### 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

**April 2007** Bill Beeman, Anthropology  
How the United States and Iran Demonize Each Other

**May 2007** Rusty Barcelo, VP for Equity and Diversity  
Vision for Reaching the U’s Goals for Access, Diversity & Equity
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Big Data for Population Research
Nov. 2013  Deborah Swackhamer, Water Resources Center
Minnesota Waters: Enough for Future Generations?
Jan. 2014  Robert Holt, Political Science
Gridlock: More Dangeerous Than It Sounds
Feb. 2014  Lowell Noteboon, Principal at law firm Stinson and Leonard
The Orchestra Business in Changing and Challenging Times
March 2014  Lance Brockman, Theatre Arts and Dance
The Theatre of the Fraternity
April 2014  Awardees of Professional Development Grants for Retirees:
Jack Zipes, German; Carol A. Miller, American Studies and American
Indian Studies; Henry Blackburn, Epidemiology and Community Health
May 2014  Clif and Bettye Ware, Emeritus professor of music (Clif) and performers of music (both)
Making the Most of Later Life—With Music

2014–2015
Sept. 2014  Skip Humphrey, Former MN State Senator and Attorney General and former President of AARP MN
Avoiding Scams Aimed at Seniors
Oct. 2014  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
Nov. 2014  John Adams, Professor of Geography, Environment, and Society in CLA and of Planning and Public
Affairs, Humphrey Institute
How Metropolitan Areas Work
Jan. 2015  Tom Fisher, UM Professor of Architecture and Dean of College of Design
New Ways of Living
Feb. 2015  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
March 2015  Grant Recipients: Phil Larson (Professor Emeritus Plant Pathology and former Assoc. Dean of
CFANS) and Ron Anderson (Professor Emeritus Sociology)
April 2015  Robert Kane, Prof. in Long-Term Care & Aging and School of Public Health; Dir., Center for Aging
On Caregiving
May 2015  Vern Sutton, Professor Emeritus Schoool of Music, Founding member of the Minnesota Opera
Music of the Ziegfeld Follies

2015–2016
Sept. 2015  Janee Harteau, Minneapolis Police Chief
MPD 2.0: Transformational Leadership
Oct. 2015  Phil Pardy, Professor in Applied Economics; Co-Director of Harvest Choice (Gates Foundation)
The Future of Global Food Supply
Nov. 2015  Craig Packer, Distinguished McKnight Professor in Ecology, Evolution and Behavior
Lions in the Balance: Man-Eaters, Manes, and Men with Guns
Jan. 2016  Alexander Khoruts, Associate Professor, School of Medicine
Gut Reaction: New Views on Immune Disorders
Feb. 2016  Karen Hanson, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
The University’s Strategic Plan
March 2016  Lori Sturdevant, Minneaplis Star Tribune columnist, and Tom Swain, former Vice President of UMN
Stories to Tell about Citizen Swain
April 2016  Massoud Amin, Professor, Electrical Engineering, & Director, Technological Leadership Institute
New Energy Technologies: Smarter Cities with Smart Grids
May 2016  Peter Moe, Interim Director, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
Apples and Grapes for Cold Climates

2016–2017
Sept. 2016  Kris Kiesling, Director of the Elmer L. Anderson Archives and Special Collections
Curating Collections in the University Archives
Oct. 2016  Grant Recipients: Kathleen O’Brien, historian and former Vice President for University Services; and Katherine Fennelly, School of Public Health and former Dean of UM Extension Service
Nov. 2016  Kathryn Pearson, Associate Professor of Political Science
The 2016 Election Results
Jan. 2017  Mark Seeley, Professor of Soil, Water, and Climate and an Extension Climatologist
Climate Change in Minnesota
Feb. 2017  Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer, Professor of Peace & Justice Studies, University of St. Thomas
On Asking the Right Questions
March 2017  Laura Kalambokidis, Professor of Applied Economics and State Economist
Minnesota’s Economic Outlook
April 2017  Bill Beeman, Professor & Chair, Department of Anthropology
Iran and the U.S.: Continuing Tensions and Opportunities
May 2017  Julie Schumacher, Professor of English, Director of Creative Writing Program
Dear Committee Members

2017–2018
Sept. 2017  Ed Ehlinger, Minnesota Commissioner of Health
Creating Health in Our Community
Oct. 2017  Town Hall Meeting on Future of UMRA
No speaker
Nov. 2017  Steve Sack, Minneapolis Star Tribune editorial cartoonist
Commentary in a Unique Art Form
Jan. 2018  Jessica Finlay, Ph.D. student in U of M Department of Geography
Creating Supportive Environments for Aging in Place
Feb. 2018  Emily Baxter, Executive Director, We Are All Criminals organization
We Are All Criminals—But Most of Us Don’t Get Caught
March 2018  J. Drake Hamilton, Science Policy Director, Fresh Energy
Minnesota’s Renewable Energy Leadership
April 2018  Erika Lee, Professor of History and Director of Immigration History Research Center
Xenophobia in US History
May 2018  Eric Kahler, President, U of M President
Perspectives on the U Today and Tomorrow

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Sept. 2018  Bill Doherty, Professor, U of M Department of Family Social Science
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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