Gary S. Wihl, Ph.D., dean of Rice University's School of Humanities and a highly respected scholar and academic leader, will become dean of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences July 1, according to Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton.

Wihl will succeed Ralph S. Quatrano, Ph.D., the Spencer T. Olin Professor and former chair of the Department of Biology in Arts & Sciences. Quatrano has been serving as interim dean of the faculty of Arts & Sciences since July 1, 2008, when Edward S. Mackis, Ph.D., was selected to become provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Mackis, the Barbara and David Thomas Distinguished Professor in Arts & Sciences, served as dean of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences for 15 years prior to his appointment to his new position.

"Gary Wihl brings his many talents as both an accomplished scholar and an experienced administrator to Washington University," Dr. Quatrano said. "He is the perfect choice to lead the College of Arts & Sciences. He is a trusted and valued member of our community and he enjoys great support among the key constituencies in Arts & Sciences — faculty, students, staff and alumni.

"We are excited about the prospect of working with Gary Wihl and will value the intellectual leadership he will bring to Arts & Sciences and to the University more broadly," Wrighton said.

"As co-chair of the 16-member Advisory Committee on the Appointment of the Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences, I am confident in our enthusiastic support for Gary’s appointment," said Elbette Sklodowska, Ph.D., the Randolph Family Professor in Arts & Sciences. "After thoroughly reviewing a large and diverse pool of candidates of great merit, I can say with confidence that Gary is exactly the academic leader we were looking for and who will enjoy great support among the key constituencies of Arts & Sciences — faculty, students, staff and alumni.

"He brings to this position the right mix of qualities, values and experience, including his multidisciplinary outlook, proven commitment to fostering diversity and outstanding fund-raising record," the committee said. "We are delighted that Gary has agreed to guide us forward in these challenging times.

"We had a very large committee representing every part of the Arts & Sciences, so candidates had to inspire and win the support of an intellectually diverse group," said James V. Wertsch, Ph.D., the Marshall S. Snow Professor in Arts & Sciences, who co-chaired the advisory committee. "Gary Wihl did. He brought exciting ideas to the table about the opportunities and challenges that will face all of us. We also found Gary to be someone who understands the broader societal context in which universities work and ways to shape, rather than just react to, this context. This has been a key to the major successes he has had in fund-raising. "The committee was convinced that Gary will bring thoughtful new perspectives to everything from the graduate and undergraduate curriculum to research, to student affairs, to fund raising for the sciences, social sciences and humanities at Washington University," said Wertsch, who also is director of the Danforth Foundations Distinguished Academic Chair Program and of International and Area Studies.

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Speaker covering such diverse subjects as science, entrepreneurship, film and mathematics will take stage during the spring 2009 Assembly Series.

The programs will be presented in evening sessions and at various times, including the traditional Wednesday 11 a.m. slot.

Klein's book, "The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism," challenges the ideology espoused by Milton Friedman and his followers that free-market policies create democratic nations. Rather, she sees free-market capitalism as a major contributor to social ills, such as the detrimental effects of class-related, economic and environmental disasters on the poor.

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Klein said, "My talk, "Culture Is Pop Culture," is sponsored by the Asian American Student Group and will be followed by a panel discussion scheduled for 2 p.m. in the Women's Building Formal Lounge.

Spring 2009 schedule

Maxine Clark, 5 p.m., Feb. 5, Graham Chapel

Clark turned a unique concept into a multi-million dollar success story. The founder of Build A-Bear Workshop updated the traditional teddy bear and made it interactive. In just 11 years, she has grown this business from one store to more than 400 worldwide.

She will field questions on the role of entrepreneurship in the current economy and participate in the Otto Cup awards ceremony. This program and ceremony are being hosted by the Skandalakis Center for Entrepreneurial Studies.

Lelo Lee, 6 p.m., Feb. 11, Graham Chapel

Through her cartoons, short films and Internet series, Lee has found creative outlets for her message about women's marginality in America. Lee also is an actor and composer whose creations fill the television series "Scrubs."

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Steiner-Lang directs the Office of Scholarly Engagement, whose mission is to provide international and cultural support; English-language instruction; and cultural and academic support to and from international scholars. The center, launched in 2004, is funded with a $2.5 million endowment.

Her talk is one of three speakers that will be part of the Internship in the Humanities Lecture Series.

Other speakers include Lynne Tatlock, Ph.D., the Thomas and Tewis Lewin Distinguished Professor in the Humanities in Germanic Languages and Literatures, and Miriam Baldwin, Ph.D., associate professor and director of undergraduate studies in Germanic Languages and Literatures.

A Discussion About Race, 4 p.m., March 14, Steinberg Auditorium

In mid-January, several sponsors-sponsored groups will convene to discuss their work and the promise of creating a new way of discussing race. By February, members of this group will create a plan for its continuation.

Paul Alliuvidence, 11 a.m., March 6, Graham Chapel

Nanoscience and its applications will play a major role in future scientific and medical breakthroughs. For the past two years, Alivisatos has been at the forefront of this research.

"Keeping it real" is more than just a tag line for Spurlock. He drives him to write, direct and star in his documentaries.

The Legacy of George Washington: A Panel Discussion, 6 p.m., Feb. 18, Women's Building Formal Lounge

To commemorate the anniversary of George Washington's 277th birthday, WUSTL scholars will examine the legacy of the first man and consider whether the philosophical and moral principles he exhibited during his lifetime have modern implications.

Panelists are David Konig, Ph.D., professor of English and arts & sciences and professor of law, and Mary Beth Harshbarger, professor and director of undergraduate studies in political science and arts & sciences.

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Lung cancer vaccine to be evaluated at Siteman Cancer Center

By Gwen Edgson

A vaccine designed to prevent the recurrence of lung cancer in two being tested nationwide, including the Siteman Cancer Center. The vaccine stimulates the immune system to destroy cells that carry a tumor-specific antigen called MAGE-A3. This antigen is not present in normal tissue but is found in several cancer types, including 35 percent to 50 percent of cases of the most common type of lung cancer, non-small cell lung cancer.

The MAGE-A3-based vaccine answers a need for a highly effective and safe therapy for patients who have undergone conventional treatment for a primary tumor but are at high risk of relapse. "The vaccine takes advantage of the immune system's ability to eliminate foreign materials and harmful cells," said Bryan Meyers, M.D., professor of surgery and chair of the General Thoracic Surgery Section of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery. "This natural process has few side effects, unlike traditional treatments such as chemotherapy or radiation therapy."

Known as the MAGRIT (MAGE-A3 as Adjuvant Non-Small Cell Lung Immunotherapy) trial, the study will test the vaccine to determine whether it can prolong survival by delaying or preventing recurrence of lung cancer. The study involves more than 400 centers in 33 countries, and study leaders hope to enroll 2,270 patients. It is estimated that 215,000 men and women in the United States were diagnosed with lung cancer in 2008. In people with lung cancer, the rate of recurrence and death is high, making the five-year survival rate only about 10 percent.

The trial is open to people with stage IB, II or IIIA non-small cell lung cancer with MAGE-A3 active disease. Participants must have undergone complete surgical removal of their tumors within six weeks of enrolling in the trial. "This trial is one of the few that focuses on patients with less advanced lung cancer," said Meyers, who heads the MAGRIT trial at the School of Medicine. "Because lung cancer has few symptoms until later stages, most lung cancer patients see their late-stage cancer — stage III or IV — so the majority of lung cancer trials are designed for these patients."

The vaccine contains MAGE-A3 antigen particles along with compounds that cause inflammation. The inflammation helps alert the immune system to the antigen and activate killer T-cells that can react against the antigen on their surface. Only cancer cells have the antigen.

Preliminary results in small trials have suggested that the vaccine does improve survival, but more data are needed to firmly establish its effectiveness. "With the MAGRIT trial, there will be sufficient number of participants to give a definitive answer about which lung cancer patients will benefit from the vaccine and the degree of benefit," Meyers said.

Physicians and patients interested in the MAGRIT trial can call 1-866-299-6267.

School works to reduce student debt through scholarships, loans

By Diane Duke Williams

Tuition and fees at U.S. medical schools have risen dramatically in the past 20 years, and students nationwide are going deeper into debt to become physicians. The School of Medicine is trying to reverse the trend and has taken a number of steps in recent years to reduce the debt of its students. "We want to ensure that the School of Medicine is within reach for students from all segments of society," says W. Edwin Dodson, M.D., associate vice chancellor and associate dean for admissions and for continuing medical education. "Reducing the debt of our students also means that more likely that students will choose specialties based on personal interest, not salaries."

Previously, the medical school required students to secure a certain amount of money before they could receive any scholarships. These days, the medical school began offering need-based scholarships along with loans starting with the first dollar of need.

Need-based scholarships are determined by a careful review of detailed financial information from the applicant and his or her parents. This includes tuition, room, board, books, transportation and other expenses. If the evaluation determines that the student and parents can contribute $33,222, the student's financial aid will be $30,000. The medical school then funds $15,000 in scholarships and $15,000 in interest-free loans.

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Three years ago, the medical school introduced a policy that capped the amount of debt a student could take on each year. Once students reach $20,000 in debt in a year, they receive the rest of the money they need in scholarships.

Additionally, the medical school's tuition is stabilized, which means the tuition students are charged as first-year students is the tuition they will pay all four years. "Ours is one of only a handful of schools that offers this benefit," says Robert J. McCormack, assistant dean and director of financial aid.

Tuition at the medical school is comprehensive. It includes student health coverage, housing accommodations and long-term disability insurance.

The medical school also offers 15-18 merit scholarships each year. "These steps help students reduce their debt, but the medical students will never have to worry about paying off their debt," Dodson says. "The new programs will help students to balance their new lives with maintaining financial control of their lives."
Kemper presents retrospective on Arch architect Saarinen

Eero Saarinen was among the most prolific, innovative, and controversial architects of the 20th century, creator of the monumental St. Louis Gateway Arch as well as sweeping abstract terminals for New York's John F. Kennedy International and Washington Dulles International airports.

Beginning at 5 p.m. Jan. 30 with an opening reception, the Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum will present "Eero Saarinen: Shaping the Future," the first retrospective to explore the complete career of the acclaimed Finnish-American architect. The exhibition will remain on view at the Kemper Museum through April 27, 2000, and "Saarinen: designed innovations which enjoyed both success and sedition in the professional and public realms." The exhibition invites the public to create short films inspired by the Gateway Arch. Selected entries will be screened at the museum April 18. "Eero Saarinen: Shaping the Future" was organized by the Finnish Cultural Institute in New York, the Museum of Finnish Architecture in Helsinki and the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C., with the support of the Yale University School of Architecture. Donald Alschuler curates the exhibition in conjunction with an international consortium of Finnish and American scholars. Peter MacDonald, associate dean of the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts and professor of architecture, serves as curator: "Eero Saarinen: Shaping the Future."

Both the opening reception and the two exhibitions are free and open to the public.

For more information on "Eero Saarinen: Shaping the Future," call 935-9300 or visit kemperartmuseum.wustl.edu.

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Lectures

Thursday, Jan. 22


3 p.m. School of Law "Access to Justice." Public Interest Law Speaker Series. Anawalt & Martin, LLC. "Future Directions in Preservation Law." Fischer Hall, Rm. 518, 362-7088.


Friday, Jan. 23


Sunday, Jan. 25


4:30 p.m. Immunology Research Seminar Series. "Autoimmune Responses to Physiological DNA Double-Strand Breaks." Amy Perry, assoc. prof. of immunology and virology, Washington University in St. Louis. Medical Sciences Bldg., Rm. 426, 362-6655.

Tuesday, Jan. 27

4:30 p.m. Free From Smoking Class. "Free From Smoking." Clinical Services, Office of the Dean of Medicine, Barnes Hospital and Washington University in St. Louis. Center for Disease Control, 4323 Southwest Ave., 362-2000.

Wednesday, Jan. 28

4:30 p.m. Public Affairs Seminar Series. "Through a Glass, Darkly: Translating Poetry into Prose." Jon Sherry, assoc. prof. of Scandanavian language, Dalhousie University. 120 E. Main St., St. Louis, Rm. 201, 362-6950.

4 p.m. Psychology Colloquium. "Theories and Models of Language Learning and Teaching." Charles H. Fillmore, assoc. prof. of second language acquisition, Department of Psychology. 4323 Southwest Ave., St. Louis, Rm. 201, 362-6950.

Thursday, Jan. 29


4:30 p.m. Neuroscience Research Seminar Series. "Arrhythmia and Heart Rate Control in Mammalian Species." Joseph Endo, assoc. prof. of pharmacology and physiology, Physiology Dept., Rm. 201, 362-6950.

Friday, Jan. 30


Saturday, Jan. 31

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And More

Monday, Feb. 2

6:15 p.m. Marygro Runnings Ride. (314) 935-4523.


On Stage

Saturday, Jan. 24

Film scholar launches Faculty Fellows series

By Liam Ottens

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ecent blockbuster films and television events devoted to Hitler would seem to give a new sense of popular interest in the Nazi leader and his time. This public fascination may in turn encourage a scholarly exploration of the cultural representation of German suffering and political violence in the 20th century.

Several recent works have explored questions of war and suffering while also emphasizing an emotional engagement with the military experience. The Center for the Humanities' Faculty Fellows are designed to provide a platform for the exploration of science, technology and medicine, and the representation of German suffering in German cinema promises to be another important contribution to this cultural conversation.

A range of caregivers, doctors, and political figures are likely to be frequent guests at the Center for the Humanities' Faculty Fellowships. As the series kicks off this fall, the first of six faculty fellows will be invited to campus by 2009 Faculty Fellowships. For more information, call 935-5576 or email cenhum@wustl.edu.

The 2009 series schedule:

Feb. 24. Penny M. Von Eschen, Ph.D., professor of history and American culture at the University of Michigan, will speak on "Cold War nostalgia: From the Cold War to German films of the 1950s, on the negotiation of space and national identity in the media "Heimatfilm," or "homeland film.""

Feb. 26. Guzino Rattigan, D.D. of the University of Michigan, will speak on "Pathbreaking work on the Heimatfilm, or homeland film," a term whose work combines abstract, cultural studies as well as an interest in the history of cinema. He has curated several exhibitions at the Columbus Museum of Fine Arts and published "The Promise of Peace: Kant's Imaginaries, the Modernist Imaginary, and the Promise of a World Without War." A new book project, "The Promise of Peace," is forthcoming.

Women's basketball wins seven straight

The women's basketball team scored 12 unanswered points to start and seven looked back on route to a 75-58 win over the University Athletic Association (UAA) foe Emory University, 77-50, last March 17.

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Civil Justice Clinic client has sentence commuted

Claire of the School of Law’s Civil Justice Clinic convicted for the murder of her abusive husband has had her sentence commuted by former Missouri Gov. Matt Blunt in one of his final gubernatorial acts.

Since 2005, the clinic has worked to free the ex-physical and sexual violence victim Charity Sue Carey suffered at the hands of her husband. Carey was convicted in 2007 for the murder of her abusive ex-husband, and her 30-year sentence for his murder would now be considered excessive.

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Obituaries

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Under Hitzeman's leadership, Washington University raised more than $500 million, including three successful fund-raising campaigns, culminating in the Alliance for Washington University, which raised $605.5 million upon its completion in December 1987. At that time, the Alliance campaign was the first campus-based campaign in the United States to raise more than $500 million.

A memorial service for Hitzeman will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at Graham Chapel. The service will be open to the University community.

Barry memorial

A memorial service for Elizabeth K. Barry, a faculty member in Arts & Sciences who died Dec. 8, 2008, will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at Graham Chapel. The service will be open to the University community.

Wihl

New dean to take office July 1, 2009 — From Page 1

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Costas Azariadis, Ph.D., teaches an undergraduate class, “Intermediate Macroeconomics,” in Seigle Hall. Azariadis likes to call his students his “intelligent children.” He has supervised more than 40 doctoral dissertations, and many of his former students hold positions at major universities around the world, the International Monetary Fund and Federal Reserve banks.

“Costas is an eminent macroeconomist who has written many influential papers,” he says. “He has worked in a number of areas but is particularly well-known for his contributions to labor markets, economic development and macroeconomic fluctuations.”

Azariadis used the swings in the market as an interesting example of a real-world macroeconomic course. “I was out to prove that a few ties, the way it’s going to be — up and down so dramatically?” Azariadis says. “The professor enthusiastically turned to his computer and clicked on the latest graphs from Wall Street. “Aha, they’re up, but the day is young,” he says. “I see price every day to discuss the economic news of the day.”

In addition to his teaching duties, Azariadis is the inaugural director of the Center for Dynamic Economics at WUSTL, and he conducts research for the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. He has authored several papers with James Bullard, Ph.D., the current president of the St. Louis bank. His colleagues at the central bank may not agree, but Azariadis believes if the Fed had stepped in and bought all the bad bonds in July 2007, they could have prevented the current credit crisis that has resulted in an even larger crisis of confidence.

Self-filling prophecies

“My theory of credit comes from the Latin word, which means faith. You gotta have faith and confidence, or things will go bad because people expect them to go bad,” Azariadis says while pointing out passages in a 1991 paper he wrote titled “Self-Fulfilling Prophecies.”

When I started out, I wanted to show that self-fulfilling prophecies were not rational,” he says. “My intention was to prove that a confidence crisis was irrational, that people were crazy. But guess what? I couldn’t prove it!”

Fear and a lack of confidence among consumers directly impacted the economy, according to Azariadis. “This kind of harks back to FDR, who said that we had ‘nothing to fear but fear itself,’” he says. “If we didn’t have a crisis of confidence now, we would be having a mild recession.”

He predicts the current recession will last a couple of years “if policymakers keep their cool, longer if they panic.”

Azariadis remains optimistic about the global economy’s ability to recover, even as he views emerging economies as so dynamic. But there is a dark forecast on world’s economies as well, and Azariadis’ work encompasses social concerns such as searching for clues to explain why some people live in poverty.

The answer, he suggests, lies with what he refers to as “traveling salesmen of ideas.” At a recent international conference he attended, there were about 5,000 economists who are active and good researchers,” Azariadis says. “I’m now losing track of the younger set, but let’s say there are maybe 1,000 economists total. So it’s like a very small town or village, and it’s spread around the world, and you kind of travel through all the neighborhoods and spend your life in that small town.”

In other words, Azariadis says he feels at home everywhere. He is a true citizen of the 21st-century global economy.