EVENTS

art EVENTS

TWEED MUSEUM

“Art for Hire: Prints from the Minnesota WPA,” lithographs by Minnesota artists employed by the Works Progress Administration, 1933-43, will be shown through Jan. 3.

"Andy Warhol: Pop and Polaroid,” a select set of Warhol Polaroids and black and white prints, will be shown through May 16.

The exhibition, “A Flow of Ideas: Selections from the Permanent Collection,” includes 70 artworks that demonstrate how related works of art, when viewed together, may best reveal common themes. It will be shown through July 11.

Selected works from the Richard E. and Dorothy Rawlings Nelson Collection of American Indian Art are on display and will be rotated every four months.

Senior student shows will be featured throughout the year, including: Samantha Sackett, from Sept. 8 - 13 and Molly Martancik, Sept. 15 - 20.

Story Time at Tweed will be held at 10 a.m. on Sept. 10 and Sept 17 for children ages three to five.

A UMD faculty exhibition will be shown from Sept. 15 - Jan. 10. The reception is from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 18.

Dawn Hancock, graphic designer, will give a presentation as part of the Visual Lecture Series at 6 p.m. on Sept. 21.

The works of modernist Guatemalan photographer Luis Gonzales Palma will be shown from Sept. 22 - Jan 17.

“Natural World Observed 2009, National Academy of Plein Air Painters,” will be shown from Sept. 29 - Dec. 20.

The 2010 Canadian Mounted Police Calendar has arrived at the Tweed Museum store.

For Tweed Museum information go to www.d.umn.edu/tma, contact tma@d.umn.edu, call 726-8222 or see www.d.umn.edu/tma.

athletic EVENTS

FOOTBALL

The UMD Football team will play Augustana at 6 p.m. on Sept. 19 and Minnesota State-Moorhead at 6 p.m. on Oct. 3. All games will be played in Malosky Stadium.

CROSS COUNTRY

The UMD mens and womens cross country team will hold the "UMD Campus Quest" meet at 10:30 a.m. (women) and 11:15 a.m. (men) on Sept. 12 on the UMD Campus.

VOLLEYBALL

The UMD volleyball team will play Minnesota Crookston at 7 p.m. on Sept. 18. They play Minnesota State-Moorhead at 7 p.m. on Sept. 19. For tickets, call 726-8595.
SOCCER
On Sept. 19, the UMD women's soccer team will play Southwest MN State at 1 p.m. They play MN State-Mankato at 1 p.m. on Sept. 20. All games are played at Malosky Stadium.

For more information, contact the UMD Athletic Office at 726-7518 or see http://www.umdbulldogs.com.

EVENTS, lectures, workshops

FINE ARTS ACADEMY CLASSES
The UMD Fine Arts Academy is now accepting applications for a number of programs.

The Community Music Lessons program offers private lessons for students in the areas of piano, voice, brass, woodwinds, and strings.

The Lake Superior Suzuki Talent Education Program (LS-STEP) offers musical training consisting of two 17-week semesters beginning in Sept. Weekly private lessons in addition to studio group class are offered in the areas of violin, viola, guitar, cello, harp, and piano.

Applications for Kindermusik classes are being accepted beginning Sept. 8. In a Kindermusik class, parents and their children, ages newborn to seven-years-old, sing, dance and make music together. For more information call Lisa ZumHofe at 218-341-7587. Registration information can be found at: http://www.d.umn.edu/faa/kindermusik.htm.

Visit the Fine Arts Academy website at http://www.d.umn.edu/faa. For information, contact Kathy at 726-7011 or klaplant@d.umn.edu.

PLANETARIUM
The Marshall W. Alworth Planetarium holds free public shows at the planetarium every Wed. evening at 7 p.m. Private shows are available by appointment for groups of 10 or more. See list of shows at http://www.d.umn.edu/planet/programs.

GEOLOGY FALL SEMINARS
The seminars, all held on Thursdays, begin at 3:30 p.m. in LSCI 175 unless otherwise indicated. Refreshments follow the seminar. Write to geol@d.umn.edu for more information.

Introductions to Faculty and Grad Students will be held on Sept. 10.

Ken Lepper, assistant professor of geology, adjunct professor of physics, North Dakota State University, will present “Optical Dating: A remote in-situ dating method for paleoclimatic and geomorphological research on Mars” on Sept. 17.

Wanda Taylor, Geological Sciences Outstanding Alumna, will speak on Oct. 1.

Kelly MacGregor, assistant professor of glacial geomorphology, Macalester College. St. Paul, Minn., will present “Geomorphic and climatic change over the past 13 ka at Swiftcurrent Lake, Glacier National Park, Montana” on Oct. 15.

Kim Lapakko, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Minerals Division, will give a presentation on Nov. 5.

Bryan Bandli, scientist, Geological Sciences, University of Minnesota Duluth, will present “An introduction to the UMD Scanning Electron Microscopy Laboratory: Micronanotialyic Tools and Applications” on Nov. 12.

A G K-12 Fellows report will be presented on Dec. 10.

STUDY ABROAD WORKSHOPS
A Study Abroad 101 Session, where students can learn the basics about global opportunities at UMD, will be held at 3 p.m. on Sept. 10 and 17 in Kirby 333.

A Study in New Zealand Information Session will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 16 in LSBE 165.

A Study in England Programme Information Session will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 16 in LSBE 165.

A Study in England Programme Information Session will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 24 in the Kirby Ballroom.

A Study Abroad 101 Session, where students can learn the basics about global opportunities at UMD, will be held at 5 p.m. on Sept. 24 in LSBE 165.

More information available about our programs and events at http://www.d.umn.edu or stop in 138 Kirby Plaza.

BOULDER LAKE EVENTS
Check out the upcoming events at the Boulder Lake Environmental Learning Center, part of the Center for Environmental Education at UMD.

A Minnesota Master Naturalist Volunteer Training session will be held on Sept. 12, 15, and 22. This is the last time expert Larry Weber will lead this session.

A Mushroom Field Hike with Larry Weber will be held on Oct. 6.

A Log Forwarder and Portable Sawmill Demonstration will be held on Oct. 6.

An Agate Festival, a family fun event, will be held on Oct. 11.

A workshop on how to use a GPS receiver will be held on Oct. 24.

An Introduction to Landview for Landowners, Foresters, and Loggers will be held on Oct. 24.

Learn how to map your property, transfer GPS points to aerial photos, etc.

Pre-registration is required for all events listed. Call 218-721-3731, email boulder@d.umn.edu.
ALWORTH INSTITUTE EVENTS

Erik R. Peterson, senior vice president of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, D.C. and director of CSIS’ Global Strategy Institute will present “The World to 2025” at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 23 in Bohannon Hall 90. Through a multimedia presentation, Peterson will analyze the seven most important trends that he argues are shaping our world to the year 2025: population; resource management and environmental stewardship; technological innovation and diffusion; the development and dissemination of information and knowledge; economic integration; the nature of conflict; and the challenge of governance.

Peterson will also present an Alworth Institute International Brown Bag Luncheon titled “Global Water Futures” at noon on Thursday, Sept. 24 in the Rafters of the Kirby Student Center.

EDWIN EDDY LECTURE

Stephen Calculator, professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, will present the keynote address, “AAC & Inclusive Education for Students with Severe Disabilities” at the Eddy Lecture at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26 in Bohannon Hall 90. For more information about the day’s events see http://www.d.umn.edu/csd/eddy/lecture.html, or contact Danielle Visina at 726-7037 or visin004@d.umn.edu.

PREVENT SEXUAL HARRASSMENT

A workshop on the prevention of sexual harrassment is open to students, faculty and staff. The workshop will take place on Thursday, Oct. 8, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Kirby Student Center 323. The presenter is Deborah Petersen-Perlman, director of the UMD Office of Equal Opportunity. Registration is required for this workshop and can be done by sending an e-mail to cracklif@d.umn.edu.

specialEVENTS

UMD MARKET DAY IN THE PLAZA

UMD market day takes place every Wednesday through Sept. 30 from 2-4:30 p.m. and features the farmer’s market, live music, and artist’s booths. Upcoming music performers are: Bill & Kate Isles, Colleen Myhre, The Electron, and Eric Rhame.

UMD Stores specials during the UMD Market Day in the Plaza include 1/2-price fountain pop and selected hot beverages and 20% off one regularly priced item when using the black UMD reusable bags. (Some exclusions apply.) Visit http://www.umdstores.com or listen to KUMD 103.3 fm on Tuesday mornings at 8:15 a.m. to find out what’s happening at UMD Market Day in the Plaza each week. http:// www.kumd.org.

KUMD NEWS

KUMD (103.3 FM) will carry a live broadcast of the 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, Duluth City Council candidate forum being hosted by Progressive Action.

KUMD hosts Sustainability Week through Sept. 11. During the Coffee Break segment at 8:15 a.m., KUMD digs into the issues of sustainable living.

Local naturalist Larry Weber explains what’s happening in the area’s natural world every Friday at 8:15 a.m. on the Backyard Almanac segment. Starting Sept. 11, Larry will answer listener questions. Send nature questions to kumd@kumd.org and Weber may answer your question on the air.

To check out new technology for green living join KUMD at the 16th Annual Harvest Festival and Energy Fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12, in Duluth’s Bayfront Park.

KUMD Student Volunteer Orientation will be held at 7 p.m. on Sept. 14, in Room 232 Kirby Student Center, across from the Dining Center.

KUMD is hosting a Membership Appreciation Party on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Grandma’s Saloon and Grill. The event will take place in the upstairs bar from 5 p.m. -7 p.m. Free appetizers will be available, courtesy of KUMD. The party is exclusive to KUMD members and reservations must be made by Sept. 15. Not a member? Sign up online at www.kumd.org or call 726-7181.

KUMD radio is the official presenter for the upcoming Ani DiFranco concert, at 7:30 p.m on Sept. 16, at the DECC Auditorium. To win tickets to the concert tune in to KUMD.

SEA GRANT OPEN HOUSE

After 31 years in Washburn Hall, Minnesota Sea Grant College Program has a new home in the newly renovated Chester Park Building. They are holding an open house in their new location from 4-6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 9 in conference Room 102 of Chester Park School at 31 W. College Street. Refreshments will be served.

U FOR SENIORS: GLOBAL CITIZENS

University for Seniors, a program of UMD Continuing Education, launches its third decade with the annual fall convocation on Saturday, Sept. 12. Ahmed Samatar, director of the Institute for Global Citizenship at Macalester College will speak on “Global Citizenship: The Imperatives of Mutual Co-existence.” A Fulbright Fellow, professor Samatar’s expertise focuses in the areas of global political economy, political and social theory, and African development. The program begins at 10 a.m. in 90 Bohannon Hall. Faculty, staff, and students are welcome. The event is open to the public. For more information, call Carole Schweiger
FALL ALUMNI EVENTS

Alpha Nu Omega will hold a 50th Reunion event in Duluth on Sept. 24-26. A mixer will be held from 4:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 25 in the UMD Kirby Ballroom. They will also gather at Grandma’s Sports Garden, participate in the Les McKeen Golf Tournament at Northland Country Club, have brunch at Midi restaurant, and party at the DECC. For info see: http://www.d.umn.edu/~alphanu/

The Class of 1959 50th Reunion will hold many events during homecoming weekend. A reception will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15 in the Tweed Museum of Art followed by the "Faculty and Students at Play" concert in Weber Music Hall. Refreshments, a campus tour and lunch will be held at UMD on Saturday, Oct. 17. Other events include a Vista Fleet Excursion harbor tour and lunch, a social and dinner at the Kitchi Gammi Club, a brunch at Black Woods restaurant and bird watching at Hawk Ridge. For information contact alumni@d.umn.edu or call 726-8829.

E-FEST CAREER FAIR

E-Fest, a career fair specifically for students from UMD interested in opportunities in engineering, computer science and science, will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 30, in Kirby Ballroom. Employers will promote positions and internships and answer questions about requirements for careers in science and engineering. Students register for the fair at the door. Students can log into their GoldPASS account at www.goldpass.umn.edu to drop a resume to recruiters or sign up for on-campus interviews. This event is free and open to current students and UMD alumni.

HOMECOMING

Mark your calendars for UMD’s Homecoming when the UMD Bulldog football team plays the St. Cloud State Huskies beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17 in Malosky Stadium. For information contact alumni@d.umn.edu or UMD Athletic Office at 726-7518 or see http://www.umd-bulldogs.com.

GLENSHEEN

GLENSHEEN TOURS

The historic Congdon estate, Glensheen mansion, is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The first tour begins at 9:30 a.m., and last tour begins at 4 p.m.. For information email glen@d.umn.edu or call 218-726-8910.

EVENTS, faculty and staff

FACULTY WORKSHOPS

Doing More with Less: Streamlining Your Teaching workshop takes place from 2-3:30 p.m. on Sept. 25 in Chester Park building room 102. Register with Jason Ellis at jellis2@d.umn.edu or 726-6355.

An Early Career Series is designed to help faculty, adjuncts, and TAs who are the “instructors of record.” Instructors should sign up for all seven sessions offered between Sept. 18-Dec. 11 in KSC 333 from 12-2 p.m. For information, contact Shelley Smith, ssmith3@d.umn.edu, or 726-7715.

The Write Now workshop series is designed to help faculty, adjuncts, and TAs who are the “instructors of record.” All workshops for this series will be in KSC from 2:30-4 p.m. on the following dates: Sept. 23, Oct. 14, Nov. 18, and Dec. 9. For more information, email lrutherf@d.umn.edu or ssmith3@d.umn.edu.

Tech Talk is a forum for faculty from every corner of the campus and an arena for educational adventure. They have a bite of lunch and hash over the trials, triumphs, and techniques that teaching with technological tools involves. All sessions will be in KSC from 12-1 p.m. The dates are Sept. 17, Oct. 9, Nov. 12, Dec. 2, and Dec. 18. For more info contact LeAne Rutherford at lrutherf@d.umn.edu or 726-6207. Presented by IDS and ITSS.

CAMPUS NEWS

academic NEWS

NEW EDUCATION BUILDING

The new education building, located in the former School of Business and Economics, has been named Education Endazhi-gikinoo’amading. Faculty and students have begun using the newly remodeled building this fall. The abbreviation for the building is EduE but CEHSP Dean Paul Deputy is encouraging all UMD students, faculty and staff to learn the pronunciation: Endazhi-gikinoo’amading (En DAH zhee - GEEK in noo - ah mah DINING). The new name was chosen, not only to honor the history, culture, traditions, and contributions of the Ojibwe people to Minnesota, but also to confirm UMD’s commitment to training American Indian educators.

SOCIAL WORK AND HUMAN SERVICES

The 34th Annual National Institute on Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas was held July 26-28 in downtown Duluth. The conference was co-sponsored by the UMD Department of Social Work and UMD Continuing Education. This year’s theme was Diverse Populations: Challenges for Rural Social Work in the 21st Century. One-hundred and thirty rural human service leaders representing 24 states and Canada attended. This was only the second time this conference has been held in Minnesota. See pictures of the conference from the Rural Caucus website at http://
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

A number of UMD Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) web pages were reviewed and rated by the U.S. Department of Energy and listed for use as a Technology Supported Learning (TSL) resources by DOE staff. UMD’s EHS website was classified as one of the top 25 among U.S. research universities by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health publication National Academies NIOSH Program Review: Health Hazard Evaluations, it included UMD as an example of an outstanding program. UMD’s website was also noted by the TSL index review for its user-friendly design, content, and technical features. For more info, see UMD’s EHS website http://www.d.umn.edu/ehso.

H1N1 FLU

Will faculty allow students to miss class, tests, and deadlines? Will UMD wind up like other universities where one percent of the student body has H1N1 during the first week of school? Be prepared! This flu season is likely to bring some unusual challenges. See UMD’s comprehensive website on Emergency Preparedness for updates. http://www.d.umn.edu/emergency/

GRADUATE ENGINEERING PROGRAM

UMD is offering an advanced engineering degree to residents of Minnesota’s Iron Range — the Iron Range/UMD Graduate Education Program. These upper division/graduate engineering courses are designed to meet the needs of unemployed professionals. The offerings are aimed at people interested in an engineering career as well as engineers who need to maintain a license, upgrade engineering skills, or broaden areas of employability.

Classes in the Master of Science in Engineering Management and a Master of Environment Health and Safety Degree are being held at the Mesabi Range Community and Technical College in Virginia, MN. Program organizers will offer 6-8 courses every academic year. Iron Range students will also have access to additional related courses offered on the UMD campus and to ITV and on-line courses.

The program is being coordinated through the UMD Swenson College of Science and Engineering (SCSE) in conjunction with the Arrowhead University Consortium, with financial support provided by the Iron Range Higher Education Committee.

Students can find an application and receive general information through the UMD Continuing Education office or by contacting SCSE at 726-7506.

SEA GRANT ON TWITTER

MN Sea Grant is sending out regular “tweets” through the social networking site, Twitter.

FACULTY/STAFF PHOTOS

Three dates have been set for UMD faculty and staff or others in need of a photo. Please see UMD photographer Brett Groehler in 302 Darland Administration Building on the following days: Thurs. Sept. 10 from 2-4 p.m.; Fri., Sept. 18 from 9 a.m.-noon. No appointment is necessary during these times. Ask your department if your photo is needed and for what purpose. Please bring along your billing information and the name(s) of the person to send the photos to. There is a small charge for this service. For information contact Brett Groehler in 302 Darland Administration Building.
Groehler at bgroehle@d.umn.edu or call 726-7115.

WELCOME INT’L STUDENTS
This fall, UMD will welcome new international students from over 20 countries: Canada, China, Finland, Germany, Hungary, India, Iran, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Moldova, Nepal, Pakistan, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Taiwan and Vietnam. International Student Services is looking for furniture, rides, holiday invitations, and other assistance for some of these students. If you could help, or would like more information, please contact, Trisha O’Keefe, 726-7531 or pokeefe@d.umn.edu.

FRESHMAN ENROLLEMENT
UMD’s enrollment of first-year students is anticipated at 2,150, with nearly 90 percent of freshmen living on campus. Total enrollment is estimated at 11,300 students (approximately the same as last year), with 500 new transfer students.

UMD STORES NEWS
Fill the stands with gold! Purchase a gold 2008 UMD football championship tee for $9.99 and $4 from each tee sale goes to Make-A-Wish®. Wear gold to every UMD game to cheer on the Bulldogs and show your school spirit!

Touchdown Tuesdays. Get 5% off UMD wear and gifts for every UMD touchdown during home games up to 30% off. Discount is good the Tuesday after the game attended at UMD Stores.

Save your UMD football, soccer, and volleyball game tickets and get 20% off UMD wear and gifts the Saturday and Sunday of the game attended at UMD Stores.

UMD Stores now carries dorm and apartment supplies including microwaves, hot pots, dust busters, alarm clocks, blenders, and more.

Textbook returns will be in UMD Stores EXPRESS (109 Kirby Plaza) September 8-11 and 14-15 from 8 am - 4 pm.

Get cash for your books September 9-11 from 8 am - 4 pm in Kirby Student Center.

Jefferson Lines offers daily bus service, year round, from the UMD Campus to the Twin Cities. Purchase tickets at UMD Stores street level.

For store hours, events, and merchandise visit www.umdstores.com.

faculty/staff NEWS
UMD scientists Matt Andrews, of UMD’s Department of Biology and Les Drewes, of UMD’s Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the UM Medical School-Duluth, along with a colleague in the Twin Cities, have designed a fluid that may increase the survival rates of people who suffer from hemorrhagic shock during a trauma.


John Brostrom, senior administrative director for UMD’s Auxiliary Services, has recently been appointed to the Duluth Transit Authority Board of Directors as an at large representative.


Gloria DeFilipps Brush, professor, Art and Design, along with Gerald Guthrie and Elona Van Gent, are in the exhibition Dimensional Figures and Environments: Artists Engaging Technology, running from Aug. 25 - Oct. 10, at the Northern Illinois University Art Museum. The illustrated catalog includes essays by Jessica Gondek about the three artists.


Douglas Dunham, professor, department of computer science, attended three conferences in July and August, giving talks at each. The first paper, “The Symmetry of Circle Limit IV and Related Patterns,” was presented at the 12th annual Bridges Conference at Banff, Canada, July 26-29. The paper was published in the conference proceedings. He also had two prints accepted for display at the Bridges Art Exhibit (http://www.bridgesmathart.org/art-exhibits/bridges2009/dunham.html). The second paper, “The Interplay Between Hyperbolic Symmetry and History,” was presented at Symmetry Festival 2009 in Budapest, Hungary, July 31 to Aug. 5. The paper will be published in the second volume of the proceedings in the journal Symmetry: Culture and Science. The third paper, “The Use of Repeating Patterns to Teach Hyperbolic Geometry Concepts,” was presented at MathFest 2009 in Portland, Oregon, Aug. 6 - 8. He also had
Jing Bai, assistant professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, published a paper “Intracavity nonlinearities in quantum-cascade lasers,” appearing as the cover article in the recent issue (vol. 106, no. 3, August 01, 2009) of Journal of Applied Physics, the most highly cited archival journal in Applied Physics. The paper is co-authored with David Citrin at Georgia Tech. This article surveys the theory and technology progression on various nonlinear performances of quantum cascade lasers. It also introduces a comprehensive simulation model developed by the authors. The model can be used to evaluate and further optimize the nonlinear performance of quantum cascade lasers. This article marked a milestone of Bai’s research on quantum optics and nonlinear optics based on quantum cascade devices. Currently, Bai advances her research to the area of dynamic instabilities of quantum cascade structures and the carrier transition mechanisms in nanostructured solar cell devices. See the journal cover and the article in this link: http://link.aip.org/link/?JAP/106/3/htmltoc.

Ron Caple, emeritus professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, was awarded an Alumni Achievement Award from his alma mater, St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn. Caple graduated from St. Olaf in 1960. St. Olaf Alumni Awards are given for extraordinary contributions and lifetime achievement. A specialist in synthetic organic chemistry, Caple has been lauded for his research, teaching, and dedication to pharmacy students. He has published nearly 100 articles and the book Organic Synthesis: The Science Behind the Art. He helped establish Duluth’s “sister city” in Petrozavodsk, Russia and an exchange in Pinar del Rio, Cuba. He earned the U.S. Civilian Research and Development Fund award and the Soviet Academy of Science Science Competition Prize. Caple has also established a scholarship to help students from third world countries pursue an undergraduate degree at UMD.

Sofia Chabysheva, research fellow, Department of Physics, successfully defended her thesis, “A Nonperturbative Calculation of the Electron’s Anomalous Magnetic Moment,” and earned her Ph.D. in theoretical physics from Southern Methodist University. At the conclusion of her defense, Chabysheva was presented with the first McCartor Memorial Award for the Outstanding Graduate Thesis in Theoretical Physics.

Dalibor Froncek, professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, was appointed member of the program committee of IWOCA 2010 (International Workshop on Combinatorial Algorithms), which will be held at King’s College, London, England, in July 2010.

The National Science Foundation has awarded a $600,000 research grant to Tim Kroft (PI), assistant professor, Department of Biology and Jon Rumbley (co-PI), assistant professor, College of Pharmacy Duluth. The grant will provide support for a graduate student and multiple undergraduate researchers from June 15, 2009 to May 31, 2013. Kroft’s research involves discovery and characterization of proteins that are involved in sperm-egg recognition, binding and fusion during fertilization in the small nematode roundworm C. elegans. Many of these proteins are closely related to human proteins that may also be involved in fertilization. Kroft’s research will impact the diagnosis and treatment of male-factor infertility and lead to the development of new contraceptive choices.

Ted Pedersen, professor, Department of Computer Science, has been invited to serve on the Scientific Advisory Board for a new NSF-funded grant to Vassar College and Brandeis University, on “Sustainable Infrastructure for Linguistic Technology (SILT).” The goal of this project is to achieve interoperability in natural language processing standards and technologies.

Andrea Schokker, professor and head, Department of Civil Engineering, received the Post-Tensioning Institute (PTI) Ken Bondy Award for Most Meritorious Technical Papers during the PTI summer conference for her journal papers in the area of durability in post-tensioned bridges.

Debao Zhou, assistant professor, Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, was an invited conference session chair, Analysis and Design of Mechatronic Systems - Session II, at the 2009 IEEE International Conference on Mechatronics and Automation (ICMA 2009), Changchun, Jilin, China from August 9 - 12.

NRRI NEWS

Subhash Basak and Guillermo Restrepo (Universidad de Pamplona, Pamplona, Norte de Santander, Colombia) and José L. Villaveces (Universidad de los Andes, Bogota, Colombia), were co-chairpersons of the First Mathematical Chemistry Workshop of the Americas. The workshop focused on applications to drug design, environmental protection, genomics and proteomics, and was organized on the campus of Universidad de los Andes, in August 2009 in Bogota, Colombia. Basak gave the following invited lectures at the workshop: 1) Mathematical Chemodescriptors: Development and Applications, 2) Development and use of biodescriptors in predictive toxicology and drug discovery, and 3) Mathematical Chemistry: A futuristic view. Basak
also chaired a scientific session at the workshop.

Kurt Johnson gave a presentation titled, “Wetland Mitigation in Abandoned Gravel Pits” at the Society of Wetland Scientists Annual Meeting in Madison, Wis. in June 2009.

Larry Zanko is one of the co-authors on an article titled “Using recycled taconite as alternative aggregate in asphalt pavements,” published in Construction and Building Materials, Volume 23, Issue 9, Sept. 2009; pp. 3070–3078. The other co-authors were from the University of Minnesota, Civil Engineering Department: Raul Velasquez, Mugurel Turos, Ki Hoon Moona, and Mihai Marasteanu.

PHARMACY NEWS

Timothy Stratton, professor, and Marcia Worley, associate professor, have been awarded the American Journal of Health-System Pharmacists (AJHP) Foundation Literature Award for Innovation in Pharmacy Practice. Their article, “Implementing After-Hours Pharmacy Coverage for Critical Access Hospitals in Northeast Minnesota,” was published in the AJHP 2008; 65:1727-34. This was a collaborative effort with colleagues at St. Luke’s Hospital Pharmacy and SISU Medical Systems.

Grant Anderson, assistant professor, has accepted an invitation to serve on the editorial board of the journal, Endocrinology, for the term 2010-2013.

Walid El-Khatib, postdoctoral associate, has been selected to participate in the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy (ICAAC) Infectious Disease Fellows Grant Program at the 49th ICAAC in San Francisco, California, in Sept. 2009.

Debbie Sisson, assistant professor, will co-chair a session, “Pharmacy Practice Experiences: Support for Establishment or Expansion,” at the National Rural Health Association’s Medication Use in Rural America Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, in Sept. 2009. This session will address, in part, how to start a student rotation and outline a plan for developing precepting skills for frontline pharmacists.

umD COMMUNICATION

ABOUT CURRENTS:

Questions? Contact Cheryl Reitan and Kathleen McQuillan-Hofmann at 726-8996. Alicia Stockard and Donna O’Neill helped edit this issue of Currents. Submit items to Currents, by e-mailing currents@d.umn.edu. Currents can be viewed at www.d.umn.edu/currents. The remaining schedule for Fall Semester is:

- Deadline: Wed., Sept. 16
  - Print Date: Tues., Sept. 22
- Deadline: Wed., Sept. 30
  - Print Date: Tues., Oct. 6
  - Print Date: Tues., Oct. 20
- Deadline: Wed., Oct. 28
  - Print Date: Tues., Nov. 3
- Deadline: Wed., Nov. 11
  - Print Date: Tues., Nov. 17
- Deadline: Wed., Dec. 2
  - Print Date: Tues., Dec. 8

UMD EVENT PUBLICITY

There are many ways to get publicity for your umD events: Currents faculty-staff newsletter, the WEB Calendar of Events, Business Announce E-mail, Department Web pages, News Releases, the umD Home Page, advertisements, producing brochures, and advertising in the Statesman student newspaper. Information and policies can be found at http://www.d.umn.edu/publications/publicizingevents.html.

UMD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Scheduling events? Make sure you post them on the web calendar: See the web pages http://www.d.umn.edu/umdevents and http://www.d.umn.edu/currents/calendar-how-to.html. Watch for the new calendar format coming this fall. Don’t forget, public events must be posted on the web calendar and sent to Currents before you can send out a umD business announce message. For more information, contact Cheryl Reitan at 726-8996 or e-mail creitan@d.umn.edu.

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