Institute’s Fall program lineup offers something for everyone

The Sue Shear Institute will offer two programs this fall to help women succeed in leadership roles. The semester-long LEAD program for UMSL students kicked-off on Friday, Sept. 13. On Nov. 1, aspiring candidates and campaign workers will gather to learn campaign skills at the Institute’s Pipeline to Public Office program.

Now in its fourth year, LEAD is designed to support and encourage the civic engagement of students at UMSL and instill in them a passion for women’s public sector leadership. Funding for LEAD comes from the UMSL Women’s Leadership Council.

Participants in the program include graduate and undergraduate students from all disciplines. The students meet weekly, with topics ranging from negotiation skills to networking. They also complete a semester-long community service project, with topics ranging from negotiation skills to networking. Also, they meet weekly, with topics ranging from negotiation skills to networking. They also complete a semester-long community service project, with topics ranging from negotiation skills to networking.

LEAD graduates Ebony Williams and Julia Klein are the student leaders for the 2013 program.

LEAD “equips you and gives you the tools to become a well rounded leader,” Williams said.

Students aren’t the only ones with an opportunity to brush up on their leadership skills this fall. In November, the Institute will offer Pipeline to Public Office, a campaign boot camp for members of the community who want to learn more about campaign strategy, including being a candidate.

The program will begin on Friday, Nov. 1, at an informal reception and panel discussion with successful women candidates and officeholders. On Saturday, Nov. 2, participants will convene at UMSL to learn the basics of campaign management, including: writing a campaign plan and budget, fundraising, targeting and field operations.

First time candidates and current office holders facing re-election will benefit from the program curriculum, which will be taught by current and former women officials, Institute staff and campaign professionals. The fee is $125 ($100 if postmarked by 10/25) and includes all materials and instruction, the reception Friday night and breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

"Missouri can’t afford another decline in the number of women elected to the legislature, like we did in 2012,” said Institute Director Vivian Eveloff. “After attending the Pipeline program, women will feel more confident in their ability to run a successful campaign or become a campaign professional.”

To register for the Pipeline program, or to learn more about the 2013 LEAD participants, visit www.umsl.edu/sueshear.

Thinking about running for office?
Get in the Pipeline: Nov. 1-2, 2013 UM-St. Louis
Details on page 3

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**Quotes from 2013 Shear Fellows:**

“The academy put a fire under me that I hope never goes out. I just feel unstoppable. When I say that participating in the Academy changed my life, I’m not exaggerating. I only wish I could go every semester, to get re-inspired and be around the electric, contagious energy of women leaders!”

- Sharon, UMSL

“I am much more aware of the women involved in politics and public life. Plus, I feel the motivation to support these women and future women running for office.”

- Heather, Lincoln Univ.

“Politics affects everyone no matter what you want to do later in life and it is important to stay involved. No one can do everything, but everyone can do something.”

- Sandra, Mizzou

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21st Century Leadership Academy
The lobbying team for the Academy’s mock legislative session strategize in the Senate Lounge. From left: Faculty in Residence Monica Combest, 2013 Shear Fellow Ericka Thomas (UMSL), 2013 Shear Fellow Cassandra Hunt (Truman State) and Shanon Hawk, Lewis, Rice & Fingersh, LC. Read more about the 2013 Academy on page 5.
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**NAMES IN THE NEWS**

**Vance-Cooks to lead government printing office**

Davita Vance-Cooks cracked two ceilings at the Government Printing Office in August as the Senate unanimously confirmed her as the nation’s public printer, making her both the first female and the first African American to lead the agency. Vance-Cooks, who has worked in the public sector for more than 30 years, has served as acting public printer since December 2011.

**Scott named Vision 2020 delegate**

Jan Scott has been selected to represent Vision 2020 as a National Delegate from Missouri for a two year term (FY2014- FY2016). The Sue Shear Institute has been a Vision 2020 Regional Ally, and Manager Dayna Stock has been a national delegate, since 2010.

**Ifill and Woodruff to lead “NewsHour”**

PBS has announced that Gwen Ifill and Judy Woodruff will take over the anchor duties for the PBS NewsHour in September. The program has had a rotating anchor format since 2011. This marks the first time that a network nightly news-cast has had a female co-anchor team. Ifill and Woodruff will also share the managing-editor responsibilities for the program.

**Rice, Power, McCarthy, Archuleta and Pritzker nominated by President**

President Obama has named U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice to replace Tom Donilon as national security advisor. Rice has served in the role of U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations since 2009. Samantha Power, former Senior Director for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights, has been nominated to fill her seat at the UN.

The President has also nominated Regina McCarthy to lead the Environmental Protection Agency, Katherine Archuleta for the position of Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and Penny Pritzker as Secretary of Commerce. McCarthy, who was most recently Connecticut’s environmental protection commissioner, was confirmed by the Senate in July. Pritzker was confirmed in June. A Chicago entrepreneur, civic leader and philanthropist, she served on the President’s Council on Jobs and Competitiveness. Archuleta served as National Political Director for Obama for America, a position she held from 2011 to 2012. Prior to this, she served as Chief of Staff at the U.S. Department of Labor from 2009 to 2011.

**Johnson named first female superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy**

Lt. Gen. Michelle Johnson is the new superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy, becoming the first woman to lead the 59-year-old institution. A 1981 graduate of the academy, Johnson was the academy’s first female cadet wing commander and the school’s first female Rhodes scholar earning a master’s degree in politics and economics. She comes to the academy after serving as a top NATO chief. She is a command pilot with more than 3,600 flight hours in large cargo planes and refueling tankers. Johnson is the second woman appointed to command a service academy, after Rear Adm. Sandra Stosz became superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy in 2011.

**Historic election in Chile**

On Nov. 17, Chileans will participate in the first electoral race in Latin America in which the two main presidential candidates are women. Former Chilean President Michelle Bachelet is the candidate of the Nueva Mayoria (New Majority) coalition. Bachelet served as president from 2006-2010, and headed the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (U.N. Women) until March of this year. Evelyn Matthei, an economist, is the candidate of the Independent Democratic Union (UDI). Until July she was labour minister in the government of President Sebastián Piñera. Chile does not have a quota law.

**An Oversight**

We failed to mention this historic milestone in the spring issue of Woman Watch:

On February 25, Park Geun-hye was sworn in as Korea’s first female President. The daughter of former South Korean President Park Chung-hee, she became Korea’s first lady in 1974, following the assassination of her mother. Park served five terms in the National Assembly starting in 1998. She sought the presidency in 2007, but was not elected until December, 2012.

Are you a woman in public life with news to share? e-mail dstock@umsl.edu or fax 314.516.6621.
Sheffield Wray, Kelly double the number of women on two Courts of Appeals

The Court of Appeals for Missouri’s Southern District, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit both got a little more diverse recently.

When Judge Mary W. Sheffield Wray was appointed by Gov. Jay Nixon to serve on the Missouri Court of Appeals in December, Jane Kelly was a public defender in Iowa, rumored to be on the “short list” for a vacancy on the federal appellate bench.

Kelly’s time would come, however. On Apr. 24, she was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate to serve on the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals. The vote was 96-0.

Both women represent a 100 percent increase in the number of women serving on their respective courts. Sheffield Wray joined Judge Nancy Steffen Rahmeyer who has served on the Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District, since 2001. Her official investiture ceremony took place on Mar. 1 in her hometown of Rolla.

Kelly, who was nominated by President Obama on Jan. 31, joins Judge Diana Murphy who was appointed in 1994. Kelly served as an assistant public defender since 1994 and supervising attorney in the Cedar Rapids Public Defender’s office since 1999. She received her bachelor’s degree from Duke University and her law degree from Harvard Law School.

In a videotaped address to participants in the Infinity Project Summit Meeting in Des Moines on Jun 20, Judge Murphy said of Kelly’s confirmation: “I personal have been waiting a long time for Judge Kelly’s appointment. When I was appointed to the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals almost 20 years ago, I never thought it would take so long to get a woman colleague. I am overjoyed. This is a much awaited time.”

The Sue Shear Institute is a state partner of the Infinity Project, which advocated vigorously for Kelly’s appointment.

At the state circuit level, Mary F. Weir was appointed Associate Circuit Judge for the 16th Judicial Circuit, which covers Jackson County. She fills a vacancy created by the retirement of The Honorable Christine Sill-Rogers.

Prior to her appointment, Weir operated her own private practice in Kansas City, and also was of counsel to the Raith Law Firm. She worked with several area domestic violence programs to represent victims of domestic violence in civil cases that include order of protection hearings, divorces, paternity actions, child support, and civil contempt. She has also been an adjunct pro-
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For a list of boards and commissions in Missouri, visit the Governor’s website at http://governor.mo.gov/boards/

The following lists include women who have been appointed to boards and commissions since April 2013:

St. Louis County

Mary Archer
Waste Management Commission
Renee Franklin
World Trade Center Board of Directors
Brenda Jones
Civil Service Commission

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State of Missouri

Ellen M. Burkemper
State Committee for Social Workers

Mary D. Craig
Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board

Lisa J. Crandall
Missouri Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities

Wendy D. Davis
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Jeanne Marie Dee
Missouri State Board of Accountancy

Julie T. Donelon
Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board

Carol R. Fischer
Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board

Alisha Foerster
Missouri Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

Nicolette R. Galloway
Missouri Technology Corporation

Mary E. Hale
Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Jaime Lanois
Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Edna McDaniel
Missouri Quality Home Care Council

Donna L. Newman
Advisory Commission for Physical Therapists

Judith Grace O’Connor
Missouri Health Facilities Review Committee

Jill L. Patterson
Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board

Staci L. Petrillo
Sixth Circuit Judicial Commission

Donna G. Schreiner
Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Kimberly Skaggs-Henson
Pulaski County Assessor

Sharon E. Sorrell
State Committee for Social Workers

R. Cristine Stallings
Grundy County Prosecuting Attorney

Dr. Renee Stucky
State Committee of Psychologists

Sandra Wedewer
Missouri State Board of Accountancy

Mary F. Weir
Associate Circuit Judge, 16th Judicial Circuit

Jennifer L. Williams
Statewide Independent Living Council

April S. Wilson
Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board

“I want to go into education, but the leadership academy really showed me ways that I can get involved in education other than teaching.” - 2013 Shear Fellow

Academy Memories: Clockwise from left: Mizzou Fellow Angela Pearson speaking on the Senate floor; Panelist Melanie Abrajano visits with S&T Fellow Anna Sarr; group photo on Dais in the Senate Chamber; Former Fellows Suzanne Struglinski (MU, ‘98), Jessica Post (Truman, ’01) and Hallie Thompson (MU, ’11) at the National Press Club in Washington, DC.
Fellows debate password privacy, talk about power, prepare to lead

If the Shear Fellows at the 2013 21st Century Leadership Academy were at all unclear about how public policy could impact their lives, things came into focus when they began preparing for their mock legislative debate.

This year, the students debated Senate Bill 164, also known as “The Password Privacy Protection Act.” The bill, sponsored by Sen. Gina Walsh, dealt with the rights of employees to keep personal names and passwords for social networking accounts and services private. It was an issue that hit close to home for the Fellows, who fit the demographic profile for the most prolific users of social networking sites.

After a briefing from Sen. Walsh on Tuesday, the students broke into teams and prepared for Wednesday’s debate in the Senate Chamber. Working with the bill as it was introduced, the students added amendments and “passed” a version that approximated the legislation that ultimately passed the Senate during the regular legislative session (the bill stalled in the House, so it did not become law).

Truman State University Fellow Amanda Shetler played the role of the bill’s sponsor.

“The mock legislative session brought to life the many pages I’ve read and lectures I’ve attended regarding the legislative process,” she said. “Perhaps the most interesting aspect of the session was the bill itself; debating a timely and real issue — privacy protection — allowed for a variety of viewpoints and genuine reactions to proposed amendments and debate.

From the first few moments spent planning potential amendments and arguments to the heated debate on the Senate floor, the opportunity to act as a Missouri Senator was a highlight of my time at the Academy.”

As always, the 36 Shear Fellows represented nine public Missouri universities. In addition to the mock debate, the students’ Jefferson City trip included lunch at the Governor’s Mansion and a visit to the Missouri Supreme Court, where they met the three women judges on the Court.

They attended a variety of workshops throughout the week on topics that ranged from salary negotiation to female genital mutilation.

Over 60 women leaders donated their time as speakers, panelists and dinner hosts, including several former Fellows who are now leaders in the public sector.

After the Academy, the Fellows were off to summer internships around the country. It was a full week, but one that left them energized, more confident, and ready to tackle the leadership opportunities ahead of them. UCM Fellow Mackenzie Martin summed up the week this way: “It was so much more than just listing to speakers and participating in activities. It was a way to make new friends, grow as a woman and person, and to make connections that will last a lifetime.”

A woman president? Look no further

When students returned to campus this fall at two of the nine Missouri public universities that participate in the 21st Century Leadership Academy, their student body president was a Shear Fellow. The Institute compiled a list of all of the Shear Fellows who have held this title over the years and it’s impressive:

**Ashley Koesterer**, Missouri S&T, 2013-14
**Christina Parle**, Univ. of Central Missouri, 2013-14
**Paige Oxendine**, Missouri State University, 2012-13
**Alisha Mehrhoff**, President of the law school student body at Oklahoma City University, 2011-12
**Joellen Flanagan**, Truman State University, 2009-10
**Stephanie Rostad**, Missouri S&T, 2009-10
**S. Ashley Warren**, D.O., President of the student body at AT Still University-Kirkville College of Osteopathic Medicine, 2009-10
**Beth (Groenke) Morrey**, Missouri S&T, 2007-08
**Lauren Huchingson**, Missouri S&T, 2006-07
**Lara Glauber**, VP, Southeast Missouri State, 2005-06
**Rachel Anderson**, Mizzou, 2007-2008

Wouldn’t Sue Shear be proud?
It is always exciting to receive “progress reports” from graduates of our leadership programs. In addition to updates from Leadership Academy alums, we’re now including news from graduates of the UMSL Women LEAD program. We are proud to share their accomplishments with you! (Note: The number in parenthesis represents year of participation in the Leadership Academy.)

♦ Kaitlyn Baker
Lincoln University (’09)

After attending the Leadership Academy, Kaitlyn graduated from Lincoln University in December, 2009, and is a customer service representative at Central Bank.

♦ Heather Barnhart
Lincoln University (’13)

This fall, Heather will start graduate school at Lincoln University to earn a Masters in Business Administration with an emphasis in accounting.

♦ Kailea Bogner
University of Central Missouri (’13)

After attending the Leadership Academy, Kailea did a summer internship with MO Congresswoman Vicki Hartzler (R-4th District) in Washington, DC. She is currently interning at the Jackson County Prosecutor’s Office in the Victim Advocates’ Office.

♦ Pearlina Boyd
Missouri State University (’00)

Pearlina recently completed a pro bono paralegal/community liaison position with the Immigration Law Project at Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, and will start law school at Southern University Law Center this Fall.

♦ Crystal Brigan
Missouri State University (’07)

Crystal was promoted to lead organizer for Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri in February. She also recently joined the local board for the League of Women Voters of Southwest Missouri, and was appointed vice chair of the Citizens’ Advisory Committee on Community Development for Springfield, Mo.

♦ Chynna Byrd
Truman State University (’13)

After graduating from the Academy in May, Chynna secured a summer campaign internship doing research for Cecilia Berkowitz, candidate for New York City mayor.

♦ Chyanne Cardarella (Lockhart)
University of Central Missouri (’03); 2007 Amethyst Award Winner

Chyanne earned her MBA from Baker University in July, and recently got a new position in management at the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. She was also appointed to the State Board of Central Communications Credit Union as a Supervisory Member.

♦ Jessy Chisholm
University of Missouri–St. Louis (’10)

Jessy will start a master’s program in healthcare administration at Saint Louis University this fall.

♦ Sylwia Dabrowska
Truman State University (’08)

Sylwia graduated from University of Iowa College of Law in May 2012. After a brief stint in Washington D.C. as an Attorney-Advisor for the Social Security Administration, she moved back to Des Moines, Ia., in May 2013 and is in-house counsel for Wells Fargo in the Consumer Lending and Consumer Protection division.

♦ Lindsay Epstein
Missouri S&T (’03)

After a chance meeting with her new boss on a flight from San Francisco to Washington, DC, Lindsay switched into a consulting job working with utility companies on emergency planning.

♦ Maria Gonzalez, Ph.D.
University of Missouri–St. Louis (’10)

Maria is a Visiting Professor at the University of San Diego. She is also involved with the United Nations of San Diego, and Survivors For Solutions, an organization committed to “abolishing all forms of sexual exploitation for all humans through awareness, education, peer counseling and support, and incorporating the Survivor voice into public and private policies.”

♦ Tamila Gresham
Missouri State University (’08)

Tamila is a co-founder of The Box Scene Project, a fan-based nonprofit committed to achieving equal representation for LGBT, disabled, female, minority actors, characters, and issues on network television. To date, The Box Scene Project has raised nearly $71,000 for charity & successfully campaigned for the release of a cut scene the founders thought could be pivotal to the story line of Glee characters, Kurt & Blaine.
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