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**Burbach '95 to Deliver First Careers in Biology Alumni Speakers Series Lecture**

*Summary: Brandon J. Burbach '95, PhD, will deliver the first lecture of the Careers in Biology Alumni Speakers Series on Thursday, March 28.*

(March 13, 2013)-The University of Minnesota, Morris is pleased to announce a new lecture series beginning this spring—the Careers in Biology Alumni Speakers Series. Brandon J. Burbach '95, senior research associate at the University of Minnesota Medical School Center for Immunology, will deliver the first of these lectures on Thursday, March 28, at 7 p.m. in the Science Auditorium (Science 2950). The title of Burbach's talk is "There and back again: The unexpected scientific journeys of a UMM biology and chemistry major."

Through alumni lectures, informal seminars, and a resource room dedicated to opportunities in the sciences, the Careers in Biology program provides undergraduate students with guidance regarding post-graduation options. The Careers in Biology Alumni Speaker Series focuses on alumni success stories and the real-world application of science degrees. This series also gives students the opportunity to network within their field.

Burbach (biology and chemistry) graduated with distinction from Morris in 1995. He received a PhD in molecular and cellular pharmacology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2004. Burbach began work at the University of Minnesota Center for Immunology in 2004 as a post-doctoral fellow and was named senior research associate in 2010. The author of numerous articles, Burbach received a 2011 University of Minnesota Academic Health Center Seed Grant. He and his wife, Emily Clark Burbach '97, live in Minneapolis with their four daughters—Rachel, Abby, Sarah, and Rebekah.

Burbach will also present a classroom research talk on Friday, March 29, at 9:15 a.m. in Science 2200. This lecture is entitled "Regulation of cell adhesion during T cell priming and adoptive tumor immunotherapy."

The Careers in Biology program is supported in part by a grant to the University of Minnesota, Morris from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute through the Precollege Science Education Program.

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