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<td>Noel Zahler, Director, School of Music</td>
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<td>C. Ford Runge, Distinguished McKnight Professor of Applied Economics</td>
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<td>March 2005</td>
<td>Carl Elliot, professor, Center for Bioethics</td>
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Adjusting the Earth’s Thermostat via Biodiversity and Bioenergy
Nov. 2007  Darlyne Bailey, Education and Human Development
Redesigning the College of Education and Human Development
Jan. 2008  Apostolos Georgopoulos, Neuroscience
A New Brain Test for Neurological and Brain Diseases
Feb. 2008  Richard Kain, Electrical Engineering
Traveling in Ethiopia
March 2008  Bill Doherty, Marriage and Family Therapy
American Family Life in a Consumer Culture
April 2008  Ann Pflaum and Hy Berman, History
Adventures in Minnesota History
May 2008  Clifton and Bettye Ware, Music
Two Halves of Vocal Music: Mostly Classical and Totally Pop

2008–2009
Sept. 2008  Lanny Schmidt, Chemical Engineering
Does Renewable Energy Make Sense?
Oct. 2008  Marvin Marshak, Physics
More Than You Ever Wanted to Know About Neutrinos
Nov. 2008  Larry Jacobs, Center for Study of Politics and Governance
Analysis of 2008 Elections and Beyond
Jan. 2009  Sharon Reich Paulson, Associate VP & Chief of Staff
State of the University of Minnesota
Feb. 2009  Wendy Pratt Logee, University Libraries
The Future of Libraries in the Digital Age
March 2009  Vern Sutton, School of Music
Fifty Years of the Art Scene in the Twin Cities
April 2009  James Pacala, Family Medicine and Community Health
Health Care Delivery for Older Americans
May 2009  Wilson Yates, United Theological Seminary
Religious Art at the Minneapolis Institute of Art

2009–2010
Sept. 2009  Ann Maston, Institute of Child Development
Children at Risk in our Society
Oct. 2009  Karen Mesce, Entomology
Mechanisms Basic to Treatment of Parkinson’s Disease and Spinal Injuries
Nov. 2009  John Freeman, Political Sciences
Democracy in the Growing Global Economy
Jan. 2010  Patrick Redig, Raptor Center
Peregrine Falcon: Icon of Science, Conservation Overachievement
Feb. 2010  James Kkalios, Physics
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
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Nov. 2013  Deborah Swackhamer, Water Resources Center
Minnesota Waters: Enough for Future Generations?
Jan. 2014  Robert Holt, Political Science
Gridlock: More Dangerous 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
Minnesota
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
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Jan. 2015  Tom Fisher, UM Professor of Architecture and Dean of College of Design
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Feb. 2015  Michael Osterholm, Professor of Public Health and Director of the Center for Infectious Disease
Research
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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
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May 2015  Vern Sutton, Professor Emeritus Schoool of Music, Founding member of the Minnesota Opera
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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
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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, Minneapolis 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

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Sept. 2016  Kris Kiesling, Director of the Elmer L. Anderson Archives and Speical Collections
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Oct. 2016  Grant Recipients: Kathleen O’Brien (historian and former Vice President for University Services) and
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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
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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, U of M History Dept. & Director, Immigration History
US Immigration History and Its Implications for Today and Our Future

May 2018  Eric Kaler, U of M President
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