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## News

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[DAN MOORE BECOMES UMMAA BOARD PRESIDENT](#)

## Announcements

### Nominations Sought: Outstanding Support Staff Awards

Nominations are sought for the Outstanding Support Staff Awards. An award will be presented at the Faculty/Staff Recognition Dinner to one employee in each of the following groups: AFSCME Clerical and Technical, Civil Service/Law Enforcement, and Teamsters. All nominations are due in 201 Behmler Hall by Monday, March 21, at 4:30 p.m. For more information, please [contact Jenny Quam](#).

### This Week in Photos

- [Campus Photos: Winter 2016](#)
- [UMM/UMTC Joint Symposium](#)
- [Midwinter 2016](#)

## Accomplishments

[Batchenkova '18 Earns a Place in Exceptional Research Opportunities Program](#)

EXROP provides outstanding summer research experiences to bright, motivated undergraduate students.

### Peters Awarded Morse Alumni Award

**Heather Peters**, associate professor of psychology, has been awarded the Horace T. Morse - University of Minnesota Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education. As an award winner, Peters also will be named a members of the Academy of Distinguished Teachers.

### Lackey's Latest Book to Be Released by Bloomsbury Academic

Professor of English **Michael Lackey**'s new book, [The American Biographical Novel](#), will be released in April by Bloomsbury Academic. In *The American Biographical Novel*, Lackey charts the shifts in intellectual history that made the biographical novel acceptable to the literary establishment and popular with the general reading public. He clarifies the origin and evolution of this genre of fiction, specifies the kind of 'truth' it communicates, provides a framework for identifying how this genre uniquely engages the political, and demonstrates how it gives readers new access to history.

### Bohm Receives Outstanding Service Award

Ramsay Bohm, user support coordinator and Helpdesk supervisor, received an [Outstanding Service Award from the Office of Information Technology](#). The IT@UMN Outstanding Service Award is designed to recognize special contributions, above and beyond the normal scope of job responsibilities; recipients make outstanding contributions to the objectives of IT@UMN and achieve high performance in going above and beyond the responsibilities of their positions.

### Men's Basketball Advances to UMAC Semifinals

[The men's basketball team held off a late rally from Wisconsin-Superior to advance to the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference semifinals with an 83-80 win on Monday, February 22.](#) **CD Douglas '16**, Marshall, had a career high 37 points on the nights, setting a new school record.

## In the News

**Doll-Wohlers '90 Is a Judicial Nominee**

The *Morris Sun Tribune* reports that [Amy Doll-Wohlers '90 is a candidate for judge in Minnesota's Eighth Judicial District](#). Doll-Wohlers is an associate attorney at Fluegel, Anderson, McLaughlin & Brutlag, Chartered, where she handles cases primarily in personal injury law, wrongful death, social security disability, employment law, and other civil matters.