, and more.

[NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION](#) will take place Aug. 19, McNamara Alumni Center, and Aug. 20, Science Teaching and Student Services. The registration deadline is Aug. 11.

[FORBES](#) MAGAZINE HAS NAMED THE U OF M TWIN CITIES A "[RISING STAR COLLEGE](#)." UMTC has climbed 435 spots in the magazine's rankings since 2009--the most by any college nationwide. High retention rates, low debt burden, and high graduate salaries are three reasons cited in the ranking.

[BOYNTON HEALTH SERVICE WAS HONORED](#) for 35 years of quality care and continuous accreditation by the Accreditation Board for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC), which sets industry standards for patient safety and care. In 1979 Boynton was the nation's first college health service to be accredited by AAAHC.

[UNIVERSITY PARKING METER SUNDAY ENFORCEMENT](#) BEGAN Aug. 3. Sunday parking costs are the same as weekdays from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

[MINNESOTA STATE FAIR DISCOUNTED TICKETS](#) are available from U of M Bookstores at Coffman Union, the St. Paul Student Center, and at [bookstore.umn.edu](#). The U of M special rate is \$10. Additionally, Maroon and Gold Day at the fair will take place Aug. 31. Special edition State Fair '14 t-shirts are available for \$6.99.

[FREE WORKSHOPS FROM U LIBRARIES](#) give faculty, staff, and students a jump on the semester. Workshops include Managing your Academic Identity, Instructors Copyright Course, Introductory Crash Course for Graduate Students, Mendeley, Zotero, and more.

[PRIDE@WORK](#), the University's GLBTA affinity group, will present a "Just 'Cuz" Happy Hour on Aug. 13, 4:30-6 p.m., Campus Club Terrace, 4th Floor Coffman Union.

HOW TO STAY ON TOP OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN 30 MINUTES A DAY will be hosted by the [U of M Social Media Users Group](#) on Aug. 14, 10-11 a.m., 312 STSS. Erik Hanson of ACH Communications, who has nearly 20 years experience in marketing, communications and public relations, will talk about tools and processes for keeping up with social media. [Registration is requested](#).

JOIN IN A BOOK DISCUSSION of *Crucial Conversations, Tools for Talking When Stakes are High* by Patterson, Grenny, McMillan, and Switzler. Sept. 18, noon-1 p.m., location TBD. For more information, email [Mary Austin](mailto:Mary.Austin), CSBU Women's Action Network chair.

[DAVID GRAY WILL PERFORM AT NORTHROP](#) OCT. 14. Presale tickets will be available Aug. 7, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., by using the promo code "love" when ordering. Tickets go on sale to the general public Aug. 8, beginning at 10 a.m.

MORE EVENTS include OED Certificate Workshop 9: Understanding Disability & Advancing Access ([Aug. 7](#)); On the Musical Fringe: Student Showcase ([Aug. 8](#)); U-Spatial's Web Mapping 101: Creating Online Maps ([Aug. 15](#)); The Other Side of Poverty in Schools ([Aug. 15](#)); OED Certificate Workshop 8: Breaking the Glass Ceiling: Making the Case for Women's Equity ([Aug. 20](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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TOP NEWS:

AT THIS YEAR'S MINNESOTA STATE FAIR, THE U OF M will have exhibitions highlighting the U's most exciting research, discoveries, and athletic accomplishments. In addition to the U's main exhibit in the Crossroads Building on Dan Patch Ave., 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. Also new this year is the Driven to Discover Building, a place where the public can participate in research in a fun, innovative, and convenient way. For a complete schedule and map of U events, see [U at the State Fair](#).

IF YOU ARE A RECIPIENT OF BRIEF BUT ARE NOT CURRENT FACULTY OR STAFF (e.g., retirees, alumni, community members) YOU MUST RESUBSCRIBE TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER. If you do not resubscribe, this is the last issue of Brief you will receive. [Resubscribe now](#). Current faculty and staff need not take any action. A new email delivery system requires (see announcement below) the change.

A NEW EMAIL MARKETING TOOL, ExactTarget, will become part of the U's email marketing solutions. A cross-departmental project team is working to define the rollout schedule for units systemwide, and Lyris will be retired once the rollout is complete. The Sept. 10 issue of Brief will include design and format changes in light of the capabilities of the new tool. For more information, see [email solutions](#).

Features

FEATURE: Months ago, Google publicly announced a big project—one with implications not yet fully realized, or even imagined. It's a 3D smartphone effort dubbed Project Tango, an effort to create the kind of phone that sees the world as you do. It is based on theory and technology that professor Stergios Roumeliotis began working on with NASA years ago to create a technology that allowed spacecraft to land on Mars. For more information, read "[Google taps U talent](#)" and watch the [related video](#).

FEATURE: An [Institute on the Environment study](#) has found that limiting agricultural expansion to several key global regions could meet the predicted need to double food production by 2050 while preserving nearly six billion metric tons more carbon than would be safeguarded with unguided expansion.

Awards, appointments, and other announcements

PEOPLE: The U of M launched a record 15 startup companies based on discoveries and inventions by U researchers during the past year; the MnDRIVE initiative has awarded nine fellowships in the Discoveries and Treatments for Brain Conditions research area; Professors Art Erdman and Jian-Ping Wang have each won a Titans of Technology award from the *Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal*; three U research projects have received grants to develop pediatric medical devices; Professor Myles Shaver has been awarded the Irwin Outstanding Educator Award; Professor Vladas Griskevicius is the 2014 recipient of the Early Career Award for Distinguished Scientific Contribution; Professor Richard Frase has been recognized by the National Association of Sentencing Commissions; 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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EBOLA VIRUS AND THE U: U staff are closely monitoring the Ebola virus outbreak in West Africa. Although this is a very serious outbreak, the risk of infection in the U.S. is considered very low. For more information, including for students and scholars traveling internationally, see the [Ebola resource page](#).

Awards and funding opportunities

THE U HAS LAUNCHED A NEW SEED-INVESTMENT PROGRAM, the [Discovery Capital Investment Program](#), to accelerate the transfer of University technology to the market by providing early-stage funding to startups based on University-discovered technology and innovation. The program, launched by the U's Office for Technology Commercialization, will invest up to \$350,000 in equity financing in new startups that are currently developing a product or service.

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

[SOCIAL MEDIA FOR RESEARCHERS: TIPS FOR #SUCCESS](#), a career development seminar sponsored by the Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI), will instruct researchers on understanding of the social media landscape, best practices for using social media as a researcher, and actionable strategies to help with success using social media. Aug. 26, noon-1 p.m., 717 Delaware St. SE, Room 105. [RSVP via email](#) by Aug. 25 to reserve a lunch, or join remotely via [UMConnect](#). The seminar is part of an ongoing career development seminar series that assists junior faculty with developing strong applications for NIH extramural funding and [CTSI career development programs](#).

[FREE U DAY AT THE LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM](#) will take place Sept. 7. Admission is waived for U faculty, staff, members of the U of M Retirees Association, and members of the U of M Alumni Association with appropriate identification (U Card or Alumni/Retirees Association card). Highlights of the day include: "Nature in Glass: The Wonders of Craig Mitchell Smith," Weekend Family Fun: Soggy Bog Plants, the Maze Garden, and the Harrison Sculpture Garden.

CROOKSTON:

INCOMING STUDENTS AND PARENTS will have an opportunity to hear from UMC administration as well as Crookston Student Association leaders regarding UMC culture and traditions at [Orientation Convocation](#), Aug. 22, 3:15 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium.

[MEET CROOKSTON THROUGH SERVICE](#) is an opportunity to join new students and UMC faculty and staff for community engagement and service. Aug. 23, 8:30 a.m.-noon. Faculty and staff should email [Lisa Loegering](mailto:Lisa.Loegering) or call 281-8526 if you plan to participate.

THE [CROOKSTON CHAMBER EDUCATORS LUNCHEON](#) will take place Aug. 26, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Club House, Minakwa Country Club. The event is an opportunity for faculty and staff to come together with other area educators and colleagues.

DULUTH:

[PROFESSOR STEPHEN CASTLEBERRY](#), who oversees the marketing and graphic design major at UMD's Labovitz School of Business and Economics, has been appointed as UMD's new faculty athletic representative.

THE U'S [MnDRIVE TRANSDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH PROGRAM](#) has awarded \$500,000 to UMD's Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI). With these funds, NRRI will implement "Smart Bioremediation Technology" to reduce sulfate concentrations in northeastern Minnesota watersheds. David Hendrickson, NRRI director of strategic development, is the project's principal investigator.

LARGE LAKES OBSERVATORY (LLO) SCIENTISTS AND STAFF invite the public to board and tour the *Blue Heron* research vessel and enjoy a [presentation as part of LLO Science Friday](#), Aug. 22, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

GLENSHEEN, THE HISTORIC CONGDON ESTATE, will hold a [gala on Aug. 29](#), hosted by Chancellor and Mrs. Black and U.S. Rep. Rick Nolan and Mrs. Nolan. Festivities will include a silent auction, a bonfire by the lake, and a private fireworks display.

MORRIS:

UMM IS ONE OF [SIERRA MAGAZINE'S TOP 40 "COOL SCHOOLS"](#). The Sierra Club's official publication ranks universities that lead sustainability initiatives and strive to protect and preserve the environment. The campus has climbed 38 spots on Sierra's list over the last four years, from 69th in 2011 to 31st in 2014--its highest ranking to date.

UMM IS AGAIN ONE OF [FORBES MAGAZINE'S "AMERICA'S TOP COLLEGES"](#). Among non-military institutions for which figures were reported, UMM was the fourth-least expensive college in the Midwest and seventh-least expensive in the nation. It was also the least expensive of the 18 Minnesota colleges on the list. Overall, UMM was ranked 93rd in the Midwest and 396th in the nation.

THE [NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION](#) has awarded Michael Ceballos, assistant professor of biology, a student training grant for a new UMM Research Experience for Undergraduates program. The program is titled "Indigenous American to Indigenous Borneo--Adventures in Biology and Biodiversity." Its goal is to provide cohorts of students at all levels with interdisciplinary international research experience.

[JAMES BARBOUR](#), biomass energy scientist and lecturer in chemistry, has been awarded a grant from the Minnesota Corn Research and Promotion Council for research on hydrogen chloride gas emissions and mitigation agents. This project will help improve UMM's biomass gasification plant and contribute to research on alternative fuels.

ROCHESTER:

UMR HAS [LAUNCHED A REDESIGNED WEBSITE](#) that is responsive and user-friendly. Along with a cleaner, more contemporary design, changes have been made to the landing pages and navigation to help users find the information they need faster. The redesign effort was led by Karna Fronden, UMR's digital social media coordinator.

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[GREATER THAN 7: COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS ABOUT EQUITY AND DIVERSITY](#): The Office for Equity and Diversity invites University departments, units, and groups to submit their equity and diversity events for inclusion in this week-long series of events, Sept. 29-Oct. 3.

[FACULTY AND STAFF VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED](#) to welcome thousands of students to their residences in campus neighborhoods. Student and Community Relations needs help distributing welcome door-hangers and resource information on Sept. 4. Participation involves a two-hour shift between 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. To sign up and for more information, email neighbor@umn.edu or call 612-626-5301 by Aug. 26.

A NEW ["CAMPUS ZONE PASS"](#) for faculty, staff, and students without a Metropass/U-Pass will allow free rides between the three U of M campus Green Line light rail stops. The pass can be picked up beginning Aug. 25 at Coffman Union, the St. Paul Student Center, and Parking and Transportation Services (PTS). For this pilot program, PTS will pay Metro Transit for each pass distributed.

THE DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER, formally Disability Services, will host two open houses with refreshments, activities, and prizes to celebrate its name change, which reflects its mission of Advancing Access for Everyone. Events are Aug. 26, 1-4 p.m., (faculty open house); and Sept. 4, 1-4 p.m., (student open house).

Lectures, exhibits, and other events

THE CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING will host New TA Orientation and New P&A Instructor Orientation, Aug. 26; and the August Teaching Enrichment Series, Aug. 27-28. For registration and more information, see [orientation and teaching enrichment](#).

MAROON AND GOLD DAY AT THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR will take place Aug. 31, with President Kaler, the UMC Marching Band, and Goldy Gopher on hand to celebrate. For a complete schedule and map of U events, see [U at the State Fair](#).

PROJECT AND CHANGE MANAGEMENT COLLABORATORS (PCMC) GROUP and the Center for Spirituality & Healing present the workshop "Wellbeing: The Key to Team and Program Success" on Sept. 11; registration is at 8:30 a.m.; workshop is 9-11 a.m., Andersen Library Conference Rooms A/B/C. Free and open to all faculty and staff. The workshop will provide insights and tools to enhance creativity and productivity, and to build strong relationships within work teams. [RSVP at PCMC](#).

[WEDNESDAY NIGHT U OF M BOWLING LEAGUE](#) is looking for bowlers and teams for this coming season. The season runs September through April at Midway Pro Bowl, located at Snelling and University avenues in St. Paul, with easy access via the Green Line. For more information, [email Scott Murdoch](#) or call 612-625-0745.

MORE EVENTS include Instructors Copyright Crash Course ([Aug. 21](#)); "A Right to Establish a Home" Opening Reception (Goldstein Museum of Design) ([Aug. 22](#)); Community Dance Class ([Aug. 23](#)); Yoga in the Gardens ([Aug. 24](#)); The Moody Blues ([Aug. 26](#)); U-Spatial's GIS 101: Analyzing Data and Creating Maps ([Aug. 27](#)); OED Certificate Workshop 1: Being an Ally in the Work of Equity and Diversity ([Sept. 8](#)); Gala in the Gardens ([Sept. 10](#)). SEE THESE AND MORE TWIN CITIES [CAMPUS EVENTS](#).

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