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## News

[Theatre Arts Discipline Announces 2016–17 Season](#)

## Announcements

### This Week in Photos

- [Homecoming 2016](#)
- [Barber Lecture 2016](#)
- [Tim Palmer Lecture](#)

### You Are Invited: Top Performing Annuals

Hundreds of annual flower cultivars are trialed each year in the Horticulture Display Garden at the West Central Research and Outreach Center—find out which ones are the top-ranked for Minnesota gardens on Wednesday, October 19, at 12:15 p.m. in the AgCountry Auditorium at the West Central Research and Outreach Center (46352 State Highway 329, Morris, MN 56267). Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

### Save the Date: Employee Health and Benefit Fair

Mark your calendars to attend the Employee Health and Benefit Fair on Wednesday, November 9, from 10:30 a.m.–1 p.m. in Oyate Hall. Stop by and visit with vendors representing Medical Plans, Flexible Spending Accounts, Employee Benefits, Retirement Savings, Dental Plans, Employee Wellness and more. Free flu shots will be available beginning at 11:30 a.m. A light lunch will be provided.

## Accomplishments

### Breen Presents Research on "Seeds, Intellectual Property, and Justice in International Agreements"

**Sheri Breen**, associate professor of political science, presented research on "Seeds, Intellectual Property, and Justice in International Agreements" at the Yale Food Systems Symposium on Friday, September 30. The symposium, sponsored by the Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, brings together researchers and practitioners to examine ways to achieve just, sustainable food systems. Breen also presented related research at the FEASt Symposium, organized by Food, Environmental, and Ag Studies (FEASt) and the Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change (ICGC) and held at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, on Friday, October 7. She will present another piece of related research on Thursday, October 13, at the Sixth International Conference on Food Studies at the University of California, Berkeley.

### Morris Represents at Annual AASHE Conference

**Troy Goodnough**, sustainability director, presented at the 2016 Association for the Advancement of Sustainability conference in Baltimore, Maryland, October 8–11. Goodnough co-led a workshop and presentation in which he focused on the connections between sustainability professional work and Stoic philosophy. He also presented on the structure and use of the Morris Green Reinvestment Fund that has funded sustainability projects at Morris. **Katie Ledermann '17** and **Sophie Bishop '17** attended the Student Summit and represented Morris campus and community public engagement work.

## In the News

### Norman '98 Appears on *MPR News Presents*

**Ravi Norman '98**, CEO of THOR Construction, appeared on [MPR News Presents for October 6, 2016](#). Norman discussed promoting creativity and innovation within his organization.