Chancellor’s Office

In addition to ensuring the university’s compliance with equal opportunity laws and regulations, the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity has taken a leadership role in hosting meetings, workshops, and panels that address issues of pressing concern in Ferguson and North County St. Louis, including civil rights, police training, educational, economic, and health disparities, voter participation, and the municipal court system. As an anchor institution in North County, UMSL is committed to advancing the well-being of all residents in its community, and to helping the region address its most significant challenges.
http://blogs.umsl.edu/news/?s=ferguson

The Chancellor’s Cultural Diversity Initiative fosters a campus and regional culture of inclusion, characterized by the recognition and appreciation of the contributions of all people. Represented by a diverse group of UMSL faculty, staff, students, and alumni, the initiative engages the campus and community in creating a climate where diverse talents flourish.
http://diversity.umsl.edu/

College of Arts & Sciences

PROGRAMS, CENTERS, AND INSTITUTES

The Center for Trauma Recovery (CTR) is a multidisciplinary center whose purpose is to foster research, graduate and undergraduate education, and service by way of a specialized trauma clinic that serves the community in the areas of trauma and victimization.
http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/artscience/psychology/ctr/

Children’s Advocacy Services of Greater St. Louis provides high quality trauma-focused services to youth, families, and the community. The center promotes resiliency, physical safety, and emotional stability through comprehensive research, forensic, clinical, educational, and advocacy programming.
http://www.stlouiscac.org/

The Gender Studies Mentoring Program helps students learn the conventions of business and organizational environments, and by extension helps them make future career

College of Arts & Sciences Departments & Schools

Anthropology, Sociology, Languages & Culture
Biology & Biotechnology
Chemistry & Biochemistry
Criminology & Criminal Justice
Economics
English
Gender Studies Program
History
Interdisciplinary Studies
Math & Computer Science
Military and Veterans Studies
Philosophy
Physics & Astronomy
Political Science
Psychological Services
Psychology
School of Social Work
connections, but pairing them with a mentor in the community for job shadowing, networking, career coaching, and professional support.
http://www.umsl.edu/~genderstudies/

The Whitney R. Harris World Ecology Center, through a unique set of partnerships, promotes research and training in basic ecology and biodiversity conservation across the globe, and increases public awareness and interest in issues relating to global natural resource conservation.
http://www.umsl.edu/~biology/hwec/

Housing a 16" Meade LX200 telescope and two portable 8" Celestron telescopes, the Richard D. Schwartz Observatory is used for astronomical research and is open to the public for tours and specialized classes.
http://www.umsl.edu/~physics/About%20the%20Department/astro.html

The Veterans Center is a community space where student veterans receive one-stop guidance, support, and education. The center was founded as part of UMSL’s Veterans Success Initiative, which aims to improve recruitment, retention, and graduation of veterans by 20% over the next four years, and, by extension, to increase employment opportunities for veterans regionally. UMSL is the only university in the region with a full-time, full-service veterans center.
http://www.umsl.edu/veterans/

**ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS**

The Hellenic Government-Karakas Family Foundation Professor in Greek Studies hosts an array of programs, including public lectures and concerts for the Greek community and others interested in Greek-related topics. The professor oversees the Greek Cultural Center at UMSL, which houses books, photographs, and artifacts.

The Smurfit-Stone Corporation Professor in Irish Studies teaches Irish Studies classes and hosts standing-room only public lectures and concerts for the Irish Series through this professorship, which seeks to build an interest in Irish Studies across communities.

The Eiichi Shibusawa-Seigo Arai Professor in Japanese Studies, with community partner the Japan America Society of St. Louis, promotes Japan studies through teaching, research, scholarship, and public programming activities including lectures, film screenings, concerts, and conferences that contribute to the academic understanding of Japan.

The Aronson Endowed Professor in Modern & Contemporary Art History is a unique partnership between UMSL and Laumeier Sculpture Park where the professor serves as executive director of the park, working with UMSL faculty and students so that they might use Laumeier as a living laboratory to develop, test, or expand their programs.

The E. Desmond Lee Endowed Professor in Museum Studies & Community History, in partnership with the Missouri History Museum, works to develop and pursue collaborative projects that advance excellence and innovation in museum and community history. The professorship also maintains active partnerships with the local museums, including the St. Louis Art Museum, the St. Louis Science Center, the Campbell House, the Mercantile Library, and the Missouri Historical Society Research Center, to train students.
The **E. Desmond Lee Endowed Professor in Plant Science** holds a joint appointment in the Biology Department and as a researcher and member of the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center. The professorship advances knowledge that enables improvement of 1) plant drought tolerance, 2) nutrient use efficiency, and 3) energy-dense compound production.

The **E. Desmond Lee Endowed Professor in Community Collaboration and Public Policy** works with Beyond Housing and their 24:1 initiative in the Normandy School District, and serves as a member of the Lambert Airport Joint Development Commission, the St. Vincent Greenway Advisory Council, and the Advisory Committee on the St. Charles Rock Road Transit-Oriented Development Project. The professor also coordinates the Community Builders Network (CBN) of Metro St. Louis, a network of 28 community development corporations that provide training and funding.

The **E. Desmond Lee Endowed Professor in Youth Crime & Violence** organizes the annual Youth Violence Prevention conference, which brings state-of-the-art information to front-line youth workers and other professionals within the criminal justice system in the St. Louis area.

The **E. Desmond Lee and Family Professor of Zoological Studies** is the senior scientist at the St. Louis Zoo, conducting collaborative research, serving on the field research for conservation and the field conservation committees, and involving UMSL students in conservation research related to or relying upon the Zoo’s expertise.

**SELECT SERVICE-LEARNING COURSES**

Students enrolled in **English 3120: Business Writing** design a cleaning supply drive, with promotional materials, for Lydia's House, a transitional housing program for battered women and their children. In addition to creating donation appeals, students run a supply drive and participate in improving the organization's physical facilities.

**History 6125: Practicum in Public History and Cultural Heritage** provides students with hands-on experience in the fields of public history and cultural heritage at the Scott Joplin House State Historical Site, a site administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Individual and class research projects support the enhancement of existing exhibits, the development of electronic resources, and the adaptive re-use of properties at the site.

In **Social Work 4110: Practice with Individuals, Families, and Groups**, students work with the United Way of Greater St. Louis to annually review 200 cases and distribute funds for the organization’s “100 Neediest” program.

In collaboration with local social service agencies, students in **Social Work 4350: Human Service Organizations** work in groups to identify, develop, and apply for grant proposals while learning the various aspects (i.e., planning, organizing, management, leadership, budgeting, evaluation) of the agency. Student groups in this course have successfully helped agencies received grants for new programs and services.

**Social Work 6250: Social and Economic Development Policy** maintains partnerships with St. Vincent Greenway, Inc. and Beyond Housing to engage students in field research with organizational and community stakeholders, observe how policy shapes local development, and generate a product that reflects state of the art thinking in community economic development.
CONFERENCES AND ANNUAL EVENTS

Arts & Sciences Annual Conference
http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/artsscience/

Hellen and Will Carpenter Colloquium Series on Contemporary Issues in American Society
http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/artsscience/carpenterseries.html

Distinguished Achievement for Excellence in Science Recognition Dinner
http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/artsscience/Student%20Recognition%20Dinners/achievement-science.html

Distinguished Achievement for Excellence in Languages Recognition Dinner
http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/artsscience/Language%20Dinner.html

Jane and Whitney Harris Lecture Series
http://www.umsl.edu/~biology/hwec/Outreach/harris-lectures-history.html

Whitney and Anna Harris Conservation Forum
http://icte.umsl.edu/Awards%20and%20Events/forum-history.html

James Neal Primm Lecture Series
http://www.umsl.edu/~umslhistory/Primm/James%20Neal%20Primm%202014.html

Monday Noon Series: Arts & Culture
http://www.umsl.edu/~pcs/noncredit-offerings/monday-noon.html

Natural Bridge Debut Writers’ Series

Students and Teachers as Research Scientists (STARS)
http://www.umsl.edu/~sep/STARS/stars_desc.html

Transgender Spectrum Conference
http://transgenderspectrum.com/

Youth Violence Prevention Conference
http://www.umsl.edu/~pcs/noncredit-offerings/youth-violence.html
The Center for Business and Industrial Studies conducts sponsored research that engages faculty and students in projects that vary from survey research to the development and implementation of computer-based systems for corporate planning and operational control. Sponsoring organizations obtain creative insights on managerial problems and new uses of information technology, and students gain valuable experience in working with faculty in actual business settings.

http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/business/ncbis/

The Center for Transportation Studies is an interdisciplinary center bridging contemporary and historical aspects of transportation, logistics, and supply chain management. A member of the Midwest Transportation Consortium and the Airport Ground Transportation Association, the center provides opportunities for graduate scholars to assist participating companies in solving everyday problems through the use of analytical tools and industry software packages.

http://www.umsl.edu/~cts/

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) provides free tax preparation for low-income, disabled, and elderly members of our community. The program serves individuals located in the City of St. Louis, St. Louis County, and St. Charles County.


The Dr. Y. S. Tsiang Professor in Chinese Studies assures inclusion of Chinese music and dance in the International Performing Arts Series at the Touhill Performing Arts Center in addition to serving as a board member for the Chinese Association and the Midwest Chinese American Science and Technology Association in St. Louis and also as advisor for the Organization for Chinese Americans in St. Louis.

The E. Desmond Lee Professor for Developing Women Leaders promotes and strengthens opportunities for women in business through research, teaching, service, and sponsorship of the Women in the Academy of International Business annual conference.

CONFERENCES AND ANNUAL EVENTS

Breakfast and Business
http://business.umsl.edu/breakfast.html

Digital Media Marketing Conference
http://umsldigitalconference.com/

International Business Career Conference
http://www.umsl.edu/ibcc/
Salute to Business Achievement Awards  
http://business.umsl.edu/Salute20to20Business.html

Women’s Hackathon & Global Game Jam  
http://www.umsl.edu/studentlife/misclub/

Xtreme IT! Summer Camp  
http://mis.umsl.edu/Future20Students/imagineacademy.html

College of Education

PROGRAMS, CENTERS, AND INSTITUTES

The Center for Character and Citizenship Education engages in research, education, and advocacy to foster the development of character, democratic citizenship, and civil society. The center also provides resources and tool kits to assist educators, parents, and scholars in character and citizenship education. The center’s Leadership Academy in Character Education offers a year-long professional development experience for regional school leaders.  
http://coe.umsl.edu/w2/Centers/character-citizen.html

The Center for the Research and Study of Disability, Education, and Culture is a regional academic base for quality research, practical instructional applications, and community outreach. It serves as a wellspring for teacher candidates who choose to obtain special education certification along with regular teacher certification.  
http://coe.umsl.edu/w2/Centers/crsdec.html

The ED Collabitat develops programs that connect educators to one another, to entrepreneurs, and to thought leaders from a variety of sectors to gain fresh perspectives on seemingly unsolvable educational problems.  
http://coe.umsl.edu/edcollabitat/

Founded in 1978, the Gateway Writing Project is sponsored by UMSL and Harris-Stowe State University and is the official St. Louis site of the National Writing Project. Connecting five state sites, GWP is also a member of the Missouri Writing Projects Network. Through these partnerships, GWP serves teachers and students in urban, suburban, and rural districts.  
http://www.umsl.edu/services/gwp/

The Literacy Clinic is a collaborative learning site that focuses on the preparation of future education leaders and researchers. The center prepares educators to teach literacy, to integrate literacy instruction into their curricula, and to become literacy specialists or coaches.  
http://coe.umsl.edu/w2/initiatives/literacy/index.html

Through rigorous and thoughtful evaluation processes, the Partnership for Evaluation, Assessment, and Research (PEAR) helps regional schools, school districts, companies, entrepreneurs, and organizations evaluate their effectiveness and impact, thereby facilitating sound, data-driven decisions and evidenced-based policies.  
http://coe.umsl.edu/w2/initiatives/PEAR/index.html

College of Education Departments

Counseling and Family Therapy  
Educator Preparation, Innovation, and Research  
Educational Leadership and Policy Studies  
Educational Psychology, Research, and Evaluation
The Regional Institute of Tutorial Education (RITE) is a collaborative of six area universities and of the finest youth-serving organizations and schools in St. Louis. The institute works to strengthen tutoring services available to youth in the St. Louis region. Tutors and mentors who work with underserved youth can access RITE tutoring materials, training, technical and mentoring support, educational units, and staff.
http://coe.umsl.edu/rite/

The School and Family Counseling Center assists families in need with affordable counseling provided by professional counselors and graduate counseling students. The center provides training for school and community counseling practicum students in the College of Education’s master’s and doctoral counselor training programs.
http://coe.umsl.edu/dept/Counseling%20and%20Family%20Therapy/bridging.html

Schools That Can, a partnership between the College of Education and Washington University’s Fox School of Design and Visual Arts, supports local school leaders committed to fostering high-performing educational environments that serve predominantly lower-income students. The program seeks to break down barriers between district, charter, and independent schools in order to share best practices without boundaries.
http://coe.umsl.edu/w2/initiatives/stc.html

Studio Schools, the College of Education’s unique teacher preparation program, engages teams of candidates, clinical educators, teachers, and administrators in collaborative school settings to explore, envision, and enact innovative solutions that deepen learning and raise K-12 student achievement. Candidates also work with students in youth-serving community agencies to support their development as community educators.
http://coe.umsl.edu/clinicalexperience/studio_schools/

UMSL has been a university partner with Teach for America since 2006. TFA recruits a “corps” of outstanding recent college graduates from all backgrounds and career interests to commit to teach for two years in urban and rural public schools. As TFA’s regional university partner, UMSL provides corps members with the necessary coursework to earn teaching certification in two years.
http://coe.umsl.edu/w2/initiatives/teach-america.html

The College of Education sponsors nine UMSL Charter Schools – including the St. Louis Language Immersion Schools, South City Preparatory Academy, and North Side Community School – that serve students throughout the St. Louis region.
http://coe.umsl.edu/w2/initiatives/Charter/

The University Child Development Center is a campus-based child-care center serving UMSL and its surrounding communities.
http://www.umsl.edu/~kids/

ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS

The E. Desmond Lee Endowed Professor for Art Education, in association with the St. Louis Art Museum, is instrumental in placing undergraduate and graduate interns at the St. Louis Art Museum, Laumeier Sculpture Park, and St. Louis Artists’ Guild.

The Sanford N. McDonnell Endowed Professor in Character Education leads the Leadership Academy in Character Education, teaching and integrating character education into
the educator preparation programs, and co-directs the Center for Character and Citizenship, which collaborates with community partner CHARACTERplus, a division of EducationPlus serving the St. Louis region.

The Teresa M. Fischer Professor for Citizenship Education serves as executive director of the Citizenship Education Clearing House (CECH) and supports CECH’s two citizenship education programs for K-12 students: Local Government CECH-UP (MY LOGO) and Kids Voting Missouri. S/he also co-directs the Center for Character and Citizenship.

The E. Desmond Lee Endowed Professor in Education for Children with Disabilities in partnership with the Variety Club of Greater St. Louis serves on the Variety board of directors, chairs the parent advisory committee, and serves on the strategic planning committee. The professor also trains educators at St. Louis Arc and the Miriam School.

The Dr. Allen B. and Helen S. Shopmaker Endowed Professor for Education in Collaboration with Springboard provides support and counsel to the new executive director and designs workshops and professional development opportunities for staff and area educators. The professorship has also funded program evaluation and the development of a new website for Springboard, built by the UMSL IT team.

The E. Desmond Lee Endowed Professor in Experiential and Family Education in Cooperation with Forest Park Forever consults on educational matters, including grant proposals, program development, strategic direction, and environmental education. The professor also works with the OASIS group to investigate cooperative educational programs and serves on boards for Audubon Missouri, the Audubon Center at Riverlands, and the Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation.

The Orthwein Endowed Professor for Lifelong Learning in the Sciences works with the Saint Louis Science Center on demonstrations, presentations, and new activities for visitors. Through a new partnership with the St. Louis chapter of Girls Inc., the professor presents a weekly “Girls Tech” session during the school year and teaches at the Girls Inc. Eureka summer program.

Two E. Desmond Lee Endowed Professors in Science Education are engaged in an array of projects focused on science education, including the Youth and Family Center and the “Just Ask” project focused on science lessons and materials for use in K-8 classrooms.

The Emerson Electric Company Endowed Professor in Technology and Learning works with the St. Louis Science Center and Ranken Technical College (RTC) to support technical education.

The E. Desmond Lee Endowed Professorship in Tutorial Education serves as director of the E. Desmond Lee Regional Institute for Tutorial Education (RITE). RITE manages the training and coordination of tutors in the Normandy, Riverview Gardens, Jennings, and St. Louis Public School districts. Further, the institute cooperates with ten of the largest after-school community organizations in the St. Louis area, including the YMCA, YWCA, Girls Inc., and boys’ and girls’ club,s to support programming through tutoring, training, and program assessment.

The E. Desmond Lee Endowed Professor in Urban Education in Connection with St. Louis Public Schools teaches graduate classes in educational administration and provides community service to school districts in the metropolitan area, as well as serving as mentor for
new principals in the St. Louis Public Schools and is also chair for the fourth term on the Special Administrative Board of the Riverview Gardens School District, appointed by the Missouri State Board of Education.

**Select Service-Learning Courses**

Through partnerships with Beyond Housing, Mission: St. Louis, Special Olympics Missouri, St. Louis ARC, Springboard, Urban Future, and Youth Learning Center, students in *Educational Psychology 2212: Introduction to Learners and Learning* observe and interact with children and adolescents at an assigned area organization and keep a detailed field note journal of experiences and observations during each visit.

Recently, students in *Teacher Education 2209: Foundations of Teaching in American Schools* engaged in training with staff from Ready Readers and were matched with a preschool or child care facility serving lower-income families. Students selected books to read and prepared engaging reading strategies and activities with children at these facilities. Weekly journal entries and reflections tracked students’ planning, implementation, and observations.

In another section of *Teacher Education 2209: Foundations of Teaching in American Schools*, students were assigned to observe and participate (where appropriate) in classrooms in the Normandy School District. Students were rotated through classrooms that matched their interests at the elementary, middle-, and high-school levels. One goal of these field experiences was to provide students who are considering teaching as a career the opportunity to experience the classroom from a teacher’s perspective.

**College of Fine Arts & Communication**

**Programs, Centers, and Institutes**

*Gallery 210* receives support from the Regional Arts Commission, the Missouri Arts Council, and various university partners to present contemporary art exhibitions on the UMSL campus.  
http://gallery210.umsl.edu/

The **Touhill Performing Arts Center** provides a performance home for campus events, academic programs, and regional arts organizations. The venue contains three performance spaces: the Anheuser-Busch Performance Hall with 1600 seats, the flexible E. Desmond and Mary Ann Lee Theater with seating for up to 375, and the open-form Whitaker Hall with seating for up to 250. The center hosts an average of 150 events, 230 performances, and 105,000 visitors per year. The Touhill serves as a presenting partner for the Ambassadors of Harmony, the Arianna String Quartet (in residence), Dance St. Louis, Jazz St. Louis, the Modern American Dance Company (in residence), Opera Theatre of Saint Louis, the Saint Louis Ballet, and the St. Louis Jazz Orchestra.  
http://www.touhill.org
ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS

The **E. Desmond Lee Endowed Professor in African/African American Studies** teaches in theatre and media studies and oversees the E. Desmond Lee Africa World Documentary Film Festival.

The **E. Desmond Lee & Family Fund Endowed Professor in Music Education** is director of the E. Desmond Lee Fine Arts Education Collaborative, which serves 200 schools in 16 school districts and includes partners such as Dance St. Louis, Jazz St. Louis, Metro Theater Company, Opera Theatre of St. Louis, Prison Performing Arts (serving the school at the city’s juvenile detention site), St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, and the Sheldon Concert Hall and Galleries. The collaborative annually produces two K-12 student music festivals at the Touhill Performing Arts Center and presents professional development sessions for PreK-12 fine arts educators.

CONFERENCES AND ANNUAL EVENTS

**Acappellooza Summer Music Camp**
http://acappelloozasummer.com/

**Africa World Documentary Film Festival**
http://www.africaworldfilmfestival.com/

**Arianna Chamber Music Festival**
http://www.ariannaquartet.com/study-with-us.html

**Cello Choir Annual Concert**
http://music.umsl.edu/

**Jazz for the Holidays**
http://www.touhill.org/events/detail/umsls-jazz-for-the-holidays

**E. Desmond Lee Fine Arts Education Collaborative Invitational Music Festival and Invitational Showcase Concert**
http://www.desleefinearts.org/

**Orchestra and University Singers Annual Concert**
http://music.umsl.edu/

**Spring Dance Concert**
http://www.umsl.edu/~theater/Dance/index.html

**Symphonic Bands Annual Concert**
http://music.umsl.edu/

**Theatre Acting Showcase**
http://www.touhill.org/events/detail/umsl-theatre-department-acting-showcase

**Theatre Directing Project**
http://www.umsl.edu/~theater/
College of Nursing

**Endowed Professorships**

The **Hubert C. Moog Endowed Professorship in Nursing**, in partnership with Nurses for Newborns, fosters connections that result in improved outcomes for women giving birth in the St. Louis area. The professorship also collaborates with the Perinatal Resource Network of the Maternal, Child, and Family Health Coalition.

The **Mary Ann Lee Endowed Professor in Oncology Nursing in partnership with the Siteman Cancer Center** conducts research focused on culturally appropriate interventions, outreach, and programs for the community of color. The professor hosts the annual Black Women & Breast Cancer: Knowledge is Power Conference and coordinates the Mary Ann Lee Lectureship in Oncology Nursing in partnership with Siteman for area oncology health professionals.

In partnership with BJC Health Care, the **Donald L. Ross Endowed Chair for Advancing Nursing Practice** advances translational research and clinical innovations related to coordination and providing of care to patient populations. The chair sustains a program of extramurally funded research and scholarship, and collaborates with students, faculty, and staff.

**Conferences and Annual Events**

**African-American Nursing History Conference**
http://www.umsl.edu/~pcs/noncredit-offerings/aanhc.html

**Health Research Seminar Series**
http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/nursing/files/pdfs/Final%20fall%202014%20UMSL%20Health%20Research%20Seminar%20series%20flyer.pdf

**Elizabeth McIntosh and Jerry Durham Alumni Endowed Lecture in Nursing Science**
http://www.umsl.edu/~nursingweb/About%20the%20College/News%20and%20Events/mcintoshdurhamlecture2014.html
College of Optometry

PROGRAMS, CENTERS, AND INSTITUTES

The University Eye Center is a full-service eye care center open to the public, offering clinical services and a Mobile Eye Center program to children, families, and seniors in underserved neighborhoods. The college also partners with Family Care Health Center (Carondelet), Myrtle Hillard Davis Comprehensive Health Center, Grace Hill Neighborhood Health Centers, Betty Jean Kerr People’s Health Centers, and Community Health-in-Partnerships Services (CHIPS) to provide comprehensive eye care to underserved communities at their facilities.

When it opens in fall 2016, the College of Optometry’s new Patient Care Center will feature 32 eye exam and treatment lanes, nine primary healthcare treatment rooms, collaborative learning and work spaces for students and faculty, areas to facilitate patient-based and translational research, and retail and clinic space along Natural Bridge Road for lease partners from complementary health disciplines such as primary care and dentistry.

Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

PROGRAMS, CENTERS, AND INSTITUTES

The Center for Ethics in Public Life promotes greater integrity in the conduct of public officials through instruction, training, and research. The center also hosts the annual Public Ethics Conference, attended by municipal, county, and state government officials, the media, journalists, lawyers, and the public.

http://cepl.umsl.edu/

The cross-disciplinary Center for Nanoscience collaborates with industry leaders to leverage advances in nanoscale and biological science to create innovative technologies addressing grand challenges in energy, food, and health.

http://www.umsl.edu/services/ora/cns/

The Center for Neurodynamics engages in research related to many areas of complex dynamics in biological systems to provide quality undergraduate and graduate research experiences to students from the urban St. Louis region, and to form successful collaborative partnerships regionally within the metropolitan community, as well as internationally.

http://www.umsl.edu/~neurodyn/index.html

UMSL’s Office of Community Outreach and Engagement administers the Des Lee Collaborative Vision, a program that brings together key educational, cultural, governmental, and social service institutions to establish programs and share resources that benefit the St. Louis community. This is accomplished through the collaboration of more than 30 endowed professors with over 100 partner and community organizations both in the St. Louis region and worldwide.

http://www.umsl.edu/desleecollaborative/

Formed in 2014, Creating Whole Communities brings together the School of Social Work, the Des Lee Collaborative Vision, the School of Professional and Continuing Studies, the
Public Policy Research Center, the University of Missouri Extension, and the St. Louis region’s neighborhoods to host events, workshops, and symposia focused on strengthening our local communities.
http://www.umsl.edu/~pcs/academic-units/cpp.html

**Innovative Technology Enterprises** (ITE) is a business incubator designed to be a major force in translating innovative ideas into thriving companies in the fields of chemistry, nanotechnology, life sciences, and information technology. ITE offers 55,000 square feet of state-of-the-art infrastructure including nearly 32,000 square feet of wet and dry labs, office space, and a combined co-location and high performance computing center. Access to boardrooms, conference rooms, business development services, University expertise, and resources also help make ITE one of the premier business incubator facilities in St. Louis.
www.ite-stl.org

**International Studies and Programs** promotes understanding of other peoples and cultures through international and multicultural programming. In addition to providing international experiences for UMSL students and services for international students, the program works with area organizations to enhance the region’s cultural life and economic development.
http://www.umsl.edu/services/cis/

The **Missouri Institute of Mental Health** (MIMH) improves and transforms mental health outcomes through innovative research and program development, program evaluation, community outreach, and professional training. Originally established as the research and teaching arm of the Missouri Department of Mental Health, today MIMH is poised to become one of the country’s finest health services research organizations dedicated to serving the state and the nation by improving the delivery of behavioral health services.
https://www.mimh.edu/

The **Nonprofit Management and Leadership Program** offers comprehensive credit and noncredit courses and training for individuals from many fields, including human and social services, health and mental health, the arts and culture, education, public issues advocacy, the environment, religion, and community associations.
http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/graduate/ppa/npml/

UMSL’s **Public Policy Administration Program** educates students to become leaders in improving our communities and society, and to make informed policy decisions. The program uses an interdisciplinary approach to prepare students for careers in public policy, public administration, and nonprofit administration, and provides student interns to local, state, and national agencies, policy research organizations, and local nonprofit organizations.
http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/graduate/ppa/

The **Public Policy Research Center** engages UMSL in the metropolitan community through its work with civic, governmental, nonprofit, and other agencies, as well as with individuals. For over 20 years, the center has been the preeminent applied policy resource for the civic and public communities of metropolitan St. Louis and the State of Missouri.
http://pprc.umsl.edu/

The **Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life** is a non-partisan, non-issue institute focused on making government accessible to all Missouri citizens by encouraging women’s full participation in the policy process. The institute assists women in developing the interest and
skills necessary to succeed as full participants within government, serving in elected and
appointed office as well as employed policy makers.
http://www.umsl.edu/sueshear/

**School of Professional & Continuing Studies**

**PROGRAMS, CENTERS, AND INSTITUTES**

UMSL’s **Advanced Credit Program** permits qualifying students to earn college credit and to
come familiar with the college experience while still in the high school setting. College credits
earned through the program are accepted at all of Missouri’s public colleges and universities and
many other institutions across the country.
http://www.umsl.edu/continuinged/acp/

The **Center for Entrepreneurship and Economic Education** is a leading source of
training, resources, information, and activities for educators, students, social service providers,
other professionals, and the general public. For more than 30 years, the center has offered credit
and noncredit programs, produced creative educational resources, and engaged in economic and
educational research.
http://umsl.edu/~pcs/academic-units/econ-ed.html

The **Center for the Humanities** sponsors a variety of public conferences, symposia, and
lectures that attract and channel resources for the support of interdisciplinary humanistic
inquiry. Over the last several years, the center has sponsored “What is a City?”, a conference that
examines the structure and social environment of cities and their effects on social and cultural
diversity.
http://www.umsl.edu/~pcs/academic-units/humanities.html

The **Executive Leadership Consortium** brings leaders to campus to interact with students.
Students’ exposure to leaders enriches their collegiate experience, which further socializes or
acculturates the leaders of tomorrow.
http://www.umsl.edu/~pcs/academic-units/elsc.html

**SUCCEED** is a post-secondary program for people with intellectual and developmental
disabilities ages 18 through 25 years. Designed to encourage and develop pathways toward
independence, SUCCEED offers an individualized approach to career development and
transition toward degree-seeking programs. SUCCEED students live on campus, engage in
classes that promote their individual strengths, participate in student life, and experience
internship opportunities with local employers.
http://www.umsl.edu/~pcs/succeed/

**CONFERENCES AND ANNUAL EVENTS**

**Distinguished Speakers Series**
http://www.umsl.edu/~pcs/noncredit-offerings/dss.html

**Economic Literacy Conference**
http://www.umsl.edu/~pcs/noncredit-offerings/econ-lit-conference.html
Executive Fellows Mentoring Project
http://pescatalog.umsl.edu/modules/shop/index.html?action=section&OfferingID=1021&SectionID=1250

Greater St. Louis Humanities Festival
http://www.umsl.edu/~pcs/academic-units/humanities.html

What Is A City?
http://www.umsl.edu/~pcs/noncredit-offerings/wiac.html

Student Affairs and Alumni Engagement

PROGRAMS, CENTERS, AND INSTITUTES

The Advanced Leaders Program in Student Life offers students the unique opportunity to explore, discuss, and analyze many professional fields directed by executive officials from various corporations, nonprofits, public agencies, sports and entertainment areas, and the arts community throughout the St. Louis metropolitan region.
http://www.umsl.edu/studentlife/osl/Leadership%20Programs/Advanced%20Leaders%20Program.html

Since its inception in 1986, the Bridge Program has offered exemplary college access services to the St. Louis community. Bridge participants from ninth- through twelfth-grade represent nearly 100 public and private institutions from 37 school districts, and the program maintains an outstanding record of success: 100% of graduates complete high school and successfully transition to a post-secondary institution.
http://www.umsl.edu/precollegiate/

Career Services assists students, recent graduates, and established alumni with planning, creating, implementing, and evaluating career development and job search strategies by working in partnership with employers and the campus community. Though online tools such as webinars, LinkedIn, and UMSL | ASK, Career Services and the Office of Alumni Engagement extend career development resources to students and alumni around the globe.
http://www.umsl.edu/depts/career/

Dinner with 12 Tritons allows students the opportunity to meet and network with alumni over a meal. The program aims to build and strengthen the UMSL community through connecting current students with alumni and faculty. Apart from good food and conversation, the program offers students the opportunity to network with UMSL alumni, find out about life after college, and interact with professors and staff outside the classroom.

Gallery Visio is a public venue in the Millennium Student Center that showcases student works and abilities in fine arts, photography, and graphic design.
http://www.umsl.edu/~galvisio/

The Office of Multicultural Student Services strives to create a strong inclusive community among students, faculty, and staff that personifies respect, accountability and
acceptance while supporting and empowering students to achieve degree completion. Strong partnerships and collaborations across campus and in the community are established to promote student learning and development, engagement, persistence, and success to aid in closing the achievement gap. Together with the Office of Alumni Engagement, the Office of Multicultural Student Services sponsors an **Alumni Tutors Program** that provides tutoring support to students from engaged and committed alumni.

http://www.umsl.edu/~mcraa/

Set to open in August of 2015, UMSL's **new Student Recreation and Wellness Center** will feature provide 99,000 square feet of space for open recreation, intramural sports, and wellness education. The membership-based center will be open to the public, as well as to students, staff, and alumni.

http://checktherec.umsl.edu/

Through regular legislative advocacy, **UMSL Advocates** advance the University of Missouri System by encouraging alumni and friends to effectively communicate issues critical to the UM system and higher education with the Missouri Legislature and Missouri citizens.


**UMSL | ASK** is a LinkedIn group open to students and alumni that provides the opportunity to receive advice and gain insights from alumni who love UMSL. Users can search through the members of the group to find and connect with alumni in your career field of interest for the purpose of networking and gathering information about careers.


**UMSL Athletics** provides a program of intercollegiate athletics that fosters and supports a positive educational and athletic experience, not only for student athletes, but also for the entire community. The athletics program is guided by the highest standards and ideals of integrity, sportsmanship, ethical conduct, equitable opportunities for all students and staff, including women and minorities, academic excellence, and athletics achievement.

http://www.umsltritons.com/

**Organizations, Conferences, and Annual Events**

**Career Center Job Fair**
http://www.umsl.edu/depts/career/Students%20and%20Recent%20Graduates/jobfairs.html

**Civic Engagement Day**
http://www.umsl.edu/services/ctl/faculty/instructionalsupport/civic_engagement.html

**Constitution Day**
http://blogs.umsl.edu/news/2014/09/16/constitution-day/

**Distinguished Alumni Awards**

**Homecoming**
Legislative Day

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service
http://www.umsl.edu/studentlife/osl/Service/mlkdos.html

Mirthday
http://blogs.umsl.edu/news/tag/mirthday/

Students of Service
http://umsl.edu/~umslsos/about.html

Trunk-or-Treat
http://www.umsl.edu/studentlife/osl/Service/Trunk-or-Treat.html

UMSL Day
http://forms.umsl.edu/umsl-day/

University Libraries

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Established in 1846 by civic leaders and philanthropists, the St. Louis Mercantile Library exists today as a vibrant community and cultural asset. It is the oldest library west of the Mississippi and the grandparent of St. Louis cultural institutions. The task of the Mercantile Library as a research library is to make its collections — which concentrate on Western Expansion and the history, development, and growth of the St. Louis region and of the American rail and river transportation experiences — available to the widest number of local and national users. The Mercantile’s collections include the Herman T. Pott National Inland Waterways Library, the John W. Barriger III National Railroad Library, and the St. Louis Mercantile Library Art Museum.
http://www.umsl.edu/mercantile/

The St. Louis Research Center of the State Historical Society of Missouri is housed at UMSL. The center’s rich holdings include primary resources of the unique experiences of African Americans and women in the region. The evolution of the area can also be traced in the labor and the environmental collections.
http://shs.umsystem.edu/about/stlouis.shtml

ANNUAL EVENTS

St. Louis Fine Print, Rare Book & Paper Arts Fair
http://www.umsl.edu/mercantile/events-and-exhibitions/print-fair/index.html