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A Report of the University of Missouri South Africa Education Program

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Student Exchange Program

A University of Missouri-Columbia student, Clare Fauke, became the first student to participate in the UM/UWC Student Exchange program. A Memorandum of Understanding establishing the program was approved by UM and UWC in November/December 1997. Clare, a Women Studies major, received a $1,250 Henry Mitchell scholarship to support her study at UWC in the fall of 1998.

1999 Exchange Participants Selected

UWC Director of International Relations, Professor Jan Persens, and UWC Vice Rector for Student Affairs, Professor Ikey Van de Rheede, met with the UMSAEP committee on December 14, 1998, at UM-St.Louis, to select 1999 faculty exchange participants. The UWC executive team and UMSAEP committee jointly decided to support the following exchanges in 1999:

UWC Faculty Scheduled to Visit Missouri

- Kay Jaffar - English (Host: Marty Townsend, UMC)
- Paul Schlotfeldt - Earth Sciences (Host: Neil Anderson, UMR)
- Reginald Domoney - Earth Sciences (Hosts: Francisca Oboh-Ikuenobe & Jay Gregg, UMR)

UM Faculty Scheduled to UWC

- Tola Olu Pearce and Johnetta Wade Morrison - Sociology, Human Development, UMKC (Host: Elaine Salo)
• George McCall - Sociology, UMSL (Host: Jeffrey Lever)
• Janice Attala - Nursing, UMSL (Host: Elma Kortenbout)
• Greg Arling - Health Administration, UMKC (Host: Khalipha Bility)
• Richard Hagni - Geology/Geophysics, UMR (Host: J.M. van Bever Donker)

1998 Exchange Visits

UM visitors to UWC in 1998 included: George McCall, Sociology, UMSL; G.S. Sharat Chandra, English, UMKC; James McKinley, New Letters, UMKC; Robert Laudon, Geology/Geophysics, UMR; William Kyle, Jr., Science Education, UMSL; Elaine Lawless, English, UMC; Marty Townsend, Campus Writing Program, UMC; Gary Widmar, Student Affairs, UMKC; Wendell Smith, Continuing Education, UMSL; Jay Gregg, Geology/Geophysics, UMR; Adrienne Hoard, Fine Arts, UMC; Richard Madsen, Statistics, UMC; Manuel Pacheco, President, UM; Ron Turner, Executive VP, UM; Wendell Ogrosky, Student/International Affairs, UMR; Jeanie Smallwood, International Affairs, UMR; John Wilson, Mining Engineering, UMR; and J. David Eick, Dentistry, UMKC.

UWC visitors to UM in 1998 included: Isabel Venter, Computer Science; Brian Gray, Didactics; Jimmy Ellis, Chair, Senate International Relations Committee; Basil Julies, Physics; Prevot Van der Merwe, Didactics; Levi Engelbrecht, Special Education; Robbie Roberts, Special Education; Nelleke Bak, Education; Loes Nas, English; Jan Persens, Director of International Relations; Ikey Van de Rheede, Vice Rector for Student Affairs.

McCall, Venter, and Ellis were funded by US/AID=s Tertiary Education Linkages Program (TELP). Ogrosky, Smallwood, Wilson, and Julies were funded by UMR. Laudon was funded through the UWC Geology department. Engelbrecht and Roberts were funded by UWC.

UM/UWC Exchange Summary

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South African Partnerships Program

In late September, 1998, UMSAEP approved South African Partnership (formerly New Initiative) awards for 1999 to the following UM faculty members:

• Aaron Krawitz, Professor of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, UMC, for a project to be conducted at the University of the Witwatersrand. Krawitz will make
determinations of residual stress, using both neutrons and synchrotron x-rays, in WC-Co cemented carbides, an important class of industrial materials. He will also give several lectures at the university and discuss writing as a critical thinking tool in an engineering course, as used in MAE 344 at UMC.

- **K.C. Morrison**, Professor of Political Science, UMC, will engage in a collaborative project in summer 1999 with political scientists from UWC and UCT to explore the political transformation of South Africa, in comparison with other African states, by focusing on the development of civic associations and their interplay with contemporary leadership for democratic government.

- **Francisca Oboh-Ikeunobe**, Associate Professor of Geology & Geophysics, UMR, for a collaborative project with the Palynology Group at the Bernard Price Institute for Palaeontological Research, the University of the Witwatersrand. The project will focus on an examination of Late Cretaceous/Early Tertiary palynofloras (pollen, spores, dinoflagellates, and dispersed organic matter) in the Orange and Cape Basins. The long-term goal is better understanding of the evolution and dispersal of palynofloras and paleoclimatic changes, as well as refining the stratigraphy of the two basins.

- **Bernard Oliver**, Dean, School of Education, UMKC, for a project designed to establish a long-term relationship in the area of teacher training with UWC and other South African universities. UMKC School of Education faculty members will meet with South African colleagues to explore development of a Master’s in Teaching program to be delivered at UMKC and in South Africa and education faculty exchanges and joint research projects.

- **Jenice Prathers** 1998 award will be carried over into 1999. Dr. Prather is an Associate Professor of Accountancy at UM-Columbia.

### MSU Conference

In October 1998, UM Executive Vice President Ron Turner attended a Michigan State University conference on Academic Partnerships with South Africa for Mutual Capacity Building. At the conference, Turner made two presentations on the UM/UWC academic linkage.

The conference website is at [http://www.hnet.msu.edu/partnership/](http://www.hnet.msu.edu/partnership/).

### Web Resources on South Africa

Please note the following sources of information related to South Africa on the World Wide Web:


- Weekly Mail and Guardian: [http://www.mg.co.za/mg](http://www.mg.co.za/mg) (Described as the first and best South African publication on the Internet.)
• African National Congress Home Page: http://www.anc.org.za
• The South Africa Initiative Office (U. of Michigan): http://www.umich.edu/~saioum
• U.S.-South Africa Binational Commission: http://www.southafrica.net/economy/other/bination.html

Other Links to South African Newspapers:

• Online Newspapers for South Africa: http://www.zen.co.uk/home/page/nchadd/safrica.htm
• Penn Library-South Africa-Newspapers: http://www.library.upenn.edu/resources/news/newspapers/country/africa/southafrica-papers.html
• Kiosk: http://www.esperanto.se/kiosk/afrika/sydafrika.html

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This newsletter is intended to facilitate communication among those who are interested in the UM/South Africa education program. If you have ideas or suggestions for topics or questions related to any aspect of the program, please let us know.