UMRA Luncheon Speakers, October 2004 to Present

**2004–2005**

Oct. 2004  Jane Kirtley, Director, Silha Center for the Study of Media Ethics and Law  
The Right To Be Wrong: Squaring Media Responsibility with the First Amendment Paradigm  
Nov. 2004  Kris Maser, Elder Law Attorney  
Elder Law: Serving the Needs and Protecting the Legal Rights of the Elderly  
Jan. 2005  Noel Zahler, Director, School of Music Future  
Plans for the School of Music  
Feb. 2005  C. Ford Runge, Distinguished McKnight Professor of Applied Economics  
Ending Hunger in Our Lifetime: Food Security and Globalization”  
March 2005  Carl Elliot, professor, Center for Bioethics  
American Medicine Meets the American Dream  
April 2005  Thomas Sullivan, Senior Vice President and Provost  
The University at a Crossroads: Securing the U’s Leadership Position  
May 2005  Alan Page, Associate Justice, Minnesota Supreme Court Judicial Independence

**2005–2006**

Sept. 2005  Lori Sturdevant, editorial writer and columnist for the Star Tribune  
Where Have You Gone, Elmer Andersen? Minnesota’s Disappearing Middle Ground  
Oct. 2005  Ronald Phillips, Regents Professor and McKnight Presidential Chair in Genomics  
The Golden Era of Plant Genetics  
Nov. 2005  Jeffrey Kahn, Director, Center for Bioethics  
Little Cells, Big Issues—Ethics and Policy Issues in Stem Cell Research  
Jan. 2006  Thomas Fisher, Dean, College of Design  
The New Design College in the New Design Economy  
Feb. 2006  Vernon Ruttan, Regents Professor Emeritus, Applied Economics  
Is War Necessary for Economic Growth?  
March 2006  Gerald Fischer, President and CEO, University of Minnesota Foundation Private Support of Our Public University: Past, Present and Future  
April 2006  David E. Wilkins, Professor of American Indian Studies  
Aboriginal Peoples and African Americans  
May 2006  Robert Pepin, Professor, School of Physics and Astronomy  
Collecting Comet Dust and Wind from the Sun

**2006–2007**

Sept. 2006  Robert Bruininks, President, University of Minnesota  
A Vision for the University  
Oct. 2006  Kenneth H. Keller, Professor and Director, Center for Science, Technology, and Public Affairs  
Responding to Global Warming  
Nov. 2006  Lawrence R. Jacobs, Professor of Political Science  
American Politics in Upheaval: What Happened and What’s coming?  
Jan. 2007  Eric Utne, Founder, Utne Reader  
A Peace Corps for the Whole Earth  
Feb. 2007  Clarence Morgan, Art  
A Life in Paint  
March 2007  Barbara Reid, Theatre Arts and Dance  
In Search of Courage on the Stage
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<td>Darlyne Bailey, Education and Human Development</td>
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<td>Apostolos Georgopoulos, Neuroscience</td>
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<td>Richard Kain, Electrical Engineering</td>
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The Physics of Comic Book Superheroes
March 2010  Kathleen O’Brien, VP for University Services
Management and Development of University Facilities
April 2010  J. Brian Atwood, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs American
Foreign Aid in the 21st Century
May 2010  Harlan Hansen, Education and Human Development
University History Depicted on Century-Old Postcards of Campus Buildings and Scenes

2010–2011
Sept 2010  Robin Wright, Biological Sciences
Active Learning Classrooms: Teaching More by Talking Less
Oct. 2010  Peter Hudleston, Geology and Geophysics
Earthquakes, Volcanos and Tsunamis: Shifting Tectonic Plates
Nov. 2010  Awardees of Professional Development Grants for Retirees:
Mary Lou Fellows, Law; Kim Munholland, History; Paul Weiblin, Geology and Geophysics
Jan. 2011  Anatoly Liberman, German, Scandinavian and Dutch Where
Is the English Language Going?
Feb. 2011  Mary Seeley, Soil, Water and Climate
Minnesota’s Weather Events: History and Current Trends
March 2011  David Walsh, Minnesota Opera Theater
Tampering with Opera’s Sacred Cows
April 2011  Tom Stinson, Applied Economics and State Economist Learning
About the New Normal
May 2011  Robert Bruininks and Susan Hagstrum, U of M President and his wife
Seeking the Bright Horizon: Aspirations and Achievement at the University of Minnesota

2011–2012
Sept. 2011  Lyndel King, Weisman Art Museum
Expanding Place, Creating Space: Little Gallery to WAM
Oct. 2011  Larry Rudnick, Minnesota Institute of Astrophysics A
Whole Lot of Nothing
Nov. 2011  Awardees of Professional Development Grants for Retirees:
Alan Lathrop, University Libraries; William Zimmerman, Physics; James Tracy, History
Jan. 2012  Marla Spivak, Entomology Saving
Our Pollinators
an Encyclopedia in This Digital Age
March 2012  Eric Kahler, President of the University of Minnesota
The U of M: Why It Matters
April 2012  Ira Reiss, Sociology
Insider’s View of American Sexual Science
May 2012  Lori Sturdevant, Writer, Minneapolis Star and Tribune
Minnesota’s Year of Distraction

2012–2013
Sept. 2012  Eric Magnuson, 21st Chief Justice, Minnesota Supreme Court
The Court and State Politics
Oct. 2012  Kathleen Zahs, Neurology
Research Advances in Understanding Alzheimer’s Disease
Nov. 2012  Kathryn Pearson, Political Science
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<td>Arthur J. Rolnick, Humphrey School of Public Affairs The Economic Case for Public Investment in Early Childhood Education</td>
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<td>Deborah Swackhamer, Water Resources Center Minnesota Waters: Enough for Future Generations?</td>
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<td>Lowell Noteboon, Principal at law firm Stinson and Leonard The Orchestra Business in Changing and Challenging Times</td>
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<td>Mary Nichols, Dean of the College of Continuing Education It’s Only Disruptive If You Can’t Be Disrupted: Lessons in Agility in our Online Era</td>
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<td>John Adams, Professor of Geography, Environment, and Society in CLA and of Planning and Public Affairs, Humphrey Institute How Metropolitan Areas Work</td>
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<td>Tom Fisher, UM Professor of Architecture and Dean of College of Design New Ways of Living</td>
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<td>Michael Osterholm, Professor of Public Health and Director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research The Ebola Epidemic: Where We’ve Been, Where We’re At, and Where We are Going</td>
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<td>Robert Kane, Prof. in Long-Term Care &amp; Aging and School of Public Health; Dir., Center for Aging On Caregiving</td>
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<td>MPD 2.0: Transformational Leadership</td>
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<td>Phil Pardy, Professor in Applied Economics; Co-Director of Harvest Choice (Gates Foundation)</td>
<td>The Future of Global Food Supply</td>
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<td>Lions in the Balance: Man-Eaters, Manes, and Men with Guns</td>
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<td>Alexander Khoruts, Associate Professor, School of Medicine</td>
<td>Gut Reaction: New Views on Immune Disorders</td>
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<td>The University’s Strategic Plan</td>
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<td>Lori Sturdevant, Minneapolis Star Tribune columnist, and Tom Swain, former Vice President of UMN</td>
<td>Stories to Tell about Citizen Swain</td>
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<td>Massoud Amin, Professor, Electrical Engineering, &amp; Director, Technological Leadership Institute</td>
<td>New Energy Technologies: Smarter Cities with Smart Grids</td>
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<td>Peter Moe, Interim Director, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum</td>
<td>Apples and Grapes for Cold Climates</td>
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<td>Jack Nelson-Palmeyer, Professor of Peace &amp; Justice Studies, University of St. Thomas</td>
<td>On Asking the Right Questions</td>
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<td>Laura Kalambokidis, Professor of Applied Economics and State Economist</td>
<td>Minnesota’s Economic Outlook</td>
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<td>Bill Beeman, Professor &amp; Chair, Department of Anthropology</td>
<td>Iran and the U.S.: Continuing Tensions and Opportunities</td>
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<td>Julie Schumacher, Professor of English, Director of Creative Writing Program</td>
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<td>Commentary in a Unique Art Form</td>
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<td>Jessica Finlay, Ph.D. student in U of M Department of Geography</td>
<td>Creating Supportive Environments for Aging in Place</td>
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<td>Emily Baxter, Executive Director, We Are All Criminals organization</td>
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Beyond Polarization: Bridging the Red/Blue Divide in Communities
Oct. 2018  UMRA Professional Development Grant recipients: Jonathan Radvin (Dept. of Medicine retiree) and Joanne Eicher (Department of Design, Housing & Apparel retiree)
Nov. 2018  Kathryn Pearson, Associate Professor of Political Science
Understanding the Midterms
Jan. 2019  Fred de Sam Lazaro, PBS Newshour journalist & Director, U of St. Thomas Under-Told Stories Project
Making the Foreign Less Foreign
Feb. 2019  Mark Coyle, Director of Athletics, U of M
The Current State of Gopher Athletics
March 2019  Lorie Gildea, Chief Justice of Minnesota Supreme Court
Providing Justice to Minnesota
April 2019  Stephen Schondelmeyer, U of M Professor of Pharmacy
Drugs and Healthcare Economics
May 2019  David McMillan, Chair, U of M Board of Regents

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Sept. 2019  Jack Zipes, PDGR grant recipient,
Charles Godfrey Leland and his magical tales
Oct. 2019  Douglas Lee, MD, Director of U of MN Masonic Cancer Center
New Approaches to Treatment
Nov. 2019  Joan Gabel, U of MN President
TBA
Jan. 2020  John Suzukida, VP Trane Co.
Personal Perspective on American Concentration Camps in WWII
Feb. 2020  Tom Evers, Executive Director Minneapolis Parks Foundation:
River First, Transforming the Mississippi River Front
March 2020  Cancelled due to Covid Pandemic
April 2020  Cancelled due to Covid Pandemic
May 2020  Myron Franz, Commissioner of Management and Budget
MN budget in the time of COVID
June 2020  Jon Christensen PhD; Health economist SPH; Co-Chair Med PAC
Medicare for All, for Some, for None
July 2020  Medaria Arradondo, Minneapolis Chief of Police
MPD Cultural Transformation
August 2020  Rachael Croson, University of Minnesota Provost
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