

# UM SOUTH AFRICA PROGRAM UPDATE

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A Report from the University of Missouri South African Education Program Committee  
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UM South African Education Program Committee: **Dr. Joel Glassman**, Chair, UMSL; **Dr. Robert Laudon**, UMR; **Dr. Jim McCartney**, UMC; **Dr. Judith McCormick**, UMKC; **Mr. Michael Middleton**, UMC; **Dr. K.C. Morrison**, UMC; **Dr. Lois Pierce**, UMSL; **Ms. Jeanie Smallwood**, UMR; **Mr. Dan Stoll**, UMKC; **Dr. Gwen Turner**, UMSL; **Dr. Ralph Wilkerson**, UMR; **Dr. Ronald Turner**, UM System.

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## PERSENS DISCUSSES CHANGES AT UWC

Meeting with the UMSAEP Committee October 10, 2003, Professor Jan Persens, director of International Programs at the University of the Western Cape, detailed changes pending at UWC. UWC has been given responsibility for all dental and undergraduate nursing education in Western Cape Province, effective January 1, 2004. UWC will incorporate the University of Stellenbosch dental school as well as the undergraduate nursing programs of Stellenbosch and the University of Cape Town. These consolidations are part of South Africa's nationwide reorganization and streamlining of higher education. Persens said South Africans are now seeing the "light at the end of the tunnel" in the streamlining process. Persens was in Missouri for meetings with linkage applicants on all UM campuses, October 6-10, 2003.

Persens also said that the UM/UWC relationship is alive and well, and achievements in the relationship are envied at other institutions. He said UWC faculty are looking forward to working with UM to bring about our collective future.

## HUGHEY LEAVES UMSAEP COMMITTEE

Professor Joe Hughey, Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences at UMKC, resigned from the UMSAEP Committee in September 2003. He cited the press of other duties as the reason for his decision to leave the committee, on which he had served since 1996. The UMSAEP Committee approved presentation of a resolution thanking him for his years of devoted and dedicated service to the South African Education Program. Hughey served as evaluator for UM/UWC projects under the USAID's Tertiary Educational Linkages Program (TELP).

## UM HONORARY DEGREE TO FORMER RECTOR GERWEL

UM-Columbia conferred an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree upon Professor Jakes Gerwel, former Vice-Chancellor and Rector of the University of the Western Cape, at the May, 2002, commencement. The degree citation described Gerwel as a

distinguished South African academic and public servant and noted his distinctive service to the University of Missouri as one of the founders of the collaborative program between UM and UWC. After leaving UWC, Gerwel served as Director-General and Secretary of the Cabinet in the Office of President Nelson Mandela and earned an international reputation as a negotiator. He currently serves as Chairperson of the Nelson Mandela Foundation, Chairman of the Mandela Rhodes Trust, Chairman of the Human Sciences Research Council, and Chancellor of Rhodes University.

#### ALO 2003 PROPOSAL

The University of Missouri and the University of the Western Cape submitted a joint proposal to the Association Liaison Office (ALO) in November 2003 for a two-year, \$100,000 project in nursing and academic leadership. If funded by USAID, the project would begin in March 2004. Project directors will be Dr. Ron Turner, UM Executive Vice President, and Professor Jan Persens, UWC Director of International Programs. UM program leaders are UMC Professor Kay Libbus, nursing, and UMKC Associate Dean Lora Lacey-Haun, academic leadership. UWC program leaders are Dr. Cheryl Nikodem, nursing, and Dr. Tyrone Pretorius, academic leadership. Professor Joe Hughey, UMKC, will evaluate project outcomes. The agency decision on funding for the proposed project is expected in early 2004.

#### 2004 UM/UWC LINKAGE PARTICIPANTS SELECTED

The UMSAEP Committee met with Professor Jan Persens, UWC Director of International Programs, on October 10, 2003, in St. Louis to select faculty exchange participants for 2004. The Committee authorized awards to five UWC faculty members and five UM faculty members.

UWC faculty receiving UMSAEP awards (hosts in parentheses):

**David Fisher – Medical Bioscience** (Douglas Bowles, UMC)

**Debra J. Jackson – Public Health** (Marjorie Sable, UMC)

**Anthea Joy Rhoda – Physiotherapy** (Rich Oliver, UMC)

**Pamela Naidoo – Psychology** (Rich Oliver, UMC)

**\*Frans G. Kotze – Social Work** (Lois Pierce, UMSL)

UM faculty receiving UMSAEP awards (hosts in parentheses):

**Rodney G. Uphoff, UMC – Law** (Najma Moosa)

**Frederick (Fritz) Cropp IV, UMC – Journalism** (Loes Nas)

**Sanjay Madria, UMR – Computer Science** (Christian Omlin)

**Carole H. Murphy, UMSL – Education** (Clarence Williams, Harold Herman)

**\*Robert Laudon, UMR – Geology & Geophysics** (Reginald Domoney)

\*Kotze and Laudon are to be funded from South African Partnerships Program funds.

## CALENDAR 2003 LINKAGE AWARDS

In September 2002, the UMSAEP Committee, in cooperation with Professor Jan Persens, UWC international programs director, awarded Linkage grants to six UWC faculty and four UM faculty.

UWC faculty receiving awards (hosts in parentheses):

**Danelle Kotze – Statistics** (Richard Madsen, UMC)

**Wilfred Mabusela – Chemistry** (Valerian D'Souza, UMSL)

**Reginald Domoney – Earth Sciences** (Richard Hagni, UMR)

**Cecil John Leonard – Medical Bioscience** (Margaret Gunderson, UMC)

**Loes Nas – English** (Fritz Cropp, UMC)

UM faculty receiving awards (hosts in parentheses):

**William Folk, UMC – Biochemistry** (Quinton Johnson)

**Charles Korr, UMSL – History** (A.L. Travill)

**Neil Anderson, UMR – Geology/Geophysics** (Yongxin Xu/Rian Titus)

**E. Paulette Isaac, UMSL – Education** (Glen Arendse)

## FOLK RECEIVES NIH GRANT

UM-Columbia professor Bill Folk has been awarded a two-year grant in the amount of \$225,000 from the National Institutes of Health to support planning for the establishment of an International Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine in cooperation with the University of the Western Cape and the Missouri Botanical Garden. The award is the first step in the selection of a single international center for the study of medicinal properties of indigenous plants, to be funded by NIH. In addition to the UMC/UWC/MBG grant, planning grants were awarded for proposals from five other U.S. institutions.

## EARLY END TO TELP PROJECT

In April 2002, USAID announced its decision to end the Tertiary Educational Linkages Project in December 2002, one year earlier than originally planned. The eleven UM/UWC TELP projects completed their cooperative activities, and a final overall project report was issued March 10, 2003. TELP activities began in 1999.

## FIVE PROJECTS FUNDED FROM UNSPENT TELP FUNDS IN 2003

Following the early end of the TELP project, the UMSAEP Committee offered the opportunity for continuation of projects with approximately \$30,000 in unspent TELP funds. Leaders of seven projects submitted funding proposals, and the Committee awarded funding to five projects for the support of activities in 2003. Projects receiving support are:

- Law - Rodney Uphoff and Jim Levin, UMC
- Earth Sciences – Neil Anderson, UMR
- Health Professions – Kevin Rudeen and Rich Oliver, UMC
- Conflict, Violence and Health – George McCall, UMSL
- Women and Gender – Lois Pierce, UMSL

### UM AND UWC EXCHANGE VISITORS IN 2002 and 2003

2002 UM exchange visitors to South Africa included: **Professor Vicki Curby**, Educational Leadership & Policy Analysis, UMC; **Professor Dick Hagni**, Geology & Geophysics, UMR; **Professor Hal Harris**, Chemistry, UMSL; **Professor Ed Kaiser**, Chemistry, UMC; **Professor Rich Madsen**, Statistics, UMC; and **Dr. Ron Turner**, UM System. **Mr. Paul Steele**, member of the University of Missouri Board of Curators, also visited UWC in 2002.

2003 UM exchange visitors to South Africa included: **Professor Neil Anderson**, Geology & Geophysics, UMR; **Professor Bill Folk**, Biochemistry and Medicine, UMC; **Professor E. Paulette Isaac**, Education, UMSL; **Professor Charles Korr**, History, UMSL; **Professor Bill Kurtz**, Forestry, UMC; **Professor Rich Madsen**, Statistics, UMC; and **Dr. Ron Turner**, UM System.

2002 UWC exchange visitors to Missouri included: **Professor Charlene Africa**, Microbiology; **Professor Malcolm Arendse**, Chemistry; **Professor Reggie Domoney**, Earth Sciences; **Professor David Fisher**, Physiological Sciences; **Professor Quinton Johnson**, Herbal Sciences, Medicine, & Agriculture; **Professor Julie Phillips**, Physiotherapy; **Professor Dawid Venter**, Anthropology & Sociology; and **Professor Jan Persens**, International Programs.

2003 UWC exchange visitors to Missouri included: **Professor Rafik Ahmed Bapoo**, Pharmacy; **Professor Reggie Domoney**, Earth Sciences; **Professor Danelle Kotze**, Statistics; **Professor Cecil Leonard**, Medical Bioscience; **Professor Wilfred Mabusela**, Chemistry; **Professor Loes Nas**, English; and **Professor Jan Persens**, International Programs.

### UM FACULTY PROPOSALS INVITED FOR 2005 PROJECTS

UM faculty are invited to submit proposals by July 15, 2004, for 2005 projects under the UM/UWC Linkage Program and the South African Partnerships Program. The combined RFP for these two programs can be found at <http://system.missouri.edu/umsaep>.

### UM/UWC FACULTY EXCHANGE SUMMARY

	<b>1986</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1991</b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1995</b>
UM Visits	4	6	7	14	11	12	10	11	11	7
UWC Visits	4	10	11	18	17	25	10	13	13	7

Total	8	16	18	32	28	37	20	24	24	14
	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>Total</b>	
UM Visits	9	9	14	9	8	6	6	7	161	
UWC Visits	8	11	11	5	6	6	8	6	189	
Total	17	20	25	14	14	12	14	13	350	

#### SOUTH AFRICAN PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM AWARD TO DUNCAN

In August 2003, the UMSAEP Committee funded Miranda Duncan's Partnerships proposal for a 2004 project with Mediation and Transformation Practice (MTP), a South African nongovernmental organization with an educational and training mission. MTP offers training in constructive conflict resolution, negotiation, mediation and local government intervention. Duncan will travel to South Africa for a three-week visit in the summer of 2004. A community development specialist for University Outreach & Extension at UM-St. Louis, Duncan has a Juris Doctor degree from San Francisco Law School and an M.A. in sociology from UMSL.

#### PROJECTS CHOSEN FOR 2003 PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM FUNDING

Meeting in August and September 2002, the UMSAEP Committee reviewed South African Partnerships Program applications and agreed to support six projects.

Professor David Renz of UMKC's Bloch School of Business & Public Administration was awarded a grant for a 15-month project to enable Bloch School and UWC Economic and Management Sciences (EMS) faculty to continue collaborative program development begun under TELP-funded faculty exchanges. The project will create, pilot, test and deliver non-credit professional development short courses to train organization leaders and to generate income for the EMS Training and Development Unit's training center at UWC. Exchanges associated with the project are scheduled to begin in November 2003.

Professor Rich Oliver, dean of UMC's School of Health Professions, was awarded a grant for a joint research project with the Faculty of Community and Health Sciences at UWC. The project is focused on the importance of the community-based rehabilitation (CBR) approach as a support service for community home-based caregivers of severely disabled and chronically ill persons in the Western Cape.

Professor Lois Pierce, Social Work, UMSL, and Professor Charles Cowger, Social Work, UMC, were awarded a grant for a collaborative project with UWC in which UMSL, UMC, and UWC social work faculty will serve as consultants to communities in the West Coast municipality of Western Cape province. Faculty will work with community members to solve problems associated with unemployment and substance abuse and will advise regarding implementation of community development models.

Professor Joshua Millspaugh, UMC, was awarded a grant to work with faculty from the University of Natal, conservationists from Kwa-Zulu Natal, and others in South Africa's

Northwest province on issues related to sustainable wildlife conservation and the development of ecotourism.

Professor Patrick Westhoff, UMC, was awarded a grant to develop a collaboration between MU's Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) and the University of Pretoria. Purpose of the project is to develop agricultural research capacity at the University of Pretoria, as well as specific tools for analyzing markets and South African agricultural policies.

Professor Thaddeus Metz, UMSL, was awarded a grant to travel to South Africa to collaborate with the faculty at the University of the North and the Philosophical Society of Southern Africa on publication of an issue of the *South African Journal of Philosophy*, which publishes original articles and reviews by South African philosophers. Metz is to serve as editor of the issue.

#### SOUTH AFRICAN PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS, 1997-2003

1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Total
3	4	6	9	1	0	7	30

#### HENRY MITCHELL SCHOLARS

Academic Year 2002-2003 Mitchell Scholars included two UWC students who studied at UM-Columbia and two UMKC students who studied at UWC. They are:

- **Justine Fray**, UWC, a third-year student in geography and environmental science
- **Candes Keating**, UWC, a third-year student in linguistics
- **Fantashia Freeman**, UMKC, senior in sociology and anthropology
- **William DeJanes**, UMKC, psychology

Fray and Keating are UWC's fifth and sixth Mitchell Scholars.

Academic Year 2003-2004 Mitchell Scholars include a UMC student studying at UWC and a UWC student studying at UMSL. They are:

- **Karen Hebert**, UMC, graduate student in occupational therapy
- **David Daniels**, UWC, fourth-year student in social work

Hebert and Daniels complete their exchange study programs in December 2003. Daniels is UWC's 7<sup>th</sup> Mitchell Scholar.

#### MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE

The UM deadline for application to the program for study in 2004-2005 is February 15, 2004. An application form is available for downloading at the UMSAEP website. Completed applications should be sent to Ms. Jeanie Smallwood, 103 Norwood Hall, UM-Rolla, Rolla, MO 65409.

## UM/UWC PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO STATE DEPARTMENT

Two UM/UWC grant applications were submitted in October 2003 to the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the Department of State. Professor Neil Anderson, UMR, and Professor Bill Kurtz, UMC, submitted an application for funding for a survey of South African ground water resources, which would be performed by ten people from UM and ten from UWC. Jim Levin, UMC Law, and Larry Dessem, UMC Law dean, submitted a proposal for a project on law and civil society in South Africa.

## FUNDING PROPOSAL TO NSF

Professor Suzanne Ortega, UMC vice provost for advanced studies and graduate dean, has submitted a proposal for to the National Science Foundation for supplemental funding in the amount of \$96,000 to develop a Preparing Future Faculty program for UM minority graduate students. The centerpiece of the program would be an annual two-week summer seminar at the University of the Western Cape. If funded, the program would start in the summer of 2004 with about 20 students. Graduate students from other institutions could be included in the program in future years. Professor Jan Persens has described the proposed program as potentially a powerful vehicle to prepare future faculty.

## REPORTS BY 2002 and 2003 LINKAGE PARTICIPANTS

Project reports will be available in December 2003 at the UMSAEP website:  
<http://system.missouri.edu/umsaep>.

## INTERNET RESOURCES ON SOUTH AFRICA

Please note the following sources of information related to South Africa:

African Internet Connectivity: <http://www3.sn.apc.org/africa>

Weekly Mail and Guardian: <http://www.mg.co.za/mg/>

African National Congress Home Page: <http://www.anc.org.za>

The South Africa Initiative Office (U. of Michigan): <http://www.umich.edu/~saioum>

Independent Online News: <http://www.iol.co.za/>

## UMSAEP AND UWC WEBSITES

The UMSAEP website can be accessed at <http://system.missouri.edu/umsaep> or

<http://www.system.missouri.edu/urel/main/second/wsaep.htm>.

The University of the Western Cape home page can be found at <http://www.uwc.ac.za>.

*This newsletter is intended to facilitate communication among those who are interested in the UM South African Education Program. Feedback is welcome. If you have questions related to any aspects of the program, or if you have items that you would like to see included in this newsletter, please contact:*

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