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University to host presidential debate

BY ANDY CLENDENEN

Washington University will host
the presidential debate scheduled for 8 p.m.
Oct. 3, 2004, according to an announce-
ment made Nov. 6 by Paul G. Kirk Jr. and Frank
J. Furness Jr., co-chairmen of the Com-
mission on Presidential Debates (CPD).

This is the fourth consecutive time the
University has been selected by the CPD to host
a debate. As with previous debates, the 2004
event will be held in the Athletic Complex.

The University hosted the first presiden-
tial debate held prior to the 1992 election, was
selected to host a presidential debate in 1996
and includes an addi-
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Civil rights digital archive to be created through grant

By Andy Clemensten

University Libraries is one of three recipients of a nearly $500,000 grant to produce a prototype of a digital library collection focused on the Civil Rights Movement in the United States. University Libraries, along with The Media Library of the WGBH Educational Foundation and the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute (BCRI), will share the $499,334 grant to develop broad-based projects to meet the challenge of matching rich media archives with educational needs.

"We expect that this will be the first of several grants to support the care and dissemination of materials on this important period in American history — the Civil Rights Movement," said Shirley E. Baker, dean of University Libraries and vice chancellor for information technology.

Building on WGBH's TeenCity! Domain ontology platform, this initiative will feature multimedia assets of all three collections, highlighted by extensive oral histories recorded by BCRI, the encyclopedia records of the Henry Hampton Collection housed within the Media and Film Archive at the University, and broadcasts and video programming at WGBH.

The final product will include primary source interviews, dramatic recreations, historical footage, supporting teacher guides and companion Web sites that will significantly extend its educational impact.

Expert on Chinese law to lecture Nov. 10

By Jessica Martin

Jerome A. Cohen, a leading expert on Chinese law, will present a lecture on "Crimal Justice & U.S.-China Relations" at 3 p.m. Nov. 10 in the Bryan Cave Moot Courtroom of Anheuser-Busch Hall.

Cohen, professor of law at New York University and of counsel at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, has expertise in business law relating to Asia and has represented foreign companies in contract negotiations and dispute resolution in China, Vietnam and other countries of East Asia.

He serves as director of Asia Studies at the U.S. Councils for Foreign Relations and is adviser to the government of Sichuan province in China.

A question-and-answer session and reception will be held after his talk, which is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Whitney R. Harris Institute for Global Legal Studies in the School of Law.

For more information, e-mail Linda McClain at mcclainl@wulaw.wustl.edu.

'Globalization, the State, and Society' conference

By Jessica Martin

The Center for Interdisciplinary Studies and the Whitney R. Harris Institute for Global Legal Studies in the School of Law and the Department of Political Science in Arts and Sciences will present a conference called "Globalization, the State, and Society" Nov. 13-14 in the Bryan Cave Moot Courtroom of Anheuser-Busch Hall.

This event is part of the Sesquicentennial celebration.

The conference will explore issues and debates over the relationship between globalization and sovereignty and the prospects for the modern social welfare state and state-society bargains in an increasingly global economy.

Conference panels are interdisciplinary with participants representing the fields of political science, economics and law. Panelists include members of the University faculty and experts from around the world.

Papers presented by the panelists will be compiled into an edited volume to be released in 2004.

The conference is free and open to the public. For more information, e-mail Linda McClain at mcclainl@wulaw.wustl.edu.

WGBH hopes to come up with a winning design during a pumpkin-carving contest

Katherine Paterson

A well-known children's author, Katherine Paterson, who wrote Bridge to Terabithia, will host a pair of events for the 2003-04 Center for the Humanities in Arts & Sciences' Writers Series Nov. 17-18.

At 8 p.m. Nov. 17, Paterson will read from her work in Anheuser-Busch Hall, Room 204. At 4 p.m. Nov. 18, she will lead a seminar and audience discussion on the craft of writing at McMillen Cafe, McMillen Hall, Room 115.

Paterson has written more than 20 books for young people, including Bridge to Terabithia (1977) and Jacob Have I Loved (1980), both winners of the Newbery Medal; and The Great Gilly Hopkins (1978), winner of the Newbery Honor Award. Other novels include Come Sing, Jimmy Jo (1985), Flap-Flap Girl (1994), Prachter's Boy (1999) and The Same Stuf as Stars (2002).

Picture books include The King's Equal (1992) and The Angel and the Donkey (1996), as well as the "I Can Read" books The Smallest Cow in the World (1988) and Marvin One Too Many (2001).

Paterson also is the author of several essay collections, including Gates of Excellence (1981) and The Invisible Child (2001), which explore the craft of writing for children. Her numerous awards include the prestigious Hans Christian Andersen Medal for her body of work.

Paterson is known for crafting perceptive stories of children doing difficult work of growing up, such as Bridge to Terabithia, her breakthrough novel, tells the story of Jess, the fastest boy in the fifth grade; and Leslie, a tomboy newcomer who threatens his title.

Yet despite their competition — or perhaps, because of it — the two grow close and create the magical, imaginary land of Terabithia, a secret kingdom in the woods. In one tragic moment, however, Terabithia shatters into grief and loss, yet also becomes, through their strength of will, an enduring testament to the power of friendship.

Friendship and transformation also lie at the heart of The Great Gilly Hopkins, which tells the story of Gilly, a jaded foster child who, when placed in a new home, is forced to confront her own racial prejudices. Jacob Have I Loved, which tells the story of Gilly, a jaded foster child who, when placed in a new home, is forced to confront her own racial prejudices.

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Paterson was born in Huai'an, China, the daughter of missionary parents. She grew up in China, the United States and worked for several years in Japan. She lives in Barre, VT.

Both University events are free and open to the public and are sponsored by The Center for the Humanities. Copies of Paterson's works will be available for purchase, and a book signing and reception will be held after each event.

For more information, call 935-5576.
School of Medicine neuroscientists are studying the brains of patients with Tourette syndrome to see whether they can identify differences in the dopamine system in people with the tics that characterize the syndrome.

The researchers recently received a grant from the Tourette Syndrome Foundation to use positron emission tomography (PET) imaging to compare dopamine release and uptake in the brains of Tourette patients to people without the syndrome to learn how the important neurotransmitter functions differently in people with the syndrome.

Movies, television shows and other popular media tend to portray people with Tourette as “swearing, suddenly and cursing uncontrollably,” but the syndrome affects only a small percentage of children, said Kevin J. Black, M.D., assistant professor of psychiatry and of radiology.

“I imagine you’re in church during a quiet time of prayer or at a funeral symphony during a soft section of music and you decide to sneeze or yawn,” Black said. “You try to stifle the cough, but your body doesn’t want to cooperate.”

Tourette syndrome is something like that, except it’s “all day, every day,” Black said.

Past research has shown drugs that boost dopamine levels can help people with Tourette as uncontrollably, but the syndrome often waxes and wanes over time.

“Mark’s research team has also noted something like that, except it’s ‘all day, every day,” Black said. “Then, we’ll do the same thing in people with Tourette syndrome to see whether there’s a difference in the amount of dopamine production, which we can measure by looking at raclopride displacement.”

“It’s much more common for people to snort and laugh——you know——involuntary movements such as involuntary cursing, but that’s only a small minority of patients with Tourette as uncontrollably,” Black said.

Black’s research team has also looked at vascular complications such as vascular imaging and clinical hypertrophy. Controlling blood pressure and cardiac hypertrophy are especially common in this population.

As neuroscientists look at PET images of the brain, they can see very bright areas that turn increasingly dimmer as dopamine is taken up by receptors and the raclopride marker is pushed out of the way.

“We’re going to give levodopa to volunteers who don’t have Tourette syndrome to see whether there’s a difference in the amount of dopamine production, which we can measure by looking at raclopride displacement,” Black said. “Then, we’ll do the same thing in people with Tourette syndrome to see whether there’s a difference in the amount of dopamine production, which we can measure by looking at raclopride displacement.”

Black said his research team will also collect a blood sample from each participant. Results from these genetic analyses are expected to be able to move forward and look for vascular complications such as vascular imaging and clinical hypertrophy.

“The risk more than doubles if someone with hypertension also develops left ventricular hypertrophy,” Black said.

The team is looking for both healthy and hypertensive volunteers older than 21 who are interested in recruiting African-Americans because hypertension and cardiac hypertrophy are especially common in this population.

“Hypertension is a major health problem in this country and in most of the industrialized world,” said lead investigator Victor G. Dávila-Roman, M.D., associate professor of medicine, of cardiology and director of the Cardiovascular Imaging and Clinical Research CORE Laboratory.

“By understanding how genetic variations lead to disease, we hope to better understand why certain individuals are at particular risk of developing these health problems. Our ultimate goal is to identify genetic targets for drugs that treat and/or prevent both hypertension and hypertensive heart disease.”

Additional information on hypertensive heart disease can be found at the Hypertension Information Center.

For more information or to volunteer, please call 362-1114 or 362-1076.
Friday, Nov. 14
7 p.m. Traveling East Asian Professionals Program Presentation. The Missouri M.O. Co., sponsored by Film & Media Studies, Brown Hall Rm. 100, 6-30-72-72.

Lectures

Friday, Nov. 7
7 p.m. Traveling East Asian Professionals Program Presentation. The Missouri M.O. Co., sponsored by Film & Media Studies, Brown Hall Rm. 100, 6-30-72-72.

New Opinion: The First Decade of the Washington University Medical School's Diversity Program. Monday, Nov. 12, 6-30-72-72.

Exhibits

University of St. Louis Events

PAD to present Mamet's adaptation of "The Three Sisters"

By LE MIAOTTI

Russian playwright Anton Chekhov (1866-1904) crafted highly emotionally dramatic works in which much of the passion seems to happen off stage. Full of references to Chekhov's life, Deirdre Pileggi, professor of history and philosophy of science at Washington University, said in an interview that she set aside the attempt to carve out meaningful existences in their small provincial town, but the tedious surroundings are relieved only by a procession of officers, lovers, suitors and husbands, and by the ever-present dream of returning to Moscow. "The play is about how our lives happen to us while we're wishing for other things," said Ambrose Pfeifer, scenic artist in the residency in the PAD, who directs the 17-member cast. "Chekhov focuses on the mundane -ness of life and the continual passage of time, yet ironically, each character undergoes an incredibly wrenching journey and by the end of the play has been utterly transformed."

Pileggi described Mamet's adaptation — based on a literal translation commissioned from Russian scholar Vlada Chernomordik — as a kind of conversation between the two playwrights. "It's fascinating, because you see both at work," Pileggi said. "Chekhov brings out the point in Mamet and Mamet, even when he's changing and editing the language, manages to re-establish the heart of Chekhov's intention."

"I caught pointed to a heartrending exchange between Isma and one of the officers, a Bosnian

Yuenboth (senior Pushkar Sharma), who has asked for her hand: "Yuenboth: And tomorrow?" She says: "I'll take you away. To be with you. How can I love that? That happiness? All my dreams. Can't you do anything but that one thing: that you don't love me."

"How can I not "feel it"?... My soul is a jewel... And they've lost the key."

"That last image is all Mamet," Pfeifer said. "The rest is Trame," Trame says, "my heart is like a glorious grand piano, and the lid is closed and the key is thrown away."

"Mamet's phrase is more deliberate and poetic, yet it still captures the essence of Chekhov's tragicomic style."

The production also stars graduate student Jason Cannon as Veschin, the dancing battery commander who steals Masha's heart; graduate student Red McElmoor as Masha's pedantic schoolteacher husband; and senior Tracey Kap- lan as Natasha, Mamet's most doomed heroine's nominizing wife.

This set design by senior Alexei Dieter, creates a grand, vertical backdrop that, as the plot unfolds, stage set changes from interior to exterior spaces, grows increasingly barren and desert-like, and the action moves from inside to exterior spaces, grows increasingly barren and skeletal. Costumes are by senior Cyn- thia Ruck, and junior William more Betty Meyers.

"I'll catch. Masha. For $8 for stu- dents, seniors citizens and Univer- sity faculty and staff — and are available at the Edison Theatre Box Office, 935-6543, or through all MetroTix outlets.
Assembly Series talks
‘Six Months After Iraq’ is topic of U.N. official Malloch Brown

By KURT MULLER

Mark Malloch Brown, administrator of the U.N. Development Programme (UNDP), will deliver the Stein Lecture on Ethics as part of the Assembly Series at 4 p.m. Nov. 13 in Rebstock Hall.

The title of his talk is “Six Months After Iraq: Why the U.N. Matters.” Since 1999, Malloch Brown has overseen comprehensive reforms at the UNDP and has been recognized as making the agency more focused, efficient and effective in the 166 countries it serves. He expanded the United Nations’ support to development efforts in various areas, including democratic governance, eliminating violence and information and telecommunications technology to support development.


He has an extensive background advising governments, political leaders and corporations. He worked in the offices of the United Nations’ high commissioners for refugees and worked on the development of the United Nations Development Report.

Assembly Series talks are free and open to the public. For more information, call 935-4620 or go online to wupsa.wustl.edu/assembly.

Malloch Brown

Science historian Mendelson
to present Thomas Hall Lecture

By MAEV KASTENS

Eveland Mendelson, one of America’s foremost historians of science, will deliver the Thomas Hall Lecture as part of the Assembly Series at 4 p.m. Nov. 13 in Rebstock Hall, Room 215. His talk is titled “Dolly and the Historians: Science and Ethics of Cloning.”

Mendelson is professor of the history of science at Harvard University and has been on the faculty since 1990. He has worked extensively on the history of the life sciences, as well as on aspects of the social, cultural and political history of science and the relation of science and modern society. He has recently focused on human genetics and molecular biology, investigating public interest in that area which he calls the “genetic temptation.”

Mendelson has never con-

fessed his own fascination with cloning. For the last 20 years, while working either with the Quakers or with American Academy of Sciences, he has traveled to the Middle East to join discus-

sions — between Arab scientists and Israelis and to help pre-

vent research on topics relevant to their conflict. In 2004, Mendelson was appointed and former editor of the Journal of the History of Biology and serves on editorial boards of several other scientific journals. Among recent publica-

tions are the jointly edited volumes The Practice of Human Genetics (1999), Technology, Pessimism and Progress (1993) and Science, Technology and the Modernity of Science.

Mendelson’s book, The Thomas Hall Lecture Series talks are free and open to the public. For more information, call 935-4620 or go online to wupsa.wustl.edu.

By LIAM OTPEN

Members of Quebec’s La Bottine Souriante are living legends of French North American music. The explosive ten-member ensemble’s distinctive sound is rooted in tradi-
tional folk with the quickness of jazz, the energy ofalsa and the breadth of world music.

Heralded as “the best band in the world” by folk magazine Dirty Linen, La Bottine Souriante will present a special one-night only concert at 8 p.m. Nov. 15 as part of the Edison OPLA-

TIONS Series.

The band formed in 1976 as a Quebecois folk quintet, taking its name, which means “smiling horse,” to reference both the work-worn style of workman folk musicians and their own exceptionally tight, dance-till-you-drop line set.

The original lineup featured four traditional musicians — Pierre-Luc Dupuis (vocals, accordion, harmonica), Eric Boudrot (guaita, guitar, vocals), Andre Brunet (biddle, guitar, vocals) and Pierre “Pedro” Belisle (guitar, vocals, accordion) — along with jazzman Regent Archambault (acoustic and elec-
tric bass).

In 1990, a four-piece brass sec-
tion led by Axell Frechette (tuba, saxophone, arrangements), Robert “Bud” Ellis (bass trom-

bone), Andre Verreault (trom-
bone) and Jocelyn Lapointe (trumpet). Rounding out the group is percussionist Sandy Silva.

The band has a wicked noise, and the more they play, the more you’ll love them,” con-

sidered Peter Gabriel — and in 1999 was named Best World Act by the BBC.

Edison Theatre programs are supported by the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency, and the Regional Arts Commission, St. Louis.

Tickets are $28 for the general public; $23 for seniors and students; and $14 for WUSTL stu-
dents and children under 12. Tickets are available at the Edison Theatre Box Office and through all Metrolink locations.

For more information, call 935-6543.

How to submit ‘University Events’

Submit “University Events” items to: Horace Hall, Room 215, or via: (1) e-mail — horacehall@wustl.edu; (2) campus mail — Campus Box 9017; (3) fax — 935-4229. Deadline for submissions is noon on the Thursday eight days prior to the publication date.

Mendelson
**Cross country sweeps UAA championships**

For the first time in school history, the men's and women's cross country teams won the UAA championships by defeating the University of Rochester 16-14 Nov. 1 at Francis Field. Both teams posted two touchdowns receptions in the team's 26-14 victory to ascend the school career wide receiving charts. He is second in school history in that category with 134 catches, fourth in receiving yards (1,094) and sixth in scoring (124 points).

At junior Jeff Buening fumbled on the first play of the game for Washington U. Rochester capped off the drive with a 9-yard touchdown run from freshman Pat O'Brien scoring 2 points and leading 7-0. Neither team scored in the second quarter as the wet field conditions helped force three punts, an interception and one fumble for the Bearcats. The Bearcats scored 11 of 17 on 3rd and 1st yards and one touchdown. Senior Blake Westra tallied a game-high five receptions for 72 yards, while Kevin McKeary totaled 56 yards on 4 receptions.

The No. 2 volleyball team won 3-0 at U.S. Women's Hall of Fame Field House after defeating Webster University 30-24 and Westminster College by the same 2-0 margin. The No. 16 women's soccer team moved into sole possession of second place in the UAA with key victories at Carlow University and Kent State. Winter moved into fifth place on the career digs list after recording 1,382 digs during her two-plus seasons at Washington U. Winter and senior Amy Brand were named to the All-Tournament Team for their strong performance throughout the weekend.

The men's soccer team earned a weekend conference split against the University of Rochester and Case Western Reserve. The Bears shut out Case Western 5-0 Nov. 2 at Francis Field. Scott Siefers and James Ward — both of who were playing their last home game at Washington U. — provided the game-winning goal and assist on Senior Day. Despite outshooting Rochester 11-6, WUSTL fell 1-0 Oct. 31 at Francis Field.

Bear seniors forward Scott Siebers, here working against a defender earlier this season, tallied the game-winning goal in a 3-0 win over Case Western Reserve Nov. 2 at Francis Field. 

been considered axiomatic. But can the model be applied everywhere? What is our understanding of government? The right to recall arbitrary and corrupt officials may seem insignificant for a small town, but also be a recipe for chaos. And what of international institutions?"

"There are questions such as these will be discussed among the panelists at Nov. 13 event: Douglass North among other distinguished economists, to recall arbitrary and corrupt officials may seem insignificant for a small town, but also be a recipe for chaos. And what of international institutions?"

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Atkinson compares MCP's role with that of the castle (a healthy cell) to excessive immune responses.

"This is a way of protecting self from being damaged too much, as an infection or an injury," Atkinson said. "It's like a cell damage occurring to get over the infection quickly and not to like, minimize that damage."

In atypical HUS, MCP either is missing or is present in levels too low to prevent collateral damage from immune system responses. This doesn't present a problem in healthy cells, where the immune system is sufficiently protected by an infection or an injury.

The bloodstream and, for some rare conditions, as the brunt of the out-of-control immune responses, Atkinson et al.

Kidney transplants, which provide patients with their normal cells with normal MCP levels, are one of the most life-threatening symptoms of atypical HUS. Patients with the condition may be treated with new drugs currently in development that block excessive inflammation just as MCP does.

The following incidents were reported to University Police Off. 30-M. No. With numbers that could assist in investigating these incidents are urged to call 452-9055. The information is provided as a public service to promote safety awareness and is available at the University Police Web site at web.wustl.edu.

For more information, call Campus Watch at 9:30 p.m. Oct. 30. When the purse was stolen from his office in the last two Conversations about the RA. Nov. 3 10:17 a.m. — A person reported a Black Cannondale bicycle with a bike cable was stolen from bike racks outside the Student Center on the First floor of Lopata Hall sometime Oct. 31 between two hospitals. Total loss is estimated at $820.

2:52 p.m. — A faculty member reported that a laptop computer was stolen from her office in Prince Hall. Total loss is estimated at $2,800. In addition, University Police responded to two similar cases, and one reported each of the following: footrobbery, disturbance, trespassing, towing auto and judicial viola-
Brett A. Taylor, M.D., assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery, has received the one-year, $49,356 2003 Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation Award from the Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation.

Tamarra Doering, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor of molecular microbiology, has received a one-year, $75,000 grant from the Edward Mallinckrodt Jr. Foundation for research titled "Study of Cryptococcus Neofor-"matus".

David Wilson, M.D., Ph.D., associate professor of pediatrics, has received a one-year, $65,000 grant from the Huntington's Disease Society of America for the Huntington's Disease Society of America's "Study of Bone Marrow Failure and Cancer Predispo-"sition".

Joel Perfumeri, M.D., professor of neurology, has received a one-year, $45,850 grant from the Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation for research titled "Novel, Physiologically Relevant".

Robert D. Schreiber, Ph.D., alumni professor of pathology and immunology, has received a three-year, $155,000 grant from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation for research titled "Characterization of a Novel Immunoregulatory Tumor Suppressor Role for the Transcriptional Factor STAT1".

Burton M. Wise, Ph.D., research assistant professor of medicine, has received a two-year, $306,000 grant from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases for research titled "Engineering Insulin Delivery by K-Gels and Treat".

Keith A. Bruska, M.D., professor of pediatrics, has received a five-year, $1.9 million grant from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases for research titled "Pediatric Training Program in Chronic Kidney Diseases".

Adriana S. Dasso, Ph.D., research associate professor of medicine, has received a four-year, $662,922 grant from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases for research titled "Fellowship Training in Pediatric Diabetes at WUMC".

Elena Rivas, Ph.D., research instructor in genetics, has received a one-year, $41,800 grant from the National Human Genome Research Institute for research titled "Regulatory and Functional VNAs: Computational Approaches".

Mikula Stambuk, M.D., clinical fellow of neurology, has received a one-year, $45,850 grant from the Institute for Education and Research for research titled "Neurological and Functional Outcome of West Nile Virus Infection in the State of".

Brian R. W. Bush, M.D., M.P.H., assistant professor of medicine, has received a one-year, $49,356 grant from the George Warren Brown School of Social Work agencies to be honored by GWB.

Phillips receives prestigious geology award

BY TONY FITZPATRICK

Roger Phillips, professor, head of earth and planetary sciences at Washington University in St. Louis, has been selected by the G.K. Gilbert Award at the Geological Society of America's annual meeting Nov. 2-5 in Seattle.

The award is named for G.K. Gilbert, who 100 years ago recognized the importance of a planetary perspective in solving terrestrial geologic problems.

Phillips' research award is presented annually for outstanding contributions to the solution of fundamental problems in planetary geology. The citation, which includes geochemistry, mineralogy, petrology, geophysics, geologic mapping and remote sensing. Such contributions may occur from a single or stories in a ...
James Herbert Williams enjoys his role in creating future social workers and renewing neighborhoods in St. Louis.

"I had heard so many wonderful things about the school and its faculty, and when I came here to visit, I found that the culture of GWB matched its reputation, which is very unusual," Williams said. "I found a home in GWB and the Midwest. "Washington University has offered me a wonderful opportunity to learn and grow in my profession," he said. "It was bittersweet to begin my academic career here, and I am glad to continue my career and the life I've made in St. Louis."

Williams joined GWB as a faculty member in 1995 and has become a part of GWB's administration, first as assistant dean for academic affairs in 2000 and then as associate dean in 2002. His research, scholarship and community activities focus on youth and families. Williams concentrates his efforts on developing youth, specifically African-American populations, through the creation of innovative programs that decrease individual and community-level risk factors and enhance resiliency. He accomplishes this through involvement in the St. Louis Family Court's local school districts and local youth agencies.

Beyond his work as a faculty member, Williams enjoys being a part of GWB's leadership. "It has been an interest in impacting GWB in ways other than my research and teaching," Williams noted. "I love being able to work closely with other faculty members and students. The connection I feel with the students is wonderful."

The GWB faculty and students continually impress Williams. "We are a faculty that is focused on the delivery of human services with a strong commitment to the mission of the social work profession," Williams said. "Our ability to establish an easy relationship with children in the areas of public health and prevention. While serving as a social worker, Williams worked with children who had physical and developmental issues. He also assisted children and families in the pediatrics oncology department of a local hospital. After a number of years as a practicing social worker, Williams decided to expand his social work career into academia. While serving as a social worker, Williams worked with children who had physical and developmental issues. He also assisted children and families in the pediatrics oncology department of a local hospital. After a number of years as a practicing social worker, Williams decided to expand his social work career into academia."

Williams is an opera nut, but he loves all types of music, he says. "I'm a firm believer in music as a vehicle to experience such a historic event." He also travels to see his daughter, Kimberli, who is stationed in Tokyo with the Air Force, and his grandson, Christopher and Marcus. Williams admits that most of his time is spent at the University. "My trip to Germany was delightful. It was incredible to be able to experience such a historic event."

"Paris is one of my all-time favorite cities," Williams said. "That trip was also very special because it was Jeffrey's first time in Europe, and I loved being able to share my favorite city with him."

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Community involvement

A requirement of holding the Lee professorship is working with other academics in St. Louis to bolster the community. "My professorship allows me to bring together the intellectual resources of local universities to improve the quality of life for the St. Louis community," he said. "This ties perfectly into part of GWB's mission to help improve the social and economic development of the metropolitan area."

"Dr. Williams is a great asset to Washington University and a key member of the School of Social Work. His ability to establish an easy rapport with faculty, students and staff, his flair for problem-solving and his commitment to the mission of the social work profession are admired by all members of the GWB community."

Shanti K. Khinduka

James Herbert Williams, Ph.D. (right), the E. Desmond Lee Professor of Racial and Ethnic Diversity and Associate dean for Academic Social Work, intake, ethnic diversity and associate dean for Academic Social Work, intake, ethnic diversity, African-American populations, through the creation of innovative programs that decrease individual and community-level risk factors and enhance resiliency.