The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
University of Missouri-St. Louis
Announces
A Special Lecture
Alumnus Dr. Harry W. Orf
Senior Vice President for Research, Massachusetts General Hospital,
will speak on

"Seizing Serendipity and Preparing for Opportunity's Knocks"
Lessons Learned from a Personal Career Journey

Friday December 14, 2012
Lecture at 1:00 pm in 451 Benton Hall
Coffee will be available at 12:50 pm

Dr. Harry W. Orf received a BS in Chemistry from UM-St. Louis in 1971. He then went to Harvard where he completed a PhD in the laboratory of nobel laureate E. J. Corey on computer assisted synthetic analysis. Harry stayed at Harvard, serving as Dean of Mather House from 1977 to 1980 and as Lecturer on Chemistry and Biochemistry from 1978 to 1983. He then became Director of Molecular Biology at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) and Principal Associate in Genetics at Harvard Medical School. In 1980, he co-founded and became President of Cambridge Laboratory Consultants, a firm that over the next 25 years participated in the start-up of over 65 biotech companies in the greater Boston area. In 1994, he received a UM-St. Louis Distinguished Alumni Award. Harry has also had a distinguished career in the U.S. Army Reserve. After spending a year on active with the 804th Medical Brigade in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom and earning a Bronze Star, he retired in 2005 at the rank of Colonel and was awarded the Legion of Merit for his contributions spanning a 33-year career in the Army Medical Command. In March, 2004 Scripps Research Institute President Richard A. Lerner and Florida Governor Jeb Bush announced the appointment of Harry as Vice President for Scientific Operations at Scripps Florida, Scripps’ new institute in Palm Beach County. He held that appointment until February 2012, when he returned to MGH as its Senior Vice President for Research.

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