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Civil rights legal papers compiled on law site

Amendment 2 passage urged by Missouri’s top medical educators

Amendment 2 support advocated by University of Missouri scientists

A leading authority on prisons and inmate litigation, Margo Schlanger, J.D., (left), professor of law, teamed with colleagues and students to create an electronic library of documents related to civil rights

Injunctive cases. Pictured with Schlanger are (from left) law students Josh Altman and Greg Venker, and Troy DeArmitt, research technologist at the Center in St. Louis.

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Student works: Jacqueline Tatum, assistant professor of architecture in the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts, presents student works from her studio "Elements of Metropolitan Design," at the St. Louis Great Streets Symposium Oct. 17. Organized by the East-West Gateway Council of Governments, the symposium — at the Eric P. Newman Education Center in St. Louis — was a call to action, which seeks to empower communities and ad vocates for better street design. Tatum, a member of the Great Streets advisory board, has led an ongoing study focused on major roads in the St. Louis metropolitan area, heavily trafficked Grand Boulevard, Interstate 64-Highway 40 and Hanley Road. Also pictured is Steve Nagle, director of planning for the Gateway Council.

Holocaust Memorial Lecture closes Assembly Series

By Barbara Rea

Journalist and author David Rieff will give a talk for the Holocaust Memorial Lecture as part of the Assembly Series at 11 a.m. Nov. 1 in Graham Chapel. The lecture is free and open to the public.

In his book, _A Bed for the Night: Humanitarianism in Crisis_, and in numerous articles and essays, Rieff tries to make sense of the ravages of war and the failure of the international aid system. His ideas about humanitarian aid are considered by many to be controversial.

While greatly admiring the ideals of aid workers, he has noticed the stark divide between noble intentions and the suffering that knows no relief. His book discusses current American and European debate about how aid can best be delivered in the face of human needs and conflicts that exceed the capacity of the international community to respond.

Amendments

Research, tobacco tax receive support — from Page 1

Larry J. Shapiro, M.D., executive vice chancellor for medical affairs and dean of the School of Medicine, are:

- Barbara Atkinson, M.D., executive vice chancellor, University of Kansas Medical Center;
- William C. dirt, M.D., dean, University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine;
- Betty Dress, M.D., dean, School of Medicine, University of Missouri-Kansas City;
- William Newsome, D.O., president and chief executive, Stowers Institute for Medical Research;
- Philip St-cover, D.O., Kirkville College of Osteopathic Medicine, and
- Sandra Willc, O.D., execu tive vice president for academic affairs, provost and dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine and professor of Medical, Kansas University City of Medicine and Biociences.

The proposed amendment can be found in full at http://www.ums .mo.gov/elections/2006petitions/ pi200623.asp. It says: "As a leading research and teaching institution, Washington University is committed to im prove the health and well-being of Missourians through education, cutting-edge research and access to the highest level of patient care and treatment.

"Constitutional Amendments 2 and 3 further all these goals. I urge the Washington University community to carefully consider these landmark measures, and to vote Nov. 7."
Students get hands-on experience in Forest Park Southeast

BY BETH MILLER

Instead of sleeping in, some School of Medicine students spend their Saturday mornings providing free health care to residents of the Forest Park South- east neighborhood. From 9 a.m.-noon each Saturday, volunteer attending physicians from the School of Medicine see patients at the Family Care Health Center at 4352 Manchester Ave.

The first- and second-year students take the patients’ histories, while third- and fourth-year students examine the patients and present a diagnosis and treatment plan to the attending physician. Student coordinators keep track of charts and other paperwork and later in the week, call the patients to follow up and an- swer any questions. “This is the right place to learn about social issues outside of the academic medical center, and we get to have an attending physician supervise, assistant professor of medicine and associate dean for diversity. This, like our initiative dovetails with the students’ current work here,” said student coordinators.

About 70 medical students each year volunteer at the student-run health clinic, which began in 1997. Now, the not-for-profit center, which charges patients on a sliding scale, has moved into a new, modern building that rivals any private health-care professional in years.”

Shapiro to give Dean’s Update

By GRETCH ERICKSON

Daniel Kelly, M.D., has been named director of the Division of Cardiovascular Diseases in the Department of Medicine. Kelly is the Alumni Endowed Professor of Medicine, a professor of pediatrics and medicine, and associate chair for education, information technology and pharmacology and a cardiologist at Barnes-Jewish Hospital.

An internationally renowned physical modeller for innovative investigations into the molecular basis of cardiac disease, Kelly has focused his research on the regulation of cellular fatty acid metabolism and how the heart obtains energy from fat.

He also studies the cardiovascular effects of metabolic disor- ders such as diabetes, and has estab- lished an interdisciplinary group to develop better ways to prevent and treat heart disease in diabetes.

Kelly heads the Center for Cardiometabolic Research and has been co-director of the cardiovascular division since 2002. He has made contributions to scientific literature with more than 200 publications and has extensive research support through the National Institutes of Health.

He succeeds Michael Cain, M.D., who will become dean of the School of Medicine and Bio- medical Sciences at the State Uni- versity of New York at Buffalo.

The Kelly brings a broad scien- tific perspective to this position and will emphasize the transla- tional advances in basic cardio- vascular research into advances in care of patients with heart and vascular dis- eases,” said Ken- neth Polonsky, M.D., the Adell- phus Busch Professor and head of the Department of Medicine, which is an ex- cessive heart disease.

“These patients truly are disas- trous,” Ross said. “They are uncom- fortable seeking health care and have difficulty navigating the system. Many haven’t seen a health-care professional in years.”

Bob Geng, a second-year stu- dent who serves as a coordinator of the program, said the students encourage the patients to find a heart-care home and seek fur- ther care, and often refer them to the physicians on staff at the Family Care Health Center on weekdays.

While many patients have chronic diseases such as hyperlipid- emy, and have mul- tiple disorders. Ross said it is in- cumbent on the students to pro- vide comprehensive care.

“Your goal is to provide ho- listic health care and give the most extensive evaluation that we can because we’re not sure they will return,” Ross said. “We try to strike a balance between being efficient and being thor- ough, and we think we’ve done a good job.”

Ross said he is continually impressed with the students who take part in the Saturday Neighborhood Health Clinic. “Our students are more ad-}
Earl Walker (front row, fifth from left) and students of the Sam Fox School celebrate the Oct. 25 opening of Walker Hall with Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton and Dean Carmon Colangelo (front row, second and first from right, respectively) and Jeff C. Pike, dean of art (third row, left).

To mark the dedication, students in the Kranzberg Studio printed posters during an open house of Walker Hall.

Renowned numismatist Eric P. Newman (left) and Chancellor Emeritus William H. "Bil" Danforth in the Newman Money Museum.

WUSTL opened the week with a 2-0 win against New York University Oct. 23. The next day, WUSTL defeated UW-Stout (42 points) to 126 yards in total offense in the loss. The Bears also held the No. 6 rushing offense (281.2 ypg) to 126 rushing yards in the game Oct. 28 at Francis Field. Washington U's defense, which entered the game ranked No. 6 in rushing defense (44.7 ypg) and 10th in total defense (210.4 ypg), allowed 145 yards of total offense in the loss. The Bears fell to 5-4, 2-1. Greencastle, Ind. The Bears men defeated DePauw University fell to 5-4, 2-1. Greencastle, Ind. The Bears men defeated DePauw University, 174.5-110.5, Oct. 28 in the UAA, while Washington University remained undefeated at 8-0, 3-0 in the UAA.

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Fumihiko Maki speaks with architecture students outside the Kemper Art Museum.

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Alumni
Six alumni honored for valued work
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that program that led to a model curricula for aesthetic education. In 2006, she initiated the program further and created OSAM to "instruct the mind, health and spirit of adults aged 50 and up." It was begun on a shoestring, with private and public support coming from the May Department Stores Co. (now Fed- erated Department Stores) and a $1,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.
From its inception in 1984 until 2003, as it grew from a local enterprise to a clearinghouse of 26 cities, Mann served as president of OASIS.
Today, OASIS serves more than 360,000 people with an annual work funding base of $22 million and is the largest education and volunteer service firm for mature adults in the United States.
Before discovering the ground-breaking concept of OASIS, Mann used her bachelor's degree in phi- losophy and her master's degree in fine arts from WUSTL to teach elementary education. In 1962, she joined the faculty in the Department of Education in Arts & Sciences, where she continues to teach today.
"OASIS was a natural fit for me," Mann said. "I enjoy working with people and helping them learn and grow." Mann has also served as a consultant on community service for higher education. Mann has co-founded the faculty at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, but returned to St. Louis in 1984 to become the faculty at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, but returned to St. Louis in 1984 to become the faculty at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.
In 2002, Mann received a presidential appointment by the University's Center for Aging.
Mann has been an enthusiastic supporter of her alma mater both as a member of the George Warren Brown School of Social Work (1984-2003), the University's National Council and the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra's community advisory council. He and his wife, Susie, belong to the Danforth Foundation of the University of Missouri-St. Louis and the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra. He helps manage the Philpott Family Foundation, which he founded with his wife in 1998. He is especially interested in supporting environmental and educational initiatives, such as the Nature Conservancy and World Wildlife Fund.
As a member of the Danforth Foundation board of directors, Philpott is active in supporting a number of leadership roles, including as chairman of the Young Philanthropists Network. Philpott has also served as a member of the National Council of Arts & Sciences.
It's no coincidence that the rise of OASIS has occurred at a time when many baby boomers are entering the workforce and getting ready to retire. "It's a perfect storm for this type of opportunity," Mann said. "But it's been extremely difficult for any but the most determined researchers to find facts and results of the cases," Schiele said.

Liberty, justice for all

A leading authority on civil rights litigation, Schiele said that court records can be a treas- ure trove for those inside and outside the legal profession.
"They can serve as an important information source not only for legal researchers, but also for histori- ans, political scientists, soci- ologists, anthropologists, stu- dents, teachers, advocates and politicians."
""When we're discussing the struggle to define civil rights in America is central to our understanding of both the existing order and the ways in which we can change it as a people,"" Schiele said.

"The Civil Rights Litigation Clearinghouse maintains an ongoing list of the federal and state courts that have jurisdiction over civil rights matters," Schiele said.
Schiele noted that the clearinghouse provides a public policy advantage by allowing many case studies to be compiled.
""Many of our cases are pretty complex," Schiele said. "You have to look at them as a whole."

"The clearinghouse is especially important to the Saint Louis Sym- "Department Stores Co. (now Fed-""the Saint Louis Forum.

"Voters, locally and nationally, are increasingly demanding that candidates have a solid understanding of the law, and the American Cul- ture and Legal Studies and Legal Studies programs. Law students worked on the project as research assistants, and undergraduates served as interns under the direction of Evan Lierheim, JD, lecturer in politi- cal science in Arts & Sciences. Because of the large number of people, dozens of people, digitized databases and media outlets, to name a few, it's a difficult task to create a comprehensive view of the case. Moreover, many cases never get decided, and some cases can be very difficult to locate in the current legal environment. The clearinghouse collection offers more than archival documents. It includes citations and links to many of the traditional opinions rendered in its cases and summaries complete with links to the court records that retrace important pre- and post-decision activity.
Schiele said: "The clearinghouse is the best way to access the court records of a litigation's end with a li- "It's the absence of good alter- natives that makes these court records so important," Schiele said.

"The national Archives is con- sidering destroying some or all of the documents in federal cases after that didn't get your attention," Schiele said.

"By the time a court decides a case, the proceedings can be a treasure trove for those inside and outside the legal profession. "A recent example is the case of American Natural Resources v. ExxonMobil, in which a U.S. District Court in Louisiana ruled that a government agency's decision to allow the construction of a pipeline through Supreme Court. "It is a very important decision," Schiele said. "This is the first time the Supreme Court has considered a case involving the public trust doctrine."
"A great deal of scholarship has been devoted to the public trust doctrine," Schiele said. "But this case is a new twist on an old doctrine."
"The Supreme Court's decision in this case is important because it will help guide future decisions in other cases," Schiele said. "It will also help guide future decisions in other cases."
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BY CYNTHIA GEORGES

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A ‘major force’ in medicine

Katherine Weilbaecher, M.D., says when she first came to Washington University, she referred to John School of Medicine as "Candyland"— and that says a lot about her. She's the kind of person who can get as excited about science and medicine as the proverbial kid in a candy store.

"I was amazed when I started my lab here because whenever I wanted to do anything, there was so much expertise, knowledge and skill available that it seemed like Candyland," says Weilbaecher, associate professor of medicine and of pathology and immunology.

The School of Medicine is indeed a sweet place for a woman who describes her research on how cancer spreads, or metastasizes, to bones.

"I'm an oncologist, but I also have a great interest in and love of bone biology," she says. "That comes from my family. My father is a research scientist at the medical school at Stanford University. I got totally into bone and blood. A lot of cancer metastasize to bone, and surprisingly, certain cells (osteoblasts) actually help them do it. I thought: 'The cancer cells were here first, but the bones are helping the cancers. How can we stop this relationship?'"

Weilbaecher has the tools to tackle the problem. She runs a lab that has six full-time members and spends time each week in the clinic treating women with breast cancer. Her clinical experience has quickly translated into trials looking at ways to block breast cancer cells from spreading to the bones — a favorite place for breast-cancer metastasis.

Weilbaecher has shown that a drug called zoledronate, from clamping together also blocks cancer from invading bone and other organs. She also has found that the osteoporosis-prevention drug, butalidone, can inhibit bone metastasis and slow tumor growth in soft tissues.

Weilbaecher conducted those studies on mice, and her ongoing clinical trials will determine whether the findings hold true for breast cancer patients.

"Kathy is one of our brightest, most successful and most accomplished faculty members in the Division of Oncology and the Siteman Cancer Center," says John DiPersio, M.D., Ph.D., division chief. "She has risen to the level of national and international notability."

Weilbaecher comes from a long line of Weilbaecher physicians. Her father, Emmett Johnson, Ph.D., an expert in bacterial genetics, at the Pasteur Institute in Paris. Weilbaecher says he inspired her when she was around a lot of cancer researchers — or if not that, you can always find ways to make someone feel better, whether that's using drugs or the power of hope.

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