

## News Release

# Associate Professor John Loegering, Ph.D., Presented with Prestigious Horace T. Morse - University of Minnesota Alumni Association Award

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Professor John Loegering, Ph.D., who teaches in the Natural Resources Department at the University of Minnesota, Crookston is a 2009 recipient of the prestigious Horace T. Morse - University of Minnesota Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education. An award ceremony recognizing this year's recipients will be held Monday, April 27, 2009, at the McNamara Alumni Center on the Minneapolis campus. The ceremony and reception begins at 3:30 p.m.

Loegering, who advises some 35 undergraduate students, has a unique teaching appointment that includes a 50% joint appointment on the St. Paul campus that focuses primarily on outreach and research. In spite of this split appointment on campuses 300 miles apart and a heavy teaching and advising load at Crookston, he has completed six publications; three dealing with effective communication of technical information.

A certified wildlife biologist, Loegering currently serves as advisor to the Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society, a group he helped organize when he arrived on the Crookston campus in 2000. He received the Outstanding Service Award from the Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society in 2008 and is the organization's current president.

Loegering's outstanding teaching ability earned him honors as the 2004 Outstanding Educator of the Year, a recognition given by students, and his faculty colleagues honored him with the 2005 Distinguished Teacher of the Year. He developed the wildlife management program on the Crookston campus and is a successful grant writer.

Over the past six years, he has directed the Nature Northwest Project, an ecotourism initiative which has also included several of his students. He has been involved statewide with the wildlife aspects of the Master Gardener program and has provided assistance with the outdoor and science initiative at the White Earth Indian Reservation near Mahnommen, Minn.

Over the years, students have felt the influence of Loegering on their academic and professional careers. Deb Fowler-Caron, a former student and teacher herself, appreciated his variety of teaching techniques to encourage learning. "Dr. Loegering's presentations were filled with energy and enthusiasm, and I can honestly say I could hardly wait to get to his class," says Fowler-Caron. "Most of his presentations were supported with technology that provided something for each type of learner. His friendly, yet professional personality invited stimulating class discussions that had all of his students participating."

Dan Svedarsky, professor and head of the Natural Resources Department and a fellow recipient of the esteemed Morse-Alumni award, recognizes the outstanding contributions of his colleague. "Dr. Loegering is clearly a cut above the rest as far as his teaching, research, and outreach accomplishments and his commitment to undergraduate education."

Loegering is being recognized for the award along with Donald Alstad, Ph.D. (Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior); Carmen Latterell, Ph.D.(mathematics); Doreen Leopold, Ph.D.(chemistry); Albert Markhart, III, Ph.D.(organic horticulture); James Stout, Ph.D., (geology and geophysics) from the Twin Cities campuses and Stephen Castleberry, Sr., Ph.D. (marketing) and Justin Rubin, Ph.D., (music) from the Duluth campus.

Since 1965, the University of Minnesota has recognized a select group of faculty members for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education. In addition to honoring individual faculty members, the award contributes to the improvement of undergraduate education at the University by publicizing their work to serve as a resource for all faculty members.

For more information on the award, visit [www.alumni.umn.edu/distinguishedteaching](http://www.alumni.umn.edu/distinguishedteaching).

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