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Wollf commits $20 million for biomedical research

BY GWEN ERIKSON

St. Louis businesswoman and philanthropist Edith L. Wolff has made a commitment of $20 million to support biomedical research at the School of Medicine. The funds will establish the Alan A. and Edith L. Wolff Institute, which will support biomedical research projects that lead to the prevention, treatment and cure of disease.

The Institute has a mandate to bring promising research opportunities that depend on interdepartmental collaboration and that look other major sources of funding. Its goals reflect those of BioMed 21, the University’s multidisciplinary research initiative to rapidly translate basic research findings into advances in medical treatment.

Mrs. Wolff’s late husband, Alan A. Wolff, founded Wolff Construction Co., a real-estate development, investment and management company, in the late 1940s. During the ‘50s and ‘60s, the company built numerous shopping centers in Missouri, Illinois and Kansas. After Mr. Wolff’s death in 1989, Mrs. Wolff became president of the company, which has continued to flourish under her direction and now focuses on real estate investment and on managing and leasing of commercial buildings.

The Wolffs long held a desire to contribute to community service and philanthropy in the St. Louis area and for more than 30 years directed funds to medical research at the School of Medicine. In addition to contributions to many research areas in medicine, Mrs. Wolff endowed two professorships. The Alan A. and Edith L. Wolff Professorship in Medicine was established in 1999 to support programs in understanding cancer. That chair is held by Timothy J. Ley, M.D., a specialist in cancer research. In 2003, she endowed the Alan A. and Edith L. Wolff Innovation Award and general manager of Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

Wollf, through an online rental system and can be kept overnight for an additional charge.

Fuel and maintenance are included in the hourly rental fee. Members can fill up their cars’ tanks with a credit card provided by WeCar. Physical damage protection also is included, though members under 21 also must have their own car insurance.

WeCar also offers 24-hour customer service and emergency roadside assistance.

Initially, four Toyota Prims and two Ford Escape vehicles will be available for WeCar Members to use, but Enterprise may make adjustments regarding available models as demand patterns emerge.

After registering for the program, members receive a key fob, which can be used to start the vehicle’s doors. Once inside the vehicle, a computer will recognize the key to the vehicle by entering a pin number into a keypad in the vehicle’s glove box. Members only will be able to access the key fob to reserve the car online for that specific time slot.

For more information or to sign up, visit parking.wustl.edu.

By Jessica Davies

Washington University Parking & Transportation Services and Enterprise Rent-A-Car have partnered to bring WeCar, a car-sharing program, to the Danforth Campus.

The program, the first of its kind in the St. Louis area, allows WUSTL students, faculty, staff and employees of qualified service providers over age 18 to rent vehicles at an hourly rate. The vehicles will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Registration, which is free, is available online.

The University hopes the availability of car-sharing on the Danforth Campus will make it easier for faculty, staff and students to use public transportation or car-pools to commute to and from campus, especially with the closure of I-64.

“While many employees and students wanted to explore alternative modes of transportation for commuting, such as public transportation, biking or car-pooling, they had a problem if they needed a vehicle during the day for a meeting, an errand or to respond to a family emergency,” said Lisa Underwood, director of WUSTL Parking & Transportation Services, vouching for this program as a great way to address that problem.

The program also serves those living on campus. “WeCar provides the freedom of having a personal automobile at their fingertips without the hassle and expense of having a car on campus,” Underwood said.

WeCar also is a part of the University’s push to promote sustainability. The program utilizes exclusively hybrid vehicles and keeps other cars off the road, reducing carbon emissions.

“A key part of our University sustainability initiative is to assess our greenhouse gas emissions and our impact on global climate change, and then implement solutions that will reduce them,” said Matt Mollen, assistant vice chancellor for campus sustainability.

“Because the WeCar program provides the convenience of a personal automobile without the need of driving it to and from work, we hope this will provide further incentive for members of the University community to make use of the tremendous transportation program benefits we have, such as the Metro bus and MetroLink rail passes, and other options such as walking, biking or car-pooling,” Mollen said.

Similar programs have been popular in urban areas such as Washington, D.C., and on campuses such as Emory University and Johns Hopkins University. Both the University and Enterprise are confident the program will find equal success at the University.

“As Enterprise Rent-A-Car introduces our WeCar program for the first time in St. Louis, it is exciting for us to be able to partner with Washington University in providing this innovative program,” said Tony Moore, vice president and general manager of Enterprise’s operations in St. Louis.

“This all-hybrid car-sharing program is an environmentally friendly solution for students, faculty and staff, providing flexibility, convenience and cost-savings to its members.”

Vehicles will be available for hourly rental at four areas on the Danforth Campus. The hope is that car-sharing will make it easier for faculty, staff and students to use public transportation or car-pools to commute to and from campus.

Those enrolled in the program will have access to a fleet of six vehicles strategically parked in four areas throughout the Danforth Campus on the South 40 near Liggett House; in the Snow Way Garage; east of Brookings Hall; and near the Mallinckrodt Student Center. Each is available hourly.

Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton named Citizen of the Year

Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton has been named St. Louis 2007 Citizen of the Year, an award sponsored by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Wrighton was chosen by a committee of past winners of the award and was profiled in the Jan. 6 issue of the Post-Dispatch.

A ceremony honoring Wrighton will be held in March on campus and will highlight Wrighton’s accomplishments and the University’s contributions to the St. Louis region during Wrighton’s tenure.

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Past winners of the award also include former Mayor William H. Danforth; former U.S. Senators Thomas F. Eagleton and John Danforth; and Sam Fox, U.S. ambassador to Belgium, founder and former CEO of Har- bor Group and lifetime member of the WUSTL Board of Trustees.

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Carl Bender becomes the inaugural Konneker Distinguished Professor

The first Wilfred R. and Ann Lee Konneker Distinguished Professor of Arts & Sciences was presented to Carl Bender, Ph.D., in an investiture ceremony Nov. 27 in Holmes Lounge.

"The announcement is stunning," Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton said. "Carl Bender is one of our most distinguished alumni in physics. His eminence is greatly appreciated, for it befits him to be reaching and influencing the intellectual lives of present and future students at Washington University.

The Konneker's associated with the University dates back to 1947, when Will began his doctoral work in physics. It was, as he says, "hard enough to recruit minority students," would be associated with the department for ten years. And then, in the early 1960s, as the first tenured minority physics professor in the world, Bender was working on the Manhattan Project during World War II, the group that resulted, he said, is something close to greater than anything. After his research and scholarship, Bender has a number of fields. In the most recent work there is involving the large and active field of PT quantum field theory. As a young civil rights attorney in the late 1960s, the then-Jocelyn Bell Burnell was instrumental in discovering the first pulsars. Before coming to St. Louis, Bender was a postdoctoral fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study. He then joined the faculty of Massachusetts Institute of Technology."

Carl Bender, Ph.D., addresses the gathering at Holmes Lounge Nov. 27 following his installation as the first Wilfred R. and Ann Lee Konneker Distinguished Professor of Physics in Arts & Sciences. "Dr. Bender is one of our most eminent faculty," Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton said.

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As Dr. Drew from his national-syndicated talk show, "Loveline," the popular advice columnist helps young people form stable and healthy relationships. The show has extended to cover such issues as spirituality, religion, and sex. Recently, he has emphasized a new paradigm of human freedom and moral responsibility.

Fatemeh Keshavarz 11 a.m., Feb. 13, Graham Chapel 4:30 p.m., March 5, Whitaker Hall Auditorium

"Lamenting the "Kim Jong II" "Lamenting the "Kim Jong II" Terrorists" — the Washington University political science department was once again selected, this time to host the vice presidential debate at 7 p.m. Oct. 2, 2008, in the Washington University Athletic Complex Field House. It was noted that hosting debates has become one of Washington University's great traditions and that it continues to be highly popular with students, faculty, alumni and the St. Louis community.

Bender is a distinguished professor at Cornell University and a master and doctoral degrees in physics. In 1978, after serving for four years on the WUSTL faculty, Bender was awarded the Konneker Distinguished Professorship in the Arts & Sciences. "Bender served on many committees, including Academic Integrity; Compton Friends Fellowship Selection; Tenure, Promotion and Personelle; Honorary Degree Committee; and Senate Council. For several years he was selected for the 1987 Hartman Professorship in Physics."

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A new faculty recognition and awards event has been created to enhance recognition and appreciation for the School of Medicine's highly accomplished faculty, highlighting the extraordinary talent that will be recognized Jan. 23 with the first Distinguished Faculty Awards.

"The School of Medicine and the Executive Committee of the Faculty Council (ECFC) created the awards to recognize outstanding achievements in clinical care, education, research and teaching," said Larry J. Shapiro, M.D., executive vice chancellor for medical affairs and executive dean of the School of Medicine. Shapiro will present the awards in association with his State of the School address at 4:30 p.m. in the Eric P. Newman Education Center.

"Washington University School of Medicine is a vital community of faculty, students and staff, all dedicated to excellence in patient care, education, research and service," Shapiro said. "In an atmosphere of collegiality and collaboration, our accomplishments are fueled by the talents and energy of people who accept the challenge of leading the advancement of health-care delivery and biomedical science.

"If we are to succeed, we must approach the task with a common vision and strategy: ensure that our students graduate with the training and skills necessary to lead the advancement of health care, and that our faculty members are recognized for their contributions to that advancement. This program will be a significant milestone in our efforts to achieve this goal." Shapiro added.

Many PEMRAP students also attend undergraduate programs in the School of Medicine, the school has not had an overarching honor program for its faculty to celebrate distinctions, awards from external organizations, appointments to honorary positions and promotions, said Diana L. Gray, M.D., associate dean for faculty affairs and professor of obstetrics and gynecology and of radiology.

"This is an effort to better recognize how truly outstanding our faculty are and to bring them some of the distinction that they deserve," she said.

The new awards, co-sponsored by the dean's office, the Office of Faculty Affairs, Central Administration and the ECFC, have been in the works for several years, Gray said.

"One of the goals of developing the recognition program was to have a feel-good event," she said. "We're busy and so stressed out about the federal funding environment and all of the demands on us that it's nice to think it's easy to forget about being a high-level faculty at our university. They need it on the back." The new awards are in addition to the Salaries and Recognition (STAR) Awards, which are given to faculty members for exceptional performance. This year, 82 nominees submitted for the new awards, the selection choices included 18 winners, who are as follows:

**Distinguished Clinician Award**
- John P. Atkinson, M.D., the Samuel B. Grant Professor of Pediatrics
- Louis E. Dehnen, M.D., professor of pathology and immunology
- Heidi Prather, D.O., associate professor of orthopaedic surgery
- Shirley Sahrhann, Ph.D., professor of physical therapy
- Franz J. Vippolit H., M.D., professor of radiology

**Distinguished Community Service Award**
- Linda B. Coffelt, Ph.D., professor of epidemiology in public health
- Katie Plan, M.D., assistant professor of pediatrics
- Consuelo Hopkins Wilkins, M.D., assistant professor of medicine

**Distinguished Educator Award**
- Barbara S. Monsees, M.D., Theodore and Nancy Evans Professor of Women's Health and professor of radiology
- Graduate Student Teaching Award
- Joseph L. Price, Ph.D., professor of anatomy and neurobiology

**House Staff Teaching Award**
- Abdullah M. Nasrli, M.D., assistant professor of neurology
- Pediatric Research Mentorship Award
- Emily J. Endsley, M.D., the Alan and Edith L. Wolf Professor of Medicine

**Distinguished Investigator Award**
- Junior Faculty
  - Shin-ichiro Inai, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor of developmental biology
  - David A. Rudnick, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor of pediatrics
  - Geri Faculty
  - Richard S. Hoffhiss, M.D., professor of anesthesiology
  - Jessica M. Nerbonne, Ph.D., professor of Molecular Biology and Pharmacology
  - Robert D. Schreiber, Ph.D., the Alumni Endowed Professor of Pathology and Immunology

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**Applying for University Bear Cub Fund grants**

**By Caroline Abaras**

The University Bear Cub Fund is soliciting grant applications from University researchers who want to make new investments from their laboratories toward commercialization. After a two-year gap in funding, the University has re-established the Bear Cub Fund grant program through the Office of Technology Management. The fund supports innovative translational research not normally backed by federal grants. Any University faculty member, postdoctoral fellow, graduate student or employee may apply.

"Many technologies developed at the University have commercial potential," said Samuel Stanley, M.D., vice chancellor for research. "But there's often a gap in funding between basic research and the development of a commercial product. The Bear Cub Fund can help provide researchers with the funding they need to demonstrate that their technology has commercial value. The University Bear Cub Fund can help researchers with the funding they need to demonstrate that their technology has commercial value.”

"We view Bear Cub Fund, researchers will now have access to funds to prove the viability of their discoveries as potential new commercial products," Janoski said.

"From the perspective of the investor, or investor, they're interacting with families, nurses and physicians who have become competent research associates in the pediatric emergency department. For us, the greatest reward is seeing the enthusiasm the students gain for both clinical research and becoming a physician."
PAD to present ‘The Trestle at Pope Lick Creek’ Jan. 24-27

Naomi Wallace drama explores coming-of-age in Great Depression

By LIAM OTTEN

The 710-pound train rumbles through thePiney Woods. Wallace, a young man from the Great Depression. Two teenage boys, dressed in overalls and harrowing for chicken, race the 15-ton engine across a narrow railroad bridge.

Welcome to “The Trestle at Pope Lick Creek,” a poignant and erotically charged coming-of-age tale by playwright Naomi Wallace, winner of a 1999 MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, or “genius grant.” The Performing Arts Department in Arts & Sciences will present the play Jan. 24-27 in the A.E. Hotchkin Studio Theatre in the Mallinckrodt Student Center. Directed by Andrea Urice, the production, which unfolds largely in flashback, opens with Dalton Chance (senior Mitchell Leonard)—a local boy who once dreamed of going to college — making shadow puppets against the walls of a prison cell. Wallace is suspected of killing his friend, Pace Creagan (senior Elizabeth Becker), a rebellious girl who challenged him to run the treble.

This has a depressingly realist view of the options available to people like her and Dalton, said Andrea Urice, senior lecturer in drama in Arts & Sciences and former assistant director of the Hotchkin Studio Theaters of Louisville, which developed the “Pope Lick Creek” in 1999. “She also has the compelling need to take on forces larger than herself—to be seen as being more than just the jailer whose son, Brett, was killed running the treble.

“Everyone is dealing, in some way, with fundamental questions of identity,” Urice said. “Chas is still adjusting to the loss of his son, Glen, forced into the role of family breadwinner, is getting involved with organized labor, while Dewy, who defined himself through work, sits at home afraid to venture out into a world that may no longer see him as a real person.

“Wallace’s work is very sparse but also very challenging and filled with beautiful language and provocative ideas,” Urice said. “Though this is not a politically driven play, every representation of the economic and social conditions of the characters’ lives is starkly, abstracted sets and lighting are by Lecturers in Performing Arts Angela Bengford and Sean Savoie, respectively, with costumes by junior Lauren Talamo. (No overalls for any characters,” Wallace instructs in the script. “Being poor and white in 1930s America is not synonymous with poor dress taste, nor Ma and Pa kettle heads.”) Sound design is by alumnus Paukshar Sharma.

Wallace, a native of Prospect, Ky., is the author of 10 plays, including “Slaughtering City” and “In the Heart of America.” Other works include scripts for the television shows “Law & Order” and “3rd Rock From the Sun.” For information, show times are at 8 p.m.

The student cast of “The Trestle at Pope Lick Creek.” From left to right: Reynolds Whalen as Dray Chance, Dalton’s father, and senior Julia Mancini as Gin Chance, Dalton’s mother, who works at a glass factory. Rounding out the five-member cast is senior Lee Osorio as Chas Weaver, the town jailer whose son, Brett, was killed running the treble.

The theatre performs Jan. 24-27 in the A.E. Hotchkin Studio Theatre in the Mallinckrodt Student Center. Tickets are $15 — $9 for students, seniors and faculty and staff — and are available through the Edison Theatre Box Office and all MetiTix outlets. For more information, call 935-6543.

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Friday, Jan. 24

4 p.m. Ovation! Series. "Top Secret: The Battle for The Pentagon Papers." (Also 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27.) Edison Theatre. 935-6543.

Saturday, Jan. 26

6:30 p.m. Women’s Basketball vs. Emory U.
6:30 p.m. Men’s and Women’s Swimming & Diving.
6:11 p.m. Women’s Basketball vs. Case Western Reserve U.

Sunday, Jan. 27

6 p.m. Women’s Basketball vs. Case Western Reserve U.
3 p.m. Women’s Basketball vs. Case Western Reserve U.
2 p.m. Men’s Basketball vs. Case Western Reserve U.

On Stage

Thursday, Jan. 24

5 p.m. Performing Arts Dept. Presentation. “The Trestle at Pope Lick Creek.” (Also 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23.) Edison Theatre. 935-6543.

Friday, Jan. 25

5:30 p.m. OVATION! Series. "I was the girl next door—until I wasn’t! How I became a sexual assault survivor." (Also 3 p.m.) Campus Box 1070. 935-4259.

Show times are at 8 p.m. upon request. Forms for submitting events will be e-mailed to interested departments to be filled out and returned. Deadline for submissions is noon of the day prior to publication date.

Music

Tuesday, Jan. 22

4 p.m. Concert. Chamber Ensembles Graham Chapel. 935-6999.

Wednesday, Jan. 23

4 p.m. Immunology Seminar Series. "End-To-End Epitope Priming and T-Cell Persistence." (Also 3 p.m.) Whitney Hall. 935-6767.

Sports

Friday, Jan. 18

5:30 p.m. OVATION! Series. "The Battle for The Pentagon Papers." (Also 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26.) Edison Theatre. 935-6543.

Saturday, Jan. 19

6:30 p.m. Men’s Basketball vs. Emory U.
3 p.m. Women’s Basketball vs. Case Western Reserve U.
2 p.m. Women’s Basketball vs. Case Western Reserve U.

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Latin jazz next up for Edison Theatre OVATIONS! Series

BY LIAM OTTEN

The marriage between jazz and Latin music has virtually never been heard of 30 years ago when musician Elio Piedra moved to the music scene, seamlessly combining the sultry tango rhythm with the boisterous spontaneity of jazz.

On Jan. 18, the Pablo Ziegler Quintet for New Tango — joined by special guest Charlie Haden — will present a special one-night-only concert as part of the Edison Theatre OVATIONS! Series.

Piedra, a native of Buenos Aires, Argentina, Ziegler began performing classical repertoire at 14 but was also inspired by his father, classical- and Latin bands, and with which he became acquainted with his father, a violinist.

In the 1960s, he formed the Pablo Ziegler Octet, which formed jazz arrangements of classical music, and in 1985, Ziegler joined Astor Piazzolla’s famous New Tango Quatuor. Over the next 20 years, he would perform throughout Europe, Japan and North America, until Piazzolla’s failing health forced the group to disband.

In 1990, Ziegler launched his own New Tango Ensemble, who have formed a group into a quintet, which has since toured extensively worldwide.

Acuna was born in Buenos Aires, Chile, and raised in Cuba where her early influences included Carl Maria von Weber, Almira Penafe, and her father, a violinist. He has written numerous books and articles, including “The Life, Love, and Legend of Che Guevara” and many readings by medical, and, more recently, with broader moral and cultural issues.

Ziegler has written a number of new compositions, including “The Challenge for Bioethics” and “The Beginning of New Human.”

• March 28 — Mary Dyer Band, “Power of Peace: Justice Project at the Southern Poverty Law Center” will present “Close to Slavery: Guestworker Programs in the U.S.”

Funded in 1971, the SPLC is a national civil rights organization dedicated to advancing and protecting the rights of justice clinic. This lecture also is part of the University’s Arts and Humanities Series.

Kauss, former chair of the President’s Council on Bioethics, has been engaged for more than 30 years with ethical and philosophical issues raised by biomed- ical, and, more recently, with broader moral and cultural issues.

Smith writes and teaches in the areas of animal, crime, and legal education, and the rights of minorities, the poor and victims of injustice in significant civil rights and social justice settings.

His work has been a major influence on the legal theory, and for her work in financial services and civil rights.

Her most recent book is “Economic Justice: Race, Gender, and Poverty in the United States” and the capstone to a series of articles, essays, and speeches. The book has been reviewed on the web, for more information, call 935-7852.

She is also a member of the American Employment Law Association (AEEA) and special counsel to the National Lawyers Guild and special counsel to the National Lawyers Guild.

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Obituaries

Skinner, professor of otolaryngology, 72

BY JIM DREW

Margaret Walker Skinner, M.D., Ph.D., professor of otolaryngology and director of the Cochlear Implant and Hearing Rehabilitation Program, died Friday, Jan. 11, 2008, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital after a long illness. She was 72.

Skinner, known to friends and family as Margo, worked in audiol- ogy for more than four decades, earning an international reputation in auditory rehabilitation. Her research and insightful clinical skills culminated in the publication of a book considered the "bible" on hearing aids. She was a pioneer in the field of cochlear implants to help patients who are deaf become hearing aids, and she served on the execu- tive boards of state and national auditory societies and chaired in- ternational conferences in this area.

Skinner began her academic career in 1966 as an instructor at Washington University as a lecturer in the Department of Speech and Hearing in 1977, eventually becoming a professor in the Department of Otolaryn- gology-Head and Neck Surgery in 1987. She became director of the Cochlear Implant and Hear- ing Rehabilitation Program in 1994.

She received many awards and honors including the Pioneer in Hearing aid, the Jagger Career Award in Hearing from the American Academy of Audiology, the Carhart Memorial Lecturer from the American Auditory So- ciety, the Washington University Academic Women's Pioneer award and the keynote lecture- ship at the 11th International Symposium of Cochlear Im- plants in 2007.


Skinner juggled being a home- maker and raising two boys with her clinical responsibilities as an audiologist. Although she did not complete her doctorate until she was in her 40s, her progress was rapid due to her legendary clinical expertise and her well-honed multi-tasking capabilities. A translational scientist before the term was coined, Skinner's in- tense fascination and passion for her work led many patients "back into the world of sound."

She is survived by sons George L. Kraft and Jonathan B. Kraft and daughter-in-law Lori Kraft, all of St. Louis; her husband, Frank forthcoming family; and many nieces, nephews and friends. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cochlear Implant and Hearing Rehabilitation Program at Cam- pus Box 1847. A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19 at Trinity Episcopal Church at 600 North Euclid.

Randall, research patient coordinator at Siteman Cancer Center, 52

Cheryl Randall, research patient coordinator at Siteman Cancer Center, died Thursday, Jan. 2, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital of complications from cancer.

First diagnosed in 1995, Ran- dall dealt with seven bouts of breast cancer and lost one sister to the disease, which another sis- ter also battled.

After working for AT&T for many years, Randall joined Sitem- man Cancer Center in September 2001 to work with breast cancer patients enrolled in clinical trials. She said she felt it was a good op- portunity to share her experience with other women so they did not have to suffer as she did.

Brian Springer, executive di- rector of research and business administration at Siteman Cancer Center, said Randall not only was an advocate for breast cancer, but she promoted overall wellness.

Notables

Trustees grant faculty promotions, tenure

A recent Board of Trustees meeting, the following facul- ty members were promoted with tenure, appointed with tenure, granted tenure effective July 1, 2007, unless other- wise noted.

Promotion with tenure

Cindy Brantmeyer, Ph.D., to associate professor of Spanish and古典 linguistics.

Jeremy D. Bahler, Ph.D., to associate professor of computer science and engineering.

Christopher D. Gill, Ph.D., to associate professor of computer science and engineering.

Cindy M. Grim, Ph.D., to associate professor of computer science and engineering.

Peter J. Kasnut, Ph.D., to as- sociate professor of history.


Ishith V. Pappu, Ph.D., to as- sociate professor of biomedical engineering.

Shelly Sakiyama-Elbert, Ph.D., to associate professor of biomedical engineering.

David S. Sept, Ph.D., to asso- ciate professor of biomedical engineering.


Wojciech A. Swat, Ph.D., to associate professor of pathology and immunology, with tenure effective Oct. 5, 2007.

Cheryl Wasieman, to associate professor of art.

Appointment with tenure

David E. Bornstein, Ph.D., as professor of psychology and goddess.


Ian G. Dobbins, Ph.D., as asso- ciate professor of psychology, effec- tive Aug. 1, 2007.

Jack R. Engberg, Ph.D., as asso- ciate professor of otolaryngology, with tenure effective Aug. 1, 2007.

Halal I. Ergin, Ph.D., as asso- ciate professor of economics.

Jefferson M. Gill, Ph.D., as professor of political science.

Sajal K. Jha, Ph.D., as asso- ciate professor of political science.


Robert Sidney McCarter, Ph.D., as professor of architec- ture.

Patricia Jean Olyan, as profes- sor of art, with tenure effective Oct. 5, 2007.

Vincent B. Sherry, Ph.D., as profes- sor of English and director of the Komen affiliate.


Study in Chile this summer

The Gephart Institute for Public Service and the Interna- tional and Area Studies Programs have established the Washington University Intern- ational Service Learning Program, a pilot initiative designed to encourage students to have a transformative service experience overseas.

In its inaugural year, the pro- gram will sponsor up to five un- dergraduates to live and learn in South America for 10 weeks in Santiago, Chile, from late May to late July, 2008.

Applicants should have public health interests and/or pre-med- ical interests, as they will apply their interests and skills in a com- munity and hands-on internship.

Students also will benefit from intensive language instruction, a homestay with a local family and a unique opportunity to bring their experience back to St. Louis, applying it through service in the local community during the fall 2008 semester.

A $1,500 tuition wa- ver for the academic component of the program but not the service internship.

Students will be responsible for $1,500 tuition for the lan- guage study in Chile, plus person- to-person living expenses. Other expenses will be cov- ered by the Gephart Institute for Public Service.

The application deadline is Feb. 1, 2008. For application or further information, contact Amy Sorber at International and Area Studies at 935-8372 or asober@wustl.edu.

Speaking of

Brian Carpenter, Ph.D., profes- sor of psychology in Arts & Sciences; Keith Clark, Ph.D., professor of physical therapy and rehabilitation science; and Glenn P. Gobeil, Ph.D., the John M. Olin Distinguished Pro- fessor and director of the Center for the Study of Economic Life, have won the 2007 Leif and Inger Sjoberg Award. The award was given as part of the American- Scandinavian Foundation's 26th Annual Translation Prize competition.

The award includes the pub- lication of an excerpt from the translation of the novel "Lykke Per" by the 1917 Nobel Prize win- ner Henrik Sorensen. The novel previously had not been translated into English.
Although she always knew she wanted to be a physician, Angela M. Sharkey, M.D., found her specialty in the first month of her pediatric residency at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. While working in the neonatal intensive care unit, her care was deeply affected by three babies born with hypoplastic left heart syndrome, a fatal defect in which the left side of the heart is underdeveloped.

It was through discussions with the families and telling them that their children would not survive, and I thought it would have been easier for them to cope if they'd known prior to birth that their children would have this lethal problem," said Sharkey, associate professor of pediatrics and a pediatric cardiologist at St. Louis Children's Hospital.

About that same time, an article about using ultrasound to diagnose congenital heart disease prematurely was published. After reading it, Sharkey felt compelled to focus her career on helping these children. She completed a fellowship at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia under James Huhta, M.D., who would remain renowned for the prenatal diagnosis of congenital heart disease, and William Norwood, M.D., a groundbreaking cardiothoracic surgeon.

Sharkey was recruited to the School of Medicine and St. Louis Children's Hospital in 1992 to start a fetal echocardiography program. In 2006, the clinic's team performed more than 800 fetal echocardiograms, in which ultrasound is used to examine the heart of the baby still in the womb.

"When Angela was being recruited, I was excited at the prospect of working with a pediatric cardiologist who was actually trained to interpret a fetal echocardiogram in real time," said Diana L. Gray, M.D., professor of obstetrics and gynecology and of radiology. "In the intervening years, I look back and see how side by side with Angela performing fetal echocardiograms in our prenatal ultrasound apheresis, a very busy time in the perinatal unit and her friendship at work and in the community." Sharkey sees expectant mothers about 20 weeks gestation upon referral from obstetricians, who may have seen something abnormal on a routine ultrasound.

"We start a relationship with the family at the time of diagnosis and see them every 4-6 weeks," Sharkey said. "By the time the baby arrives, the family has already seen the cardiac intensive care unit and the newborn nursery. They have talked with surgeons about what issues might arise after the baby is born and with neonatologists about delivery-room management.

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