

# UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI SYSTEM 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 Hofer**, UMR; **Dr. Nicholas Peroff**, UMKC; **Dr. Dan Stoll**, UMKC; **Dr. Gwen Turner**, UMSL; **Dr. Ralph Wilkerson**, UMR; **Dr. Ronald Turner**, UM System.

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## **2005 UM/UWC LINKAGE AWARDS**

The UMSAEP Committee met with Professor **Jan Persens**, UWC Director of International Programs, on October 20, 2004, in St. Louis to select faculty exchange participants for 2005. The Committee authorized awards to five UWC faculty members and five UM faculty members.

UWC faculty receiving UMSAEP awards (UM hosts in parentheses):

**Charlene Africa** – Medical Biosciences (**Carole McArthur**, UMKC)

**Craig Bosch** – Law (**R. Lawrence Dessem**, UMC)

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

**Thembi Khanyile** – Nursing (**Kay Libbus**, UMC)

**Cheryl Nikodem** – Nursing (**Joe Haslag/Dick Madsen**, UMC)

UM faculty receiving UMSAEP awards (UWC hosts in parentheses):

**Vicki Curby**, UMC – McNair Scholars Program (**Lorna Holtman**)

**Marjorie Sable**, UMC – Social Work (**Thandi Puoane**)

**Nancy Shields**, UMSL – Sociology (**Kathy Nadasen & Sharyn Spicer**)

**Donna Taliaferro & Roberta Lee**, UMSL – Barnes College of Nursing (**Hester Julie**)

## **PROJECTS CHOSEN FOR 2005 PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDING BY UMSAEP**

The UMSAEP Committee approved funding for the following partnership projects for 2005:

**Adrienne Hoard**, Art, MU; **Patrick Westhoff**, Economic Model Development, MU; **Ganesh Venayagamoorthy**, Computational Intelligence, UMR; and **Chuck Korr**, Robben Island History Project, UMSL.

## **ALO PROJECT FUNDED**

In May 2004, UM received a two-year grant award of \$100,000 from the Association Liaison Office in Washington, D.C. under an agreement with USAID to develop an academic leadership program at UWC and to link UM faculty with UWC faculty in curriculum and staff development in nursing. **Ron Turner** serves as project director at UM; **Jan Persens** is project director at UWC. Key project participants at UM include: **Lora Lacey-Haun** (UMKC), coordinator of the leadership development component and **Kay Libbus** (MU), coordinator of the nursing component. In addition, **Katharine Smith** (UMKC), **Kim Stieglitz** (UMSL) and **Rose Porter** (MU) are engaged in the nursing aspect of the ALO project. Key participants at UWC are: **Jan Persens**, **Tyrone Pretorius** and **Anita Maurtin-Cairncross** (leadership development) and **Thembi Khanyile**, **Elma Kortenhout** and **Cheryl Nikodem** (nursing component). Project evaluation is being conducted by: **Tanya Whitehead** and **Joe Hughey** (UMKC). The project is funded through June 2006.

## **MU COMPETES FOR NIH INTERNATIONAL CENTER DESIGNATION**

UM-Columbia, in partnership with UWC and the Missouri Botanical Garden, has been selected by NIH as one of 10 finalists to compete for major funding to establish The International Center for Indigenous and Phytotherapy Studies (TICIPS). Professor **Bill Folk** leads the MU project team; UWC Professor **Quinton Johnson** leads the UWC team. Last year the UM/UWC TICIPS project received a two-year grant of \$225,000 to support planning for the establishment of an International Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine. The TICIPS proposal will be submitted to NIH in early 2005.

## **UMR and UWC OFFER GEOLOGY FIELD SCHOOL IN SOUTH AFRICA IN 2004**

With funding provided by the UMSAEP Committee, UMR Professor **Bob Laudon** organized and conducted the UMR Geology Summer Field Camp in South Africa in cooperation with **Reggie Domoney** and colleagues in Earth Science at the University of the Western Cape. Twenty UMR students joined 48 students from UWC's field camp. The UMR and UWC students worked together on common field projects and developed a strong sense of mutual respect and friendship. Among other highlights in this special learning experience, the students went more than 5,000 feet underground and experienced first-hand observations of more than 100 years of mining conditions in South Africa. The students also engaged in field mapping.

Professor Laudon summed up the field school in the following way: "In my 24 years of teaching this course, I have never seen as much enthusiasm for field camp as I saw this summer."

One of the UMR students wrote: "Before going on the trip, I read three books on South Africa, each written during different historical periods of the last century. I had my expectations, but was totally surprised by what I experienced in the new South Africa."

Several of the South African students have applied to come to the U.S. to attend the UMR field camp in Utah. In addition, several areas of joint research between UMR and UWC were identified.

### **MU AND UWC OFFER LAW SUMMER SCHOOL AT UWC**

The MU School of Law joined with the UWC School of Law in offering a summer program for UM and UWC students in Cape Town in June and July 2004. The program, directed by MU Professor **Rod Uphoff**, enrolled 22 students from the U.S. who joined South African students in taking courses in criminal justice and alternative dispute resolution. Based on the success of the 2004 summer school, the MU and UWC law schools are planning to organize a joint 2005 summer program.

### **UM, IRELAND AND SOUTH AFRICA EXPLORE COOPERATION**

In cooperation with **Ron Turner**, UWC Professor **Jan Persens** invited Dr. **Kate O'Dubhchair**, director of the Peace Building Centre in Ireland, and Professor **Bart Wechsler** and Professor **Jim Scott** from the MU Truman School for Public Affairs to explore ways to link Missouri, Ireland and South Africa in areas of mutual interest. The Missouri and Irish representatives met with counterparts in the UWC School of Government and other departments engaged in community capacity building focused on peace and conflict studies programming, citizen participation and community well being. Proposals for further cooperation are under development.

### **ROBBEN ISLAND SPORT HISTORY PROJECT PROPOSED FOR BBC DOCUMENTARY**

UMSL Professor **Chuck Korr** has been invited by the BBC to develop plans for a major documentary film based on his research on the role of sport among political prisoners on Robben Island during the apartheid era. Korr's research has been supported since 1995 by grant awards from the UMSAEP program.

### **UM AND UWC VISITORS IN 2004**

2004 UM visitors to South Africa included: **Rodney Uphoff**, Law, UMC; **Robert Laudon & 20 students**, Geology & Geophysics, UMR; **Marjorie Sable**, Public Health, UMC; **Sanjay Madria**, Computer Science, UMR; **Michael Grinfeld**, Journalism, UMC; **Richard Madsen**, Statistics, UMC; **Margaret Duffy**, Journalism, UMC; **Vicky Curby**, McNair Scholars Program, UMC; **Adrienne Hoard**, Art, UMC; **George McCall**, Sociology, UMSL; **Miranda Duncan**, Outreach, UMSL; **Kay Libbus**, Nursing, UMC; **Lora-Lacey Haun**, Nursing, UMKC; **Tanya Whitehead**, UMKC; **Bart Wechsler**, Truman School of Public Affairs, UMC; **Jim Scott**, Truman School of Public Affairs, UMC; and **Ron Turner**, UM System.

2004 UWC visitors to Missouri included: **Jan Persens**, International Relations; **Tyrone Pretorius**, Academic Vice Rector, **Anita Maurtin-Cairncross**, staff development,

**Pamela Naidoo**, Psychology; **Anthea Rhoda**, Physiotherapy; **Lungiswa Tsolekile**, Public Health, **David Fisher**, Medical Bioscience and **Samantha Thamburan**, microbiology.

**UM FACULTY PROPOSALS FOR 2006 PROJECTS**

In early 2005, the UMSAEP Committee and the UWC Senate International Relations Committee will release the request for proposals for exchange projects for calendar 2006.

**HARRISON LEAVES UMSAEP COMMITTEE**

**Phil Harrison**, former Assistant to the President of the UM System, left the university in September 2004. Harrison provided staff support for the UMSAEP program and contributed to the operation of the program since 1994. Phil’s outstanding and devoted service to the advancement of the UM South African Education Program will be sorely missed.

**UM/UWC FACULTY EXCHANGE SUMMARY UPDATE**

	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
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

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Total
UM Visits	9	9	14	9	8	6	6	7	7	168
UWC Visits	8	11	11	5	6	6	8	6	4	193
Total	17	20	25	14	14	12	14	13	11	361

**UM SOUTH AFRICAN PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS, 1997-2004**

1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Total
3	4	6	9	1	0	7	3	33

**HENRY MITCHELL SCHOLARS**

UWC student **Cheryll A. Fredericks** has been selected as the 2004-2005 Henry Mitchell Scholar. She is studying French at UMR. Fredericks is UWC’s 8th Mitchell Scholar.

**MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE**

The UM deadline for application to the program for study in 2005-2006 is February 15, 2005. An application form is available for downloading at the UMSAEP website.

Completed applications should be sent to Ms. **Jeanie Hofer**, 103 Norwood Hall, UM-Rolla, Rolla, MO 65409.

### **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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