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"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."

These words by historian Henry Adams sum up why so many people, like me, work in education. We strive to explain, demonstrate and foster critical thinking. It's not easy. But when everything comes together, our best efforts educate and prepare our students to accomplish great things.

Notice of our success as teachers often comes in small, but meaningful, ways. A note in UMSL Magazine about one of our students. An article attributing one's research. Words of thanks delivered in a speech. Or in the case of Dave Ganz, notice can be overwhelming.

Dave is associate dean emeritus and assistant professor emeritus in the College of Business Administration. Those are his official titles, but many of us just call him "Mr. UMSL."

Dave came to UMSL in 1966. He helped build our award-winning accounting program, and along the way, he served as dean of students, helping our young campus establish systems and programs for students.

For many years, Dave made his mark across the campus. But it was his decades-long work with accounting students for which he is, perhaps, most remembered and respected.

The business college is raising gifts for a new building to be named Anheuser-Busch Hall – in recognition of the company's \$2.5 million donation. The building also will have a classroom named for Dave, assuming several business alumni get their way.

Alumnus Sandra Van Trease, group president of BJC Health Care, and Norman Eaker, principal and chief administrative officer at Edward Jones, announced the \$1 million Dave Ganz Classroom Initiative in October. Another alumnus jump-started the effort with an anonymous \$100,000 donation.

I'm excited for Dave. He deserves the recognition. I'm also excited for all educators at UMSL, because the initiative reminds me that teachers can affect eternity, inspire greatness and even help build new colleges.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. George

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Clockwise from bottom: Ashley, Benjamin, Daniel and Brandon Dickson perform together as the Dickson String Quartet. See Page 14. (Photo by August Jennewein)



Malaria parasites being released from a red blood cell, MedicalRF.com

Malaria around longer than previously thought

Researchers from the University of Missouri–St. Louis have discovered a way to better determine the evolutionary timeline for microscopic malaria parasites.

Gaining a better understanding of the origins of pathogenic lineages is fundamental to understanding emerging diseases, according to the researchers. For example, it's been difficult to pin down when falciparum malaria (the most dangerous form of the parasite to humans) originated in our species; current estimates range from 10,000 years to several million years.

Robert Ricklefs, Curators' Professor of Biology at UMSL, and Diana Outlaw, a former UMSL postdoctoral fellow, wrote the paper "A Molecular Clock for Malaria Parasites," which was published July 9 in Science Magazine.

"Because the single-cell malaria parasites leave no fossil record, one has to estimate their rate of evolution by comparison with their hosts," Ricklefs says. "Previously, this had been done under the assumption that parasites evolve at the same rate as their hosts and thus were the same age as their hosts."

Ricklefs and Outlaw's research suggests these parasites jump to new, unrelated hosts at any time.

By marrying DNA research to a new statistical approach, the researchers got a better handle on the timeline of parasite evolution. They found a key gene in the malaria parasites evolved at 60 percent of the rate of the same gene in their hosts.

Knowing the gene evolution rate of the vertebrate hosts, Ricklefs and Outlaw were able to estimate that modern malaria parasites began to diversify across mammals, birds and reptiles about 16 million years ago, while human ancestors gained the parasite about 2.5 million years ago. Previous studies have suggested that malaria appeared in humans between 4,000 and 10,000 years ago.

Ricklefs says, "Malaria parasites undoubtedly were relatively benign for most of that history, becoming a major disease only after the origins of agriculture and dense human populations."

UMSL research faculty score high in national ranking

Academic Analytics, a company that ranks U.S. doctoral programs based on faculty research productivity, has rated five of the University of Missouri–St. Louis' faculty groups in the top 20 nationally – counselor education, information systems, criminology and criminal justice, evolutionary biology and teaching and learning processes.

“For the last decade, UMSL has been placing more emphasis on research,” says UMSL Provost Glen Cope. “Now our faculty’s efforts have paid off. We are so pleased to once again receive these national rankings for our programs.”

Academic Analytics is based in Stony Brook, N.Y. The index measures the scholarly productivity of faculty based on their publications, citations, grants and honorary awards. The study included 168,068 faculty members associated with 8,849 doctoral programs at 387 universities in the United States.



UMSL biologist Zuleyma Tang-Martinez sometimes visits the Saint Louis Zoo to observe prairie dogs. The burrowing rodents are native to the Great Plains and the focus of research by Tang-Martinez. (Photo by August Jennewein)

Biology professor receives international award for animal research

Zuleyma Tang-Martinez, professor of biology at the University of Missouri–St. Louis, received the prestigious Quest Award from the Animal Behavior Society, an international organization.

The Quest Award is one of the ABS' highest honors, recognizing critical contributions to the field of animal behavior over the course of a member's career. The award was presented in July at ABS' annual meeting at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

“I am deeply honored and humbled that my primary professional association, the Animal Behavior Society, selected me,” Tang-Martinez says.

She has taught biology at UMSL for 34 years. Tang-Martinez says that, as a child growing up in Venezuela, she was fascinated by the animals around her.

“To think that someday I might receive an award for my research on animal behavior was completely beyond my wildest imagination,” she says.

The Animal Behavior Society was founded in Montreal in 1964. The organization promotes the biological study of animal behavior, including studies at all levels of organization.

In her own words

Criminologist discusses young offenders in St. Louis area

By Jennifer Hatton

Beth Huebner began investigating the problem of prison overcrowding when she was a member of her high school debate team. The challenges of imprisonment and ways to reduce overcrowding formed a yearlong discussion topic. The discourse not only piqued her interest but also led to a career.

"The idea that there was a place where we isolate an entire portion of the population intrigued me," says Huebner, an associate professor of criminology and criminal justice at the University of Missouri–St. Louis.

Her body of research includes prison reentry programs and the effects of incarceration on family relationships. After coming to UMSL in 2003, she began researching juvenile and young adult offenders. Much of her work relies on face-to-face interviews with offenders.

"I've had some really great opportunities here in St. Louis, ones that have allowed me to do some unique research," she says. "We have strong, informed criminal justice leaders here who are always looking for ways to improve service delivery to youth and adults."

Tell me about the typical juvenile offender.

Juvenile offenders are a diverse group. They account for about 15 percent of all crime. They most often do not go on to adult criminality, and most adult criminals did not have a juvenile arrest. With that said, many juveniles take similar pathways to crime.

What factors lead juveniles to commit crimes?

Factors like low educational attainment are often correlated with offending. A high school education can be an important avenue away from crime. Most of the adult inmates I've worked with haven't made it past the eighth grade. Gang membership is prominent in St. Louis communities and can be a contributor to youth involvement in criminal activity, above and beyond traditional association with delinquent peers. Over half of the detained youth I interviewed were actively involved in gangs. Many youths come from disadvantaged neighborhoods. Drug use can be prevalent in these communities as is easy access to guns.

You mentioned guns. What role do they play in juvenile crime?

Many of the juveniles I've interviewed say they have no problem finding a gun. Moreover, most juveniles indicate they acquired a gun due to fear of crime or perceived risk of becoming a victim of violence. I recently



conducted a study of incarcerated youth and found that 60 percent of detained juveniles reported ever owning or carrying a gun. Of those who had accessed a gun, most carried the weapon every day, and half had fired the gun in the past year.

What does juvenile crime look like in St. Louis?

Most juveniles are involved in petty property crime, and the rate of juvenile crime is much lower than that of adult crime. Juvenile violent crime is not a common occurrence, and crime has been declining overall for the past 10 years. We do see evidence of violent crimes and other risky behavior among youth in St. Louis.

How can communities help prevent juveniles from offending?

Criminal justice interventions cannot exist in a vacuum, and there isn't one solution. But many things can help. Giving juvenile offenders the opportunity to graduate from high school, gain employment and strengthen family relationships – these are all pathways that help keep individuals from offending. The St. Louis region offers a number of important and successful programs for youth. Mentoring programs like the Herbert Hoover Boys and Girls Club or Big Brothers Big Sisters can help prevent crime by offering pro-social and supportive relationships for kids. In order to be successful, programs must be long term and should assist the juvenile in becoming more involved in the community. ≡

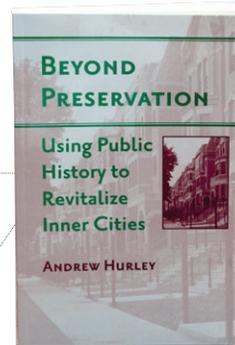
Books by UMSL faculty

“Women in the Arts: Eccentric Essays in Music, Visual Arts and Literature”

EDITED BY BARBARA
HARBACH AND DIANE
TOULIATOS-MILES

Cambridge Scholars Publishing,
March 2010

In this unique collection of essays, editors Barbara Harbach, professor of music, and Diane Touliatos-Miles, Curators’ Professor of Music, present a multidisciplinary collection that celebrates women in various areas such as music, visual arts and writing. The book includes chapters on women functioning in the traditionally male-dominated field of the arts, the significance of female contributions to the arts and close analyses of specific works of art.



“Beyond Preservation: Using Public History to Revitalize Inner Cities”

BY ANDREW HURLEY

Temple University Press, July 2010

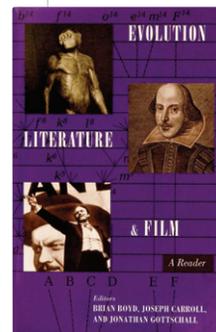
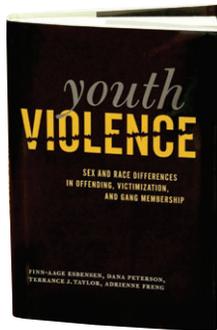
According to Andrew Hurley, professor of history, historic preservation has been a shot in the arm for inner-city St. Louis. But urban regeneration through mere beautification, he argues, can lead to gentrification, and more can be done to breathe new life into communities while including current residents. Hurley’s book proposes a framework for stabilizing and strengthening inner-city neighborhoods by creating a sense of purpose and community through public interpretation of that area’s historical landscape.

“Youth Violence: Sex and Race Differences in Offending, Victimization, and Gang Membership”

BY FINN-AAGE ESBENSEN
AND TERENCE J. TAYLOR ET AL.

Temple University Press,
September 2010

This book is a comprehensive and integrative analysis of the interrelationships of youth violence, violent victimization and gang membership. The book, which was written by Finn-Aage Esbensen, the E. Desmond Lee Endowed Professor of Youth Crime and Violence, and Terrance J. Taylor, assistant professor of criminology and criminal justice, seeks to understand youth violence and what can be done about it based on the results of an inclusive survey of eighth graders. Other authors are Dana Peterson and Adrienne Freng.



“Evolution, Literature, and Film: A Reader”

EDITED BY JOSEPH
CARROLL ET AL.

Columbia University
Press, June 2010

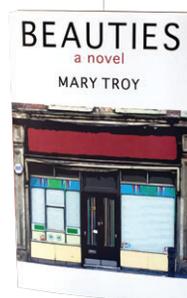
Joseph Carroll, Curators’ Professor of English, co-edited this collection of 39 essays by scholars, scientists and critics, including Charles Darwin and Richard Dawkins. The collection introduces principles of evolution, the adaptive function of the arts and evolutionary literary theory. Each essay attempts to explain the contribution of evolution to a study of the human mind, human behavior, culture and art. Other editors are Brian Boyd and Jonathan Gottschall.

“Beauties: A Novel”

BY MARY TROY

BkMk Press of the University of Missouri–
Kansas City, November 2010

The setting of Mary Troy’s novel is the same Alibi Café her readers will recognize from her earlier short story collection. Troy, associate professor of English, also revisits some of her familiar characters as the novel follows the one-legged Bev’s struggle to adopt a neglected child and the beautiful Shelly’s search for fulfillment with a deceptive private investigator. And of course, the novel is home to the assortment of characters seeking refuge at the café.





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experiment
gone
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UMSL team tackles science
literacy in high schools

By Maureen Zegel



Left: Brian Harris examines cells under a microscope in his lab class at Ft. Zumwalt North High School in O'Fallon, Mo. Thanks to a National Science Foundation grant, an innovative science literacy curriculum is being taught at high schools in the region.

Top right: Megan Allen, a student in an applied biology and chemistry class at Ft. Zumwalt North High School, reads a slide. Teachers at Ft. Zumwalt North are helping students use science as a tool to access information directly affecting their lives.

Bottom right: Joe Polman is an associate professor of education at UMSL and principal investigator of a \$3.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation to study scientific literacy in high schools.

Photos by August Jennewein

"These young people are learning that science has a connection to their lives," Polman says. "Some of them will seek out careers in it, and all of them will be able to make informed decisions about their lives. They will be able to understand scientific and societal debates about issues like global warming and pollution."

Talk to many teens about scientific literacy and most eyes will glaze over. Talk to them about cloud computing that will allow them to stream content from their home computer to their iPod Touch and they'll discover what makes it work in record time.

"I can't believe I'm published," says Savannah Arnold, a senior at Ft. Zumwalt North High School in O'Fallon, Mo.

The diminutive Arnold manages her school's football team and wants to be a sports reporter. She's one of those students who didn't see herself writing science stories. Her SciJourney article, published last spring, presents a balanced story on a subject she says is close to her heart – synthetic turf on football fields.

The Ft. Zumwalt School District has recently installed synthetic turf on its football fields, and it was not without controversy. Arnold interviewed experts in plant science at the University of Missouri–Columbia who spoke to the dangers of synthetic turf and the benefits of natural grass. She then discussed the safety of today's manufactured turf with a synthetic turf manufacturer.

By writing stories that interest them, the budding writers tackle scientific issues they may never have touched last year. And the stories reflect what their teachers call "relentless rewrites." Snappy leads abound.

Is this science? Of course it is, say the professors behind the grant.

"In the beginning, we thought they would write about what they learned in school," says Wendy Saul, the Dr. Allen B. and Helen S. Shopmaker Endowed Professor of Education in Collaboration with Springboard to Learning at UMSL. "But it became very personal."

Based at UMSL, the project is conducted in collaboration with the Saint Louis Science Center and Normandy (Missouri) School District. The project is targeted at

Most of the time big ideas rule. They attract a lot of attention and important funding. But this is the story of a small idea, one that ended up earning a \$3.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation. It's an idea that has teachers and academics buzzing.

A team in the College of Education at the University of Missouri–St. Louis has created Science Literacy through Science Journalism, a program to improve scientific literacy in public and private high schools throughout the St. Louis region.

One outcome from the program is SciJourney, a colorful online and print publication with well-researched, credible science news stories – all written by teenagers.

That's right. Teenagers with no interest in writing and others who have avoided scientific research are now doing both and loving it.

Joe Polman, associate professor of education at UMSL and the grant's principal investigator, says the notion of science literacy through science journalism is a transformative idea whose time has come.

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Honoring a man,
celebrating learning,
giving to UMSL

The Dave Ganz Classroom Initiative

Dave Ganz has meant so much to so many. As a teacher, leader, mentor and friend, the retired assistant professor of accounting has taught more than 6,000 students during his 44 years at the University of Missouri–St. Louis.

The university is honoring Dave by dedicating a classroom to him. It will be housed in the new building for the College of Business Administration, a key fundraising goal for the university's Gateway for Greatness Campaign.

Please consider supporting the Dave Ganz Classroom Initiative. Donors will be recognized on a commemorative plaque. For more information, call Wendy Cornett-Marquitz at 314-516-5921 or visit <http://giveto.umsl.edu/>.



Photo by August Jennewein



The College of Business Administration at UMSL plans to construct a new building on the university's North Campus. The building will be named Anheuser-Busch Hall, and the Dave Ganz Classroom will be housed there.

“Cabs are convenient,
reasonably affordable
and offer passengers
privacy and comfort.”

—Ray Mundy



TAXI!

UMSL transportation expert examines the evolution of taxicab industry By Jennifer Hatton

The word “taxi” can evoke images of movies set in the streets of New York with people hailing yellow taxicabs to chase a loved one in a romantic comedy or rushing to save another in a thriller. But for the average St. Louisan, taxicabs are not a common sight. Or are they?

Ray Mundy, the John W. Barriger III Endowed Professor of Transportation and Logistics at the University of Missouri–St. Louis, says the taxicab business in St. Louis is thriving.

“They are not just used for airport drop-offs and pickups, but for evenings out, dinners and day-to-day appointments such as doctor and hospital visits,” he says.

Mundy, the director of the Center for Transportation Studies in the College of Business Administration at UMSL, wrote the book “Taxi! Urban Economies and the Social and Transport Impacts of the Taxicab.” Co-authors are James M. Cooper, head of the Taxi Studies Group at Edinburgh Napier University in Scotland, and John D. Nelson, director of the Centre for Transport Research at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland.

The 204-page textbook, released in February by Ashgate Publishing, explains the important role taxis play in all parts of the world. Because taxicabs are vehicles with a driver for hire that can accommodate a single passenger or small

group, the personalized service is more desirable than other forms of public transportation. Cabs are convenient, reasonably affordable and offer passengers privacy and comfort, Mundy says.

The taxicab is the oldest form of licensed public transportation in the world; license documentation dates back to the 17th century.

“The idea of taxis hasn’t changed much, but the industry has evolved a lot since then,” he says.

Two major changes have occurred.

One involved the establishment of regulations. City and state laws protect the financial well-being and safety of passengers. Regulations require rate restrictions, vehicle safety standards, licensing and permits. In addition, Mundy says that without regulations the level of customer service and availability – especially in sparsely populated parts of metropolitan areas – would decrease significantly.

The other big change was an increase in the number of independent contractors not employed by large cab companies. Some companies began leasing their licenses to independent contractors. This enabled individuals to operate without obtaining costly licenses themselves.

“In the 1950s and 60s many of the larger, full-service cab companies broke up,” Mundy says.

“After that, independent contractors and individuals started saturating the market.”

Today, a variety of taxi services are offered throughout the country. Passengers can still hail cabs. There’s also the option of full-service companies with dispatching. Passengers can call and arrange a pickup at a designated time.

Technology has enhanced the taxicab industry and improved the quality of service. In the early days of taxi service, drivers relied on fares or passengers to hail or wave them down. Then, the use of two-way radios and dispatching took over. GPS now helps companies track driver locations and dispatch cabs more efficiently.

What does the St. Louis area need to continue successful taxicab service? Mundy says he thinks there are plenty of positive things being done in the area. Cabs provide a significant service for the region, creating accessibility and personalized service.

“However, to improve upon what is currently being done, the local industry needs to look into growing services, expanding routines and building their technology expertise,” he says. “And passengers should take more taxis.”

“Taxi! Urban Economies and the Social and Transport Impacts of the Taxicab” is available in bookstores and at <http://www.ashgate.com/> for \$49.50. ☰





LET THEM PLAY

Fab four siblings perform together at UMSL

By Ryan Heinz

Benjamin, Daniel, Ashley and Brandon enrolled together at the University of Missouri–St. Louis in 2009. They share more than parents and their choice of school. The four students are compassionate, smart and hard workers. And each one of them is a talented musician.

Apprentices of the Arianna

Music drew the Dicksons to UMSL from their home in Battle Ground, Wash. Together, they've played parties and weddings as the Dickson String Quartet. And they performed well enough to catch the collective ears of the Arianna String Quartet, UMSL's resident quartet, at the Britt Festival in Jacksonville, Ore. The Arianna teaches an annual two-week string quartet academy at the festival, and the Dicksons were twice among their students. They stood out.

"When people hear them, I don't think they can help but be drawn in," says Joanna Mendoza, Arianna violist.

Kurt Baldwin, Arianna cellist, says the Dicksons have an infectious energy as performers.

"The thing that grabbed us from the first time we worked with them was how much fun it would be to interact with that energy," he recalls.

The Arianna worked with the university to create an opportunity for the Dicksons to remain together as an ensemble and attend UMSL to study under the professional quartet's tutelage.

The opportunity was a major selling point for the family.

"Not many schools are able to offer that to music students," Daniel points out.

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“WE UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH THE
PROVOST, THE DEANS, THE PIERRE
LACLEDE HONORS COLLEGE AND
ARIANNA WORKED TO MAKE THIS
A REALITY.” – Raymond Dickson

The Dickson String Quartet performs
May 5 in the Blanche M. Touhill Performing
Arts Center at UMSL. Quartet members
are (from left) Brandon, Ashley, Daniel
and Benjamin.

Family, faith, Florissant

Battle Ground is about a 40-minute drive from Portland, Ore. The Dicksons call their old home serene. It might have been too peaceful for them, despite the household consisting of nine children and their parents.

"We were like 15 to 20 minutes from civilization," Daniel says. "Here, everything is within walking distance."

The four Dicksons don't seem to miss much about their Washington home, including their siblings and parents. That's because the entire family moved.

Raymond Dickson, the children's father, says the impetus for the move was partly due to Daniel's age. Now 18, Daniel was only 16 when he began at UMSL. In addition, Raymond and Theresa, his wife, wanted to ensure Ashley, who was 19, and twins Brandon and Benjamin, then 20, succeeded in an environment new to all the homeschooled Dicksons: public school.

"We understand how much the provost, the deans, the Pierre Laclède Honors College and Arianna worked to make this a reality," Raymond says. "Because it really is an experiment. With all of them homeschooled, we weren't sure if we were setting them up for failure or if this was going to be an environment they could thrive in."

Thrive they did. The Dicksons have maintained good grades, and members of the Arianna String Quartet say all four have already become leaders and role models at the university. They're also busy with full class and practice schedules, performances and additional work, such as the music lessons Benjamin has begun to give at Andrews Academy in Creve Coeur, Mo.

"They're very self-directed," Arianna violinist David Gillham says.

Baldwin, of the Arianna, says their ambition is contagious.

"If you've got people that are spreading that kind of energy and tenacity for learning, it sort of creeps through the walls," he says.

Family is important to the Dicksons. So is faith. It is, according to Theresa, the Dicksons' mother, "the bedrock" of the family. When they get on each other's nerves, as any family is wont to do, they pray to get through it.

After purchasing a home in Florissant, Mo., which Brandon calls "a charming community," finding a new church was among their first priorities. Once they found a good fit, the church didn't hesitate to incorporate the Dicksons' talent.

"Now they're the quartet for worship," Theresa says. Like their faith, music always played a role in keeping the family close. Four of the younger children also play together as a quartet. And the oldest sister, a 10th Dickson child who now lives in Colorado, played piano in a quintet version of the Dickson String Quartet called the Dickson Five. When they made the transition to the quartet, they briefly

flirted with the playful idea of renaming themselves the Best of the Dickson Five.

"Their older sister didn't really appreciate that much," Theresa says, laughing.

Settled in, looking ahead

The Dicksons seem to have connected with UMSL. They're involved in several performance ensembles. They say they love their honors college classes, performing at the university's Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center and seeing friends on a daily basis. And of course, there's the Arianna.



Eleven of the 12 members of the Dickson family live in Florissant, Mo. The youngest children are (in front, from left) Natalie and Katherine. Their siblings are (from left) Brandon, Samuel, Daniel, Ashley, Benjamin, Emily and Abigail. Raymond and Theresa (in back) are the parents. Not pictured is Christina.

"They're amazing," Ashley says. "They give you the desire to want to learn and work."

Benjamin says working with the Arianna has "upped the ante" for the quartet's performance capabilities.

"Our instructors really push us, which is great," he says. "I love that."

Baldwin, of the Arianna, sees big things ahead for the family of musicians.

"The future for them is very bright," he says. "They have incredible potential and talent as a group and as individuals. It'll be fun to see them grow." ≡

Anthropology abroad

UMSL fosters four Fulbrights in as many years

By Kylie Shafferkoetter

If you want a J. William Fulbright Scholarship, Donna Hart is the person to know. She's the director of undergraduate research in anthropology and adjunct teaching professor at the University of Missouri–St. Louis, and she's helped four students in four years achieve the prestigious distinction.

Although Hart says there is no formula to ensure a Fulbright, she learns a little more each time a student completes the application process.

"I think the key is to acknowledge the instruction Fulbrights provide to the community," Hart says.

Fulbright scholars not only research in labs all around the world, they also give back through education outreach in the community where they work.

UMSL's most recent Fulbright recipient, Laura McCarty, is in Germany at the Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen. She's working with a professor who specializes in Neanderthal evolution and modern human origins and helping to produce 3-D images of Neanderthal skulls and bones.

"I was astonished when I got the letter (from Fulbright)," McCarty says. "This is the opportunity of a lifetime."

She credits Hart for helping her with the highly competitive application process. Hart says the application itself appears easy at first glance. It's basically a one-page personal statement and two pages about the research the student would like to pursue and why.

"But we go through at least 20 drafts," Hart says. "Every single word has to count."

So how does the anthropology department determine who should apply? Hart says faculty keep an eye out for highly motivated students and approaches them with the idea to see if they are interested.

Then, Hart gets to work finding a researcher somewhere in the world who matches her student's research interests. She and the student reach out to the institution and hopefully receive an invitation in return. From there,

they present the application materials to a UMSL committee before sending it off to Fulbright.

Hart says it means a lot for her to help these students secure a bright future.

"This is something their whole lives they can refer to as a basis for their abilities," Hart says. "It is a lot of work, but it's something you can't put a price on as far as your career."

Fulbright is the most widely recognized and prestigious international exchange program in the world. It's been supported for more than 50 years through an annual appropriation from the U.S. Congress and by partner nations. The research award program seeks out individuals of achievement and potential who will be outstanding cultural ambassadors for the U.S. and selects nominees through an open, nationwide, merit-based competition.

Additional anthropology alumni who received Fulbrights in the past are James Daugherty and Lana Kerker in 2007 and Angela Toole in 2009. ≡



Donna Hart is the director of undergraduate research in anthropology at UMSL. (Photo by August Jennewein)



UMSL's PPA program educates leaders of nonprofit, public sectors

Photos by August Jennewein

By Ryan Heinz

Kelly Lamb Pollack represents many of the time-strapped professionals who enroll in the Public Policy Administration program at the University of Missouri–St. Louis. She was in a difficult situation with no apparent good alternatives.

As director of development for the Center of Creative Arts in University City, Mo., Pollack managed the nonprofit organization's \$10 million capital and endowment campaign and secured millions of dollars in grants. She was succeeding at a demanding job while wanting to pursue a master's degree. Yet quitting her job and returning to school full-time was not an option.

The PPA program at UMSL offered a solution.

"[The program] was flexible in terms of allowing me to work full time at COCA and affordable enough that I could pay my own tuition," says Pollack, who was promoted to executive director of COCA earlier this year.

Flexibility and rigor

PPA is an independent and interdisciplinary program under the Graduate School with jointly appointed faculty from the College of Business Administration and several departments in the College of Arts and Sciences. PPA is largely composed of the Master of Public Policy Administration program, Nonprofit Management & Leadership program and the Local Government Partnership.

The MPPA was initiated in 1976 and offered its first degrees in 1977. The degree, which Pollack completed in 2003, prepares students for positions in public and nonprofit sectors or for-profit organizations that work with both.

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The Nonprofit Management & Leadership program and Local Government Partnership are non-degree programs that offer graduate certificates and complement the MPPA.

In addition to general nonprofit education and training, Nonprofit Management & Leadership offers consulting for St. Louis-area organizations and professionals, custom training services and non-credit courses on fundraising and development.

The Local Government Partnership is a collaborative effort among the PPA program, Public Policy Research Center at UMSL, University of Missouri Extension and East-West Gateway Council of Governments. The partnership provides internships and opportunities to study the inner-workings of municipal governments.

PPA has recently experienced an uptick in popularity. The program now has more than 100 students, about 35 percent more than two years ago.

"Students are attracted to the program for a number of reasons," says Brady Baybeck, PPA director and associate professor of political science and public policy administration. "We really strive to provide students with an academically rigorous, yet convenient, program. It's that mix of flexibility and rigor that's so important."

Graduates from the PPA program go on to serve as policy analysts, human resource managers, city officials and nonprofit leaders.

Ellen Reed, MPPA 2008, was a veteran of the nonprofit sector before enrolling at UMSL. She says she never thought she would immerse herself in the MPPA program. "I was afraid I wasn't smart enough."

The Nonprofit Management & Leadership program is what initially drew Reed to the university. But within three weeks of starting her coursework, she was hooked on the broader PPA program and degree track.

"I applied to the MPPA program, quit my job and elected to attend school full time," she says.

Baybeck recalls Reed throwing herself into the program. He says she's a typical MPPA student in that she came to UMSL with a lot of experience and was originally attracted to one area of the PPA program only to discover she was interested in more.

"She wanted to expand her knowledge of running a nonprofit, but realized the power of analysis," Baybeck says. "Without planning it, she got into the data and policy research side."



John Shaw, MPPA 2003, is the city manager for Ferguson, Mo.

Reed now serves as executive director of Lydia's House, a St. Louis nonprofit that provides transitional housing for abused women and their children.

A good fit

Unlike Pollack and Reed, John Shaw did not have a lot of experience in his future field prior to enrolling at UMSL. He taught middle school for a year, worked in financial sales another and considered pursuing a master's degree in clinical psychology at one point. He was employed as an academic adviser at UMSL when he began to explore the MPPA program.

"Terry Jones (professor of public policy administration and political science at UMSL) is the one who got me really interested in this," Shaw says. "He felt it would be a good fit. Sure enough, I ended up agreeing with him."

Shaw is now the city manager for Ferguson, Mo. Since he began running the day-to-day operations of the city, it's been named a "Hip 'Hood" by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and a 2010 All-America City Finalist by the National Civic League.

Shaw, MPPA 2003, now helps with the PPA program along with other area city managers as instructors in the Local Government Partnership, which gave him insight into city administration as a student.

"I'm extremely grateful for what PPA gave to me," Shaw says. "I definitely recommend the program for anyone who is interested in this line of work. It gives you a solid foundation that you can build from and, equally important, gives you exposure to professionals in the field." ≡

Joint engineering program

Engineering students at the University of Missouri–St. Louis get a top-notch education from two local universities at one affordable price. It's a win-win opportunity that graduates of the program say is invaluable.

This year, UMSL and Washington University in St. Louis have renewed the UMSL/WUSTL Joint Undergraduate Engineering Program for another five years. The program was first approved in 1993 by the two universities and the Coordinating Board for Higher Education in Missouri.

Carlo Morello, a systems engineer at Boeing in St. Louis, says the program is an affordable approach to receiving a high-quality engineering degree.

"It gives each student the flexibility to work full time while earning their degree alongside some very bright students and faculty," says Morello, BS mechanical engineering 2003. "Most importantly, the presence of Washington University provides visibility to high-profile employers who recruit through them so that you can get to work as soon as you finish your degree, or in my case, four months before."

Debbie Wright, BS civil engineering 2004, says she believes the program fills a real need in St. Louis for nontraditional engineering students.

"A lot of people can't go to school during the day because they work," says Wright, a staff engineer for the city of Maryland Heights, Mo. "It was wonderful to get a world-class education at an affordable price."

The partnership provides a high-quality education, enhances the occupational and professional careers of St. Louis-area residents and helps provide a well-trained work force.

While in the program, UMSL students complete their pre-engineering and general requirements at UMSL before taking upper-level engineering classes in the evenings at WUSTL. Students can earn degrees in civil, electrical or mechanical engineering.

Bernard Feldman is professor of physics at UMSL. He's served as associate dean of the joint program since 2000.

"It's great that the two institutions came to an agreement to continue the program, which is one of the first of its kind in the nation to combine public and private universities," Feldman says. "This helps UMSL students get access to the Washington University engineering programs at UMSL prices."

Joseph O'Sullivan, dean of the program and the Sachs Professor of Electrical Engineering at WUSTL, says the partnership brings together the strengths of both universities to prepare engineers for the St. Louis area.

"Through this program, we support the engineering and high-technology industries in St. Louis," he says.

More than 440 students have graduated from the program since it began 17 years ago. They work at a number of St. Louis-area companies, including the Ameren Corporation, Anheuser-Busch InBev, AT&T, HOK, Verizon Communications and Wells Fargo Advisors. ☰

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By Kylie Shafferkoetter

\$150 million and counting

University resets goal for Gateway for Greatness Campaign

By Bob Samples

University of Missouri–St. Louis Chancellor Tom George says he was filled with trepidation in early 2005 when he agreed to set a \$100 million goal for the seven-year Gateway for Greatness Campaign. UMSL was averaging about \$7 million a year in private gifts and had never run a comprehensive fundraising campaign.

It turns out his apprehension was misplaced: UMSL passed \$100 million this summer – two years early.

With the original goal met, the university had new questions to answer. Does the university fold the tents, claim victory and go home? Or should it reset its goal and forge ahead?

George Paz, BSBA 1982, is the chief executive officer and president of Express Scripts and chairman of the campaign. For him, the answer was clear.

“It’s incredible what UMSL has been able to achieve in this stormy economic climate,” Paz says. “But to rest on one’s laurels after such a success would not help the students. Now is the perfect time to build on the momentum of UMSL’s past two record-breaking years of fundraising. I’d love to see my alma mater reset its goal and strive to help more students from this world-class institution succeed in St. Louis.”

UMSL officials concurred.

Chancellor George announced in September at the annual Founders Dinner that UMSL increased the Gateway for Greatness Campaign goal to \$150 million raised by July 2012.

“The need for scholarships has never been greater,” says Martin Leifeld, vice chancellor for advancement at UMSL. “The dreams and aspirations within the university community far exceed the original goal.”

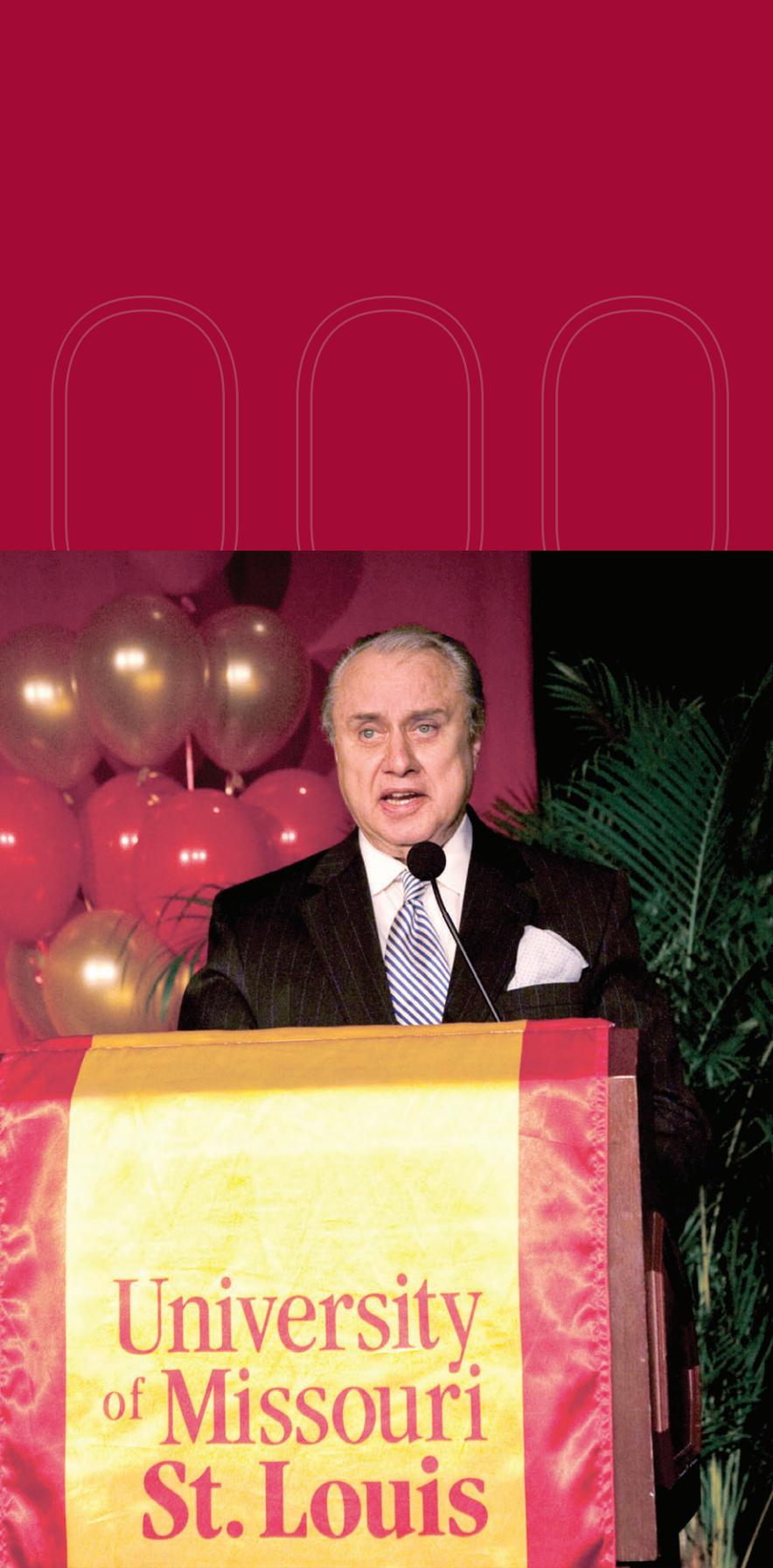
Leifeld and Chancellor George received encouragement to expand the campaign goal from alumni, community leaders and the Chancellor’s Council, a volunteer group that provides advice and support to UMSL leadership.

It appears the encouragement was on the mark UMSL has received three gifts of \$1 million or more since meeting the original campaign goal. Boeing and Edward Jones each committed \$1 million toward

a new building for the College of Business Administration. And Edward Jones, its partners and UMSL alumni working there contributed \$2.65 million since the campaign began.

Emerson contributed \$1.65 million and internships to help create a new university program to enhance the quality and diversity of the St. Louis area’s science, engineering and technology work force and retain that talent in the community.

“I continue to be amazed by the generosity displayed by the St. Louis community in support of our students and programs,” Chancellor George says. “These are not easy times. But our donors know that the success of this university – and its students, faculty and alumni – is inseparable from the success of the St. Louis area.”



Emerson, UMSL create program to retain region's best and brightest

By Bob Samples

The new Opportunity Scholars Program gives St. Louis-area high school students a chance to receive an all-inclusive, four-year scholarship to the University of Missouri–St. Louis and an internship at a local company.

The program is for academically gifted first-generation college students or students who are underrepresented in the work force, particularly those who want to enter the fields of science, technology, engineering or math.

Conversations between UMSL Chancellor Tom George and St. Louis-area corporate leaders were the genesis of The Opportunity Scholars Program. They discussed the long-term effect on St. Louis' economy if companies cannot continue to recruit and retain a quality, diverse work force.

Emerson Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President David N. Farr took the lead. His company made an initial contribution of \$1.65 million.

"Many of our high-achieving students leave St. Louis to pursue their college elsewhere and do not return," Farr says. "Emerson believes it is important to support the quality and resourcefulness of our educational system at all levels if our communities are to grow and prosper. This program will enable us to retain some of the best and brightest students and prepare them to be future leaders for the St. Louis region."

Joining Emerson and UMSL with initial support are David and Thelma Steward and Energizer. In addition to a gift, the Stewards made internships available at World Wide Technology, where David is chairman (See Page 27 for profile story). Energizer also agreed to support The Opportunity Scholars Program through its Keep Going Peer Mentoring Program.

UMSL will issue 10 scholarships a year. The first cohort will begin in the fall of 2011. UMSL is seeking \$10 million in private funding to initialize support of the program.

Visit <http://www.umsl.edu/opportunityscholars> for more information. ≡

Nicholas Karakas, the man behind the growth of Greek Studies at UMSL, was awarded the E. Desmond and Mary Ann Lee Medal for Philanthropy in September at the Founders Dinner. The Karakas family has contributed to the university for many years through scholarship programs and the creation of an endowed professorship in Greek Studies, the Nicholas and Theodora Matsakis Hellenic Culture Center and a chair in Byzantine History and Orthodox Christian Studies. (Photo by August Jennewein)

The king of tours Alumnus **GLENN COX** invites you to visit the Anheuser-Busch brewery

By Linda Tracy

It's a beer mecca for about 350,000 visitors each year. It's on many must-see lists for those headed to the St. Louis area, and in October, the travel Web site TripAdvisor ranked it the top brewery tour in the United States.

It's the Anheuser-Busch Consumer Hospitality Center, more commonly known as the "A-B brewery tour."

Glenn Cox has managed the center for the past 10 years. He oversees the tour and gift shop, which he runs with his core leadership team of nine.

"During our peak season, which is from Memorial Day to Labor Day, we have about 125 team members here at the center who keep the tours and gift shop running," Cox says. "A lot of my responsibility has to do with managing people and budgets."

Cox transferred to St. Louis in 2000 from SeaWorld Orlando (Florida), where he was an area manager. After settling into his new position at the brewery, he began researching area universities that offer a master's degree in business administration. He says he quickly discovered the Professional MBA program through the College of Business Administration at the University of Missouri—St. Louis.

"The PMBA program was a perfect fit for me," Cox says. "I was married with two small children at home, and the flexibility of completing coursework online and attending classes on campus one weekend a month was exactly what I needed at the time. Plus, I knew I was getting a top-notch education through a highly respected and accredited college."

Cox earned a master's degree in 2006, and he says the additional education has paid off.

The St. Louis-based hospitality center is one of five such A-B centers in the U.S., but the St. Louis location is responsible for about 60 percent of all tour attendance and gift shop sales revenue.

Anheuser-Busch was founded in 1852, and InBev purchased the company in 2008. The corporate name of the company is now "Anheuser-Busch InBev," although the North American headquarters in St. Louis is still referred to as "Anheuser-Busch."

Cox says the company has a long tradition of opening its doors to the public. A-B has documentation of brewery tours taking place as early as the 1880s.



UMMSL alumnus Glenn Cox heads the Anheuser-Busch Consumer Hospitality Center in St. Louis. The center operates free tours of the A-B brewery, where visitors learn about Budweiser's 30-day brewing process. (Photo by August Jennewein)

"I think even back then, the company realized what a unique opportunity it has here at our 100-acre facility to be able to educate our guests about the quality ingredients and processes used to make Budweiser," he says. "Just by seeing everything that goes into making the product, and then having the opportunity to sample it at the end of the tour, the visitors really gain an understanding of the pride we have in our company and our products."

For the decade that Cox has managed the center, he says he's most proud of streamlining its operations and adding tour options. The traditional tour remains free of charge, but Cox and his team have worked to offer visitors new twists, including a 90-minute Beermaster Tour for \$25 and a 30-minute Beer School for \$10.

"Our ultimate goal is to make sure the guests have a good time and leave happy," Cox says. "And if they purchase our products based on the experience they had here, that's icing on the cake."

Visit <http://www.budweisertours.com/> for more information about Anheuser-Busch Consumer Hospitality Centers. ≡

SHWETA GALANDE

Tritons golfer from India has whirlwind freshman season



Shweta Galande is a star on the UMSL Tritons golf team. Her latest win (78-81 – 159) came Oct. 3 at the University of Illinois Springfield's Prairie Star Shootout. (Photo by August Jennewein)

By Jack Crosby

Champion golfer Shweta Galande was 14 years old when her father introduced her to golf, and she didn't like it at first. The competition seemed to lack an edge, and the sport felt slow.

"You can't immediately score and beat the one you are playing against," she says.

Growing up near the golf course where her father and grandfather liked to play in New Delhi, India wasn't enough to really interest her, but when her father suggested she try it one summer, Galande did. And it was frustrating. But then it got better. Much better.

The 20-year-old has come a long way since those first frustrating swings. She won two amateur golf tournaments – the Pakistan Open in 2008 and the Pune Open in India in 2009.

Her next stop was the University of Missouri–St. Louis, where she's now a sophomore psychology major. James Earle coaches the UMSL Tritons women's golf team. He says he was convinced Galande would excel as soon as he saw the first few seconds of her swing on video.

"Her fundamentals are second to none, and her swing is very refined for such a young player," Earle says.

His confidence in her paid off right away.

As a freshman, Galande helped lead the women's golf team to its best season ever, which included three first-place tournament finishes during the regular season and qualifying for the National Collegiate Athletics Association Division II East Regional in Springfield, Mo.

Individually, Galande also had a stellar year. She led the team with a 77.7 scoring average and had the best individual UMSL score in six of the team's 12 tournaments. She had two first-place finishes and was named the 2009-10 Great Lakes Valley Conference Freshman of the Year.

Galande was UMSL's first woman golfer to qualify for the NCAA Division II national tournament, where she finished in a tie for 27th place.

"Shweta's performance was unlike any freshman the GLVC has ever seen," Earle says. "She made her presence known the first time she competed."

And Galande has been a model member of the team. She's often a dominant player who is overly concerned with her own performance, Earle says. "But Shweta is always pulling for her teammates."

The support goes both ways. Galande says her teammates welcomed and encouraged her.

"I really enjoyed my first season here," she says. "The team is really nice and we had a lot of fun before, during and after the tournaments. I didn't know what to expect when I came here, but it all turned out to be nice."

Before deciding to attend UMSL, Galande says some of her friends talked with her about attending college in a larger city. She's happy with her decision, though.

"I like St. Louis," she says. "It's small and sweet." ≡

Tweet, tweet, it's me, Monsanto

KATHLEEN MANNING

heads up company's social media efforts

By Rose Postma

Most people have to sneak peeks at Facebook and Twitter throughout the workday, but Kathleen Manning gets paid to spend time online.

She's a social media specialist at Monsanto in Creve Coeur, Mo. Manning is in charge of creating and maintaining the company's online presence on a variety of social media Web sites, including Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

Manning was a student in the Pierre Laclède Honors College at the University of Missouri–St. Louis, where she earned a bachelor's degree in communication in 2007. While at UMSL, she held down a part-time job, coached high school cheerleading and managed to graduate a year early.

Her hard work continued at Monsanto. After joining the company in September 2008, she began giving the company's Twitter account a human voice – hers.

She tweets daily, providing links and answering questions. Monsanto's Twitter account has more than 5,000 followers, and that number is rapidly climbing. In addition to her work on Twitter, Manning is the editor of Monsanto's blog, *Beyond the Rows*. The blog provides information about the company as well as news from the world of agriculture.

Manning is at the forefront of a new way of doing business through social media, as the company is one of the first in the agriculture community to use sites like Twitter and Facebook. Manning says the company's ultimate social media goal is to create relationships with those in the agriculture and biotechnology communities.

"It's all about building connections," she says.

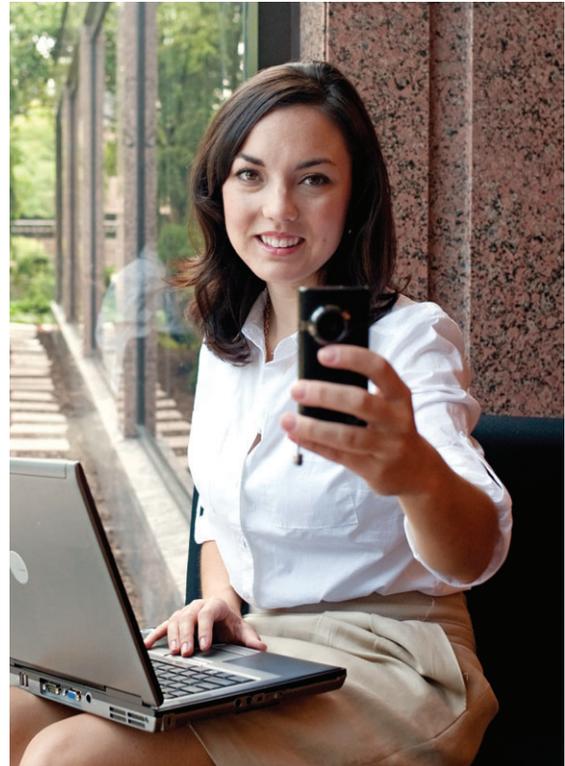
Educating people on the benefits of social media is also part of Manning's job. People like to joke about the fact that she spends much of her day on various Web sites.

According to Manning, being a social media specialist is more than spending time surfing the Internet.

"I'm advocating for a company online," she says. "Facebook and Twitter are just the tools I use."

Manning didn't set out to become a social media specialist, but she says it makes sense when she looks back.

"I was the first one of my friends on Facebook," she says. "I was the one telling all of my friends about Twitter. It was just a hobby that turned into a career."



UMSL alumnus Kathleen Manning is a social media specialist at Monsanto in Creve Coeur, Mo. (Photo by August Jennewein)

Social media isn't going away, and according to Manning, there will be plenty of jobs like hers in the future. Her advice to those wanting to do what she does is to get out and start using social media to develop relationships.

"Start engaging in conversations with people who have the job you want in the field you are interested in," she says.

One might think the last thing Manning would do – after spending all day in front of a computer – is be online during her free time. But before going to bed, she often logs onto Facebook to unwind. She also likes to tweet during games played by her favorite team, the St. Louis Cardinals.

"It's engrained in me," she says with a grin. "I can't get away from it."

You can follow Kathleen Manning on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/monsantoco> or read *Beyond the Rows* at <http://www.monsantoblog.com/>. ☰

DAVID STEWARD

built World Wide Technology into one of the most successful black-owned businesses in the country

By Linda Tracy

David Steward is disciplined, successful and very much a product of his youth. He grew up on a seven-acre farm on the edge of Clinton, Mo. He helped his parents and seven siblings tend their cattle and hogs. He mowed lawns, shoveled snow and sold Christmas cards door-to-door. The money he earned helped support his family.

"I learned the importance of hard work from my father," Steward says. "That lesson helped me throughout my life."

Steward, 59, is founder and chairman of World Wide Technology in Maryland Heights, Mo. The company is a leading systems integrator and provider of technology and supply chain solutions. When it opened in 1990, WWT had four employees. Sales totaled about \$800,000 that first year.

The company now employs more than 1,200 workers and brings in about \$3 billion annually. Black Enterprise magazine named WWT the largest black-owned industrial and service company in the country.

Steward recently made a gift to the University of Missouri–St. Louis. The \$100,000 will benefit The Opportunity Scholars Program.

The program gives St. Louis-area high school students a chance to receive an all-inclusive, four-year scholarship to UMSL and an internship at a local company. The program is for academically gifted first-generation college students or students who are underrepresented in the work force, particularly those who want to enter the fields of science, technology, engineering or math.

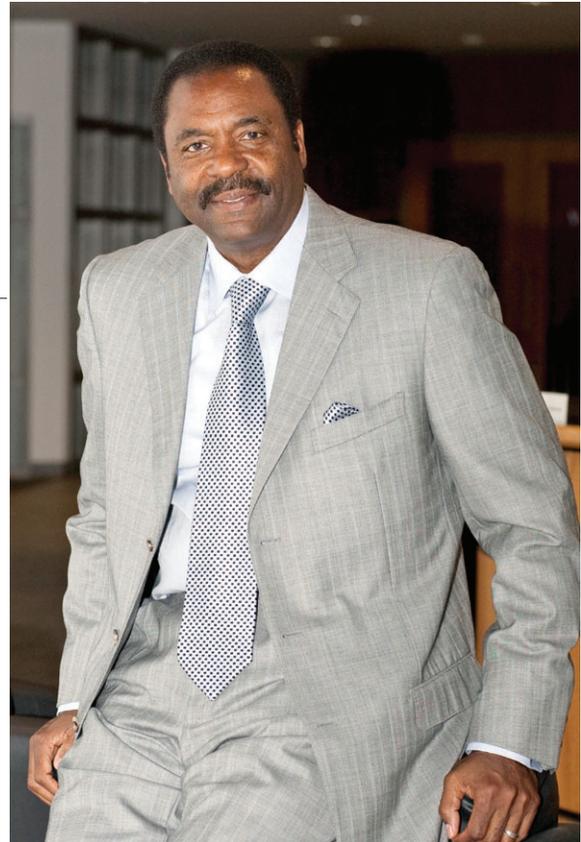
Steward is well known for his philanthropy in the St. Louis area. He says he enjoys giving back.

"Not only does UMSL produce talented employees and interns that helps WWT grow and compete globally, but giving back also is how I pay it forward," Steward says. "I know I wouldn't be where I am today without the many people who invested in me."

While he benefitted from the help of others, Steward also had to overcome substantial obstacles as a youth. Growing up black in the 1950s and 1960s in western Missouri wasn't easy. He was barred from joining the local Boy Scouts troop, and his attendance at a previously white, segregated school angered the Ku Klux Klan.

"My parents taught me about forgiveness and getting over things quickly," Steward says.

After graduating from college, he worked for 10 years as a production manager, sales representative and then senior account executive for



David Steward is founder and chairman of World Wide Technology in Maryland Heights, Mo. The company employed nearly 40 interns from UMSL this year, and Steward recently made a gift to support The Opportunity Scholars Program. (Photo by August Jennewein)

three Fortune 500 companies. In 1984, he bought a consulting firm that audited and reviewed freight-bill charges. Steward went on to create WWT and hasn't looked back.

In addition to his many duties at WWT, he sits on boards for a number of organizations, including Civic Progress and the Saint Louis Science Center.

And he was recently named council president of the Greater St. Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

"Being involved in the community pays in ways that are hard to describe if you haven't had the pleasure of doing it," Steward says. "Witnessing lives that are impacted and changed, first-hand, is incredibly fulfilling. I wouldn't give it up for anything." ≡



University of Missouri System President Gary Forsee, center, and Miles Kelly (BSBA 1984), far right, a principal at Edward Jones, were on hand to congratulate five honored alumni. Those honored alumni included (from left): Harry Ratliff (BSBA 1972), vice president and wealth management advisor at Merrill Lynch; Norman Eaker (BSBA 1977), chief administrative officer at Edward Jones; and Charles Hoffman (BSBA 1974 and MBA 1976), retired president and chief executive officer of Covad Communications Group. Ratliff, Eaker and Hoffman received 2010 Distinguished Alumni Awards.

Alumni Celebrate at Founders Dinner

More than 700 University of Missouri–St. Louis alumni, friends and donors gathered Sept. 16 at the annual Founders Dinner at the Ritz Carlton, St. Louis in Clayton, Mo. They came to honor the university's distinguished alumni, faculty, staff and many donors. Attendees also watched a video about students and enjoyed a live performance by the Dickson String Quartet, a student ensemble composed of siblings.



Above: Warner Baxter, BSBA 1984, and Cindy, his wife, celebrate the evening. Baxter is the president and chief executive officer of AmerenUE.



Left: Don Winter, BS physics 1977 and MS physics 1980, is the vice president of flight and systems technologies for Boeing. Susan Winter accompanied her husband, who received a 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award.

UMSL Chancellor Tom George congratulates Cheryle Dyle-Palmer (BA sociology 1974 and MA sociology 1976), chief operating officer of Parents as Teachers. Dyle-Palmer received a 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award.



Aaron Golchert (left), BSBA 2007, catches up with UMSL Student Government Association leaders Kyle Kersting (center) and Ryan Robinson. Kersting and Robinson are seniors majoring in business administration.

Photos by August Jennewein



Young alumni think ahead

While many recent college graduates focus on getting a job or a car or clothes, several young alumni from the University of Missouri–St. Louis are taking a different track. They’re raising funds to help future UMSL Tritons receive a quality education.

“I was immediately interested in participating,” says Adriana Hughey (pictured), BLS 2007 and MEd 2010. “I had a remarkable experience at UMSL and wanted to share my experiences and passion for the university with others.”

The fundraising campaign is called “Graduates Impacting Future Tritons.”

Hughey and Aaron Golchert, BSBA 2007, have become the faces of GIFT – lending their likeness and words to a Web site, brochures, Facebook, a video and UMSL Magazine.

Deborah Graham, director of alumni and constituent relations, helped launch GIFT. She says it not only supports UMSL programs and scholarships but also enables young alumni to network and influence the future of the university.

“Young alumni typically are not in the position to make large gifts,” Graham says. “But collectively they can make a big difference in enhancing the quality and reputation of UMSL.”

Visit <http://www.ums.edu/alumni/campaign/> for more information on GIFT.

Class notes

1970

Richard Dagger, BA political science, is the E. Claiborne Robins Distinguished Chair in the Liberal Arts at the University of Richmond in Virginia.

Rita Swiener, BA psychology, is one of the St. Louis Business Journal's 2010 Women of Achievement.

1971

Michael Bremer, BSBA, wrote the book "Escape the Improvement Trap: Five Ingredients Missing in Most Improvement Recipes" (Productivity Press, 2010).

Harold Messler, BS chemistry, has retired after 37 years as director of the St. Louis Police Department Crime Laboratory.

Rick Stream, BSBA, is a Missouri state representative and received the Outstanding Alumni Service Award from the University of Missouri Alliance.

1972

Joseph Komadina, MEd, is president of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Louis Archdiocesan Council.

Mike Merrick, BSBA, owns Fish Window Cleaning Service in Manchester, Mo. The company is on the Inc. 5000 list of the fastest growing companies in the United States.

1973

Daniel Kroupa, BSBA, is vice president at JEDMED in St. Louis.

1976

Chuck Hinrichs, BSBA, is vice president and chief financial officer of Regal Beloit Corporation in Beloit, Wis.

1978

David M. Bohnert, BSBA, is a logistics coordinator with Swiss-American Inc. in St. Louis.

Joseph P. Licavoli, BSBA, is a controller with Roofers Mart Inc. in St. Louis.

Stephen Mundwiller, BA biology, is the director of quality assurance and regulatory affairs at Allied Healthcare Products in St. Louis.

Sue Stepleton, MBA, is president and chief executive officer of National Center for Parents as Teachers in St. Louis.

1979

Robert Lampe Jr., BSBA, is an information technology manager at Amdocs in St. Louis.

Jim Turpiano, MA psychology and BSBA 1971, is a retired U.S. Army Reserves lieutenant colonel and retired St. Charles (Missouri) City Police Department lieutenant.

1981

Mark Spasser, BA psychology, is director of research services at Palmetto Health in Columbia, S.C.

Michael Castengera, MA political science, is a senior lecturer in the University of Georgia Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication and was the 2010 recipient of the college's Darwin-Davis Award.

1982

Mary Berry, MBA and BSBA 1976, is a manager in the Wealth Management Group at RubinBrown in St. Louis.

Jerry Ronecker, BS chemistry, is a partner at the law firm Husch Blackwell in Clayton, Mo.

1985

Jeanette Henken, BA chemistry, teaches chemistry and forensic science at Webster Groves (Missouri) High School.

Rose Windmiller, BA political science, is assistant vice chancellor for government and community relations at Washington University in St. Louis.

1986

Donna Balsano, MEd, is a manager of development and diversity with the U.S. Postal Service.

1987

Kay McIntyre, PhD psychology, MA psychology 1985 and BA psychology 1981, is program director of the Social Rehabilitation Unit at the Farmington (Missouri) Correctional Center.

1988

Alan Cleary, BSBA, owns Estate Auction Pros in St. Charles, Mo.

1989

Brian Fancher, BA speech communication, produces, writes and anchors several radio newscasts in north central Iowa.

Laura C. Valenti, BSBA, is vice president of commercial lending at Reliance Bank in Clayton, Mo.

1992

Scott A. Long, BS chemistry, is a research chemist at Novus International in St. Charles, Mo.

Tim Powers, BA communication, co-wrote the short film "The Guilty," which was screened at the Cannes Film Festival in May.

1993

Mark Douglas, BGS, is president of D3finity Consulting in San Antonio, Texas.

Esta Razavi, BA chemistry, is a senior clinical program manager in medication therapy management and pharmacist consultation services at Express Scripts in St. Louis.

1994

Julie Kampschroeder, MEd, was Teacher of the Year in the Pattonville School District in north St. Louis County.

1995

Tom Haas, MEd, received the WINGS Foundation for Educational Excellence Award. He teaches psychology and sociology at Washington High School in Washington, Mo.

1996

Vicki Cinotto, BA psychology, is a physician coordinator at SSM Healthcare in St. Louis.

Janet Crowder, MA English, is the manager of State Farm Agency in West Allis, Wis.

Leslie Gralnick, MEd and BGS 1988, is a senior training specialist at Scottrade in St. Louis.

1997

Michael Schmerold, MEd, is principal of Mason Ridge Elementary School in Town and Country, Mo.

Andy Theising, PhD political science, MA political science 1996 and BA political science 1990, is director of the Institute of Urban Research at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

1998

Lesli Henderson, MEd and BS education 1991, was Teacher of the Year in the Hazelwood (Missouri) School District.

Terri Morris, MSN, is vice president of Missouri operations at SynCare and serves on the United Way's Child Welfare Allocation Fund.

1999

Rebecca Hendrickson, MA criminology and criminal justice, is St. Louis-area manager at MMV.

Stacy McCullough, MA accounting, is vice president of accounting at Jay Henges Enterprises Inc. in Earth City, Mo.



2000

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