Wednesday, March 23, 2016   2:00 p.m.   Millennium Student Center   Century Rooms B & C

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI–ST. LOUIS SALUTES

THE 2016 Women Trailblazers

IN CELEBRATION OF
National Women’s History Month

“Working to Form a More Perfect Union: Honoring Women in Public Service and Government”
Dear Guests,

Welcome to the 21st Annual Trailblazers Ceremony. The Trailblazer Ceremony recognizes UMSL women who have “blazed a trail” in predominantly male occupations, or made noteworthy contributions to the University and/or their profession.

The 2016 theme for Women’s History Month, “Working to Form a More Perfect Union: Honoring Women in Public Service and Government,” recognizes the exceptional vision, leadership, imagination, and multiple dimensions of women’s lives throughout history. The 2016 Trailblazers represent women whose extraordinary lives have contributed to the advancement of women.

Thank you for your participation in this annual salute to women of high achievement. The Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity is appreciative of your continued support in recognizing the accomplishments of the women in our community.

Sincerely,

Deborah Burris
Director, Chief Diversity Officer and Title IX Coordinator
Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity

Mayra Flesner is a graduate of Saint Louis University School of Law where she was President of the Hispanic Law Student Association and a member of the Women Law Student Association and the International Law Student Association. She received her undergraduate degrees in Spanish and Political Science from the University of Missouri–St. Louis.

Mayra interned for State Representative Barbara Fraser where she developed an interest for the law and working for the public. During her senior year at UMSL, Mayra held three internships while attending school full-time: the Sue Shear Institute, the United States District Court-Eastern District of Missouri and the Multicultural Student Support Services on campus. Mayra is currently a managing partner of her own law firm, Flesner Wentzel, which opened in 2013. Mayra’s interests include issues involving women in public policy, immigration and family law. In her free time she enjoys CrossFit and spending time with her family.
Brendolyn Bailey-Burch is a research associate with the Missouri Institute of Mental Health (MIMH) at the University of Missouri–St. Louis. She has held the highest level of prevention credential offered by the Missouri Substance Abuse Counselors’ Certification Board. For twelve of the 20 years she has worked for MIMH, Bailey-Burch has designed and implemented prevention interventions to reduce health disparities among minority populations. She has led a team of researchers in securing nearly $7 million dollars to provide prevention interventions including MIMH’s award-winning Girls Holla Back! project, which has served over 1,000 African American females by providing an intergenerational approach to substance abuse and HIV/AIDS prevention for African American girls and their female caregivers with special emphasis on female sexual health communication and family bonding.

Bailey-Burch has also run grant writing workshops, given assistance to faith organizations and has presented numerous workshops on why it is important for the faith community to be involved in prevention work. Her most recent efforts include overseeing a $1.4 million grant received from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration where she and her team will provide 6-week integrated substance use, HIV/AIDS, and hepatitis prevention interventions to African American youth and young adults in St. Louis City and County. Bailey-Burch is also a trained suicide prevention instructor and a former MIMH director of Mental Health First Aid-Missouri. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology and a Master’s in counselor education both from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.
Eric’el Johnson is a senior in the UMSL/WUSTL Joint Electrical Engineering Program. This May, she will graduate with a BS in Electrical Engineering, a minor in Math, and a Pierre Laclede Honors College Writing Certificate. She holds several leadership positions on campus: President of Golden Key, President of The Society of Future Engineers, Program Chair of The University Program Board, and Lead Ambassador of the UMSL Ambassadors. For the past three years, Johnson has been the chair or mentor to the chair of the Undergraduate Research Symposium. In addition, she sits on the Engineering Student Advisory Board where she serves as a channel of communication between students and the engineering department.

She has interned for Boeing three times since her freshman year and has also had a co-op with Emerson Electric testing motor drives for compressors. At UMSL, Johnson tutors in several engineering subjects and has been the First Year Experience Mentor for engineering students for three years. At Washington University, she serves as a lab assistant for the JEE2330 Electrical and Electronics Circuits lab and is a research assistant for Dr. Yuan-Chuan Tai. In addition, Eric’el Johnson is programming a robotic arm that will be used to enhance PET scans. In her free time, she likes to encourage high school students to go to college and pursue engineering.

Jacquelyn Lewis-Harris is the Director of the nationally recognized Connecting Human Origin and Cultural Diversity program and presently holds the title of Associate Professor in both Anthropology and the College of Education at the University of Missouri—St. Louis. Lewis-Harris has her Doctorate and Master’s in Anthropology from Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri. She is the 2016 Arts and Education awardee for Community Collaboration, a major achievement highlighting her long standing commitment to public service and education in the St. Louis area. In her present position she has integrated her past roles as educator, writer, artist, anthropologist and St. Louis Art Museum curator to address the important issues of cultural diversity, social segregation and presentation of African Diaspora cultures. Lewis-Harris works with several Ferguson, Missouri organizations committed to community empowerment, such as the Ferguson Youth Initiative, where she creates and implements programming and works with other leaders to identify the needs of Ferguson youth. She also has numerous publications on culture, race and the arts. Lewis-Harris has presented workshops, professional development and keynote lectures to diverse audiences, from pacific museum directors, to regional school districts and rural agricultural advisors from both Missouri and Illinois.
TRAILBLAZER **Stella Markou**

Versed in the realm of oratorio, opera and recital work, award-winning soprano Stella Markou has appeared as a featured soloist internationally and nationally at festivals, with orchestras and with various performing artists. Her performances include Off-Broadway as well as roles from *The Magic Flute*, *The Queen of Spades*, *The Turn of the Screw*, *The Mikado*, *The Telephone*, *The Songstress*, and *The Soldier’s Tale*. She has been featured on numerous masterwork chorales that include *Carmina Burana*, Faure’s Requiem, *Lord Nelson’s Mass*, Brahms’ Requiem, *The Messiah*, Poulenc’s Gloria, *Mozart’s Requiem*, Rutter’s *Gloria* and Bach’s *Jauchzet Gott in allen landen*. The Hellenic Parliament Foundation and the Consulate General of Greece invited her as the guest artist for the opening of the international Maria Callas exhibit. A passionate performer of contemporary music, Markou is sought out as a master teacher, adjudicator and speaker. She holds degrees from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, the Cleveland Institute of Music, and a Doctorate of Musical Arts from the University of Arizona. Her work can be found on the SEAMUS and MSR record labels. Markou is an Associate Professor of Music as well as the Director of Vocal Studies at the University of Missouri–St. Louis, where she teaches voice and directs their Opera Theatre productions.

TRAILBLAZER **Aladeen Stoll**

Aladeen Stoll is the Teaching Assistant for the UMSL Gender Studies Program and Facilitator for the Office of Sexuality and Gender Diversity. She enjoys conversations about the nature of oppression and how we work to remedy internalized privilege. In her time with the program she has served as Volunteer Coordinator for the Transgender Spectrum Conference, event planner, peer counselor, office assistant, tutor, and community liaison. In her spare time, Stoll works with St. Louis Lady Arm Wrestlers, a radical fund-raising mechanism that crowd funds organizations benefiting women in the St. Louis area. Up to this point, she has dabbled as animal handler, barista, burlesque dancer, and janitor. Stoll has spent time volunteering with at-risk youth and in the office of the Mayor of the City of St. Louis, with the sustainability coordinator. She holds a BA in English, and a Creative Writing certificate from the University of Missouri–St. Louis, and has had multiple pieces of poetry and prose published in both *Bellerive* and *Litmag*. Her writing has also been selected for publication by the Cow Creek Review and the Kansas Humanities Council.
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FACTS ABOUT Women at UMSL

STUDENT ENROLLMENT (FY 2015)

FEMALE 9,995 + MALE 6,743 = TOTAL 16,738

FEMALE EMPLOYEES – FULL TIME (FY 2015)

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