Law dean named, assumes new chair
Interdisciplinary center announced

BY ANNE NICHOLSON

Joel Seligman, J.D., dean of the University of Arizona College of Law, has been named dean of the Washington University School of Law, according to Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton. Seligman will succeed Daniel J. Keating, J.D., who became dean last summer but chose not to be a candidate for a long-term deanship.

Wrighton also announced the establishment of the Ethan A. Ille Shepley University Chair in Law, a position which Seligman will be the first to hold. The chair is named for Shepley, a law school alumnus who served as the University's chancellor from 1954 to 1964. The endowed professorship was established through a $5 million commitment from the University's governing board from 1953 to 1954 and 1961 to 1963. Shepley is credited with helping to begin making the University one of the nation's top institutions of higher education. At a ceremony Saturday, Jan. 23, to introduce Seligman to the University community, Wrighton and the law school dean announced a plan to establish an interdisciplinary center to encourage collaboration both among law faculty and with other University faculty and students. A $5 million commitment has been made to launch the new center. "I am pleased that Joel has agreed to serve as dean and to build upon the School of Law's fine tradition of excellence in legal education. He is a world-class person in every respect, and I look forward to working with him," Wrighton said.

"I am also pleased to announce Joel as the inaugural appointment to the Shepley chair. Chaired professorships are extremely important to Washington University, as they allow us to attract, retain and recognize outstanding faculty," Seligman said.

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Engineering graduate students forge fruitful alliance with Boeing

Program matches talent pool with industry needs

BY TONY FITZPATRICK

Graduate student James Ramsey has completed hisPh.D. thesis in physics thanks in part to an innovative program that links Washington University graduate students and engineering faculty with Boeing Co. at the Boeing Co. since the fall of 1998, Ramsey has been working with his thesis advisor and mentor, Christopher J. Byrnes, Ph.D., dean of the University's School of Engineering and Applied Science, in an area that combines both physics and systems science. It's called nonlinear robust regulation and tracking, and it has applications for Boeing engineers, who hope Ramsey can design control schemes that will compensate for pilot-induced oscillations in Boeing aircraft.

Ramsey, who hails from Washington, D.C., and earned a bachelor's degree in physics from American University, is also applying control theory to regulation of compressors on aircraft. This should help pilots avoid compressor stall, a dangerous situation that arises when a plane — a fighter craft, for example — flies toward a target at a particular angle that makes the compressor susceptible to stalling.

Much of the work will be a part of his thesis, which he hopes to complete in the spring. Also this spring, he will join 10 other University graduate students and their faculty and Boeing mentors at a formal colloquium where he will give an in-depth overview of his work.

In December, Boeing personnel, graduate students and faculty held their first formal meeting at a Whittemore House luncheon. The event allowed all involved to break from their daily routine and to exchange ideas. Students work closely with faculty mentors and Boeing researchers, using facilities at the corporation's St. Louis headquarters in addition to University laboratories. The two-year program matches talent pool with industry needs.

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Smart card accesses medical data

BY LINDA SAGE

Washington University School of Medicine and a company called Site-C have developed a WOMENS CARD that provides doctors at computer-access quick access to patients' medical records. The smart card, which looks like a credit card, is being tested by pregnant women, though researchers believe it could be adapted to other patient populations.

"What sets this card apart is that the information is stored on a Web server," said Galid A. Gross, M.D., who is heading the study. "Therefore you can provide unlimited amounts of data, such as lab tests, ultrasound images and medications the patient is taking."

Gross presented this adaptation of smart-card technology Jan. 20 at the annual meeting of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine in San Francisco. He is an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the medical school and director of obstetrics at Barnes-Jewish Hospital.

The study, which began Dec. 1, will involve 250 pregnant women, half of whom will receive WOMENS CARDS during visits to the hospital's obstetrics clinic. The study will determine whether the card makes it easier and quicker for doctors to access patients' medical records and make informed treatment decisions.

"The card contains a computer chip, which summarizes the patient's medical record — general information about the patient, medications, allergies, medical problems lab results and more. Every time the patient visits the clinic, the new information is added. "This means that no matter what day of the week or time of day or night a woman goes into labor, her records will immediately be available to the physician," said Phyllis Wiegdraff, clinical research coordinator. Looking to the future, Gross said, "Imagine that a pregnant woman vacationing in Canada starts to bleed. She goes to the hospital, but all of her medical records are in St. Louis. Or what if an unconscious patient needs medical care? If those patients had a card, their medical records would be right there."

The information isn't limited to the amount that can be stored on a patient's card because authorized doctors have their own WOMENS CARDS. By inserting these into a card reader and entering a personal identification number (PIN), they can access their patients' complete medical records from a Web server, maintained by Site-C. Such a system allows hospitals to maintain their own patient records, while authorized doctors can access those records at any location.

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Inside: The Blind Boys of Alabama bring their spirited music to Edison

Washington People: John Bowen documents Gayo's rich cultural life

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Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing: The YMACO Boys Choir provided a choral reminder of Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of racial equality during the University's 12th annual MLK commemorative celebration Jan. 18 at Graham Chapel. Titled "Free at Last?" the program featured music and testimonials and culminated with an audience rendition of "We Shall Overcome."
Engineering

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projects began in 1998, in a collaboration that is expected to continue well into the students’ future. The goal is to forge a stronger industry/university partnership and facilitate technology transfer. "This partnership is a major priority of the School of Engineering and Applied Science, and it is something we’ve always wanted to do for our faculty and students,” Jermey said. "The Boeing Co. is a tremendous resource of knowledge and practical application for our graduate students, and we value their support greatly. This relationship can become a model for other universities and industries.”

"Washington University offers a wonderful talent pool for industries such as Boeing, and we felt fortunate to be able to collaborate with the school of engineering," Jermey said. "We look forward to seeing Washington University faculty and students at our facilities and sharing as much as possible with them.

University faculty from the computer science, chemical and electrical engineering, and systems science and mathematics departments mentor the graduate students.

"Club Ed"

While cost and academic rigor are probably the biggest factors that students and parents consider when choosing a college, other factors of potential importance play a role as well, according to a New York Times report. Attractive eating facilities, a speedy Internet connection and a spacious workout facility are just a few of the perks that applicants might look for in what the Times calls the “Club Ed” approach to picking a college.

Did you know?

William Greenleaf Eliot, co-founder and first president of the University’s Board of Trustees, was an ardent abolitionist who lobbied both in the United States, American history, school reform and school policy.

Distinguished historian to address African-American education issues

James D. Anderson, Ph.D., professor of history and chair of the Department of Educational Policy Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, will deliver the Wilma and Morton Sunder Lecture Thursday, Jan. 28, at the Women’s Building Forum Lounge. The 4 p.m. lecture will be preceded by a 3:30 reception.


A highly regarded speaker, Anderson has explored such topics as race and education, racial issues in American history, school desegregation in the United States, American school reform and school policy, and American higher and graduate education reform and policy.

Anderson has worked in different capacities to represent the minorities of race and critically examined the reality of racism at a variety of institutions, in professional associations, and in education and with the National Academy of Sciences. The latest of his publications is “Philanthropy, the State, and the Development of Historically Black Public Colleges,” The Case of Mississippi University.

The lecture is given in honor of Wilma Koetter, who for 15 years served as a secretary in the education department. In 1987, three members of Koetter’s family established an annual award to honor her service to the department.

Philosopher-neuroscientist Patricia Churchland here

First lecture in series on mind-brain links

Patricia Churchland, prominent philosopher and neuroscientist, will deliver a lecture for the Assembly Series titled “What Can We Expect From A Theory of Consciousness?” at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, in Graham Chapel. The lecture is free and open to the public and is the first of three Assembly Series presentations on the mind-brain connection.

Churchland is a professor of philosophy at the University of California at San Diego, where she specializes in the philosophy of science, neuroscience and the mind, as well as in medical and environmental ethics. The central focus of her research has been the study of mind and development of ideas that the mind is the brain, the brain is the mind in order to understand the brain. Churchland has written a number of books, including “Neurophilosophy: Toward a Virtual Brain” (1985), in which she argues for a co-evolution of psychology and neuroscience and for changes in philosophy to keep pace; “The Computational Brain” (1992); and “On Being Critical: Essays 1987-1997” (1998), a collection of her essays and those of her husband, neuroscientist Paul Churchland.

Churchland has published articles in publications including the Journal of Consciousness Studies, Cognitive Neurosciences, Sciences, American Journal of American Science. She has served as a consultant to the National Society for Philosophy and Psychological and the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at the University of California—San Diego since 1984 and has served as an advisor to the prestigious Huntington Institute since 1989. Earlier, she was a professor at the University of Minnesota for more than 10 years and a visiting member of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton during 1982-83. During these years she earned a bachelor’s degree in philosophy from the University of Pennsylvania in 1960, a master’s degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1966 and a PhD from Oxford University in 1969.

For more information, visit the Assembly Series web page (http://vpa.wustl.edu/assembly) or call 935-5285.
Nerve cell death

Common anesthetics, drugs of abuse damage developing brain

By David Elkind

A paper in the Jan. 1 issue of Science reports that a class of anesthetic drugs may cause abnormal cell growth in the brains of young rats to these agents for a period of hours or minutes. The researchers found that the toxic effect during a specific stage in development corresponds to the child's second birthday. The compounds, which belong to a class called NMDA antagonists, include phenycyclidine (PCP or "angel dust"), ketamine ("special K") and nitrous oxide (laughing gas), all of which are drugs of abuse. In addition, ketamine and nitrous oxide are used commonly as anesthetics in pediatric surgery. Exposure of young rats to these agents for a period of hours or minutes caused nerve cells in the brain to die by a process called apoptosis, or programmed cell death, which cells commit suicide. The rate of apoptosis in the developing nervous system is accelerated by these compounds. The spontaneous rate of cell death in the brain is almost 30 times in some brain regions. The death of nerve cells by apoptosis is a natural process that occurs in the normal brain during development; only a limited number of cells die, and they do not need for normal brain development. But when these three experiments were combined, the rate of cell death was nearly 30 times the normal rate.

NMDA receptors are found in the developing and adult brain. When immature nerve cells are exposed to NMDA receptors located at these synaptic connections, glutamate can promote the survival and healthy development of neurons. NMDA antagonists block glutamate's action at these receptors, interfering with the survival mechanism. The researchers reported that the toxic effect occurs early in synaptogenesis, and that immature nerve cells are sensitive to apoptosis only when they are in the normal brain during development. The results are significant because NMDA antagonists are important transmitter in the developing nervous system. The long-term effects of these toxins on development of the nervous system are unknown. Earlier this year, Olney and Ikonomidou believe the mechanism that causes death in developing brain is not the same as that in the adult brain, and that drugs that block NMDA receptors in the adult brain could also be used to treat Alzheimer's disease to schizophrenia.

"Our present findings show that several anesthetics and drugs of abuse can trigger the cell suicide process, but other similar drugs still must be tested," Olney said. "For example, alcohol is abused by many people, including pregnant women, and it has the properties of an NMDA antagonist. So we currently are investigating whether it can trigger neuronal suicide in the developing brain. In addition, certain anesthetic agents such as ketamine and nitrous oxide are sometimes used in combination with one another. We want to explore the possibility that the risk of brain damage may be increased by using these drugs in combination."

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Grants totalling $8.9 million awarded to medical faculty

Numerous School of Medicine faculty recently have received grants of $1 million or more. The grants fund research on topics ranging from asthma to leukemia to transplantation. The grants awarded include:

- Robert C. Strunk, M.D., professor of pediatrics, has received a five-year $1.9 million grant from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute to study a blood test for pediatric asthma and allergies.
- Michael J. Hoffmann, M.D., the Selden Professor of Medicine and an associate professor of pediatrics, biology and physiology, received a five-year, $1 million grant from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute to study the function of a rare protein in cystic fibrosis.
- Jacques C. Benagiano, M.D., Ph.D., professor of pathology and of cell biology and physiology, received a four-year, $1.6 million grant from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases to study a sugar chain that might influence the activity of certain proteins.
- Jay L. Hers, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor of pathology and co-director of hematopathology services, has received a five-year, $1 million grant from the National Cancer Institute to study abnormal forms of a gene that is linked to acute myeloid leukemia.
- E. Lindsley, M.D., assistant professor of cell biology and physiology, has received a four-year, $1 million grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences to continue her studies on signaling proteins that are difficult to study in the past.

"The work is at the forefront of urologic research and patient care," Andriole said. "I am proud to carry on the tradition of excellence, committed to the patients at St. Louis and around the country who come here for their medical care, and passionate about providing outstanding educational opportunities for our medical students and residents."

Andriole has published more than 100 papers on the detection and treatment of prostate cancer and other genital and urinary problems. He also was instrumental in shaping the safety of a particular procedure called hormone manipulation, which permits radical prostatectomy patients to avoid blood transfusions by donating their own blood minutes before surgery. The blood is then returned at the end of surgery. Andriole is editor-in-chief of the Yearbook of Urologic Oncology and is on the editorial advisory boards of Surgical Rounds, Infections in Urology, The Prostate Journal and Urology International. He is a reviewer for numerous other journals, including the Journal of the American Medical Association, Journal of Urology, Cancer and Annals of Surgical Oncology. He holds administrative and leadership positions on several national trials, including the Prostate Cancer Chemoprevention Trial and the Prostate Intervention Treatment and Observational Trial. In addition, he is chairman of the Gynecologic Cancer Committee of the American College of Surgeons Oncology Group and serves on the advisory boards of several pharmaceutical companies with an interest in prostate and other urologic diseases.

Through an accelerated medical program, he received both bachelor's and medical degrees within a five-year period from Harvard University (Harvard Inverstity and Jefferson Medical College, respectively). Following a surgical residency at the University of Rochester and a urology residency at Harvard, he went to the National Cancer Institute to work in a urologic oncology program. Two years later, he was recruited to Washington University as an assistant professor of urologic surgery and chief of urology for Barnes-Jewish Hospital. Since 1990, Andriole has performed more than 30 trials of new medications and devices for the treatment of urologic diseases. His funding from the National Institutes of Health to study cancer screening and benign prostatic enlargement totals more than $14 million. He leads the St. Louis portion of a National Cancer Institute study known as the Prostate, Lung, Colorectal and Ovarian Cancer Screening Trial. This large-scale study will determine whether widespread use of certain cancer-screening tests can save lives.

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**World premiere of 'Gertrude and Alice' at Edison Feb. 4 and 5**

*By Liam Ottens*

A play is a play is a play of course, but perhaps it is unique to a play when it involves three fixtures of New World cultures and theatre scene still more when it's a world premiere sixty years in the making. Such a play welcome to Washington University Thursday and Friday, Feb. 4 and 5, when director Anne Bogart and actors Lola Pashalinski and Linda Chapmanak star in the two-woman show "Gertrude and Alice: A Likeness to Loving" to Edison Theatre. Performances are at 8 p.m.

"Gertrude and Alice" examines the turbulent relationship between one of early modernism's most famous artistic duos, the writers Gertrude Stein and her companion Alice B. Toklas. Stein was a true American original, a literary sensation and Middle Eastern refugee, still promoted by thousands of writers and artists - while Toklas served as her housekeeper, keeper, and, upon Stein's death, as the perpetuator of her legacy.

The search to uncover the real women behind their often self-created mythology has proven to be a labor of love for Chapman and Pashalinski, who began writing "Gertrude and Alice" in 1992. Based on Stein's published writings and a wealth of unpublished material (including Toklas' edna's letters, essays, notes to Stein's manuscripts), the play depicts the two women's dedication to one another as well as their many struggles - over art, over sex, over jealousy, power and fame. Most importantly, the work examines how Stein's writing developed from her daily life with Toklas. Bogart joined the project two years ago after attending a public reading of the work-in-progress. "I was convinced that Gertrude Stein is my artistic mother," Bogart said. "It was much more than that. I could happily spend much more time with the two women, the two sisters Chapman and Pashalinski." An Off-Broadway production of "Gertrude and Alice" produced by The Foundry Theatre is planned for this year. At the Edison Theatre, the play is produced by The Foundry Theatre and others.

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Tuesday, Feb. 2
11 a.m. Biology colloquium. "An Integrative Approach to Studying Sexual Selection." Andrew Site, prof. of philosophy, Dep’t of Philosophy, Wesleyan University, Middletown and Cells to Whines." (Also Feb. 6, same time and place.) (Also Feb. 9, same time and place.) 11 a.m. School of Art video lecture. "Humanism and Psychology in Post-Minimalist Music." Working with Russell Brooks, writer and critic. (Also Feb. 9, same time and place.)

Thursday, Feb. 4

4:30 p.m. Mathematics Forum. 90. "A Mathematical Excursion to Chicago." The 4 p.m. Room 109, Edison Theatre. 935-0760.

Friday, Feb. 5


Saturday, Feb. 6
4:30 p.m. OVATIONS! series concert. "Blind Boys of Alabama With The Persuasions." Concert sold-out, Call for information. Edison Theatre. 935-6543.

Sports Section

Washington University's mens's and women's basketball teams face a crucial stretch of games as they vie for NCAA postseason bids. Both have a pair of home dates this week featuring renowned opponents. On Friday, play six of their final eight games away from St. Louis. For the weekend, play six of their final eight games away from St. Louis. For Saturday, the teams' road contests with Emory University and New York University (Feb. 21). WU defeated the Violets, who won the 1994 NCAA D-III title, in their last meeting in January. To meet the Bears in February, despite a home date remaining with the University of Chicago. The teams were scheduled to open the UAA season Jan. 3 in St. Louis, but heavy snow forced the postponement of those games until the final week of the season.

Both Washington U. hoops coaches have rolled on since achieving a unique milestone Jan. 6 at Haverford (Pa.). College. Both Faber and Edwards, who have spent more than three years with the Bears sweep the Fords. Faber sports a 1-2-0-1 series since Feb. 6, that lucky audience will be in a position to do, people to listen to a cappella music, the quality of which has been praised. The Bears record a breakthrough campaign, is fourth in scoring with a 17 ppg clip. Fischer, the WBCA Division III Player of the Year last season, also leads the conference in blocked shots (2.7 blocks per game) and field-goal percentage (578). Fischer ranks fifth among league players in rebounding (9 rebounds per game), while Rodgers is seventh (7.3 rpg). The WU guard ranks among the league leaders in assists, block shots and free-throw percentage. Junior forward Dave DeCregt, playing his first season at WU after transferring from Truman State University, is averaging 12.3 rebounds per game and has posted a "double-double" of double figures in points and rebounds in five of the last seven games. DeCregt, who has averaged 11.3 ppg and 10.7 rpg since entering the starting lineup Dec. 2, has established himself as the top rebounder. He also shows up in the top 10 in the league in scoring (seventh, 15 pgp) and field-goal percentage (fourth, .546).

The one-night-only show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are $25 and are available at the Edison Theatre Box Office, 935-6543, or through Metrotix, 534-1111. For discounts, the performances are sponsored by MetroTix's OVATIONS! Series. For more information, call 935-6543.

Sports
U College takes up millennium issues

Our lectures this spring will examine the turning of the millennium from different perspectives. The annual lecture series, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by University College in Arts and Sciences and by Department of Liberal Arts program.

Led by Arts and Sciences professors, the lectures will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday Feb. 6 - 27 in the Goldfarb Auditorium McDonnell Hall.

The theme, "Approaching the Millennium," encompasses ways in which the idea of the millennium has been used to create the sense of a climatic moment, a moment of significant endings and beginnings in theology, politics and in social and cultural life.

The series includes the following lectures:

Feb. 6 — "Counting the Numbers of the Beast: Apocalypticism in Early Modern England" presented by Derek M. Hill, Ph.D., the William E. Long Professor of English and Chair of the Department of English History;

Feb. 13 — "Millennium in Early Christianity" presented by J. Patot Burn, Ph.D., the Thomas and Alberta White Professor of Christian Thought;

Feb. 20 — "Time Trials: Millennial Anxieties from 1600 to 2000" A.D." presented by Gerald Schiller Williams, Ph.D., professor of Germanic Languages and Literatures and associate vice chancellor of academic affairs;

Feb. 27 — "Looking Forward by Looking Back" presented by Martin Friedlander, Ph.D., professor of physics. Friedlander will look at discoveries of 20th-century science that could have had no history place in a league by himself. I can think of no one who is better equipped to impart the science's momentum and lead us into the 21st century.

Among Seligman's accomplishments at the University of Arizona was a $1.3 million capital campaign launched and completed at the School of Law. Additionally, Seligman spearheaded five campus-wide efforts to review the successful completion of three re-accreditation processes; initiated an annual review of the law clinic, the first of its kind in the nation; and has launched a new public interest discussion series with host Michael Trafton, the Justice Department Antitrust litigator. Thanks to Dan Keating's efforts, the law school is currently achieving a level of excellence that is unprecedented. Keating has also served as the law school's former students' organization, the Law Students Association, as a law student, and as a practicing attorney.

Eminent scholar

An eminent scholar on securities regulation, Seligman is the author or co-author of seven books and numerous articles on legal issues related to the securities and commodities, including the 11-volume treatise co-authored with the late Louis Loss, "Securities Regulation," which is the preeminent treatise in the field. His book, "The Transformation of Wall Street: A History of the Securities and Exchange Commission and Modern Corporate Finance," is widely cited as classic and field.

At the University of Arizona College of Law, Seligman was named the Samuel M. Fergley Professor of Law in 1995.

Seligman chosen to head law school

Previously served on the law faculties of the University of Michigan, George Washington University, and Northwestern University. He has been a consultant to the Federal Trade Commission, the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Office of Technology Assessment.

Seligman received a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1971 and a law degree in 1974 from the University of Arizona Law School.

He has two children, Andrea, 14, and Joel, 13.

Keating, who succeeded Dorsey D. Ellis Jr. as dean on July 1, 1998, will retain his former position as associate dean and professor of law at Washington University. He has served as the law school's associate dean. Keating said he welcomes the opportunity to continue his work with Seligman's administration.

"We are thrilled that Joel has agreed to serve as our new dean," Keating said. "He has all the intellectual, administrative, personal and leadership qualities we could ever have hoped to find. Joel is already familiar with the workings as a dean and his exemplary record as a teacher and scholar will place him in a league by himself. I can think of no one who is better equipped to impart the science's momentum and lead us into the 21st century."

Seligman has been a member of the medical school faculty for 53 years. Known as an excellent clinical teacher, Flance has been at the forefront of clinical teaching for these generations of internists and medical students. In addition, he is still very active in medical education and in the affairs of the School of Medicine.

Seligman was at the University of Chicago Medical School, where he is a senior associate professor of medicine and the University of the Women's Society of the Medical School. He is also a former president of the St. Louis Jewish Federation and has been a member of the University of the Women's Society of the Medical School. He is also a former president of the St. Louis Jewish Federation and has been a member of the University of the Women's Society of the Medical School. He is also a former president of the St. Louis Jewish Federation and has been a member of the University of the Women's Society of the Medical School.

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Rosemary Flance, a graduate of the University of Chicago, is an active supporter of the University's Women's Society of the Medical School. She also was a former president of the Women's Society of the School of Medicine.

"The School of Law's new state-of-the-art Anheuser-Busch Hall will set the pace for legal education into the next millennium. Students, faculty, alumni, parents and friends have been full partners in the School's transformation. Today, I look forward to their support for our inspirational vision," Seligman said. "We are thrilled that Joel has agreed to serve as our new dean."
Egbert named deputy general counsel

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ill W. Egbert, a corporate attorney and former state prosecutor, has been appointed assistant vice chancellor and deputy general counsel, according to Michael R. Cannon, vice chancellor and general counsel. He will serve as the principal attorney for the School of Law and corporate counsel.

Egbert will direct the development of policies to assure compliance with local, state and federal laws and manage negotiations concerning hospital and physician affiliation agreements and managed care agreements. He also will help assess the impact of local laws on the hospital system and relevant to health and higher education issues.

"Egbert brings to this position broad legal experience, a thorough grasp of the law and a high regard for legal ethics," Cannon said. "He is known for his broad view and supportive leadership in defense of academic freedom. He is also one of the most prestigious and dynamic patient care and scientific research leaders in the country."

As a partner in the St. Louis-based law firm of Bryan Cave, Egbert focused his practice on antitrust and general commercial litigation. Previously, as an assistant United States attorney in the Eastern District, Egbert supervised the investigation, prosecution and prosecution of more than 60 federal criminal cases. Before that he practiced as an associate with two different California law firms and as a legislative assistant for Sen. John C. Danforth. He has written and lectured on topics related to health care.

Egbert served in the U.S. Army National Guard and reserves from 1982-1994 and was the Distinguished Leadership Graduate, ranking first in his class of 200 people. He also received an expert infantry badge, an Army commendation medal and army service ribbon.

Egbert received a bachelor's degree from Harvard College in 1983 and a J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1986. He is a member of the Missouri and California bar associations. He is married and has four children.

Nickrent: Overseas schedule

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Adams: Appointment leadership programs

Mark W. Egbert (left), newly appointed as assistant vice chancellor and deputy general counsel, will team with Michael R. Cannon, vice chancellor and general counsel. to effective publicize events and meetings on campus.
in the highlands of Sumatra, Indonesia, known for its coffee plantations, rice fields and spectacular vistas. John R. Bowen, Ph.D., professor of anthropology in Arts and Sciences, has documented a rich and complex tapestry of cultural change among the Gayo, who inhabit the area.

Through groundbreaking fieldwork beginning in 1978, Bowen has traced the intricacies of cultural and social shifts in the Gayo people's oral traditions, Islamic practice and legal systems. His innovative research focuses on the adaptations and the variation in religious practices and rituals, the meanings to individuals as they carry out religious rituals related to farming, healing, praying and burying the dead. Bowen has analyzed broader religious informations taking place in the Indonesian nation and the worldwide Muslim community as well.

"My Gayo fieldwork showed me how many generalizations and religious debates about what 'Islam says' are misleading," Bowen said. "There is no such person named 'Islam' who pronounces on human life. Only a lot of people, connected in various ways and with differing degrees of authority, who make pronouncements. They often make these because of the culture or political interests and values they have, not because they are Muslims. Gayo Muslims, for example, have relatively gender-equal attitudes, and they see their religion through that lens."

Bowen's book "Muslims through Discourse" illustrates his focus on examining the living and lively interchange among the Muslims in Sumatra concerning a wide variety of practices, customs and ideas while setting that interchange in historical and cultural context," said one of the professors of the history of religion and Islamic studies. Bowen's work shows that clearly religious concerns are not isolated, 'special' ones set apart from other sectors of life, but intimately involved in and inseparable from all of them.

Bowen's overall interest in religion and ritual, including a course he teaches on the topic, led to his newest book, "Religions in Practice." The book examines specific religious practices and rituals, drawing from a variety of religious traditions. While focusing on the rituals, rules, symbols and the laws that shape religion in different societies, common elements such as gathering, rituals, as well as the social context and diversity of interpretations within religions.

Touring France
Bowen originally became interested in the social sciences while tackling the issues of the day as a member of his high school's state championship football team in Minneapolis. After enrolling at Stanford University, he had his first taste of blending into another culture when playing drums in an admittedly dismal, free jazz band. After receiving a bachelor's degree in 1973, Bowen joined a network of artists and spent an additional six months touring Europe while playing drums in an admittedly dismal, free jazz band. After receiving a bachelor's degree in 1973, Bowen spent another year studying in France through a Fulbright-Hays Fellowship. He then earned a master's degree in 1977 and a doctorate in 1984, both in anthropology, from the University of Chicago. Bowen joined the Department of Anthropology here in 1984. He was named chair of the University's Committee on Social Thought and Analysis in 1991 and Chair of the Commission on Undergraduate Curriculum in Arts and Sciences in 1997. Over the years, Bowen has valued the numerous opportunities at the University for both creativity and work across disciplinary boundaries.

The Social Thought and Analysis program, which involves faculty from anthropology, economics, education, history, law, medicine, political science, psychology and sociology, strives to give students a comprehensive look at society and culture for the 21st century. Uniting social theory and empirical analysis, the program focuses on social problems arising from distributions of power and resources. Graduate student Erin Stiles noted Bowen's knack for tackling issues from a variety of perspectives. "One of Professor Bowen's best qualities is his ability to connect ideas from different areas and disciplines in interesting ways," she said. "He is a very creative thinker and this comes through in his teaching style, which is open and fluid."

A gifted professor, Bowen received the Kemper Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1992. His current teaching and research focuses on the history of anthropological theory, religion and ritual, historical sociological and social theory.

Bowen inspired her in her career as a professor. "Professor Bowen is a stellar scholar, who combines remarkable skill as a fieldworker with a truly breathtaking grasp on sociological theory," she said. "Everyday that I work as a professor, I realize more and more how much I owe Professor Bowen and the anthropology program at Washington University. Professor Bowen prepared me well to be a professional scholar."

Overall, Bowen believes that social anthropology can help to combat stereotypes and demonstrate that cultural differences need not engender conflict. "We need to counter tendencies to reduce other societies to the level of 'primitive' or 'developing' or some such evolutionary category," he said. "The anthropological challenge is to show just how different their lives indeed are, and also how much we all really are alike."

John R. Bowen, Ph.D.
Education B.A., Stanford University; M.A., Ph.D., University of Chicago
Academic service National Science Foundation, Cultural Anthropology, Dissertation Panel; Editorial Board, Political and Legal Anthropology Review
Family Wife, Vicki Carlson; sons, Jeffrey, 11, and Gregory, 8
Interests: Coaching soccer, ice hockey teams; spending time at family home in Colorado Springs

This Kerawang tapestry is typical of indigenous art forms in the Gayo highlands.