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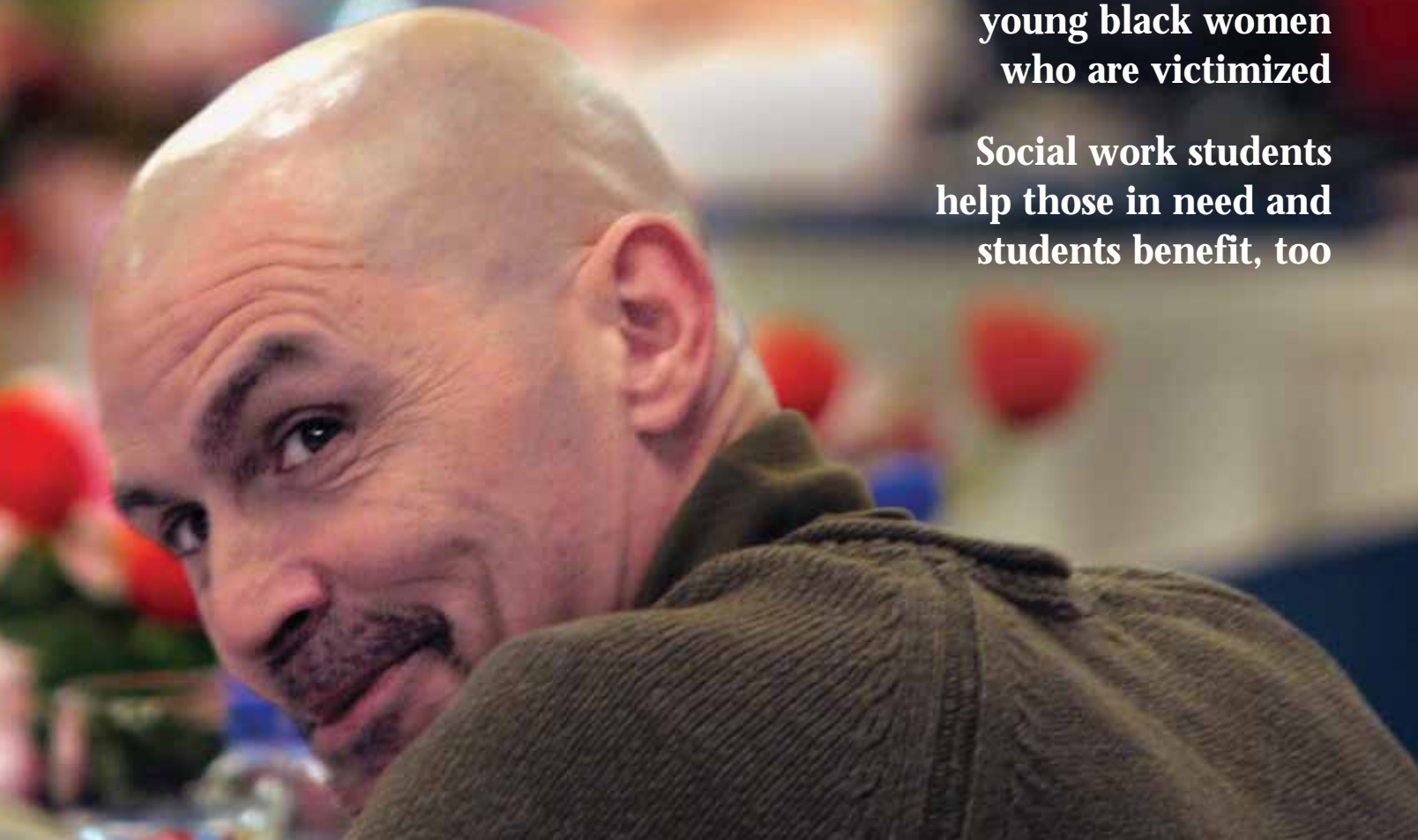
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**Alumnus Stephen Wade seeks
Olympic information as
Beijing readies for
summer games**

‘Getting Played’

**Book tells story of
young black women
who are victimized**

**Social work students
help those in need and
students benefit, too**



Dear Readers,

The first time I met Marty Hendin (pictured) he gave me an "I Love UMSL" pin.

It was fall 2003, and I had just arrived as chancellor of the University of Missouri–St. Louis. Barbara Harbach, my wife, and I were attending a welcome reception. We met many alumni that day. Their support of this institution was, and continues to be, extraordinary.

But Marty's devotion was amazing.

He came here from University City (Missouri) High School in 1966, three years after the founding of UMSL (Marty preferred "UMSL" over "UM–St. Louis"). He helped establish many of the student traditions and organizations, including the sports section in the student newspaper, *The Current*. The skills he developed and exhibited here led to a position with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1973.

Excelling in public relations and marketing, Marty handled his position as vice president of community relations so flawlessly and zealously that he became as well-liked and well-known as many of the Hall-of-Fame players who have graced the field at Busch Stadium. He became a Cardinals, and university, institution. Though, Marty would be the last to admit it.

Despite his numerous professional obligations, he always found time to help and promote UMSL. He was a fixture at university events. He served as president and held other offices in the UMSL Alumni Association, and his tremendous efforts on behalf of the Department of Athletics earned him a place in the UMSL Sports Hall of Fame.

Marty often mentioned his UMSL connections to the rich and famous people who performed at, and visited, Busch Stadium. His office overflowed with mementos of the people he'd met during his years with the Cardinals. His collection of pictures, posters, baseballs and bobble-head dolls was dubbed "Trinket City" by the local and national news media. When the Cardinals staff moved out of the old Busch Stadium in 2005 to make way for new stadium construction, we worked with Marty to establish a Trinket City exhibit in our Millennium Student Center.

Speaking at the time, Marty said, "There are two very special places besides my home – Busch Stadium and UMSL."

His family. His Cardinals. His UMSL. That's the Marty I fondly remember and sorely miss.

Marty Hendin died Jan. 12 after a long, but dignified, battle against cancer. He was 59 years old.

Sincerely,



Thomas F. George

Note: The Friends of Marty Hendin have established a scholarship in his name. The group wants to raise at least \$30,000 to provide for outstanding student leaders who "best emulate the qualities Marty demonstrated throughout his life." Please call (314) 516-5666 if you're interested in helping fund the scholarship.



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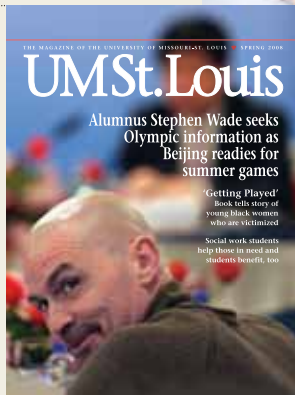
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Stephen Wade, reporter for the Associated Press and UM-St. Louis alumnus, covers a press conference Feb. 19 in Beijing. See Page 26 for a story about Wade reporting on China's preparations for the summer Olympic Games.

Photo by Nick Otto



Biophysicist honored by White House, Academy of Science



Photo by August Jennewein

The White House honored UM–St. Louis biophysicist Sonya Bahar with the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers in November.

Even as a child, Sonya Bahar sought to better understand the world in which she lived, and science always has been the key. Now, her enduring search for answers – and innovative research on the human brain – has brought her two honors.

Bahar, director of the Center for Neurodynamics and assistant professor of biophysics at the University of Missouri–St. Louis, received a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers from the White House and the Innovation Award from the Academy of Science–St. Louis.

“I’d always been interested in an interdisciplinary approach to science,” she said. “Working on problems in the brain seemed to me to be one of the most exciting ways to mix physics and biology.”

Bahar uses mathematical modeling and brain

imaging to learn how neurons synchronize their electrical activity during healthy and pathological states. Her collaboration with researchers at Saint Louis University Hospital entails mapping the brain activity of epilepsy patients.

She also works with scholars at Washington University in St. Louis. Together, they are developing new ways to combine data to understand how different areas of the brain synchronize with one another during normal cognitive processes.

Bruce Wilking, chair of the Department of Physics and Astronomy at UM–St. Louis, praises Bahar for her research.

“The fields of physics research are becoming more interdisciplinary, and no one exemplifies this more than Sonya,” he said. “Her cutting-edge research is recognized nationally and internationally.”

Bahar received the Academy of Science honor in April and the White House award in November.

UM-St. Louis creates admissions program with SLCC

The University of Missouri-St. Louis signed an agreement in March with St. Louis Community College that allows qualified students to enroll in both institutions at the same time. The pact created the Dual Admissions Program.

Transfer students are eligible to participate in DAP once they earn 24 hours of college-level credit, meet DAP requirements and fulfill admissions requirements at UM-St. Louis.

And first-time college students who enroll at SLCC and also meet admission requirements at UM-St. Louis can participate in DAP concurrent with admission to SLCC.

“We are very pleased to provide an opportunity through DAP for students to transfer easily from SLCC to UM-St. Louis when they complete their degree at SLCC, and to benefit from facilities and advising at both UM-St. Louis and SLCC simultaneously, even if they are not taking courses at UM-St. Louis,” said

Glen Cope, provost of UM-St. Louis. “It’s a great way for transfer students to have all the best information and access from the beginning of their college experience.”

DAP students may take coursework at either institution or concurrently. They can combine credits from UM-St. Louis and SLCC for full-time status to qualify for federal financial aid. DAP students have access to UM-St. Louis advising, libraries, housing, health services and computer labs, and they receive UM-St. Louis e-mail addresses and activity cards.

Jennifer Lewis, a senior in economics at UM-St. Louis, recalled her frustration when she transferred to UM-St. Louis from SLCC-Meramec.

“When it came time for me to transfer, I struggled with decisions like courses for my major, prerequisites and financial aid,” she said. “I really didn’t find what I was looking for until I got here. The DAP program is certainly going to make transferring to UM-St. Louis so much easier.”

‘Marriage doctors’ pen book on marvelous matrimony

Beyond their own nuptials, Charley and Elizabeth Schmitz have made another significant, long-term commitment: They’re dedicated to reducing the divorce rate and increasing the number of successful marriages.

Their new book, “Golden Anniversaries: The Seven Secrets of Successful Marriage,” delivers a seemingly simple recipe for marital happiness.

“In successful marriages, couples talk about everything,” said Charley Schmitz, dean of the College of Education and professor of counseling and family therapy at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. “There are no sacred cows, no secrets.”

The Schmitzes, also known as the “marriage doctors,” spent 25 years interviewing hundreds of happily

married couples. In addition, the authors draw on their own “successful and happy” marriage of 41 years. Instead of focusing on the nationwide divorce rate, which hovers around 50 percent, the Schmitzes note that marriages, worldwide, outnumber divorces

by a ratio of 5-to-1. Their optimism is evident in their work, their conversations and now their book.

“You cannot learn or understand success by studying failure,” said Elizabeth Schmitz, a retired educator and president of Successful Marriage Reflections. “That’s why we focused on positive perspectives while working on this book.”

Briarcliff Publishing released “Golden Anniversaries” in February. The 320-page hardback book is available for \$29.95 at <http://www.amazon.com/>. Visit <http://www.goldenanniversaries.com/> for more information.



Public policy book series continues with 'St. Louis Plans'

St. Louis Plans: The Real and the Ideal St. Louis," the third book in the ongoing St. Louis Metromorphosis Series, was released in December by the Public Policy Research Center at the University of Missouri–St. Louis. The book explores a century of urban planning that helped shape St. Louis and St. Louis County into the metropolitan area that exists today.

Edited by PPRC Director Mark Tranel, "St. Louis Plans" also touches on the failure of some far-fetched concepts that never came to fruition. One such implausible plan included a proposal for 35 St. Louis airports.

Along with an introduction penned by Tranel, more than a dozen St. Louis-area authors contributed to this comprehensive book. They wrote about celebrated St. Louis City Planning Commissioner Harland Bartholomew, a pair of the city's grandest comprehensive plans and sundry subjects such as education, highway and transit, economics, civics and workforce development.

"St. Louis has many things to be proud of, a tradition of planning being one of them," said Tranel, who has more than 30 years of urban planning experience. "In part, this volume is an opportunity to recognize and perhaps celebrate that rich heritage."

PPRC's St. Louis Metromorphosis Series examines the economic, social, political and historical aspects of the St. Louis area. Prior installments include "St. Louis Metromorphosis: Past Trends and Future Directions" (2004) and "Hidden Assets: Connecting the Past to the Future of St. Louis" (2006). All three books were published by Missouri Historical Society Press and can be purchased at <http://www.amazon.com>.



"The River Front as It Should Be," halftone after rendering by T. Humphry Woolrych, design by Wilbur T. Trueblood. The illustration originally was published in "A City Plan for St. Louis" (St. Louis: Woodward and Tiernan, 1907). The illustration was published again in, and appears here courtesy of, "St. Louis Plans" (St. Louis: Missouri Historical Society, 2007).

University Singers perform at music conference



Photo by Joel Currier

The University Singers, an auditioned concert choir of University of Missouri–St. Louis students, sang Jan. 25 at the Missouri Music Educators Association Conference and Clinic in Osage Beach, Mo. The coveted conference performance slots are invitation-only. The concert came on the heels of the choir's tour of Missouri, Tennessee and Mississippi. The nine-stop tour culminated with a clinic hosted by Donald Trott, director of choral studies at The University of Mississippi in Oxford.

MORE THAN JUST A GAME

How the work of a historian at UM–St. Louis led to a movie about a prison soccer league in South Africa

By Jack Crosby

Eight featured actors from the movie "More Than Just a Game" portrayed prisoners who created the little-known Makana Football Association in the 1960s on Robben Island, South Africa. The actors (from left) are Sizwe Msutu, Anelisa Phewa, Merlin Balie, Tshepo Maseko, Az Abrahams, Wright Ngubeni, Presley Cheweneyagae and Junaid Booysen. Information regarding the actor portraying the prison guard was not available.



“This is not a soccer movie.

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This is a movie about the triumph of human dignity.”

— Chuck Korr



Photo by August Jennevein

Chuck Korr is a professor emeritus of history at UM–St. Louis. A research project that Korr began in 1993 led to the making of the film “More Than Just a Game.”

For a university professor, research often means the difference between professional success and failure. Well-executed studies can verify earlier conclusions or expose the hollowness of an established concept. On occasion, outcomes are more profound. They go beyond new thoughts or career achievement.

For Chuck Korr, professor emeritus of history at the University of Missouri–St. Louis, research enabled him to unveil a story of human perseverance.

The world premiere of “More Than Just a Game,” a film anchored by Korr’s historical research, was held in November in Durban, South Africa. Told through the stories of five men – Mark Shinnars, Anthony Suze, Lizo Sitoto, Sedick Isaacs and Marcus Solomon, the movie chronicles the efforts of political prisoners to establish the little-known Makana Football Association while incarcerated in the 1960s on Robben Island, South Africa.

The soccer league enabled the men to rise above the conditions of their imprisonment, according to Korr.

“This is not a soccer movie,” he said. “This is not a prison movie. This is a movie about the triumph of human dignity.”

The film’s premiere was held in conjunction with the preliminary draw for the 2010 World Cup soccer tournament. The Fédération Internationale de Football Association, which operates the World Cup tournament, hosted the premiere. As the first international sports organization to impose sanctions on the apartheid regime of South Africa, FIFA holds a special place in the hearts of South Africans.

In 1993, Korr was working at the University of the Western Cape in Tygerberg, South Africa. He was there as part of the University of Missouri System–University of the Western Cape Faculty and Student Exchange Program.

Andre Odendaal, a colleague at UWC, knew of Korr’s interest in sports and soccer in particular. (Korr’s book, “West Ham United: The Making of a Football Club,” was first published in 1986.) Odendaal led Korr to a cache of papers and letters in the UWC archives. Korr said it wasn’t long before he knew something had to be done with the information.

“The boxes contained hundreds of notes, letters, formal correspondence, minutes, match reports and a myriad of things dealing with how and why they created an organized football league and other sports,” he said. “The prisoners took great pains to create a prison soccer league with all the trappings of an officially sanctioned league.”

The prisoners were meticulous. The league had a reserve system for the players. All players were registered, and committees were formed for scheduling, maintenance, finances and discipline. They held meetings about every aspect of the league and games.

“My wife, Anne, came up with the best way to explain that aspect,” Korr said. “They were trying to create a mundane, dull sense of ordinary, everyday life. They were living in the most deplorable conditions imaginable, and they weren’t going anywhere for a long time. When one is in a situation like that, dull or mundane isn’t all that bad.”

Robben Island is about seven miles off the coast of Cape Town, South Africa. For nearly 400 years, according to the Robben Island Museum, the island was a place of “banishment, exile, isolation and imprisonment.” Political troublemakers, social outcasts and even those suffering from leprosy were held captive there.

Prominent inmates included Walter Sisulu, Ahmed Kathrada and Nelson Mandela, but those men were kept in isolation and not permitted to participate in the soccer league.

The prisoners, who performed backbreaking labor in rock quarries every weekday, repeatedly sought permission to establish the league. After four years of receiving the prisoners’ written requests, prison authorities finally relented. The prisoners were allowed to level a playing field, construct goals and create the league.

Games were played for two hours on Saturdays for almost nine months a year.

According to Korr, who interviewed 40 former Robben Island prisoners, playing soccer was a diversion from the harsh realities of imprisonment and a way to keep the mind and body sharp.

The league also presented the first opportunity for two major political parties, the African National Congress and The Pan African Congress, to work together.

“The first thing the ANC and the PAC ever cooperated on was the football association,” Korr said.

“More Than Just a Game” was produced by Anant Singh and Helena Spring. Junaid Ahmed directed the film. Tom Eaton wrote the screenplay, and Korr served as a producer and writing consultant. The movie was released in April in South Africa. No release date for North America had been established as of press time.

Visit <http://www.morethanjustagame.co.za>, <http://www.robben-island.org.za> and <http://www.fifa.com/> for more information. 🍷



Photo by Stephanie Zettl

Carol Sullivan created her own UM–St. Louis legacy

With an endowed scholarship benefiting
students in the School of Social Work

“I very much support the idea of estate planning and directing your money to a program you wish to fund.”

Carol Sullivan, BSW 1982, fondly recalls her first social work course at the University of Missouri–St. Louis. The class was a gateway to a career and an introduction to the professor who would become her mentor, Lois Pierce.

“I was impressed with Dr. Pierce immediately because of her style and the kindness she showed to her students,” Carol said. “I felt she demonstrated excellent values in the way she worked with people, and that made me want to become a social worker.”

So Carol endowed a scholarship in honor of Dr. Pierce. The scholarship will financially assist UM–St. Louis students who are pursuing a bachelor’s degree in social work.

“I very much support the idea of estate planning and directing your money to a program you wish to fund,” Carol said. “I established this endowment in Dr. Pierce’s name not only for what she did for me when I was a student at UM–St. Louis, but also for what she has done for all social work students at the university.”

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A DIFFERENT KIND OF SOCI

Students help those in need and gain valuable experience

By Maureen Zegel



Lois Pierce

Many St. Louisans don't encounter people in need: the abused woman hiding from a violent spouse at a shelter; the frail boy facing a child abuse hearing in juvenile court; the twins caught between bitter, divorcing parents in a counselor's office; or the new parolee confronted by the lure of offending once again.

Local social-service agencies often are overwhelmed by thousands of people who need help, but that doesn't mean people aren't out there trying.

One example of that effort originates at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Every year, nearly 250 students from the university's School of Social Work fan out across the St. Louis area. Creating a regional network, they labor in courts, schools, hospitals, political offices and social-service agencies.

Their work is part of practicums – required, hands-on learning experiences that integrate theory with practice.

“It's an excellent opportunity for our students to learn on the ground,” said Lois Pierce, director of the School of Social Work. “It prepares them for work after graduation.”

A practicum requires 570 contact hours from students earning bachelor's degrees and 900 contact hours for those pursuing master's degrees. That translates into a lot of help for the underserved.

AL NETWORK



Carol Helfrich, a client at Places for People, shops for new clothes at the agency's store in St. Louis. UM–St. Louis social work students integrate theory with hands-on learning at the agency, which helps people with mental illness learn to live independently.

Katie VonDeLinde is the program director at Redevelopment Opportunities for Women, a nonprofit agency with offices in St. Louis and St. Louis County. She said UM–St. Louis students are an important part of program delivery at ROW.



Photos by August Jennewein

“We estimate that through our practicum program, UM–St. Louis gives back to the St. Louis region approximately \$1.5 million a year in service from our students and consultation with our faculty,” Pierce said.

Practicum students meet twice a month with Beverley Sporleder and Patti Rosenthal. They direct the program, and both are lecturers in social work. Sporleder oversees the undergraduate students, and Rosenthal works with the graduate students. With more than 400 sites to choose from, students bring a range of experiences to the meetings.

“The students all come together in seminar, and they collaborate almost immediately,” Sporleder said. “They might discuss a troublesome case and then help one another by making suggestions.”

Sporleder and Rosenthal make regular site visits to assess student performance. Visits and telephone conversations with site supervisors solidify the relationships UM–St. Louis has with the St. Louis-area social work community, Rosenthal said.

One such relationship is with the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The 100 Neediest Cases is the newspaper's annual holiday appeal for aid to families struggling with poverty. Nearly 40 UM–St. Louis social work students helped with the project last year. The students reviewed thousands of requests and determined the amount of aid based on contributions and the needs of the people requesting aid.

Vena Stevens completed a practicum in the spring semester at Redevelopment Opportunities for Women, a nonprofit agency with offices in St. Louis and St. Louis County. The 15-member staff serves women impacted by intimate partner violence, homelessness and poverty.

Stevens, 41, looks every bit the middle-class, suburban mother. With a husband, three children and a home in St. Charles County, she has the credentials.

A few years ago, she decided to earn a long-postponed bachelor's degree, and she completed a master's degree in social work in May.

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Vena Stevens (right) works with Karen Booker at Redevelopment Opportunities for Women, a nonprofit agency with offices in St. Louis and St. Louis County. Stevens completed a practicum this spring at ROW while on her way to earning a master's degree in social work at UM–St. Louis.

During her final semester, she crammed each week with 20 hours of practicum work, 20 hours as a teaching assistant and caring for the family that has stood behind her over the years.

“Social work is a real natural fit for me,” Stevens said. “I had been doing informal social work on a volunteer basis in our community for more than 15 years.”

About 80 percent of ROW clients are abused women living in homeless shelters with their children. Stevens taught the women how to advance their economic independence, read, parent and improve their safety.

“Who wants to talk about their dreams?,” she asked a group of ROW clients gathered in a small classroom.

A young woman stood. She held a detailed drawing of a house, one that could easily be found in Stevens’ neighborhood.

“My dream is this house – four bedrooms, two bathrooms, a full basement and a laundry room, so I don’t have to go out to do it,” the woman said. “I’m married, happily married, and we have another baby.”

In reality, the spirited woman is pregnant with her third child. She lives in a homeless shelter, miles away from her abusive partner, with her children, ages 3 and 5. But with help from ROW, she said she could begin to dream about changing her life.

Three other women in the class, all middle-aged, were more pragmatic about Stevens’ dream exercise. Hardened by years of poverty and physical, emotional and economic abuse, they said their thoughts are less romantic, and men are not part of their dreams.

Stevens steered clear of words like “budget.” She talked about money and power, planning for the future, setting goals, work, education and the importance of paying bills on time.

According to Katie VonDeLinde, program director at ROW, more than 1,000 women come through the organization’s doors every year. The courts mandate that many of them seek counseling, attend classes in violence prevention or complete programs that lead to economic independence.

Practicum students play a major role in program delivery at ROW.

“Vena Stevens is a highly qualified, critical thinker, an ideal student and independent worker,” said VonDeLinde. “Having UM–St. Louis’ practicum students here to teach and counsel frees up funding to provide additional services to our clients. [The students] provide us with fresh eyes, new ways to look at what we are doing.”

In addition to ROW, Stevens bolstered her education with several other practicum experiences, at the client level, during her time at UM–St. Louis. She said her most valuable resources are the classmates in her practicum.

“I can call them anytime and ask for their help,” she said. “I think that list will become even more valuable after graduation.”

The social work master’s degree program earned accreditation from the Council on Social Work Education in 2002, and the bachelor’s program was first accredited in 1979. While their impact is felt most immediately in the St. Louis area, both programs have gained a national and international reputation for their quality. Call (314) 516-6385 or visit <http://www.umsl.edu/~socialwk/> for more information on the School of Social Work at UM–St. Louis. 🌟

Criminologist investigates victimization of young black women

By Ryan Heinz

URBAN DISADVANTAGE

To Kristy, her neighborhood is a “slum.” Cleshay calls it a “ghetto.” And Maurice describes a community afflicted with gangs, drugs and abandoned or burned-out houses.

It’s home for these teenagers, but LaSondra says the distressed area is not safe for anybody. “Females get raped,” she explains. “Males get killed.”

Anecdotes like these – culled from interviews with 75 black teens – paint a bleak picture of their St. Louis surroundings. The interviews and stories are part of the new book “Getting Played: African American Girls, Urban Inequality and Gendered Violence.” It was written by Jody Miller, associate professor of criminology and criminal justice at the University of Missouri–St. Louis, who finds daily life to be particularly harrowing for the girls.

And the problem isn’t unique to St. Louis.

“The dynamics and disadvantage in [St. Louis] urban communities are fairly consistent with what researchers have found in comparable cities,” Miller says.

She characterizes these neighborhoods by their intense racial segregation, lack of resources and collective efficacy, disproportionate poverty rates and general decay. She says a concentration of people living with such extreme impediments begets “social isolation, limited resources and high levels of violence.”

The teens’ candor throughout their in-depth interviews demonstrates norms of hostility. The majority has witnessed shootings and homicides. And virtually every girl is at risk for some form of gender victimization, ranging from sexual harassment and gang rape to repeated violent assaults.

The average age of the 35 girls interviewed is 16. More than half reported experiencing rape or attempted rape or describe being pressured or coerced into unwanted sex. Thirty-one percent of that group reported multiple sexual victimizations. One teen, who was 15 at the time of her interview, reported having 20 different sexual partners since being sexually abused by her uncle when she was 13. She was gang raped twice in the six months leading up to the interview.

The girls interviewed for “Getting Played” often keep such abuse to themselves due to feelings of distrust. This was confirmed by their aversion to police intervention. According to the girls, police tend to treat victims with little concern. They say authorities are more concerned with harassing young neighborhood residents, regardless of their involvement in delinquency.

“What I think is important is that I’ve made a specific link to how urban inequality affects girls, specifically in relationship to gender violence,” Miller says.

Part of the problem is a lack of resources. Take, for instance, the community center where Miller’s research assistants conducted some of the interviews for the book. According to Miller, the center was an oasis of calm amid destitution and gave teens an alternative to gang participation and drug use. Funds dried up, and the center is now shuttered.

Ultimately, Miller says she hopes her book will raise awareness of the victimization experienced by a demographic she says is understudied: urban black girls.

“I would really like to get this information out to an audience who is actually in a position to make a difference,” she says.

“Getting Played: African American Girls, Urban Inequality and Gendered Violence” was released in March by NYU Press. The 336-page book is \$75 (hardback) or \$22 (paperback) and is available at <http://www.nyupress.org/>.

Jody Miller



Photo by August Jenewein

Alfred Kazin was a great man of letters

RICHARD COOK

is the dogged biographer who unwound Kazin's life and work

It was during the early stages of research for a book on public criticism in America that Richard Cook got a tip from a colleague. The year was 1984, and The New York Public Library had recently acquired the personal journals of Alfred Kazin, one of the preeminent critics of American literature in the 20th century. That tip set Cook, a professor of literature at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, in a new direction, one that would shape the next 20 years of his career.

Something happened when Cook traveled to New York and began reading Kazin's "very open" journals. He said he had hoped the journals would suggest a connection between the public intellectual and the private man. He soon discovered the journals contained a better story than any general account he could write about public criticism in America. The journal was the raw, unfiltered material of a life.

"Kazin writes all kinds of things in those journals that you wouldn't say if you were being careful," Cook said. "The more I read, the more I saw that there was a fascinating story there – one I very much wanted to write."

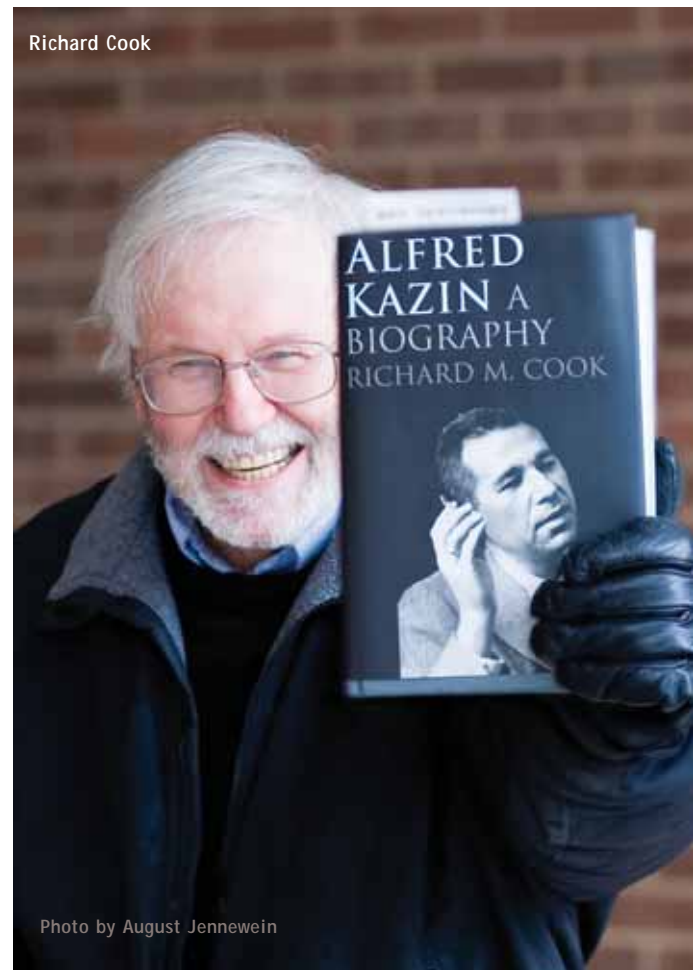
The outcome, some 24 years later, is "Alfred Kazin: A Biography." Released in January by Yale University Press, it's the first such work on Kazin, and Cook's debut effort as a biographer. The book covers Kazin's entire career in detail and depicts the intersection of his often messy personal life (from childhood to death) with the political-cultural events of post-war America. Kazin liked to say, with some justification, that he had lived and written at the intellectual "storm centers of the 20th century."

Alfred Kazin died on June 5, 1998, of prostate cancer. It was his 83rd birthday. He was one of the last "New York Jewish intellectuals," a group of writers, most of them sons of immigrants, who rose to prominence after World War II. Kazin was exceptional among them for his longtime influence as one of the country's foremost literary critics. After Kazin's death, novelist Philip Roth told *The New York Times* that Kazin was "America's best reader of American literature in this century."

A prolific writer, Kazin penned 14 books and more than 1,000 reviews and essays for publications like *The New Republic*, *Commentary*, *Partisan Review* and *The New York Review of Books*. Less known, at the time of his death, was the fact that he had been contributing (almost) daily to a personal journal, and he had sold about 12,000 pages of that journal to The Henry W. and Albert A. Berg Collection of English and American Literature at The New York Public Library.

Cook eventually acquired portions of the journal on microfilm, but for the first 10 years of his research, his only option was to copy sections he needed by hand. "It was really horrific. My handwriting is very bad. ... It was a huge job, because he wrote so much."

By Tom Hockett



Richard Cook

Photo by August Jennewein



Contributor/Arnold Newman/Getty Images

Alfred Kazin (1915-1998), author of the acclaimed literary history "On Native Grounds," is the subject of a new biography by UM-St. Louis scholar Richard Cook.

With a full beard and white-gray head of hair, Cook comes across as a serious scholar who's dedicated to doing his work well. But he's also accessible and jovial.

Kazin's reputation for cheer is another story. Words such as "cranky," "acerbic," "tiresome" and "moody" are common descriptors. Cook was in communication with him from 1984 until he died. The men spoke through letters and personal visits. Cook traveled to New York, and Kazin came to St. Louis once to give talks at UM-St. Louis.

"He talked very fast," Cook said. "It was associative, and very stimulating. We never had any difficulty in our personal relations. I know he had difficulty with lots of people. We didn't meet that often, and it was very congenial each time."

Cook had initially approached Kazin with the idea of writing an "intellectual biography." It would focus on his professional achievements and intellectual background rather than his personal life. But the more Cook learned about Kazin, the more he wanted to tell the full story. Cook also said he doubted that he could write meaningfully about Kazin's three autobiographies without knowing a good deal about Kazin's personal life.

And that life often was a wreck. Kazin was subject to "irrational fears and resentments," according to Cook.

"And like any autobiographer and obsessive journal-keeper, he was self-centered," Cook said.

Moreover, Kazin was a player. As Cook put it, he had a "roving eye," and there were many available women "attracted to a successful, handsome writer." Kazin was married four times and is survived by two children. Only his last marriage, to Judith Dunford, his widow and literary executor, was a happy one.

As Cook began probing deeper, Kazin became wary and warned him to back off. "Your last letters disconcert and alarm me," he wrote Cook at one point. "Why are you getting into so much personal territory?"

Eventually, though, Kazin came around.

"He was a vain man," Cook said. "He liked the idea of someone writing his biography, and he knew he was a very good writer. So all the stuff he was writing in his journals, he liked the idea of that getting out there somehow."

Kazin's "On Native Grounds: An Interpretation of Modern American Prose Literature" was published in 1942. It's a history of American literature from the 1890s to the time of its publication. The book made Kazin famous at age 27.

Three of his books are memoirs - "A Walker in the City" (1951), "Starting Out in the Thirties" (1965) and "New York Jew" (1978). "A Walker" tells of Kazin's life growing up in Brownsville, a poor area in Brooklyn. According to Cook, the

book will be Kazin's most lasting work. "It's still an extremely helpful, useful literary work to explain what it was like growing up in the Jewish ghetto in the 1920s."

So what did Cook learn in writing the biography?

"Because [Kazin] had such a range of interests, writing this book was a terrific education in Jewish-American writing and in post-war politics and culture," Cook said. "And of course, I also had to learn how to write a biography. It was trial and error. Most of it had to be rewritten, several times. In the end, I told the best story I could from the material I had."

Thus far, the book has been reviewed in 28 newspapers and journals, including The New Yorker, Harper's Magazine and The New Republic. Getting that feedback is a process that Cook described as "unnerving" and "a total dread." Despite his discomfort, most reviews have been favorable. Floyd Skloot, of the Philadelphia Inquirer, described the book as a "balanced, readable, stimulating literary biography, bringing the man, his life and his times into focus, and renewing a reader's interest in Kazin's work." And William Grimes, of The New York Times, called the book an "even-tempered, judicious biography of this notoriously prickly critic."

Cook is under contract with Yale University Press to introduce, edit and annotate an edition of Kazin's journals. "Alfred Kazin: A Biography" is 452 pages and is available for \$25.55 at <http://www.amazon.com/>.

BETWEEN IRAQ AND A HARD PLACE

Political scientist explores U.S. foreign policy in new book

By Ryan Heinz

The United States is experiencing a public relations disaster, says J. Martin Rochester, Curators' Distinguished Teaching Professor of Political Science at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

And that's just one of many foreign policy dilemmas facing the U.S., according to Rochester's latest book, "U.S. Foreign Policy in the 21st Century." He says there are no easy resolutions to these complex quandaries, and he refrains from offering any answers.

"The book tries to provide a clear articulation of the nature of these problems that plague the United States," Rochester explains.

For example, the U.S. has refused to become party to such major international agreements as the Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change and the Rome Statute, which established the International Criminal Court.

"There may be some legitimate reasons for American reluctance to join, since it may possibly undermine U.S. economic well-being and sovereignty," Rochester says. "But our absence only reinforces the image of America as a rogue state."

As the United States' global reputation waned, Rochester says he began noticing a rash of finger pointing by ideologues on both the right and left, as well as impetuous solutions suggested for the conundrums facing this country. The self-proclaimed "middle-of-the-roader" grew weary of this tendency toward polemics and simplistic analyses of contemporary U.S. foreign policy. He says his motivation for the book was to delve deeper and raise thought-provoking questions.

"I'm not interested, so much, in identifying the good guys versus the bad guys, as opposed to getting a handle on the situation," Rochester says.

In the book, he adduces that these predicaments did not take place overnight. But Rochester does better than delve back into the past few presidencies. He explores the longstanding patterns of continuity and change in U.S. foreign policy from the nation's beginning to the present.

An underlying theme throughout "U.S. Foreign Policy in the 21st Century" is Rochester's comparison of the U.S. to the main character in Jonathan Swift's novel "Gulliver's Travels." The metaphor of a giant being restrained by little people made sense, he says, especially when the U.S. emerged from the Cold War as the world's lone superpower. As he points out in the book, which is subtitled "Gulliver's Travails," the U.S. remains militarily strong, but oddly vulnerable when tied down by skirmishes against smaller rogue states and non-states, such as al-Qaida.

Rochester surmises that part of the problem is a lack of strategic vision to serve the U.S. today like the Cold War-era concept known as "containment," the creation of strategic alliances to stop the spread of communism.

Meanwhile, the U.S. is faced with one international imbroglio after another. They include the ongoing wars on terror and in Iraq, humanitarian intervention efforts and threat of weapons of mass destruction proliferation in countries like North Korea and Iran. To top it off, Rochester says the U.S. has grown unpopular in reputation through its unilateral foreign policy approach.

"We can't solve the world's problems by ourselves," he says. "At best we have to settle for the role of sheriff of the posse. Even the Lone Ranger had Tonto."

"U.S. Foreign Policy in the 21st Century" was released in December by Westview Press. The 216-page book is \$30 and is available at <http://www.perseusbooksgroup.com/> 📖



J. Martin Rochester



Illustration by Sandy Morris and Cindy Bertram

Finance students run with bulls and bears

By Kedra Tolson

Finance students at the University of Missouri–St. Louis have two great ways to learn the art of investing. They can take a class that has them invest a hypothetical \$100,000, or they can join the Student Investment Trust, which allows students to invest and earn real money for student scholarships.

G. D'Anne Hancock, associate professor of finance at UM–St. Louis, teaches Investments and Risk Management, a course in which junior- and senior-level students participate in a simulation study. Hancock said students gain familiarity with basic investment practices, instruments and markets.

“The objective of the course is for students to become familiar with the functioning of spot markets, understand the specifics of trading securities and fully appreciate the complexities of measuring risk and return – probably the most important aspect of investing,” she said.

Each student begins the simulation study with \$100,000. They agree to invest about 85 percent of the amount in a stock, bond and mutual fund. The residual is invested in a money market security, a short-term instrument of indebtedness.

Students then learn to measure the risk, return and overall performance of their portfolio, and benchmark their success relative to a market index, such as the New York Stock Exchange, Nasdaq, Standard & Poor's 500 or one of the Dow Jones indices.

“There are no requirements as to which stock, bond or mutual funds students choose,” Hancock said. “What I'm looking for is diversity and creativity in the portfolio.”

Zachary Platt is a senior in business administration at UM–St. Louis. The spring semester was his second working with Hancock. He said investing is a vital part of society.

“I was interested in knowing how to more accurately predict this capricious world,” he said. “I wanted to learn more of what to look for and get a feel for what I would want to invest in or not invest in in the future. ... The lessons that I learn now about investing will have an exponential impact.”

By semester's end, students had compiled a detailed portfolio that outlined their investment choices, economic factors and investment results.

Real money, real investment in students

The Student Investment Trust at UM–St. Louis was established 20 years ago, and it's been offered as a for-credit course since 1995. The trust was created by Ken Locke, teaching professor of finance, and Edward Lawrence, professor of finance.



G. D'Anne Hancock, associate professor of finance at UM–St. Louis, teaches a course in investing and risk management this spring.

INVESTING to learn
Investing to GIVE back

“Ken and I wanted to get a student-managed investment fund going here at UM-St. Louis,” Lawrence said. “Having participated in one as an undergraduate student at Gannon University [in Erie, Penn.], I believe very strongly in student investment funds as a learning tool.”

According to Lawrence, student-run investment funds have been around since 1952, when his alma mater created what is believed to be the first one.

The UM-St. Louis trust began with private funds raised by the professors. The amount now totals about \$100,000 that students can use to invest. Between 20 and 25 students usually enroll in the course.

“It’s our goal to familiarize students with the stock market and get them used to all the different things you can do within the stock market,” Locke said. “I serve as a guide. I don’t tell them which stocks to pick.”

While the trust was founded on the principle of learning about investing, the program has another goal: investment in students. Since its founding, the trust has awarded about \$8,500 in scholarships to students interested in finance. Lawrence says the scholarship component of the course further helps students understand the importance of a good investment.

“Social responsibility investment funds aren’t new,” he said. “They’ve been around since 1956, but have experienced a boom in the last four years. It’s another way to grow the program and, at the same time, students feel a sense of accomplishment – not only with their investments paying off, but having the investment help others.”

The Student Investment Trust at UM-St. Louis is open to all students interested in learning about investing and finance. Call (314) 516-6828 for more information. 📞

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Charlotte Claeys, a senior in business administration at UM-St. Louis, pores over an assignment in Teaching Professor Ken Locke’s Practicum in Investments.



Edward Lawrence

Ken Locke

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Out of Africa

Photos by August Jennewein



Soldan International High School student Muslim Hyanseri, 17, discusses an analysis of his DNA with Jackie Lewis-Harris, director of the Center for Human Origin and Cultural Diversity at UM–St. Louis.

UM–St. Louis anthropology center lends hand to global research project

By Jack Crosby

A large room at Soldan International High School in west St. Louis fills rapidly with about 40 students, some making nervous jokes with their friends, others hustling to prepare for a presentation. All are excited.

The students are there to receive and review the results of a special program they are participating in, the Discover Your Roots project. Discover Your Roots is part of a larger program, The Genographic Project, which is operated by National Geographic and IBM.

It's March, and months earlier, the students submitted DNA by swabbing the insides of their mouths and sending saliva samples to The Genographic Project for analysis. The analysis was conducted by IBM, which donates its computer services and provides mentors for the students.

The Genographic Project is a five-year anthropological study that maps the migration of ethnic groups around the world by using genetic “markers” on human DNA to determine the routes different groups took once they left Africa, where, it is generally agreed, mankind originated.

Such research often requires context, and that's where the Center for Human Origin and Cultural Diversity at the University of Missouri–St. Louis comes in. The center is a collaborative, hands-on program operated by the College of Education and Department of Anthropology at UM–St. Louis.

The CHOCD operates two interactive laboratories – Human Origin Laboratory and African Cultures Laboratory. The HOL consists of a series of learning stations in

which third to 12th grade students investigate the anthropological and archaeological story of human beings. In the ACL, students explore cultural diversity through a series of learning stations. The focus is on Africa, the first source of such diversity.

Students in the College of Education and primary and secondary school teachers use the labs to develop and evaluate inquiry-based, multicultural approaches to teaching science, math, social studies and the arts.

CHOCD Director Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris and her colleague, Joan Hoscher, operate the center and conduct tours of the labs for internal and external audiences. In the fall, they were brought in to assist Discover Your Roots, and students in the program toured the HOL.

“They wanted someone who could give an overall view of the relevance of this project,” Lewis-

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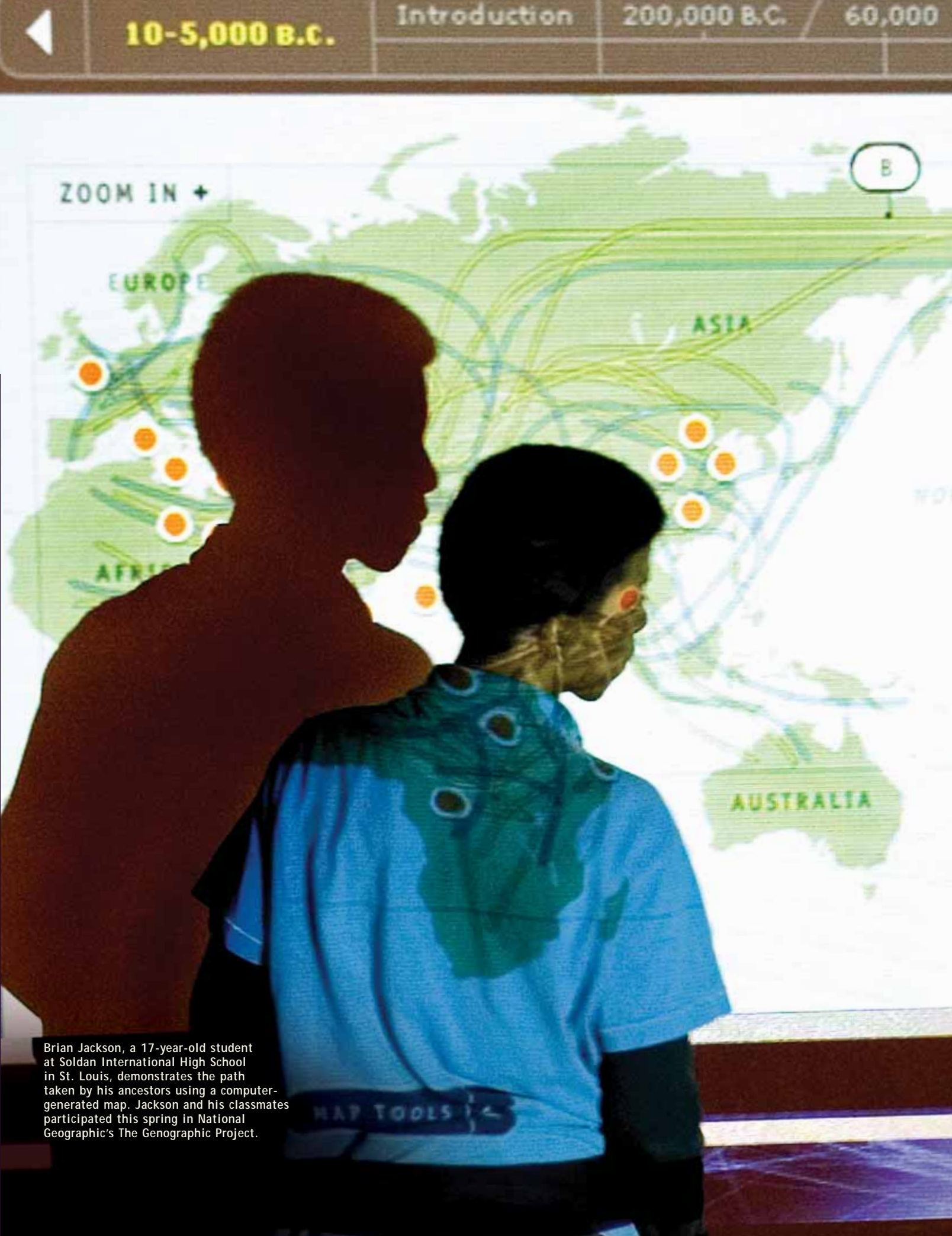
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Brian Jackson, a 17-year-old student at Soldan International High School in St. Louis, demonstrates the path taken by his ancestors using a computer-generated map. Jackson and his classmates participated this spring in National Geographic's The Genographic Project.

MAP TOOLS





Students at Soldan International High School in St. Louis display computer-generated maps that indicate their ancestors' migration patterns. The patterns were determined by analysis of the students' DNA.

Harris said. "It's important to talk to the students about social constructs, biological diversity and other things that help to shape who we are."

The Soldan students are a diverse group. Individuals hail from as far away as Iraq, Bangladesh, China and the Philippines. Viewing their various migration patterns on computer-generated maps, they exhibited a mixture of elation, astonishment and pride.

"Man, this is some kind of cool," said Melwynn Adriano, a 17-year-old with Filipino and Chinese ancestry.

The results were highly varied. Some students saw their ancestors' migration patterns take wind-ing paths around the globe. And some didn't.

"I expected to move around a little more than that," said Tiffany Banks, 18, who saw her path begin in the Horn of Africa and move west to Sierra Leone.

Seven students made individual presentations regarding their results. And the entire room was abuzz moments later when students went into small groups with their mentors, executives from IBM. But first, Lewis-Harris discussed the relevance of the data in a language the students understood.

"This is like Google or Facebook for your family," she said.

The students' results have been entered into The Genographic Project's database, which will include the DNA information and genographic maps of 100,000 participants from around the world.

Visit <http://chocd.umsl.edu/> and <https://www3.nationalgeographic.com/genographic/> for more information. 🌐

Alumni & FRIENDS

Doug Durand Dean emeritus of Business College has great affinity for UM–St. Louis

By Linda Tracy



Doug and Tauna Durand attend a UM–St. Louis event last spring. They endowed the Durand Family Scholarship and Douglas E. Durand Award for Research Excellence in the College of Business Administration.

Doug Durand's first encounter with the University of Missouri–St. Louis occurred in the late 1960s when he was hired as an instructor of management for the School of Business (now known as the "College of Business Administration"). Durand was completing his doctoral dissertation. He said he thought his time at UM–St. Louis would be limited, but little did he know he was just beginning a career at the university that would last nearly 20 years.

"I originally thought I would move on after my dissertation was complete, but I found I was captured by the potential of the university, and I decided to stay for several more years," Durand said.

After 12 years at UM–St. Louis, Durand accepted positions at other universities to initiate new program efforts there. He worked at the University of Colorado Denver, University of South Carolina in Columbia and Missouri State University in Springfield before returning to UM–St. Louis in 1998.

"Coming back to the university as dean of the College of Business Administration was nostalgic for me," he said. "I was coming back to a campus and faculty I knew, and I was enthusiastic about it because I believed we could accomplish exciting things for the college."

As dean of the business college from 1998 to 2003, Durand instituted many projects, including the installation of a doctoral program in information systems. This program was a personal goal early on, as was improving the image and increasing the visibility of the college.

Durand said national rankings of university programs, such as those released by U.S. News & World Report,

can be crucial, so he began working with others to enhance the local and national reputation of the business college.

"I knew we had a quality, accredited business program at UM–St. Louis," Durand said. "It became clear to me that we needed to present it in a way that allowed it to shine. This was the reason to pursue the national rankings, to show that we offer the same quality programs as other universities. We just do it more effectively and with fewer resources."

For the last five years, the university's International Business Program has been ranked in U.S. News & World Report's list of the top 20 undergraduate international business programs in the country.

After retiring from UM–St. Louis, Durand said he enjoyed staying connected to the campus, and he remains proud of his affiliation.

"When I had the opportunity to make contributions, I really wanted to work with the university and the people I knew and trusted," he said. "I started and finished my career at UM–St. Louis, and now I want to be helpful in whatever way I can."

Durand and Tauna, his wife, endowed the Durand Family Scholarship last spring. They also endowed the Douglas E. Durand Award for Research Excellence in the College of Business Administration. The annual award recognizes the outstanding research of a tenure-track faculty member in the business college.

Durand said it's important to recognize faculty and students in public higher education.

"The faculty and students at UM–St. Louis are terrific, and they warrant support," he said. "Having been around both for many years, I really appreciate people who work hard, and I want to encourage and support those who are applying themselves diligently to reach their goals."



Photo by August Jennewein

Renée Hardin-Tammons, BS administration of justice 1986, wrote "I'm Guilty of Loving Southern Cooking, A Soul Food Cook Book" and is a St. Louis County municipal judge in Hazelwood, Mo.

Renée Hardin-Tammons

Judge is guilty of loving Southern cooking

By Ryan Heinz

Renée Hardin-Tammons is a lawyer by day and a judge by night. But she's always a creator of comfort cuisine.

"I have a gift," Hardin-Tammons says. "If I taste something, I can figure out what's in it."

Knowing the ingredients, she then tries to duplicate the dish. Often, she's successful, whether it be a favorite from a restaurant, something her grandmother once made or a friend's closely guarded family recipe.

"A lot of people didn't want to relinquish their recipes," she says with a sly smile. "That's fine. I can figure it out."

Her ability led to the amassing of 129 recipes for the cleverly titled "I'm Guilty of Loving Southern Cooking, A Soul Food Cook Book." Hardin-Tammons always knew she'd write a book one day. She just figured it would be a children's book since she'd grown adept at making up bedtime stories for her son. But as good as she is at generating impromptu tales, she's even more natural at crafting recipes.

Hardin-Tammons attributes her affinity for homemade Southern cooking to her family.

Growing up in north St. Louis, she recalls her grandmother's penchant for frying fish for breakfast and her parents' enthusiasm for cooking.

"It's almost like they wanted to feed the whole world," Hardin-Tammons says. "This is in my genes. It runs in the family."

What didn't get passed down to her was an interest in law. Hardin-Tammons was only 10 years old when she decided she wanted to be a lawyer. She has no idea why.

"Something was just instilled in my mind early on that in order to change the system, you must become part of it," she says.

Hardin-Tammons earned a bachelor's degree in administration of justice (now known as "criminology and criminal justice") from the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 1986. A law degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia followed,

as did stints as a public defender and prosecutor with St. Louis County. Today, the Olivette, Mo., resident is an attorney at Dubail Judge in Creve Coeur, Mo., and a municipal judge for St. Louis County Municipal Court's North Division in Hazelwood, Mo.

And thanks to her new cookbook, the self-described "Food Network junkie" is constantly being stopped by her fellow lawyers and churchgoers who have tried, and loved, her recipes for spicy wings, fried corn and carrot cake. A sequel may follow as Hardin-Tammons continues to explore new ideas. Between colleagues, her husband Charles and her son C.J., there's no shortage of guinea pigs to sample her concoctions.

"I've got my clerks and prosecutors so spoiled," she says. "My gosh, I took in shrimp chowder recently, and they went crazy over it."

"I'm Guilty of Loving Southern Cooking, A Soul Food Cookbook" was released in December and self-published by Hardin-Tammons. The 66-page book is \$19.95 and available at <http://www.theguiltycook.com/>.

Rick Stream

Proud alumnus says UM–St. Louis degree bolstered his career

By Kedra Tolson

Missouri Rep. Eric “Rick” Stream has always understood the value of a good education. His father passed away when he was young, so Stream and his siblings had to work hard to support the family in their hometown of Kirkwood, Mo. Pursuing an education was never a question in his household, but finding quality higher education at an affordable cost was important.

“I believe I received an excellent education,” Stream said. “I attended St. Louis Community College–Meramec and then chose UM–St. Louis to further my studies. As with most of life, one reaps what one puts into any situation. Hard work at any school will pay off immediately and down the road.”

While at UM–St. Louis, the business administration major was enrolled in a course that proved to be a big help to him after graduating in 1971. His next stop was the U.S. Navy. He served four years as an officer.

“I had an astronomy professor who was great and sparked a new interest in me that carried forward into Naval Officer Candidate School, where I excelled in celestial navigation,” he said. “I liked the subject so much that I was assigned as navigator on my ship. This was before any electronic navigation; we still used the sextant and plotted stars just as Columbus had done. I loved it.”

His time in the Navy led to a solid career as a budget and project manager for the Department of Defense in Army Aviation and Logistics Commands.

Stream also is a dedicated family man. He and Ellen, his wife, have been married for 32 years. They have four children: Katie, Betsy, Larry and Eric.



Photo by August Jennewein

(From left) Scott, Roger, Rick and Donald Stream take a stroll through their hometown of Kirkwood, Mo. The brothers each earned a degree at UM–St. Louis, and Rick Stream represents Kirkwood in the Missouri House of Representatives.

But his dedication to family, education and community steered him toward another career. Stream was elected state representative in 2006, but he was already something of a politician.

“In 1956, when I was seven, my mother took me door-to-door campaigning for President Dwight Eisenhower,” he said. “I’ve never missed working an election since then whether as a foot soldier, campaign manager, school board member or state representative.”

As the state representative for the 94th District (Kirkwood), Stream serves on a number of committees, including Budget, Appropriations-Education, Elementary and Secondary Education and Small Business. He also has served on the Kirkwood School Board for 12 years and been a school district volunteer for 25 years.

Stream’s commitment to education is well known. David Damerall, superintendent of the Kirkwood School District, has worked with Stream for 14 years.

“I’ve enjoyed working with Rick,” Damerall said. “It’s very easy to work with someone whose values are so strong. He’s an important asset to this board as he is willing to make sacrifices in order for children in Kirkwood to receive an excellent education.”

Stream is a proud UM–St. Louis alumnus. But he isn’t the only alum in his family. Of his seven siblings, three – Donald, Roger and Scott – earned degrees from the university.

“UM–St. Louis is a top-quality school that is there for the taking,” Stream said. “With commitment and hard work, a UM–St. Louis degree can send you on to a lifetime of achievement, adventure and satisfaction.”



Photo by Nick Otto

Stephen Wade, BA political science 1974 and MA political science 1978, is a reporter for the Associated Press. Wade covers China's preparations for the summer Olympic Games. The Beijing National Stadium (background) will host the main track and field competitions and opening and closing ceremonies.

Stephen Wade Associated Press writer covers politics surrounding 2008 Olympics in Beijing

By Linda Tracy

Stephen Wade is witnessing, first hand, the rebuilding and rebirth of Beijing. A 17-year veteran of the Associated Press, Wade arrived in Beijing in December 2006 to cover many aspects of the burgeoning city's 2008 Olympic preparations.

Wade, who typically reports on sporting events for the AP, said he took his current assignment because of his interest in politics and the way politics and the Olympic Games intertwine.

"The Associated Press didn't send me here a year and a half in advance of the Olympics to write about sports, really," Wade said. "They sent me here to write about the face of China and how this enormous country is going to handle the influx of so many foreigners, how China is going to give journalists more access yet still maintain limits, and how the Chinese are being forced to adjust their system slightly, so they'll look as good as they can when the Olympics take place."

Wade has delved into the challenges faced by Chinese government officials and International Olympic Committee members, and how they are attempting to control many issues in the city of 18 million people. The issues include smog, automobile congestion, undrinkable tap water and even the weather.

Wade said officials want to set a perfect stage for the games, and their plans include banning millions of cars from Beijing, shutting down all construction, closing smog-producing factories and perfecting technology that allows scientists to induce atmosphere-cleansing rain.

"Through the Olympic Games, China is making a statement to the world, because they see themselves as the power of the 21st century," he said. "Construction is going on at a frantic rate, and not just Olympic venues are being built, but the subways, bus stations, highways and government buildings also are being rebuilt."

It's estimated that China is spending between \$40 billion and \$60 billion in bringing Beijing up to speed as a modern city.

"This is the largest amount of money ever spent in preparing for the Olympics," Wade said. "China is incredibly rich because of a booming economy and a gigantic export market, and the country is willing to spend the money necessary to impress the world."

Hailing from the Affton area in south St. Louis County, Wade earned bachelor's and master's degrees in political science from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and then wrote for several

local newspapers, including the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and St. Louis Globe-Democrat before working for United Press International in St. Louis and Chicago. He lived in Madrid from 1990 to 1995 and in London from 1995 to 2006, and has worked for the Associated Press since 1991.

During his career, he's covered World Cup soccer, several Olympic Games, Formula One auto racing and Davis Cup tennis. His interest in politics and writing initially began during his days as a student at UM-St. Louis.

"I majored in political science simply because I like politics," he said. "Yet there was a professor who told me I should look into writing, because I had a knack for it. Then, my first newspaper job I sort of fell into, and the rest is history."

Wade said he never intended to live in Beijing, but he's enjoying the challenge of the assignment.

"Historically, the Olympics have always been politically charged," he said. "The Olympic committee likes to pretend they're not, but the games are highly political. The world is watching, and not just because it's the Olympics, but because this is China - one of the oldest and most powerful political actors on the stage."

Alumni

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1967

Reginald M. Beal, BS chemistry, retired from Florida A&M University in Tallahassee as an associate professor of management after 13 years of service. He is pursuing a new career as an author and publisher. His debut novel, "Zeus: The Avenger," is available at bookstores.



Joseph P. Bono, BS chemistry, retired from the U.S. Secret Service as a laboratory manager in September. He lives in Indianapolis and does independent contract work and teaches as an adjunct professor at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind.

Tom Jenkins, BS chemistry, retired from the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory in Hanover, N.H., after 38 years of service.

1969

Robert Baumann, BS political science (MA political science 1971), is the assistant director of the Center for International Studies at UM-St. Louis. He's a member of the board of directors of the Lentz Peace Research Association in St. Louis. His hobbies include vegetable gardening, reading, winemaking and wine evaluation.

1970

John R. Kolb, BS chemistry, teaches elementary school science in Sonora, Calif., where he lives with Judy, his wife. He retired after working for 31 years at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, Calif.

Harold R. Messler, BS chemistry, manages the St. Louis City Crime Laboratory. In April, he received the Science Educator Award from the Academy of Science-St. Louis.

1971

Dorothy (Cooke) Greco, BS chemistry, teaches nutrition in the adult continuing education program at St. Louis Community College-Meramec.

1972

James Kwentus, BSBA, is president of Kwentus Insurance Agencies Inc. in St. Louis.

1973

Benjamin "Nick" Westenberger, BA chemistry, is deputy director of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Laboratory in St. Louis.

1974

Steven P. Gaydos, BS chemistry, is a technical fellow in materials and processes at Boeing in St. Louis.

Larry Justice, BA chemistry, is a supervisor at Standard Labs Inc. in Freeburg, Ill.

Leonard Panneri, BA sociology, retired after 35 years with United Parcel Service. He lives in Alpharetta, Ga.

1975

William H. Humphrey, BA psychology, was sworn in as a director for the Normandy (Missouri) School District's Board of Education. He is district executive of the Greater St. Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

1976

Joel Goodman, BS administration of justice, retired after more than 31 years with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. He previously worked at the St. Louis County Jail and Missouri State Penitentiary. He served as advisor for the 1996 feature film "Killer: A Journal of Murder," the 2002 book "Panzram: A Journal of Murder" and the

in-production documentary "A Killer's Story: A Guard's Journey." He lives in Colorado.

Mark S. Wallis, BA political science, is vice president of the Agency and Distribution, Asia Pacific Region, American International Assurance Company, Hong Kong. He supports sales and sales management training in various AIG-owned life insurance companies in the Asia-Pacific region. He's a member of the board of managers of the Hong Kong International School and serves on several school and church committees. When not traveling, he enjoys jazz drumming and supporting a youth baseball league.

1977

Phillip Asaro, BS chemistry, is an assistant professor of emergency medicine at Washington University in St. Louis.

Barbara Hufker, BS secondary education and history (MA history 1987), is supervisor of circulation in the Thomas Jefferson Library at UM-St. Louis. She also is an adjunct assistant professor at Webster University in Webster Groves, Mo. She teaches graduate courses in U.S. and comparative foreign policy, human rights, war and diplomacy. She also serves as an adjunct instructor at St. Louis Community College-Florissant Valley.

1978

H. Peter Kleine, BS chemistry (MS chemistry 1982), is associate director of Discovery Synthesis Services in Discovery Medicinal Chemistry at Pfizer in St. Louis. He was honored by Pfizer with a 2007 Achievement Award for leading the effort to refine the chemistry safety infrastructure at the St. Louis site.

Timothy T. Wenzel, BS chemistry, is a research leader at Dow Chemical Co. in Midland, Mich.

1979

Janet Bauer, BA political science and philosophy, has presented her program "What's Great About You" in Kenya and South Africa for orphans, vulnerable children and teens. Her international efforts are coordinated with HOPE worldwide. She also trains staffs and teachers, and facilitates groups in the United States. Bauer's company, Bauer Group, is based in Cary, N.C.



David L. Richert Jr., BSBA (MBA 1980), joined RubinBrown as a manager in its internal audit services group. He lives in St. Louis.

Barbara A. Soltz, PhD chemistry, lives with Bob, her husband, in Spring Valley, N.Y. She runs Conversion Energy Enterprises.

1980

Mark Leiber, BS chemistry (MS chemistry 1986), is a senior research specialist at Monsanto in St. Louis.

Joan Twillman, BA chemistry, received the 2007 High School Science Teacher of Missouri Award from the Science Teachers of Missouri at the organization's fall conference in Jefferson City, Mo.

1981

Gregory P. Noelken, BS chemistry, is the chemistry computing facility manager at Washington University in St. Louis. He recently developed an online testing program for high school science students to be used by staff at WU Science Outreach.

1982

Sonja P. Little, MEd, received an Excellence in Education Award from The St. Louis American.

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David Main, BA chemistry, recently retired from Boeing, where he was the environmental compliance program director. He is now running a part-time business in Huntington Beach, Calif.

1983

Timothy S. Lowe, BSBA, was hired by CBL Properties Inc. in Chesterfield, Mo., to serve as senior vice president.



Bruce A. Steinke, BSBA, was promoted to vice president and controller at Ameren in St. Louis.

1984

L. Denise (Dee Lange) Bianca, BS chemistry (PhD chemistry 1991), is a faculty member at Nevada State College in Henderson, Nev.



Brenda Hebenstreit, BSBA, has joined RubinBrown as a manager in its assurance services group.

Stephen A. Kolodziej, BA chemistry, works in discovery medicinal chemistry at Pfizer in St. Louis.

Andrew Stupperich, BA history, is curator at the Kentucky Historical Society. He lives in Frankfort, Ky.

Timothy J. White, BA political science, is a professor of political science at Xavier University in Cincinnati. He has written on Irish politics and political culture. His lecture at UM-St. Louis in September on the 2007 Irish general election extended the previous work he has published in *New Hibernian Review* on the Irish election system and its effect on women candidates. He teaches a course on Irish Historical Sociology as part of Xavier University's Summer Study Abroad Program in Ireland. He also leads tours to Ireland.

1985



John M. Nations, BS public administration, has joined Armstrong Teasdale as a partner. He's part of the law firm's real estate group and

public law and finance practice group. He also serves as mayor of Chesterfield, Mo.

Leslie Stephens, BSN, is an officer with the U.S. Public Health Service in Alaska.

1986

Richard L. Feldenberg, BA chemistry, is an assistant professor of pediatrics at Saint Louis University. He works as a pediatric nephrologist at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis.

James Roble, BS chemistry (MS chemistry 1989), is teaching physics at John Burroughs School in Ladue, Mo.

1987

Donald Flott, BA political science, is director of learning and development and marketing education at Mayo Collaborative Services. Don and Ann, his wife, live in Rochester, Minn.

Philip Thoman, BA political science, is the global director of key accounts for Pharma Solutions at Wolters Kluwer Health, a medical publishing and information service with headquarters in Amsterdam, Netherlands. He is the co-founder of the Political Science Chapter of the UM-St. Louis Alumni Association and a recipient of the association's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1999. He and Deb, his wife, and their three children live in the St. Louis area.

1988

Doris Coleman, BSBA, was appointed to the environmental quality commission for the city of Florissant, Mo.

Maria Amalia Altagracia Durante De Stroup, BA philosophy (BA mathematics 1989 and MEd 1994), is a Spanish teacher at Eureka (Missouri) High School. She and Roy, her husband, have fun raising Andrew, their son.

G. Lawrence Timpe, BA political science (MA political science 1989), is a retired international relations educator. He taught at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, and the University of Texas at San Antonio. He's married to Darlene Timpe. He owns and operates Hill Country Promotions Inc. near San Antonio. The company arranges and holds golf tournaments for businesses, organizations and charities. In addition, he is president of Texans Taking Care of Texans Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides education benefits to the spouses and children of Texas military members who die or become disabled during active duty.

1989

Stephen Bratcher, BA political science, is director of facilities and administration for Augusta Westland in Washington, D.C. The helicopter company recently won the contract to supply the new Marine 1 helicopter to the White House.

Maria Cohen, BA political science, has been teaching Spanish for 10 years. She is in her sixth year of teaching at John Burroughs School in Ladue, Mo. She and her husband have three children, and they enjoy traveling home to Ecuador in the summer.

Susan Corey, BS chemistry, worked for Monsanto in St. Louis for about four years following graduation. She then enrolled at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and earned a bachelor's degree in horticulture in 1995. She went on to become a district botanist for the Bearlodge Ranger District in Sundance, Wyo. In November, she became a district botanist at Shawnee National Forest in Southern Illinois.

Carla Cox Hilgert, BA political science and philosophy, is a teacher at Alton (Illinois) High School. She teaches African-American history and U.S. history. She and Paul, her husband, are busy keeping up with Nigel, their 7-year-old son.

1990

Jeffrey Pickering, BA political science, is an associate professor of political science at Kansas State University in Manhattan, where he teaches courses on world politics, U.S. foreign policy, international conflict and international organization. He wrote "Britain's Withdrawal from East of Suez: The Politics of Retrenchment" (New York, St. Martin's Press Inc., 1998) and numerous scholarly articles. Pickering co-edits the International Studies Association's journal *Foreign Policy Analysis*. His current research focuses on global patterns of foreign military intervention. He is married to Rachel (Corrigan) Pickering, BA history 1994, and they are enjoying raising Mark, their son.

1991

G. David Banks, BA economics, history and political science (MA economics 1994), resigned from the U.S. Department of State last year. He accepted a political appointment in the Bush administration and works on international climate change and clean energy at the White House Council on Environmental Quality. His work in recent months has focused on drafting and negotiating climate agreements, formulating policy initiatives and helping implement the President's international climate change and energy security initiative announced last May.

Todd R. Boehlow, BS chemistry, is a senior research scientist at Pfizer in St. Louis.

Jennifer E. Horan, BA political science, is an assistant professor of political science at the University of North Carolina Wilmington, where

she teaches courses in comparative politics, women in politics and comparative environmental policy. She is married to Stephen Meinhold, BA political science and communication 1990, who is an associate professor of political science at UNCW. They are the proud parents of three daughters: Madeleine, Katherine and Eleanor.

Tyrone Jeffrey McNichols Jr., MEd (EdD 1999), received an Excellence in Education Award from The St. Louis American. He's the principal of Jamestown Elementary School in Florissant, Mo.

1992

Xiao-Hong Zhu, PhD chemistry, is a research associate in radiology at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

1993

Kathy M.G. Casey, BSBA (MBA 1999), is a manager at Cooper Industries in Houston.

Loralee J. Mondl, BS chemistry, is a chemistry teacher at Marquette High School in Clarkson Valley, Mo.

1994

Timothy Desmond, BS chemistry, has been working for American Water as a laboratory analyst for five years.

Dennis Kraichley, BA chemistry, works at Centocor near Philadelphia. He and Dena, his wife, announced the arrival of their third child in June, when Mason Jaxon was born.

1995

Cecilia Marzabadi, PhD chemistry, is associate professor of chemistry at Seton Hall University in South Orange, N.J. She was featured last year in Chemistry and Engineering News.

Anthony Mercadante, BSBA (MBA 2004), became a private pilot after military aviation experience over the past 18 years. He recently opened Roadrunner Air, a charter-flight service in Los Angeles.

Cynthia Shoffner, BA Spanish, is a postal inspector for the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. She's assigned to the Department of Justice Mail Fraud Team in Washington, D.C.

Jerome Toulza, MBA, is field sales manager for the pharmaceutical division of Procter & Gamble in Paris. He and Dominique, his wife, have two sons: Pierre, 6, and Guillaume, 4.

1996

Elizabeth A. Amin, BA chemistry (PhD chemistry 2003), is an assistant professor of medicinal chemistry at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. She secured two research grants from the University of Minnesota Academic Health Center, and several collaborative grants from the National Institutes of Health. She has written 13 publications, seven from her home institution and six from work at UM-St. Louis.

Michael L. Bardot, BA history, is an assistant professor of history at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo.

Isabelle Cordonnier Boutin, MBA, is executive director for sales at JP Morgan. She enjoys playing tennis, skiing, cycling and visiting museums and her family. She lives in Paris with her husband and 2-year-old daughter.

Anne Duparc, MBA, is a global customer engagement manager working for SAP. She lives in Lausanne, Switzerland, with her husband and Mathis and Eline, her two children.

Cathy Skeeters, BSN, joined QHR Consulting Services in Brentwood, Tenn., as associate vice president of performance measurement and improvement and patient services. She is a certified insurance examiner and certified case manager. She's an active member of the Insurance Regulatory Examiners Society.

1997

Barbara Astorino, BSN (MSN 2006), is an instructor at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

Paul-Henri Bruges, MBA (MS information systems 2004), is the accounting supervisor for the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis. He and Yi Zhang, his wife, are the proud parents of Cedric, 3.

Brian Moellering, BS economics, lives near Madrid, Spain, with Ninotschka Baratas-Aguila, BS public policy and administration 1998, and their three children. He's completing a master's degree in logistics and supply chain management at Cranfield University in Bedfordshire, England.

Thomas Sieckhaus, MBA, is a partner at Clayco in St. Louis. He's a 14-year veteran at the company and serves as vice president. He leads the Corporate Facilities Business Unit.

1998

Ninotschka Baratas-Aguila, BS public policy and administration, lives near Madrid, Spain, with Brian Moellering, BS economics 1997, and their three children.

Susana Brugada, MA political science (PhD political science 2002), is the government and public affairs coordinator for StatoilHydro in Venezuela. StatoilHydro is a Norwegian oil company that operates in 40 countries. She lives in Venezuela with her husband, Jorge Perez, MS biology 1995 and PhD biology 2003, and Gabriela and Daniela, their daughters.



Nancy MacDonell, MBA, was hired as a manager in the tax consulting, manufacturing and distributions groups of RubinBrown. She lives in Lake St. Louis, Mo.

Kevin Trankler, BS chemistry, is director of technical services for Chemir Analytical in Maryland Heights, Mo. He also is a member of the newly formed Chemistry Alumni Council Steering Committee.

1999

Mariko (Noguchi) Froning, BA communication, lives in the United Arab Emirates with her husband and son. She works at the American University of Sharjah Library and is taking courses toward a master's degree in business administration. She enjoys traveling through the Middle East, Europe and Asia.

Lynda K. (Sutterlin) Guion, BS chemistry, works at Nestle Purina PetCare Company in St. Louis.

John R. Meyer, BSBA, works at Hummert International in Earth City, Mo.

Takako Nomi, BA sociology (MA sociology 2002), is a senior research analyst at the Consortium on Chicago School Research at the University of Chicago. She researches educational stratification, immigrant education and quantitative research methodology. Her current research project focuses on the effects of district-wide changes to the high school curricula and graduation requirements in Chicago Public Schools.

Patricia Sparks, BA psychology, is a guidance counselor at Northwest R-1 School District in House Springs, Mo.

Robert Stockland, PhD chemistry, has moved to a faculty position at the University of North Texas in Denton.

2000

Chrystalla A. Ellina, PhD political science, is working in Cyprus as a research associate and program coordinator for European Union-funded research programs that focus on gender and employment policy. She wrote "Promoting Women's Rights: Politics of Gender in the European Union" (New York, Routledge, 2003). She's married to Boyd Anderson, MA economics 1997, who works for Moody's as an assistant vice president. Their daughter is Georgia, 4.

Shiyue Fang, PhD chemistry, is a faculty member at Michigan Technological

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University in Houghton. He received funding last year from the National Science Foundation and Michigan Universities Commercialization Initiative. His research group has generated three publications, and three more are in preparation. They also filed for one U.S. patent.

Nodirjon Kirgazaayev, BA political science, is working as a consul at the Embassy of Uzbekistan in Washington, D.C. He's married to Mokhigul and has a 4-year-old daughter, Nigina. He enjoys football and tennis.

Sylvia Lacalle, MBA (MS information systems 2001), is a senior accountant for construction accounting and control at Anheuser-Busch Companies in St. Louis.

James Laird, BA biology and chemistry, earned a doctoral degree in synthetic organic and bioorganic chemistry in January 2007 from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He's a research associate in the Department of Chemistry at Case.

Elizabeth A. Reeves, BGS, was named director of development and communications at the St. Louis Public Library Foundation.

Brian Rogers, MEd, received an Excellence in Education Award from The St. Louis American. He's a teacher at Nathaniel Hawthorne Elementary School in University City, Mo.

2001

Jennifer Doucette, BS chemistry, is an analytical chemist at R.D. Laboratories in Washington, Mo.

Bradley M. Eimer, BS information systems, was interviewed for a story in the December issue of Real Estate Technology News. He is the assistant vice president of secondary marketing at Premier Bank in St. Peters, Mo.

Robert Goerss, OD, was inducted as an honorary member into the UM-St. Louis Chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. He practices optometry at Iverson-Tomasino Eyecare in O'Fallon, Mo. He also is a member of

the UM-St. Louis Alumni Association Governing Board.

Erik R. Hoefgen, BS chemistry, works for Covidien in St. Louis.

Angie (Schmitt) Powers, BS chemistry (MS chemistry 2004), works in research and development and plant support at Covidien in St. Louis.

2002

Amie M. Beerman, BS chemistry, works in chemical sales with Jost Chemical in St. Louis.

Frank Dover, BS chemistry, works at Sigma-Aldrich in St. Louis.

Sachiko Fujimoto, BA anthropology, works in the Ocean Export Sales Department for Expeditors International in Tokyo.

Mesfin Janka, PhD chemistry, works at Eastman Chemicals in Kingsport, Tenn. He and Zee, his wife, are proud to announce the birth of their second child, a boy.

John S. Koslowski, MS chemistry, teaches chemistry in the Francis Howell School District in St. Charles, Mo. He recently became a National Board Certified Teacher.

Sarye Lange, BS accounting (MBA accounting 2003), is an accountant with CBIZ and Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. in Denver.

Ingrid Ting-Ying Lin, MBA, is a senior manager for ASUSTek Computer Inc. in Taiwan.

Luis Llamas, MS chemistry, works in the Chemogenetics and Proteomics Group at Novartis Inc. in Cambridge, Mass.

Linyong Mao, PhD chemistry, is conducting postdoctoral research at Iowa State University in Ames. He met Jinbing Su, his wife, in Richland, Wash., while he was at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. They were married in Charleston, S.C., in December 2006. Helen J. Mao, their daughter, was born recently.

Marnie D. (Rhae) Saali, BA political science, works for MasterCard Worldwide in O'Fallon, Mo. She and Brian Saali, her husband, had their first child in February.

2003

Akemi (Sato) Brewer, BA psychology, is pursuing a doctoral degree in health psychology at Spalding University in Louisville, Ky. Her dissertation focuses on a comparison of the acute care and chronic care models for the treatment of patients with cancer. She married Jack Brewer in April 2006.

Michelle C. Conway, BS accounting, is a senior tax accountant with Insituform Technologies in Chesterfield, Mo.

Alice Gettis Dyle, BSW (MSW 2004), married Rufus Dyle in September. She works for the American Red Cross, and he works at UM-St. Louis. They live in Shiloh, Ill.

Heather Jefferson, BS accounting, recently completed the CPA Examination. She is an accountant at Boeing in St. Louis.

Jeren Kabaeva, MPPA, is an operations officer at The World Bank in Washington, D.C.

Victor Pham, BS information systems, is a programming analyst at BJC HealthCare in St. Louis.

2004

Maria (Hahn) Falkengren, BA communication, is a licensed real estate professional at Blue Ribbon Realtors in Missouri.

Anna Krasilnikova, MA political science, is the commercial director for Multinational Container Service in Moscow. She also serves as an English instructor at the American School of Education in Moscow. She plans to pursue a doctoral degree in political science from a university in the United States.

David "Kurt" Kraus, MA political science, has been recalled to active duty with the U.S. Navy. He works on joint

operations and intelligence. He is on a leave of absence from his full-time job as an international trade compliance analyst with the U.S. Department of Commerce International Trade Administration in Washington, D.C.

George S. Meskhell, MA political science, is a senior counselor at the Embassy of Georgia in Lithuania. He likes traveling, painting and making friends all over the world.

Olga Prokopovych, MPPA, is general legal counsel of 1849 PLC Ukraine, a property company specializing in residential and retail development and investment. She is married to Denis Chernov, and they have two daughters, Anna Maria and Sofia Kathrine.

Shavky Rajabov, MBA, is a financial grants analyst for the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative Inc. in New York.

Eno Veshi, BA computer science (MBA 2007), works at HealthCare USA, a company that provides Medicaid coverage to Missouri residents.

Yixuan Zhao, BSBA, is a senior consultant for Capgemini Management Consulting Ltd. in Shanghai, China.

2005

Anastasha Anderson, BSN, is a nurse at BJC HealthCare. Reuben Marion, her son, was born in September.

Shante Davis, BA communication, accepted the position of development coordinator at St. Louis Food Bank. In addition to caring for her daughter, she is working on an agriculture program for children in the inner city and a scholarship program for students in Mozambique.

Stephen Grelle, BSBA, is a commercial underwriter at Commerce Bank in Clayton, Mo. In September, he married Lily Nguyen, a UM-St. Louis student.

Anhy He, PhD chemistry, conducts postdoctoral research at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. His work has led to five publications.



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Arzu Karimova, MPPA, lives in the Chicago area, where she is completing a master's degree in applied statistics.

Nadir Kinossian, MA political science, is a doctoral degree candidate in the School of City and Regional Planning at Cardiff University in Wales. He serves as a policy analyst and planner at Ove Arup & Partners in Cardiff and has written a number of articles on architecture, urban planning and public policy. He enjoys traveling and photography and has had several photo exhibits.

Andrew Lefors, BA political science, is a teacher at Fort Zumwalt West High School in O'Fallon, Mo. He and Karen, his wife, live in St. Charles, Mo.

Karen McIntosh, BLS, is completing a master's degree in health-service management at Webster University in Webster Groves, Mo. She also opened 4-Sixty & Beyond, a personal delivery and shopping service for seniors in Maryland Heights, Mo.

Pio Fritz Petralli, BA French, is pursuing a master's degree in museum studies at UM–St. Louis. He also works as a graduate research assistant at Laumeier Sculpture Park in southwest St. Louis County and as an archives technician at the National Archives and Records Administration.

Bingly Yan, PhD chemistry, has moved back to St. Louis and works at Sigma-Aldrich.

Hui Zhao, MS chemistry, is a chemist at EPL Bio Analytical Services in Niantic, Ill.

2006

Pechaz Clark, BA communication, recently was named minority outreach and recruitment specialist in the School of Medicine at Washington University in St. Louis.

Elizabeth Holdefer, BSBA, is an agent with AAA Insurance in Clayton, Mo.

Maks Kobonbaev, MPPA, is completing a doctoral degree in political science at UM–St. Louis. He has worked for The

World Bank in Washington, D.C., and has written numerous scholarly articles and chapters on governance and corruption in the context of transition economies and Central Asia. He enjoys downhill skiing, tennis and mountaineering.

Stephanie Lackey, BS education, is a teacher for St. Louis Public Schools. She lives in Florissant, Mo.

Chelli McCurdy, BS criminology and criminal justice, is a trust officer with Edward Jones Trust Co. in St. Louis.

Mark Moehlenhoff, BSBA, is a customer service representative with Graybar Electric in St. Louis.

Darlene Unger, BSN, is a team leader at Christian Hospital in Florissant, Mo.

Janice Wildrick, BA chemistry, is completing a master's degree at Saint Louis University. She also is helping to plan the conference "Boron in the Americas," which will be held at SLU later this year.

2007

Jennifer Davis, BSW, completed a master's degree in social work at UM–St. Louis in May. She's in the process of applying to law school. She is an intern at Legal Advocates for Abused Women and a victim advocate for the Bridgeway Sexual Assault Response Team.

Rokas Juodeska, BS chemistry, works at Novus International in St. Louis and lives in Chesterfield, Mo.

Hanna Smith, BS chemistry, works at Monsanto in St. Louis.

Marisa Vineyard, BS biology, is pursuing a master's degree in genetic counseling at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. She just completed the first semester and soon will begin a clinical rotation at the renowned University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.



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