Khinduka awarded top Eliot Society honor

At the William Greenleaf Eliot Society banquet on April 9, the former dean of the George Warren Brown School of Social Work received the society’s “Search” award.

Shanti K. Khinduka, Ph.D., the George Warren Brown Distinguished University Professor, was presented with the society’s top honor by Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton at the 41st annual event, held at the Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis. The evening also featured a keynote address by documentary filmmaker Ken Burns.

In a University filled with distinguished leaders, Khinduka stands out. In the 30 years he guided the Brown School, he assembled a first-rate cadre of faculty, built up the school’s endowment and doubled its physical facilities. Most important, Khinduka, building upon the Brown School’s initial strengths, created a school that is acclaimed internationally for its teaching and research.

“As the new dean, hired in 1974 to lead the Brown School forward, Shanti took a very good school and guided it to the top rank of social work education,” Wrighton said. During this period, Wrighton said, the theory and practice of social work and social development education was evolving, and Khinduka embraced the changes and continues today to advance the school and keep it on the cutting edge.

“He has been an inspirational leader not only at the George Warren Brown School of Social Work but also at Washington University, in the St. Louis region and in the national and international spheres of social work and social development,” Wrighton said.

An expert on community and social development and on international social welfare, Khinduka has published widely and has been honored for his achievements and contributions to his field. He founded the Journal of Social Service Research in 1977; he founded the Inter-University Consortium for International Social Development and served as its president; and he was co-chair of the Board of Directors of MERS/Goodwill.

Born in Jaipur, India, Khinduka began his career as an assistant professor of sociology and social work.
Bornstein named Stella Koetter Darrow Professor in Catholic Studies

By Barbara Rea

A leading historian of religion was installed as the first Stella Koetter Darrow Professor in Catholic Studies in the Arts & Sciences March 18 in Holmes Lounge.

Daniel M. Bornstein, Ph.D., joined Washington University last fall with a joint appointment in religious studies and history, both in Arts & Sciences. He is a scholar whose broad focus encompasses the relationship between religion and culture, the role of religious life in late medieval and Renaissance Italy, the varieties of religious practices and the role of women in the Catholic Church. With these distinguished credentials, he is a good fit for the vision of the late Stella Darrow.

Stella Darrow envisioned a program that enhanced and broadened the study of Roman Catholic thought and history, said Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton. “As soon as she heard one of her projects, she created an endowed professorship. The Darrow program will continue what she strove to do throughout her life: to support educational mission and enhance the life of students at her alma mater. She was extremely generous and a loyal supporter of many facets of the University, and for that we are very grateful,” Wrightson said.

A native St. Louis and 1931 alumnus of Arts & Sciences, Darrow devoted considerable time, effort and resources to the University. She was a founding member of the Women’s Society and the Arts & Sciences Century Club, groups that support a variety of initiatives involving a volume on Medieval Christianity as part of a seven-volume treatise “A People’s History of Christianity,” which is due out this spring.

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Bornstein’s ability to question the nature of religious life within the context of the traditional Church is a distinct characteristic of his scholarship and matches one of Darrow’s reasons for giving this professorship. Bornstein has written extensively on his subjects of expertise, including books, journal articles, chapters, reviews and conference papers. In addition, he translated several medieval texts. His current research involves editing a volume on Medieval Christianity as part of a seven-volume treatise “A People’s History of Christianity,” which is due out this spring.

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While the University covers a significant portion of these costs, the remainder must be recovered through parking fees.

The University offers commuting students, faculty and staff several travel options at a cost-effective alternative to using a personal vehicle. The University provides each benefits-eligible employee and full-time student with a complimentary U-Pass, which allows the holder unlimited use of Metro buses and MetroLink as an alternative means of transportation and off-site parking.

The University also brought the WeCar program to WUSTL. Ecosystems this winter to provide a means of transportation for those who might typically commute by car, such as public transportation, bicycle or foot. For more information, visit parking.wustl.edu/wecar.htm.

The aging of the campus parking program is an increase in price for 2008-09 Red, Yellow, Blue, Brown, North Campus, and Official Business permits. Additional increases are planned for 2009-10 and 2010-11.

The parking advisory committee — made up of faculty, staff and students — recommended significantly reducing permit fees (ranging from $93 to $353 per year) for those who use off-site parking in conjunction with a Metro pass in 2008-09.

“The off-site permit provides an easy, low-cost alternative to commuting or parking on campus,” said Parking & Transportation Advisory Committee Chair Peter Milne, associate dean for administration at the School of Law. Off-site includes West Campus and North Campus for faculty or employees who work elsewhere on the Danforth Campus. This incentive will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis with a maximum of 200 permits.

“We hope that faculty, staff and students will consider alternative transportation and off-site parking as a way not only to reduce their carbon footprint but also to reduce parking expenses,” said Lisa Underwood, director of WUSTL Parking & Transportation Services.

In addition to the U-Pass and WeCar programs, which encourage the use of alternative transportation rather than single-occupancy vehicles, the University will develop the Occasional Parking Program in 2008-09. This program is designed to offer an occasional, reduced-cost daily parking option for those who frequently use an alternate mode (walk, bike, public transit and carpool) for their commute. The Occasional Parking Program will make a set number of discounted daily passes available annually for purchase by individuals enrolled in the program. Parking Services will have membership packets for the Occasional Parking Program available in June.

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Thanks, Mr. Sappenfield

Lions Friedlander (left) visits with her former chemistry teacher, Terry Sappenfield (center) and Harvey R. Fields, Ph.D., assistant director of academic programs at WUSTL’s Center for Advanced Learning. Sappenfield, a faculty member at Firestone High School in Akron, Ohio, came to campus to accept the Cornerstone Outstanding Teacher Award. Each year, Cornerstone invites graduating seniors who have served as academic mentors to other students to nominate an elementary or secondary school teacher they believe has significantly contributed to their intellectual and personal development. Friedlander chose Sappenfield. “He taught us all about the beauty of scientific discovery,” she said. “He was caring, patient and trusted his students to believe in their own abilities.” A double major in chemistry and earth and planetary sciences, both in Arts & Sciences, Friedlander plans to pursue an advanced degree in geochemistry.

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NAMEPLATE CAMPUS PARKING CHARGES ANNOUNCED FOR 2008-09

Pricing

Permit prices for the academic year 2008-09:

Red $900

Yellow $600

Blue $400

Brown $400

North Campus $200

Evening $100

Off-Site $150

Student Summer $150

Official Business $500

Carpool $0

Monthly $100

Parking structure averages $20,000-$25,000 to build and $10,000-$12,500 to maintain. For many structures, the University has seen the need for parking. For more information, visit parking.wustl.edu/wecar.htm.

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**Drug prevents abnormality that lead to seizures**

**BY MICHAEL C. PURDY**

Current medications for seizures are comparable to the counter-cold and flu remedies. They block symptoms but don’t significantly affect the underlying illnesses that cause them.

Now School of Medicine scientists have taken the first step toward developing another option. They’ve designed a drug that prevents the brain abnormalities that lead to seizures in mice with an inherited form of epilepsy.

Working in a mouse model of tuberous sclerosis (TS), an inherited human condition that causes seizures, researchers showed that regular doses of the drug rapamycin prevented the mice from seizures. The treatment also blocked the development of structural abnormalities in the brain and extended lifespan. The report appeared recently in the early online edition of the *Annals of Neurology*.

“One percent of the general population has epilepsy, but only about 1/3,000 people don’t respond well to current treatments,” said senior author Michael C. Rifkind, Ph.D., an assistant professor of neurobiology and anatomy, and neurology and of pediatrics. “We need to find new treatments that do more than just alleviate the symptoms. We have to find ways to prevent the underlying brain abnormalities that cause seizures.”

Epilepsy can be induced by dozens of different causes, including various forms of brain injury, genetic mutations, neurodegenerative diseases, and toxins. TS is one of the most common genetic causes of epilepsy. Neurologists estimate that it occurs in one in 6,000 newborns. TS is an autosomal dominant condition that can cause seizures in the brain and other organs, autism, learning disabilities, skin abnormalities, and lung and kidney disease. Scientists have linked TS to mutations in one of two genes, TSC1 or TSC2. To better understand and treat the condition, researchers have tried to correct each mutation in the mouse model of TS.

Using a genetic approach to directly insert a normal TSC gene into the TS mouse model, the researchers found that the zebralfish embryos more than doubled the lifespan of the TS mice. They also found that rapamycin prevented seizures in the mice. The scientists also showed that rapamycin prevented structural abnormalities in the brain and extended lifespan.

**Come dancing** Youngseok Choi, a second-year medical student, dances with George Jones at the gala on April 12 at the South Campus on Clayton Road. Medical and occupational therapy students in the Geriatrics Outreach Group organized the event, called “Dancing Through the Generations.”

**Deadly genetic disease stopped before zebrafish birth**

**BY BETTIE MILLER**

By injecting a customized “genetic patch” into early stage embryos, researchers at the School of Medicine were able to correct genetic mutations that prevented the embryos from developing normally.

The research could lead to the prevention of up to one-in-five of birth defects in humans caused by genetic mutations, according to the authors.

The study was published last month in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* advance online edition.

The development of organs in the fetus is nearly complete at a very early stage. By that time, the mutations causing Menkes disease have already led to seizures, loss of coordination and death. The researchers found that the zebralfish embryos were injected with the customized therapy during the critical window of development, and the researchers found that the zebrafish hatched and grew without any discernable defects.

This method of delivering genetic therapy to correct each mutation in the zebrafish embryos has many of the same characteristics of the human Menkes disease. Maden designed a specific therapy to correct each mutation with morphotropes, synthetic molecules that modify gene expression.

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Maden and Bruce Mendelsohn, also an M.D./Ph.D. student at the School of Medicine, worked on the groundbreaking discovery using a zebralfish model of Menkes disease. In the human form, the disease is caused by mutations in the ATP7A gene. Zebras are vertebrates that develop similarly to humans, and their transparency allows researchers to observe embryonic development.

**DBBS to mark 35th anniversary, 1,000th graduate**

The Division of Biologi-Biomedical Sciences will mark two milestones May 1-2 in its 35th anniversary and the graduation of its 1,000th student.

Following an opening reception May 1, events on May 2 include an extensive panel discussion on academics, science policy and regulatory affairs, government labs, and patent law and intellectual property. Floyd E. Bloom, M.D., a member of the WUSTL Board of Trustees and professor emeritus at The Scripps Research Institute, will give the keynote address.

The division also will host its first alumni reception following the keynote address.

Morning events will take place in Elzanger and Cori auditoriums, and afternoon events will be held in the CSR F Newman Education Center. All events are open to the public.

For more information, visit dbbs.wustl.edu/celebration.
University Events

19th-century Barbizon movement explored in new Kemper exhibit

Between 1830 and 1880, a loosely associated group of French landscape painters worked in the small farming vil-

lage of Barbizon, France. Rejecting the traditional artistic conventions of academic land-

dscape painting, such as the Ideal, the Pastoral, and the Heroic, they strove instead to depict an unmitigated nature — an approach that would pro-
cede to later avant-garde movements such as Impressionism.

In May, the Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum will revisit this period with "The Barbizon School and the Nature of Landscape." Curated by Rachel Keith, associate registrar for exhibitions, the show is drawn primarily from the museum’s permanent collection, which dates back to 1905 as part of a major bequest of St. Louis banker Charles Parsons. Notable include Asher B. Durand’s paintings, which have recently undergone conservation to remove old, yellowed varnish in order to reveal its original color. The pristine quality of the emerging area appealed to members of the Barbizon School both for its di-
ruseness and landscapes and for its repu-
tation as an unspoiled natural preserve. Members believed they would allow them direct, unmediated experiences of na-
ture. The pristine quality of the area was largely fictionalized, part of an effort to bolster the fledgling tourist industry that was developing in response to growing pop-
ular demand for tourism. Many travel writers document their experiences in the "Barbizon School and the Nature of Landscape" on view May 2-July 21.

Julie Denne’s "In Pasture" came to the University by subscription in 1866 — just four years after it was created. It is one of several landscapes in the exhibition "The Barbizon School and the Nature of Landscape" on view May 2-July 21.

Fathers Without Sons • Bye Bye Birdie • Nanostructures

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7:30 a.m.-12:55 p.m. • Hospital Care CME Colloquium. "5th Annual Health Care CME Update 2008." Cont. Ed. for physicians, 859-3720.

Friday, April 25
9:15 a.m. • Pediatric Grand Rounds. "Teach-
ing — With the expanded calendar for the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign.

Thursday, April 24
12 p.m. • Biochemistry & Molecular Biophysics Colloquium. "Thermodynamic Analysis of the T-Cell Receptor:" John P. Kjos, prof. of cell biology, UCLA, 310-825-5007.

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East Village Opera Company brings rock arrangements to opera music

You've heard opera, and you've heard rock, but you've never heard opera rocked quite like the East Village Opera Company.

Over the past five years, this powerhouse ensemble—comprising a five-piece band, a string quartet and two outstanding vocalists—has hand-hitting arrangements of many operatic arias.

At 8 p.m. May 2, the East Village Opera Company will make its St. Louis debut in a special, one-night-only performance as part of the Washington University School of Music's 2008-2009 Series.

The East Village Opera Company was cofounded by singer Tyley Ross and arranger/multi-instrumentalist Peter Kiesewalter.

Ross—who also is an actor and a classical singer—began performing in his early teens and was handpicked by Peter to "show him around the stage, to play with him and to have fun," PeterSubmitted photo Kiesewalter said.

"He was so curious, so passionate, so daring. And I just happened to be there, so he asked me to do it," Ross said.

Ross and Kiesewalter mastered those extra tracks and recorded 15 songs.

"From that one show, we said, 'Hey, let's book this,'" Ross said.

"We booked 15 shows, and we've sold out every show," he added.

Our notes:

The East Village Opera Company will perform an evening of "opera meets rock" at 8 p.m. May 2 at the Washington University School of Music's Kemper Concert Hall.

For more information, call 935-6545 or e-mail edie@wusl.edu.
Surgery

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AF is the most common irregular heart rhythm and affects more than 2 million people in the United States. During atrial fibrillation, the upper chambers (atria) of the heart beat rapidly and quiver instead of contracting, drastically reducing the amount of blood they pump. AF can cause dizzy spells, shortness of breath, exercise intolerance, heart palpitations, and headaches.

Led by Damiano, also a cardiologist, surgery — one from Lucknow and one from Southern California — and a doctoral candidate in business, created a silver replica of "The Search," a sculpture made by the University's co-founder, was made in 1893. The original sculpture, which returned for its third annual show in 1893, was a $30,000 award and operates a mixed-use, small-lot development project that also provides affordable housing and community space.

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Social work to present 2008 Distinguished Alumni Awards

T he George Warren Brown School of Social Work will honor five distinguished individuals for outstanding service during its annual Alumni Awards Dinner, Monday, April 30, at the Coronado Ballroom.

Three alumni will receive Distinguished Alumni Awards; one faculty member will receive the Distinguished Faculty Award; and one current student will receive the Dean’s Medal. The honorees are:

Distinguished Alumni Award

Ruth R. Ehrensan (MSW ’39) has a passion for social justice that has been the unifying theme throughout her career. For the past 13 years her work has focused on policy analysis, education and advocacy. Ehrensan was policy director for Citizens for Mary’s Children for 11 years and has been the director of the policy and budgetary policy at the Missouri Budget Office since 2001. Ehrensan has been a neighborhood activity to provide funding for poverty relief projects to build and maintain the Southside National Bank building and working to preserve the development of three historic commercial sites. She served on numerous boards and statewide task forces. In 1987, she was elected to the Missouri Board of Governors and joined its faculty in 1964, leaving 10 years later to become a professor and dean of the College of Professions at the University of Kentucky. In 1979, she was named associate dean for academic programs at the University of Kentucky Graduate School. From 1983-1994, she was a professor in the department and served as chair of the College’s Faculty Senate. Ehrensan is an author of the co-author of the textbook Sociological Social Work Practice as well as 18 papers published in journals, as book chapters and proceedings. She is a member of the Board, and in 2007, was named Commissioner of the County Chamber of Citizens of the Year.

Michael E. Willis (BA ’73, MSW ’76, MArch ’76) is founder of the National AIA Chamber of Citizen of the Year. In 1979, he was named the MSW ’76, March ’76) and is president of Michael Willis Architects. His architecture, urban design and interiors firm has built a national reputation for creating thoughtful design solutions for mixed-use developments throughout California and beyond. His goal is to create buildings that are good neighbors in their community and that are efficient for their occupants. Willis is an honorable member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and a founder of the National AIA Board. Willis is the founder of the George Warren Brown School of Social Work, a board member of the Black Alumni Council.

Distinguished Faculty Award

Gerald Early, Ph.D., the Merl Kling Professor of Modern Letters in the Department of English and director of the Center for the Humanities, both in Arts & Sciences, has received a $73,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Division of Education Programs.

The application deadline is April 24, 2008.

Career services hired by law school

Michael Spivey is the new assistant dean for students at the School of Law, announced Kent D. Syverud, J.D., dean and the Elian A.H. Shepley University Professor.

Spivey, associate director for admissions at Vanderglas Law School, was named to the position at the University after a national search conducted by Janet D. Judah, immediate past dean of admissions and student services, and Charles Burson, J.D., visiting law professor.

"Dean Spivey is an enthusiastic manager who is highly motivated to achieve progress in career placement of our students," Syverud said. "In his work in admissions at Vanderbilt, he has acquired a national reputation for knowing and recruiting students individually and effectively and for marketing the school. I believe he will be an excellent manager of the challenges and opportunities we face in career services. Dean Spivey will also be assisting us, as part of the career services team, in forming strategy and marketing efforts for all of our operations," Syverud said.

Spivey earned a bachelor’s degree from Vanderbilt University and a master’s of business administration from the University of Alabama. A doctoral candidate in educational leadership and policy at Vanderbilt, he also has taken graduate-level courses in statistics, research methodology and human resources at the Georgia Institute of Technology College of Management.

Jazz workshop for K-12 teachers funded by NEH

The application deadline is April 24, 2008. For more information, contact the National Endowment for the Humanities at 1001 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20506 or call 202-476-4311. For more information, visit the NEH’s website at www.neh.gov.
Anjan V. Thakor, Ph.D., meets with BSBA student Alexander Zentefis, a junior, in his office. "The level of energy, perseverance and focus that Anjan has is extraordinary, and he brings that to everything he does, whether it's his academic research, professional work or family life," says Stuart Greenbaum, Ph.D., former dean of Olin Business School. "He's a franchise player."