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Summary: Dr. Kirsten Jaglo '94, an expert in plant molecular biology and U.S. international climate change policy, is the University of Minnesota, Morris 2006 Latterell Visiting Alumna.

(September 26, 2006)-Dr. Kirsten Jaglo '94, an expert in plant molecular biology and U.S. international climate change policy, is the University of Minnesota, Morris 2006 Latterell Visiting Alumna. She will meet formally and informally with UMM students and faculty throughout the day on Monday, Oct. 23. Her 5:30 p.m. presentation in the Science Auditorium, "From Brown Cows to the White House -- the Career Path of Dr. Kirsten Jaglo '94," is open to the public. A question and answer session and a reception will follow.

Jaglo, a UMM biology major, serves in the U.S. Department of State's Office of Global Change as a American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellow. Her responsibilities include developing, negotiating and implementing U.S. international climate change policy and providing scientific expertise for the United States Agency for International Development.

Jaglo earned a doctorate in crop and soil science, and plant breeding and genetics at Michigan State University in 2000. Her area of study is abiotic environmental plant stress. A committee of students and faculty are coordinating the 2006 Latterell Memorial Visiting Alumnus Program. Brian Bourne '07, Montevideo, serves on the committee. He noted: "Though professors clearly have great educational and professional experience, it's helpful to learn from individuals who were on your campus quite recently. It brings a sense of relevance and immediacy to the broad possibilities of higher education. We're fortunate to be able to visit with someone who can present an unconventional spin on the conventional perceptions of what you'll do with a particular major."

Committee member Katie Glasrud '09, Morris, added: "Students need to be aware of the successful people who graduated from UMM as a source of motivation and inspiration. It's great to meet an interesting, intelligent, high-powered professional who use to be in my seat."

Privately funded with gifts from alumni, faculty, staff and Latterell friends and family, the Joseph J. Latterell Memorial Visiting Alumnus Program provides annual grants to disciplines within the UMM Science and Mathematics Division to invite alumni to campus to serve as resource persons for students and faculty.

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