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## News

[Morris is one of Sierra's Top 30 Cool Schools for 2016](#)  
[Washington Monthly and Colleges of Distinction Commend Morris](#)

## Announcements

### This Week in Photos

- [2016 Gopher Pre-Game Event](#)
- [Morrison Gallery: Out of the Box and Make Mend](#)
- [Fall 2016 on Campus](#)

### You Are Invited: Asking the Big Questions

The next Asking the Big Questions will take place on Tuesday, September 13, at 7 p.m. in the Briggs Library McGinnis Room. Adam Olson '10, assistant professor of political science, will give a brief presentation titled "What's up with the Election?: Emerging Questions and Answers" that explores the complexities and misconceptions surrounding this year's political process. Is Hillary Clinton really so disliked by Democrats? How did Trump become the Republican nominee? What's at stake this election? What factors are influencing voters in the United States and elsewhere in the western world? Come find out and then discuss. Asking the Big Questions is a campus/community discussion group that explores the significant issues of the day. It is sponsored by Briggs Library.

### Accomplishments

[The West Central Tribune reports that Katie Laughlin '10 has returned to Clean Up the River Environment \(CURE\) as its communications and program associate.](#) Laughlin, Morris's first environmental studies graduate, originally served as an intern with CURE.

### In the News

#### Myers Mentioned in Chicago Magazine Round Up

**PZ Myers's**, associate professor of biology, thoughts on classroom decorum and "safe space" are included in [Chicago magazine's "A Syllabus for Trigger Warnings and Safe Spaces."](#) The article responds to a letter the University of Chicago recently sent to incoming students announcing that it does not support the use of "trigger warnings" as a result of its commitment to freedom of expression.

#### Morris Sun Tribune Profiles Peterson '16

The *Morris Sun Tribune* profiled **Leah Peterson '16** in ["Leah Peterson is following in family footsteps."](#) The recent alumna and new first-grade teacher at Hancock Elementary School comes from a family of teachers.