21st Century Leadership Academy

Another amazing 21st Century Leadership Academy week-long session is now history! As always, the participants, who are selected by the nine participating MO public universities, were a remarkable and diverse group. Among the participants were UMKC graduate student Licia Clifton-James, who is pursuing her Ph.D. in African scripts, signs and figures. She left for Senegal to continue her research shortly after the Academy ended, and after she spent a few days in Kansas City, where her husband is Mayor. She reported that her Leadership Academy experience made her think of running for office, herself!

As always, several of the participants provided an international perspective on the week’s curriculum. The final panel discussion on Friday was enriched when an international group of women judges and attorneys, who were guests of the U.S. State Department, joined the group for a panel discussion on how to balance career, family life and community service. Remarkably, one of these guests was a policy maker from South Korea, who connected with a UMSL graduate student, Young-Im Lee who plans to use her Ph.D. in Political Science to understand the role of gender in candidate nominations and legislative elections in South Korea.

As always, there were many moments of enlightenment throughout the very busy week. During their exciting visit to Jefferson City, the Fellows participated in a vigorous legislative debate, presided over by Academy Faculty in Residence, and former member of the MO House of Representatives, Vicky Riback Wilson. The Fellows then had lunch at the Governor’s Mansion where they met and learned from women who held administrative state government roles. At the end of the day, the three women Judges on the Missouri Supreme Court covered the role of this third branch of government.

In 2016, the 21st Century Leadership Academy will convene for the 20th time! The Institute is looking forward to this landmark week and hope to be joined by many leaders and supporters of women’s public sector involvement.

For listing of 2015 21st Century Leadership Academy fellows, please see page 5.
Public Servant & Friend of the Institute former state Senator Maida Coleman was appointed by Governor Nixon to the Missouri Public Service Commission on August 10th, 2015. Hon. Coleman was previously leading the Office of Community Engagement.

Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District has selected Hon. Lisa Van Amburg as its Chief Judge. Van Amburg replaces Hon. Angela Turner Quigless. In this position, Judge Van Amburg also presides over the selection process for the non-partisan trial judges in the 21st (St. Louis County) and the 22nd (St. Louis City) Judicial Circuits.

Experienced public servant Mary E. Nelson has been appointed to the Missouri State Highway and Transportation Commission. She was a former member of the St. Louis Board of Police Commissioners.

UMSL Alumna and LEAD Program founder Lauren Masterson-Rodriguez was named in the St. Louis Business Journal’s “30 Under 30” in July 2015. We applaud Lauren’s achievement and dedication to leadership in the St. Louis region.

Are you a woman in public life with news to share? Email lvoss@umsl.edu with updates.

City of St. Louis’ Women Appointments Project

City of St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay welcomed women leaders to his office in recognition of this commitment to appoint more women to public board positions. Mayor Slay remarked that “my office is run by women who know how to get things done.” For those interested, applications to serve on City of St. Louis public boards can be found at: www.womens-foundation.org/a-p

Changes to the Sue Shear Institute’s Advisory Board

The Institute’s Advisory Board welcomes Monica Combest to its ranks. Monica is a University of Missouri—St. Louis alumna and a long-time supporter of the Sue Shear Institute. Monica graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the Pierre Laplace Honors College. She is the Political Action Committee (PAC) Manager for Enterprise Holdings, Inc. since 2005. In 2013, she served as Faculty in Residence for the 21st Century Leadership Academy. Monica also serves on the Citizenship Education Clearing House and the National Association of Business Political Action Committees.

Monica fills the position held by retiring ‘long-time Advisory Board member the Honorable Nancy Greenwood, former mayor of Chesterfield who has re-entered public life as member of its city council. We appreciate her loyal service and the wisdom she shared with the board.

NAMEs IN THE NEWS
Please welcome our new Assistant Director, Lynn Voss.

The Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life is pleased to announce that on August 1, 2015, Lynn Voss joined the staff as its new Assistant Director. In addition to directing the Institute’s college student focused programs: 21st Century Leadership Academy and UMSL LEAD, Lynn will support other Institute programs both on campus and in the community. She succeeds Jennifer Drake Fantroy who previously held this position.

In taking on this new role, Lynn remarked, “I am excited to incorporate my experience in program coordination with my academic background in anthropology and political science. I believe women have special gifts as leaders at all levels of government: fairness, strength of character, and the ability to manage difficult challenges with grace. If I can help facilitate greater confidence in women to accomplish their goals and help more talented women move into leadership roles within our community, I will feel that I have made a positive difference.”

Institute Director, Vivian Eveloff, encourages friends of the Sue Shear Institute to join her in welcoming Lynn to her new role. “Lynn has a great track record of helping assure the success of many Institute events and has a real interest in its mission. Please reach out to Lynn and help her get to know you.”

As an undergraduate and shortly thereafter, Lynn worked in private industry but also with U.S. Department of State, Office of Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs as a staff assistant where she developed a passion for foreign policy issues and a belief in candidates who focus on practical solutions to problems. During her 19 years at UMSL, Lynn has been Administrator for UMSL’s Anthropology Department an Manager of Coordination Services within UMSL’s School of Professional and Continuing Studies. Lynn also helped facilitate workshops and conferences for UMSL’s Center for Ethics in Public Life and Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life along with a number of other on-campus units and external government organizations. She also served as secretary of the Missouri Association for Adult Continuing & Community Education (MAACCE) from 2009-2011.

Lynn received her B.S. at Missouri State University in Springfield, MO and her M.A. at the University of Cincinnati where she received a full scholarship and taught Economic Geography as a graduate research assistant. Lynn lives in St. Charles County with her 12-year old twin daughters. In her free time, she enjoys taking weekend day-trips with her daughters and attending art shows in the St. Louis area.

Ferguson Civic Engagement Workshops

The Sue Shear Institute is partnering with the Ferguson Municipal Public Library and community leaders to provide workshops covering the different roles of each level of elected office, from City Council and School Board to St. Louis County and Missouri officials. This overview session will be held on Thursday, October 8, and a session on the basic elements of campaigns will occur the following Thursday, October 15. Both sessions will include elected officials talking about the office they hold as well as the election process. The programs will be held from 6:30 -7:30 in the Community Room of the Ferguson Library, 35 North Florissant Road. For additional information go to: twitter.com/fergusonlibrary and to Facebook: “Ferguson Municipal Public Library”. 

Sue Shear Institute will be celebrating its 20th Anniversary in September 2016

Please watch for the details to celebrate this milestone.

Sue Shear Institute

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Enterprise Holdings

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Hon. Susan Block
Shirley Breeze
Laura Cohen
Doris Coleman
Monica Combest
Hon. Michele DeShay
Zaneta Ford
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Appointments
Serving on a public board or commission is an excellent way to put your talents to use in public service without running for office.

If you are interested in serving on a board or commission, contact the Institute at (314) 516-4727 and visit our website at www.umsl.edu/sueshear.

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 2015:

State of Missouri

Stephanie M. Allen
Missouri Board Occupational Therapy

Stephanie D. Brisco
Missouri Family Trust Board of Trustees

Nicole Colbert-Botchway
22nd Judicial Circuit, Associate Circuit Judge

Maida Coleman
Missouri Public Service Commission

Sherry Cooper
Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects

Hon. Melba Curls
Missouri Real Estate Appraisers Commission

Julia Crader Dolan
Scott County, Public Administrator

Alison R. Hershewe
Missouri Southern State University Board of Governors

Lindsay Koch
Texas County, Recorder of Deeds

Mary E. Nelson
State Highways and Transportation Commission

Mary Patrick Seigfreid
Mental Health Commission

Patt Ann Sharp
Missouri State Council on the Arts

Dr. Regina M. Staves
Committee for Professional Counselors

Diana L. Thomas
Cooper County, County Collector

School of Public Policy and Administration

The Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life is pleased to be included in UMSL’s new School of Public Policy and Administration. This new educational entity creates a partnership with other public service related campus groups, including: the Department of Public Policy Administration, the Center for Ethics in Public Life, the Public Policy Research Center, the Center for Excellence in Financial Counseling, as well as the Des Lee Professor of Community Collaboration and Public Policy Administration. With the shared interests and diverse expertise of the School’s members, opportunities to collaborate will be easier to realize and the ability to meet the needs of the region, enhanced.

The Institute does not have plans to relocate and will continue to reside at 346 Woods Hall, on the UMSL North Campus. The Sue Shear Institute will continue offering programs and workshops to encourage more women to be civically engaged.

St. Louis City

Jane Abbott-Morris
Civilian Oversight Board

Deborah Ahmed
Civilian Oversight Board

Bridget Halquist
Firefighter Retirement Plan

Heather Highland
Civilian Oversight Board

Ciera Simril
Civilian Oversight Board

St. Louis County

Kelly Backes
Animal Care & Control Advisory Board

Janet Banks
Animal Care & Control Advisory Board

Joanne Boulton
Fire Standards Commission

Allison Burgess
Animal Care & Control Advisory Board

Anne Cashel
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Janet Hanewikel
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Helen Stortz-Kamp
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Theresa Williams
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Kimberly Tuttle
Productive Living Board
2015 LEAD Program

In 2010, the Institute achieved a long term goal of creating a program that enables a larger number of UMSL students to experience the personal growth that the four campus participants in the annual 21st Century Leadership Academy had benefitted from. Named “LEAD,” an acronym for “Leaders Empowered to make A Difference,” this Fall Semester program was initiated with UMSL students Lauren Masterson-Rodriguez and Melissa Alper, who were experienced leaders on and off campus and designated as “Apprentices.” They worked with Institute staff to assure that the semester’s curriculum was relevant and effective.

The model of Apprentice leaders continues to serve LEAD well. The 2015 LEAD program’s Apprentices are 2014 LEAD program alumnae, Ericka Thomas a 2014 LEAD alum, as well as ’13 Leadership Academy Fellow, who served as an intern for that program in ’14 and is finishing her MPPA studies this year and Melony Crayton, a UMSL Senior, Communications major and 2014 Lead participant will practice her leadership skills as she fulfills her Apprentice role.

Through this semester-long program, the Sue Shear Institute strives to help the participants identify their strengths and develop new skills that will be valuable during college and beyond. The Apprentices help plan the sessions and serve as mentors to the participants as they learn negotiation skills, do skill self-assessments and meet with inspirational community leaders, starting with MO Eastern District Court of Appeals Judge, Angela Quigless.

As the LEAD program grows, so do our LEAD alumnae! In recent years, LEAD alumnae have gone onto achieve their dreams and pursue to ventures in the public sector. We’ve had many program alumnae, LEAD and Leadership Academy, who’ve interned in Washington DC to volunteer on campaigns. Last year, the LEAD program participants volunteered at the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery for one Saturday. Many of the students found the event inspiring and wanted to continue volunteering with the organization, including 2014 LEAD program participant Chloe Arms. She notes that “[w]hen we volunteered last year, I quickly knew that it would be a great place for me to work…. I have been working at the Saint Charles location [since 6/15] and I love it!”. We hope to continue to inspire another wonderful group of UMSL students through the upcoming 2015 LEAD program.

For more information about the 2015 LEAD program, please visit: http://www.umsl.edu/sueshear/LEAD-Program/index.html

2015 Shear Fellows and Advisors

Lincoln University
Stephanie Clark, Advisor; Julie Heise, Zoe Lopez, Keiahsa McMillan

Missouri State University
Nora Cox, Advisor; Kelsey DeVasure, Demetria Green, Michelle Trantham, Julia Kovacs

Southeast Missouri State University
Linda Garner, PhD Advisor; Jennifer Joost, Harman Malhi, Karen Muramatsu, Lynnette Ramsey, Brooke Reeves

Truman State University
Carol Bennett, Advisor; Elisabeth Condon, Taylor Sykes

University of Central Missouri
Shari Bax, PhD Advisor; Ashley Garrard, Amanda Johnson, Amy Kingston, Rebecca Nabzdyk

University of Missouri–Columbia
Kirsten Pape, Advisor; Rebecca Greenway, Polly Haun, Maria Juarez, Kayla Loveless, Jackie Olson

University of Missouri–Kansas City
Brenda Bethman, PhD Advisor; Jesse Bihlmeyer, Licia Clifton-James, Syd-ney Smith, Julie Whistman

Missouri S&T
Ally Petrosinelli, M.Ed., Advisor; Arielle Bodine, Jana Hochard, Armaja LaRue-Hill

University of Missouri–St. Louis
Farida Jalalzai, PhD Advisor; Belkisa Dautovic, Janet Kagoda, Young-Im Lee, Nour Salmeen, Kirstin Wyninegar

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Hon. Vicky Riback Wilson

Interns
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Amber graduated in May 2015 from the University of Florida with a Master of Arts in Urban and Regional Planning and a specialization in Geographic Information Systems. She also began a new job as a Geospatial Analyst with a research and consultation firm in Gainesville, Florida.

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It is always exciting to receive “progress reports” from graduates of our leadership programs. In addition to updates from Leadership Acacemy alums, we’re now including news from graduates of the LEAD program. We are proud to share their accomplishments with you! (Note: The number in parenthesis represents year of participation in the Leadership Academy.)

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Kaytlynn Clemons  
*University of Central Missouri (‘14)*  
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Allison Coffelt  
*Truman State University (‘10)*  
Allison finished her Master of Arts in English- Creative Nonfiction from the University of Missouri in May 2015. In August, Allison will begin working full-time for the True/False Film Festival in Columbia, MO.

JoEllen Englebart  
*Truman State University (‘11)*  
JoEllen graduated from UMKC School of Law in May 2015 with a dual degree, Masters in Public Administration with an emphasis in Urban Management, and a Juris Doctor. JoEllen is working at Jackson County, MO Prosecutor’s Office as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney.

Jessica Gunder  
*University of Missouri – Columbia (‘03)*  
Jessica left her position as a Trail Attorney with the US Department of Justice’s Consumer Protection Branch. She moved to Boise, Idaho with her family and now serves as an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Idaho.

Precious Hardy  
*Lincoln University (‘14)*  
Precious graduated Cum Laude from Lincoln University with her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. She has been accepted to the University of Northern Iowa for a Masters program in Social Psychology. Precious has graduate school deferred until the fall of 2016 to pursue an opportunity to teach English for a year in China and conduct an independent research project.

Courtney Hayes  
*University of Missouri – St. Louis (‘12)*  
Courtney has relocated to Los Angeles, CA to advocate for workers’ rights, living wages, and quality healthcare. She is working as a union representative for the newly formed SEIU Local 2015, representing nursing home workers in South LA and San Bernardino.

Susan Jones  
*University of Missouri – St. Louis (‘09)*  
Susan is serving as the President of the St. Louis elected Board of Education. Also, she works as the Director of Diversity with a local pharmaceutical company, Emed Medical.

Ashley Koesterer  
*Missouri University of Science & Technology (‘13)*  
Ashley graduated from Missouri University of Science and Technology in May 2014. She works for Junction Solutions in St. Louis. Ashley is beginning a Professional MBA program through the University of Missouri – St. Louis in Fall 2015.

Crystal Brigman Mahaney  
*Missouri State University (‘07)*  
Crystal joined Missouri Health Care for All as a Statewide Grassroots Organizer in November 2013. In July 2015, Crystal was promoted to Deputy Director for Missouri Health Care for All. She also recently became a co-host of Making Democracy Work, a weekly radio program of the League of Women Voters which airs on KSMU, Springfield’s National Public Radio affiliate.

Nabihah Maqbool  
*University of Missouri – Columbia (‘08)*  
Nabihah will be starting as a first year law student at the University of Chicago in Fall 2015. Last year, she spent working as the equity researcher at the Washington DC based public health organization CommonHealth ACTION. She worked as a health researcher for the National Housing Conference’s Center for Housing Policy. Nabihah earned her Master’s in Public Health from the University of Missouri in 2014. In Spring 2015, she was inducted into the public health honorary organization, Delta Omega.

Mackenzie Martin  
*University of Central Missouri (‘13)*  
In May of 2015 Mackenzie completed her last term as Student Body President at The University of Central Missouri. She also graduated from UCM with a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science with honors. In August 2015, Mackenzie will begin working for a nonprofit that is designed to help improvised families, homeless individuals, and abused women.

Lindsay Mathews  
*University of Missouri – Kansas City (‘13)*  
In August 2014, Lindsay Mathews will join the law firm of Basri Law, LLC as an associate attorney focusing on Family Law matters. Previously, Lindsay served as a law clerk to Commissioner Sherrill Rosen of the 16th Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri.

Miranda Ming  
*University of Missouri – St. Louis (‘06)*  
Miranda will be graduating in December 2015 with a PhD in Educational Policy & Research Studies. She is working in the Jennings School District’s College Prep Program.

Jeanne Norris  
*University of Missouri – St. Louis (‘04)*  
Jeanne obtained her Masters of Science in Biology from Washington University in May 2015. Afterwards, she began working for Washington University’s Institute for School Partnership as the Curriculum Coordinator and Teacher-in-Residence in June 2015.

Judith Rowland  
*Missouri State University (‘09)*  
Judith Rowland was promoted to US Policy and Advocacy Manager at the Global Poverty Project. She is currently producing the Global Citizen Festival in New York City.

Nour Salmeen  
*University of Missouri – St. Louis (‘15)*  
Nour has been interning with The Firecracker Press. She is involved in the Youth Entrepreneurship program at UMSL to encourage and mentor high school students interested in business majors, and teach them about business strategies and ideas.

Michelle Wade  
*Missouri State University (‘03)*  
In August 2013, Michelle became an assistant professor at West Chester University in West Chester, PA. She is in the Department of Public Policy and Administration and currently teaches in the department’s Master of Public Administration program.

For more fellows’ updates, visit: www.umsl.edu/sueshear.
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Pipeline to Public Office
November 6 & 7, 2015
UMSL South Campus

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November 20th, 2015

Girls Summit, Fall 2015
November 20th, 2015
Millennium Student Center, UMSL