Nomination for the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Service: 2013

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Um-St. Louis Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Service Selection Committee
UM-St. Louis Faculty Senate

Dear Chancellor George and Members of the Award Committee,

On behalf of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, it is my pleasure to nominate Curators’ Professor Richard Rosenfeld for the 2013 Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Service. For the past quarter century, Professor Rosenfeld has proven himself to be both a stalwart campus servant and a champion of civic engagement locally and nationally. Indeed, it is difficult to imagine anyone who has done more to promote the mission and strategic goals of the University of Missouri-St. Louis, both to promote educational and research excellence and to forge strong partnerships with other organizations to enhance the economic and social well-being of our region, state, and nation.

Among Professor Rosenfeld’s many contributions to the St. Louis community, I would highlight the major role that he played, and continues to play, in developing and implementing the Public Safety Partnership, a collaborative venture between the Office of the Mayor, the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, and the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice to implement evidence-based policing and crime prevention strategies to better serve and protect the citizens of our region by enhancing public safety and thereby promoting economic development. Mayor Francis Slay observes that Professor Rosenfeld’s participation in this path-breaking partnership already has had a “profound” impact on the St. Louis community:

I cannot think of a faculty member of a major university who has had such a rapid and profound impact on the welfare of a community as Rick has had since joining with me and St. Louis Police Chief Dan Isom in forming the Public Safety Partnership….Rick has helped us to build on the best traditions of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and, with the support of UMSL doctoral students and faculty colleagues, to usher in a new era of police service in which public safety is secured through evidence-based strategies and national best practices.

And Dan Isom, recently retired Chief of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, echoes these sentiments:

an equal opportunity institution
Rick has been a consistent partner in the effort to bridge the divide between the police and the community with thoughtful statistical analysis, research, and advocacy for social justice....Recently, he has been the principal partner between the City of St. Louis, the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, and the University of Missouri-St. Louis. With his experience and knowledge in the areas of crime control, crime trends, and policing, he has been a powerful voice in the public debate about crime. He is helping the community to understand crime and how to reduce it. His commitment to working with the criminal justice system and building a more efficient process has led to marked improvements in agency outcomes and the quality of service to the citizens of St. Louis.

In an unsolicited thank you letter (not included in nomination packet owing to the limit of six letters but available on request), Mark Lawson, Secretary and General Counsel to the City of St. Louis Board of Police Commissioners, praises Professor Rosenfeld for his “invaluable assistance” during the process of selecting a new police chief to replace Chief Isom: “Without your guidance in identifying important issues for the Chief candidates to address, the Board would not have been as effective in vetting the candidates’ qualifications. Moreover, in these days of fiscal austerity, the Board appreciates your willingness to contribute your expertise without charge....UMSL is one of the St. Louis area’s outstanding civic assets.”

In addition to his central role in the Public Safety Partnership, Professor Rosenfeld has served the St. Louis community as a regular speaker for the Leadership St. Louis Program, which exposes participants to the critical issues facing the region, one of which is crime and justice. Christine Chadwick, Executive Director of Leadership St. Louis, writes that “Rick is the first person I go to every year to see if he can lay the ground work [for this topic] and provide an overview for the day. He is always most generous with his time.” Professor Rosenfeld’s deep knowledge of the criminal justice system, coupled with his unrivaled eloquence, make him perhaps the area’s most sought after public speaker on crime-related matters. Don Marsh, host of St. Louis Public Radio’s “St. Louis on the Air,” calls him his “go to guy” on such issues, adding that:

Rick has been a fixture in our stable of experts. We call upon his expertise several times a year....That expertise has been enhanced by his work over the last months with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department in which the recently retired chief and, just this week, his successor, have made prominent mention of Prof. Rosenfeld’s contributions to various crime fighting initiatives. It is certainly testimony to the University of Missouri’s involvement with local and regional programs, but more specifically to Prof. Rosenfeld’s personal involvement and relationship with the city’s law enforcement community....But even more impressive has been the willing and enthusiastic endorsement of his assistance in helping to reduce the local crime rate. That goes beyond a simple thanks
for the help. It gives credit to Rick’s expertise and the quality of his analysis and advice for a substantive contribution to helping to resolve urban crime issues. What better testimony can there be than an endorsement like that?

In a related vein, Professor Rosenfeld is known as a first-rate statistician who has played a major role in defending St. Louis against methodologically-flawed crime rankings that make the city appear far more dangerous than it is. Indeed, he received the 2007 “Sold on St. Louis Award” from the St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association for his work to debunk these rankings and to paint a more realistic picture of the city’s crime rate in public lectures and newspaper editorials.

Beyond his service to the St. Louis community, and I have only touched the surface there, Professor Rosenfeld also has actively served the profession and nation. In 2010, for example, he served as President of the American Society of Criminology and in that capacity oversaw the ASC’s largest ever professional meeting, which attracted 3,400 participants from 40 countries. Professor Rosenfeld has held a number of other important positions within the ASC and he continues to serve on the organization’s national policy committee. As if this was not enough, Professor Rosenfeld is a National Associate of the National Research Council, having served on several panels for the National academy of Science. He currently serves on the Science Advisory Board of the Office of Justice Programs in the U.S. Department of Justice, where he chairs the subcommittee for the Bureau of Justice Statistics, and he is a former member of the steering committee of the National Science Foundation’s National Consortium on Violence Research. Al Blumstein, who chairs the Office of Justice Programs Science Advisory Board, has served on many of these same committees, concludes that “it would be extremely difficult to identify many others whose service contributions in so many ways and in so many settings have come close to those of Professor Rosenfeld, especially in the face of his impressive research and teaching accomplishments. He certainly must be seen as an outstanding candidate for the Chancellor’s Award for Service.”

As if Professor Rosenfeld’s exemplary service to the St. Louis community, the criminological profession, and the federal government were not enough to demonstrate his unique suitability for the Chancellor’s Award for Service, he also has served the University of Missouri and the UM-St. Louis campus with great distinction. For example, he served on the UM Research Board from 2001 through 2004, chairing it from 2002 through 2004. Sam Kanatzer, Assistant to the UM Vice President for Research and Economic Development, describes Professor Rosenfeld as “one of my favorite chairs during my service on the Board.” She adds that:

He was always very thorough in his role as Chair and always kept the Board on track during full Board meetings. He directed the Board through discussions of the typical
problems and also assisted with the developments of guidelines for accepting non-tenured/tenure track applications for eligibility to apply to the Research Board.

Since leaving the Research Board, Professor Rosenfeld has continued to apply the knowledge he gained there by annually participating as a presenter at the Center for Teaching and Learning’s Research Board Proposal Workshop, thereby helping his colleagues at UM-St. Louis to prepare more competitive proposals. But this is just a tiny portion of his University service, which includes serving on the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, the UM-St. Louis Senate Appointments, Tenure, and Promotion Committee, and many others.

The bottom line is that Professor Richard Rosenfeld’s service at all levels is truly exceptional. This year UMSL will celebrate its 50th anniversary. At the same time, Professor Rosenfeld will celebrate his 25th anniversary at UMSL. Over the last five decades, UMSL has forged strong links with the world beyond its walls. As the attached letters clearly demonstrate, Professor Rosenfeld has played a deeply committed part in that process for the past quarter century. Our university, our state, and our nation are much better for his unstinting service to furthering the causes of education, research, social justice and public safety. Now is the perfect time to recognize Professor Rosenfeld’s selfless commitment to the betterment of society with the 2013 Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Service.

Sincerely,

Richard Wright
Curators’ Professor
Richard Rosenfeld
Service Activity and Philosophy

One of the most rewarding characteristics of academic work, for me, is that “service” is an essential part of the job. We are paid to serve our colleagues and community. I am near the end of my 24th year at UMSL and in multiple ways have served my department and university colleagues; my discipline and profession; my community (I was born in St. Louis); and, although it is awkward to put it this way, my country. I will divide these forms of service into three categories – campus, professional, and public – and briefly discuss my involvement in each of them.

I have been an active department member since joining the UMSL faculty in 1989, serving on most department committees, as graduate director, and as chair. I cannot imagine being in a university department but not of it. I am frankly proud of the role I have played in helping to build our department into a nationally recognized leader in criminology and criminal justice. We operate as a genuine collectivity, not a loosely aligned collection of faculty members who happen to share the same campus space. I would not have it any other way and have done what I can, as chair and colleague, to promote the unity of purpose and camaraderie in the department that are recognized by our colleagues throughout the country.

I have served on several campus committees over the years, including the university promotion and tenure committee, and have participated in several workshops for faculty on strengthening proposals to the University of Missouri System Research Board. In addition, I chaired the Research Board (2002-2004) and was a member of the Presidential Advisory Search Committee (2011-2012). I view my campus and system service as a natural extension of my service to department colleagues. I take the term “university community” seriously and have tried in various ways to insure that the whole exceeds the sum of the parts.

My professional service has taken many different forms. I have served on the editorial boards of several journals and on multiple committees of both the American Society of Criminology and the American Sociological Association. I served as President of the American Society of Criminology in 2010 and for six years as a member of the National Academy of Science’s Committee on Law and Justice. I review 20-25 journal manuscripts each year, in addition to book manuscripts and grant proposals. I view these activities as integral to membership in a community of scholars.

My public service also has been multifaceted. I am interviewed regularly by local media and occasionally by national media about my research. In 2010, I was appointed by the Attorney General to serve a six-year term on the Science Advisory Board to the Office of Justice Programs in the US Department of Justice. Finally, I helped to forge and play an active role in the St. Louis Public Safety Partnership established in January, 2012.

The Public Safety Partnership unites UMSL, the city of St. Louis, and the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department in a joint effort to use research to improve public safety
in St. Louis. I currently split my time between the university and the police department, where I also have an office, as the department’s “Criminologist in Residence.” In that capacity I helped to design the department’s first randomized controlled field experiment to evaluate the effectiveness of police patrol strategies to reduce crime. Along with my graduate student, who is embedded halftime in the department’s Crime Analysis Unit, I conduct research to improve the data systems used by local criminal justice agencies and have been part of the planning process for a new specialized Circuit Court docket devoted exclusively to firearm crimes. The partnership is a career culminating experience that requires applied research and communication skills I did not possess as a younger researcher. My hope is to establish a permanent foundation for researcher-practitioner partnerships that will bring other researchers into collaborative relationships with criminal justice professionals in St. Louis. That would be a truly rewarding outcome of my commitment to public service.
February 26, 2013

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Re: Nomination of Richard Rosenfeld for Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Service

Dear Dr. Wright:

How pleased I was to learn that Rick Rosenfeld has been nominated for the prestigious Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Service.

I can not think a faculty member of a major university who has had such a rapid and profound impact on the welfare of a community as Rick has had since joining with me and St. Louis Police Chief Dan Isom in forming the Public Safety Partnership between the Office of the Mayor, the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and the University of Missouri-St. Louis Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Simply put, Rick has helped us to build on the best traditions of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and, with the support of UMSL doctoral students and faculty colleagues, to usher in new era of police service in which public safety is secured through evidence-based strategies and national best practices.

We are deeply grateful for his contribution and hope that he receives every favorable consideration in the conferring of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Service.

Sincerely,

Francis G. Slay
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Selection Committee:

I have known Dr. Richard Rosenfeld for many years. He is undoubtedly recognized throughout the country as a leader in the field of criminology and criminal justice. Like many of his peers, he has amassed an impressive list of publications, books, and grant projects. He has significantly advanced the communities’ understanding of crime trends and crime control policies in America. In addition to his academic profile, Rick has always taken that extra step beyond the normal pursuits of his peers. Throughout his career, Rick has been involved in research in action.

Rick has been a consistent partner in the effort to bridge the community divide between the police and the community with thoughtful statistical analysis, research and advocacy for social justice in an effort to make communities safer. He understands the cornerstone of the American justice system is built on trust. Rick’s racial profiling researcher and counsel to diverse constituents around this issue have created a new environment of trust that has strengthened community police relations.

Recently, he has been the principle partner between the City of St. Louis, the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, and the University of Missouri-St. Louis. With his experience and knowledge in the area of crime control, crime trends and policing, he has been a powerful voice in the public debate about crime. He is helping the community understand crime and how to reduce it. His commitment to working with the criminal justice system and building a more efficient process has led to marked improvements in agency outcomes and the quality of service to the citizens of St. Louis.

I write this letter in support of Dr. Richard Rosenfeld as the University of Missouri-St. Louis Chancellor’s Award of Excellence in Service for his unrelenting commitment to making St. Louis a better place to live and his sincere belief in the idea that we can make a difference if we have a desire to serve.

Sincerely,

Daniel Isom, Ph.D.
January 25, 2013

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Dear Dr. Wright:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I recommend Richard Rosenfeld for the University of Missouri-St. Louis Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Service.

I have had the privilege of working with Rick for the last several years. I direct the Leadership St. Louis Program, now in its 31st year which is a nine month/18 day program. The classroom for the Leadership St. Louis program is the metropolitan community. Each year FOCUS exposes the 65 participants to the critical issues facing our region. One of those is the criminal justice system. Rick is the first person I go to every year to see if he can lay the groundwork and provide an overview for the day. He is always very generous with his time.

Rick is incredibly knowledgeable and also approachable. He is clearly passionate about his lifelong profession and career and a respected and sought after expert and scholar. We are most fortunate to have him at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Rick has received an impressive number of awards for his outstanding work. He has published numerous books, journal articles, editorials, and reviews. He has garnered millions in grant money. He is a wise teacher and consultant and holds and has held offices/memberships in many service organizations.

I can think of no one more deserving of this prestigious honor than Rick Rosenfeld.

If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact me at 314-622-1250 x118.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
January 16, 2013

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Dear Professor Wright:

Thanks for asking me write a note of support for Rick Rosenfeld and his nomination for the UM-St. Louis Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Service. What an easy task for me.

Rick has been a fixture in our stable of experts. We call upon his expertise several times a year. We broadcasters have a deep file on people we can turn to...and not return to...when it comes to expertise in myriad areas. Rick is our "go to guy" when it comes to issues relating to criminal behavior, crime and law enforcement.

That expertise has been enhanced by his work over the last months with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department in which the recently retired chief, and, just this week, his successor, have made prominent mention of Prof. Rosenfeld's contributions to various crime fighting initiatives. It is certainly testimony to the University of Missouri's involvement with local and regional programs, but more specifically to Prof. Rosenfeld's personal involvement and relationship with the city's law enforcement community.

But even more impressive has been the willing and enthusiastic endorsement of his assistance in helping reduce the local crime rate. That goes beyond a simple thanks for the help. It gives credit to Rick’s expertise and the quality of his analysis and advice for a substantive contribution to helping resolve urban crime issues. What better testimony can there be than an endorsement like that?

No wonder we draw upon that expertise as often as we do, and will continue to do. I hope you, and he, are successful in your effort to have Rick cited in the very meaningful Chancellor's Award.

Yours truly

Don Marsh  
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Dear Richard:

I understand that Richard Rosenfeld is being considered for the University of Missouri – St. Louis Chancellor’s Award for Service. I should think he would be an outstanding candidate for such an award. He has contributed significant service to UMSL, to the city of St. Louis, to the profession of criminology and especially its lead professional organization, the American Society of Criminology, and to a rich variety of successful students. Let me try to fill in some of the details.

I first met Rick when he was a postdoc working with Jackie Cohen and me at CMU in 1984-85. He was a terrific colleague at that time, sharing ideas fully, working closely with others involved in our postdoc program. It has been clear that his career has blossomed professionally and has been marked by many facets of service on many occasions. The one I know best is his service as a key member of the steering committee for the National Consortium on Violence Research (NCOVR) headquartered at CMU. He was one of the most responsible participants in that group and his judgments, selections, cautions, and advice were always carefully thought out and most often determinative.

More recently, we have interacted as members of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) for the Office of Justice Programs in the US Justice Department. We were both appointed independently, Rick as the chair of the subcommittee for the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) and I as chair of the Board. He has been diligent in working with the leadership of BJS, offering many appreciated suggestions on the development of their program. At meetings of the full Board, his contributions have always been thoughtful and highly regarded, a comment I made to him following our most recent meeting in January.

I have also seen him take leadership of professional advisory committees on two different recent projects involving important issues of policy concern. One was at CDC concerned with estimating the impact of economic downturns on crime rates. The other was at John Jay University concerned with estimating the effect of police aggressiveness, positively on reducing crime and negatively on impacting citizen rights. In both cases, his leadership was able to shape the agendas, stimulate discussion by advocates on either side of the issues, and move the efforts forward in very constructive ways.

His service to the American Society of Criminology, his primary professional association, has been exemplary. He has chaired several committees and has served on at least nine, and his service as president was highly regarded for the excellent national meeting it produced.

His service to the National Academy of Sciences has also been impressive. He chaired their roundtable on understanding crime trends and served for the maximum six years on the oversight Committee on
Law and Justice. He also served as a member of the NAS committee on developing metrics for the Department of Homeland Security, the panel on firearms information and research, and has been elected as a National Associate of the NRC.

His service to UMSL must be well known at home. He served for three years as department chair and has been a significant and supportive mentor to a good number of students. The one I know best is Eric Baumer, who has gone on to some significant accomplishment and it has been striking to see the degree to which Rick has contributed to Eric’s success. Aside from the University, Rick has also taken a leave to serve as a criminologist in residence at the St. Louis Department of Public Safety, bringing his criminological knowledge and methods to improving the performance of the police department and the other public safety agencies.

I would think that it would be extremely difficult to identify many others whose service contributions in so many ways and in so many settings have come close to those of Richard Rosenfeld, especially in the face of his impressive research and teaching accomplishments. He certainly must be seen as an outstanding candidate for the Chancellor’s Award for Service.

Sincerely,

Alfred Blumstein
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Dear Richard:

I am delighted to write a reference letter in support of your nomination of Professor Rick Rosenfeld for the University of Missouri-St. Louis Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Service.

I have managed the UM Research Board proposal and award system at the University of Missouri-System level for twenty years. Rick served on the Research Board from the Fall of 2001 through the Fall of 2004. During that time, he reviewed many Research Board applications where he served as the primary Board member responsible for obtaining reviews for the applications and presenting results at the Social and Behavior Subcommittee.

Rick also served as Chair of the UM Research Board for two years from 2002 through 2004. He was one of my favorite Chairs during my service on the Board. He was always very thorough in his role as Chair and always kept the Board on track during full Board meetings. He directed the Board through discussions of the typical problems and also assisted with the development of guidelines for accepting non-tenured/tenure track applications for eligibility to apply to the Research Board.

Professor Rosenfeld continues to serve the UM Research Board through providing excellent reviews for applications when asked to participate.

I hope that the University of Missouri-St. Louis will honor Rick in this Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Service.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sam Kanatzar
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