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Practicum

Fostering careers in geriatric social work

Becoming a social worker requires a strong interest in people and a commitment to helping others. Many programs have emerged in metropolitan areas to help students acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for a career in geriatric social work. Washington University's School of Social Work, for example, has been offering a geriatric social work practicum since 1980. This practicum provides students with the opportunity to work with clients who are elderly and to gain experience in geriatric social work.

The practicum is designed to be a learning experience for students and an opportunity for practitioners to share their knowledge and expertise. The program includes a variety of placements, such as hospitals, nursing homes, and community-based organizations. Students are supervised by experienced social workers who provide guidance and feedback.

The practicum is open to students who have completed at least one year of social work coursework. Students are expected to complete 400 hours of field experience over the course of the practicum.

The practicum is a requirement for all students in the geriatric social work concentration. Students are encouraged to begin their practicum experiences as early as possible to gain a competitive edge in the job market.

For more information, contact the School of Social Work at 314-935-4600 or visit the School's website at http://www.ssw.wustl.edu/gerontechnology.

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News Briefs

Campus quiz: Visitors to whom Hilltop Campus building pass under this delicate ornament?

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St. Louis County schedules hearing on parking proposal

By Christine Farmer

The County Public Improvements Committee, a subcommittee of the St. Louis County Council, will meet Thursday, Sept. 9, to consider a proposal that would amend the University's parking agreement with the county. The subcommittee will then make a recommendation to the council.

The proposal's changes are to: avoid the construction and continue the building additional parking spaces on the Hilltop Campus that may not be necessary," said Steve S. Hoffman, assistant vice chancellor for students and director of operations. "Even at times of high demand, more than 73 percent of parking spaces on the Hilltop Campus are in use."

Some neighbors are concerned that any changes to the parking proposal will have an impact on the Hilltop Campus. "The proposal changed the number of required spaces. It's a change up, and we should go through the city," said Mary Taylor, a resident of the nearby neighborhood. "We think it's a good idea to have more parking on the Hilltop, but we want to make sure it doesn't overcrowd the campus and affect student life."

The subcommittee will consider the parking proposal and make a recommendation to the council. The final decision will be made by the St. Louis County Council.
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For the first time, scientists have obtained 3-D snapshots that reveal how a bacterium colonizes its host. One set of X-ray images show the protein complexes that bacteria use to colonize the bladder. A second set captures a key event in kidney infection. Papers reporting these findings appeared in the Aug. 13 issue of *Science*.

“These are the first detailed snapshots of the interaction between a disease-causing bacterium and its host,” said Scott J. Hultgren, Ph.D., professor of molecular microbiology and medical biophysics at the School of Medicine. Hultgren heads the research program that spawned the two imaging studies, and he is a co-author of the two papers.

Over the past 10 years, Hultgren’s group has determined how the bacterium E. coli makes sticky hairs called pili, which many other bacteria use to attach to and colonize the body as well. These hairs enable bacteria to cling to tissue instead of getting swept away by bodily fluids called urine. When hard, the bacteria contact areas of the body, preventing pilus from being made or doing their job should be an effective new antimicrobial strategy.

Hultgren’s team has identified the major players in pilus assembly. The first pili protein subunits that eventually are assembled into pilus, boomerang-shaped proteins called pili, have been found. The second pili subunits to the bacterial cell surface and doughnut-shaped proteins called usher that prevent pilus and extrude pili. The first pilus subunits to emerge through the usher are different from the rest. Adhesins give the pilus the sticky tip that enables the bacterium to colonize its host. Hultgren and colleagues previously showed that E. coli lackadick is unable to infect the bladder. And in collaboration with Immunomedicare, Inc., they demonstrated a presence in mouse model that the adhesin is an active vaccine — the immune system to disarm any E. coli bacteria that carry the same adhesin. Hultgren also has been collaborating with a drug development company to develop therapies that will block the formation of bacterial adherence. “These findings would be useful in the prevention and treatment of bacterial infections in humans. Stefan D. Knight, Ph.D., associate professor of molecular microbiology, and postdoctoral fellow Devapriya Choudhury, Ph.D., both at Upstate Roswell Medical Center in New York, have obtained 3-D images of a chaperone (FimC) complexed with an adaptor protein (FimF). The latter joins the adhesive tip to the pilus. Sauer and Füttener were first authors of this paper.

The proteins were prepared in Hultgren’s lab from a strain of E. coli that lacks the infection. "These images provide a complete list of all known interactions between the PapK subunit and the chaperones, and any of these interactions could be targeted for drug development," Waksman said. "We can predict, E. coli cannot form pilus. That would prevent the bacterium from colonizing its host."

Both the PapK subunit and the part of FimH that interacts with FimH have obtained X-ray images of a different chaperone (PapD) complexed with an adaptor protein (PapS). The latter joins the chaperones in an immunoglobulin fold that could temporally share its seventh strand with a subunit. By taking the subunit under its wing, it created a complete barrel instead of a cylinder, because of a missing piece. In other immunoglobulin folds, the seventh strand protects a water-repelling region that does not like to be kept dry in aqueous cell environment. The researchers call the chaperone’s action "strand supplementation" - the ability to lend the subunit one of many new lines of research.”

## Faculty Practice Plan boosts emergency room operations

With more than 85,000 patient visits last year, the BJH emergency department is seeking a number of ways to better serve its growing patient population. The School of Medicine’s Division of Emergency Medicine has transferred from the Department of Medicine to become a free-standing division under the joint auspices of the Faculty Practice Plan (FPP) and William A. Peck, M.D., executive officer. "We are confident that the clinical operations of the emergency department will smooth patient flow and help us meet that objective for our patients as well as our staff and emergency providers,” said Peck.

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## Diemer named assistant dean for career counseling

Kathryn M. Diemer, M.D., assistant professor of medicine, has been named assistant dean for career counseling. Her appointment was announced by William A. Peck, M.D., chair of the residency committee and mentor who interacts with the students and residents. She was named Sept. 9, 1999.

Diemer, a clinical expert on bone health, is a member of the Division of Medical Education at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. She serves as an attending physician, supervises care of patients by house officers and medical students and helps develop primary-care training and ambulatory education for residents. In 1991, she was named Teacher of the Year by the Jewish Hospital Department of Medicine. At the medical school, she serves on the Admissions Committee and is a member of the Cori Society, which provides forum for students and faculty to interact in informal settings. Diemer also serves on the Women’s Affairs Committee of the American Association of Medical Colleges and is a member of the American College of Physicians and the Society for General Internal Medicine. She holds a bachelor’s degree in biology and a medical degree from the University of Missouri in Kansas City. After obtaining her degree in ophthalmology and genitourinary medicine at the University of California-Los Angeles, she is a leading x-ray crystallographer of proteins. The two papers also are relevant to research in diseases in addition to bladder and kidney infections because middle-ear infections, pneumonia, meningitis, gonorrhea and many other infections involve bacteria that make pilus. But what we’re really excited about, Hultgren said, is that these principles might apply to a wide range of biological fibers, such as the amyloid fibers that are important in the processing of the prion protein associated with mad cow disease and linked to Parkinson’s disease. Therefore, we hope our findings will stimulate new lines of research.”

## Record set

In the electric car shown here, Patrick Rummerfield, assessment coordinator of the School of Medicine’s Injury Prevention Center, recently set a new land speed record of 295.9 mph in a race on the salt flats of Bonneville, Utah. Rummerfield, a recovered quadriplegic, is a marathon runner and the only person with severe spinal cord injuries to complete the Ironman Triathlon in Hawaii.
**University Events**

**Exhibitions**
- "Affinity of Form: African and Modern European Art" through Oct. 24, Gallery of Art, lower level.

**Lectures**
- Jonathan Weiner will speak on "The Complete Millenium Musical" at 4:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, Philosophy colloquium. Room 100 Brown Hall.
- "Grotesques Glass Graham: Marriage of Architecture and Design" through Oct. 12, Gallery of Art, lower level.
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**Science writer Jonathan Weiner to speak here**

Jonathan Weiner, Pulitzer-prize winning science writer, will deliver the Thomas Hall Lecture, titled "Evolution in Action: The View From Darwin's Islands and Beyond," at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15 in Graham Chapel.

Weiner is a visiting professor of Near Eastern languages and literatures since 1996. In 1998, he served as the McGraw Professor of Writing in Residence at the University of California, Los Angeles.

"I believe the universe is so much more than we can grasp," Weiner said. "The goal of my writing is not just to report, but to connect with my readers and inspire them to think on their own.

Weiner is the author of other books including "Planet of the Apes:" "The Next Hundred Years," which was named the Spiritual Heir to Darwin's "Origin of Species;" "Hundred Years," which was named the Ultimate Cliff Notes on the History of the World, and "The Next Hundred Years:"

Weiner earned a bachelor's degree in English and American Literature from Harvard University in 1976.

"One of my goals is to give students a new appreciation of the impact of science on our lives," Weiner says.

"I believe in the power of words to move people to action," he says. "And I believe in the power of stories to influence the way people think.

"We must continue to learn about the world around us, and the future of our planet depends on our ability to understand and appreciate the science that shapes our lives," Weiner emphasizes.

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Scholarships

Gift honors three esteemed scholars — from page 7

...his desire to convey what's important about science to the layperson," says Anne W. Hefteig, associate professor of University College in Arts & Sciences, where Friedlander has taught in the Master of Liberal Arts (MLA) program since its inception in the early 1980s.

Friedlander received a Distributed Faculty Award from the University’s Alumni Association at the 1975 Founders Day banquet.

A fellow of the University-McDonnell Center for the Space Sciences in Arts & Sciences, Friedlander has received numerous grants for his research in high-energy physics and cosmic rays.

He has written four books: "The Conduct of Science," "Astronomy: From Prehistoric Times to Quasars," "Cosmic Rays," and "At the Fringes of the Solar System." "

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Notables

Thomas Brounk named assistant director of Student Health and Counseling Service

Thomas M. Brounk, Ph.D., has been appointed assistant director for the Student Health and Counseling Service, according to Laurie Reitman, M.D., director. Brounk replaces Richard W. Sherraden, Ph.D., who recently retired after 30 years of service to the University. Brounk, a licensed psychologist who has primary responsibility for the Student Health Service, has been at the University since 1994. As first assistant director, he will provide clinical services and be responsible for the coordination and supervision of mental health service operations. He also will review and develop policies consistent with the changing mental health needs of students and be concerned with and provide consultation for parents, faculty and staff.

Brounk graduated from the chemistry department in 1987 at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn. He received a master's degree in 1990 and a doctorate in 1996, both in mental health psychology from the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

He trained at Ohio State's Counseling and Consultation Service, at Denison University's Counseling Service and at the University of Cincinnati's Counseling Center before completing a clinical psychology residency at the University of Texas at Austin Counseling and Mental Health Center. Brounk's professional interests include anxiety management, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues; group therapy; and depression.

He serves as a counseling service liaison to the School of Residential Life, a facilitator of Safe Zones Training and a coordinator of Black Men/White Men: Breaking Down Barriers.

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Obituaries

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On assignment

Mark W. Smith, J.D., associate dean for student services at the University of Konstanz in Germany, has been selected by Gov. Mel Carnahan to the St. Louis Circuit Court as a member of the Circuit Court Commissioners. Smith will serve the remaining three and a half years of a four-year term on the board, which oversees St. Louis City Police Department operations, including budgeting, hiring, promotion and disciplinary products.

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Speaking of...

Stephen H. Legomsky, J.D., Ph.D., the Charles F. Nagel Friedman Professor of Neurolaw, recently presented a seminar on "Molecular Mechanisms of Human Neurological Diseases." In the same setting, David M. Holzman, M.D., associate professor of neurology and of molecular biology and pharmacology, recently spoke on "Apoptosis and Cell Survival."
Early each weekday, Beverly Hahn abandons the quiet of 85 wooded acres in Washington County to commute to the School of Medicine. Sixty-five miles lie between her home and her job as executive director of the Department of Pediatrics.

Instead of dealing with urban traffic, Hahn has the time to mentally prepare for the day ahead. “All of a sudden, you can expect a three-hour commute to Washington University every day,” she said. “And maybe it’s because there’s no traffic at work — going from one site to the next — that it’s pure relaxation to get home and just stare. Then suddenly a deer walks by, or I see a hummingbird.”

Hahn has been at the medical school for almost a quarter of a century. Starting in 1974, she worked as a medical secretary in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology for about six years before joining the pediatrics department.

A talented manager

Over the years, Hahn has earned a reputation as a talented manager and as an invaluable member of any team. “She maintains a unique sense of perspective about the special role an organization such as ours has in society,” said Larry Bast, director of Washington University facilities management. “The pediatrics department, in addition to gaining more national prominence, has grown almost three-fold since Hahn joined it.”

She is also expected to take over as the department’s fiscal, administrative and budgetary functions and acts as a liaison between Alan L. Schwartz, M.D., Ph.D., the Harriet B. Spoehrer Professor and head of pediatrics, and the faculty, administration and hospitals in the BJC Health System.

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— FETTER

Beverly Hahn

Born and raised in Affton, Mo.

Position Executive director, Department of Pediatrics

Family Husband, John Hahn; three stepchildren, Eric, 19; Melissa, 12, and Daniel, 10.

Interests Wildlife, gardening

The Hahn family roughed it in this one-room cabin for three months while they built a house in Cadet, Mo.

As executive director of the Department of Pediatrics, Beverly Hahn has responsibility for a host of management details, including picking out carpet (above) for medical student offices in St. Louis Children’s Hospital.

As a former medical secretary, Hahn was part of two families, a move to the McDonnell Pediatric Research Building, slated for completion next spring. Schwartz describes Hahn as an excellent citizen of the medical school community. “She has a strong commitment to the excellence of our school and is able to balance the big picture with the minute-to-minute details needed to support long-term goals,” he said.

“In addition, she has an enormous capacity for hard work. When necessary, she can roll up her sleeves and get things done,” Schwartz said.

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Over the years, she said, the most challenging part has been working with three department heads — Phillip R. Dodge, M.D., Harvey R. Cohen, M.D., and Schwartz — who looked at everything very differently. Her responsibility was to build the structure needed to support their administrative styles.

Managing people is one of her job’s most rewarding aspects, and her goal is making sure the staff enjoy what they’re doing. “The biggest thing I want is for someone to be excited coming into work,” she said. She tries to put herself in her employees’ shoes and to understand their perspectives, but she also believes it’s her responsibility to communicate what she needs from them. Overall, she said, her biggest obstacle is keeping people motivated, especially during transitions. Growing up in Affton, Mo., Hahn was part of two families, a circumstance she considered a "Geographic special," she said. "It was interesting and always an adventure. But it did get a little tight in that cabin.”

Hahn stowed her clothes and other personal items in her car. Each night, he built a bonfire for cooking.

Family project

She and her husband, a project manager for Larry Bast Construction, designed the 4,500-square-foot house that was recently pitched in to build the frame. "It's an experience the kids will never forget," Hahn said. "The youngest one can hammer a nail and use a screw gun better than most adults.""}

Spending summers on a farm made Hahn dream of living in the country. After she and her second husband, John, married in 1992, they decided urban sprawl was encroaching on their life in House Springs, Mo. They began looking for land to build a house for their new family, which includes John’s three children from a previous marriage.

John stumbled upon a piece of property with a pond full of bass and bluegill in Cadet, Mo., directly across from Washington State Park. “He couldn’t contain himself when he came home. In his mind, he had found a piece of heaven, and it pretty much is,” Hahn said.

For a few years, a small, one-bedroom cabin on the property served as their weekend retreat. But when they started building a new house there, they and Eric, now 19; Melissa, 12, and Daniel, 10, lived for about three months in the 200-square-foot cabin.

"We put bunk beds along one wall so everyone would have a space," Hahn said. "It was interesting and always an adventure. But it did get a little tight in that cabin.”

Hahn has been at the medical school for almost a quarter of a century.