

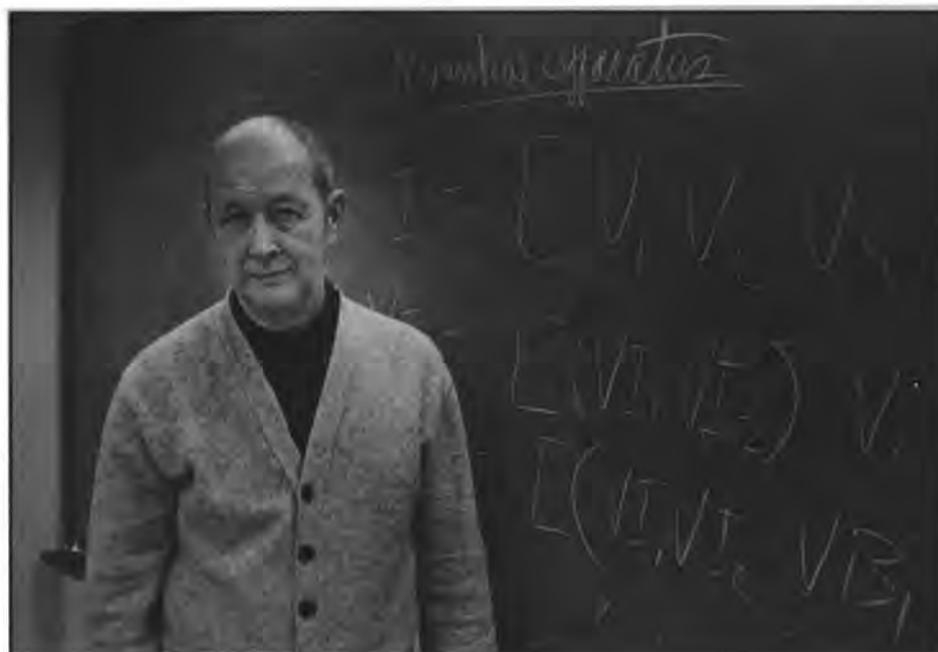
Three UMSL faculty named Curators' Professors



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Jacob J. Leventhal



Eugene P. Meehan

Three faculty members at UM-St. Louis have been named Curators' Professors, an honor reserved for outstanding scholars with established reputations in their profession.

The three are James Neal Primm, professor of history; Jacob J. Leventhal, professor of physics; and Eugene P. Meehan, professor of political science. Their appointments were announced at the UM Board of Curators meeting last week in St. Louis.

Primm has taught in the UM system for 33 years and has been at UMSL since 1965.

He is considered a leading authority on the history of St. Louis. His 1981 book, "Lion of the Valley," received both scholarly and popular approval. Two years later he collaborated with Steven Rowan of the UMSL history department on "Germans for a Free Missouri," a book which received favorable reviews in the national press. Early in his career Primm wrote a highly acclaimed economic and frontier history, "Economic Policy in the Development of a Western State." He also has written a two-volume textbook for undergraduates, "The American Experience," and several articles on elements of St. Louis, Missouri and American history.

The history department's nomination of Primm cited his accomplishments in "contributing significantly to the growth and development not only of the UMSL history department, but also of the campus and the University as a whole."

In the past five years Primm has done extensive public speaking to social, church and civic groups about the history of St. Louis. He is active in the community through his membership on the boards of the Missouri Historical Society and the St. Louis Landmarks Association.

While teaching at UM-Columbia, Primm was director of the Western Historical Manuscripts Collection. At UMSL he has served as chairman of the history department.

Between his 11 years of service to the Columbia campus and his appointment to the UMSL faculty, Primm spent seven years at Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio. He served as the college's president in 1964-65.

Primm earned his B.S. degree in education from Northeast Missouri State University and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in history from UMC.

Leventhal has taught at UMSL since 1968.

He has made outstanding contributions to the understanding of the structure of atoms and simple molecules and their interactions with each other. While Leventhal's research might be labeled "pure science," it has practical applications. Several experiments in recent years have possible implications for laser technology.

In nominating Leventhal, the physics department said he "has maintained his position at the cutting edge of research in atomic physics through a unique combination of foresight, innovation, talent in experimental design and perseverance." He has collaborated with eminent scientists in the United States and abroad.

Leventhal has received a total of more than \$1 million in grants from such organizations as the National Science Foundation and the Department of Energy. His status in the international science community also has helped attract many undergraduate and graduate students to UMSL. Many of these students have co-written scholarly research papers with Leventhal and benefited from his personal instruction. He received the University's Weldon Spring Presidential Research Award in 1982.

Leventhal has served as chairman of the UMSL physics department. He recently served on the UM president's special committee on research.

Leventhal earned his B.S. degree in physics from Washington University and his Ph.D. degree in physics from the University of Florida.

Meehan has taught at UMSL since 1970.

Meehan's long list of publications has made a profound contribution to the field of political science. Other professionals in political science consider Meehan one of the discipline's giants, according to the nominating statement from the UMSL political science department.

"Meehan's work . . . provides the foundation for improved understanding and can serve as a vehicle for improving the human condition," nominators said. His first book, "The British Left Wing and Foreign Policy," written in 1960, is still considered one of the finest studies of the role of ideology on foreign policy-making in parliamentary democracies. He has written 18 other books and numerous articles.

Meehan's accomplishments are far-ranging. He has assisted elementary teachers and students in the Normandy School District, and his work on critical thinking has influenced curriculum at the University of Costa Rica. He has served as a consultant for correspondence education for the U.S. Armed Forces Institute, a consultant for the Illinois Association of Redevelopment Authorities and director of the Metropolitan Data Center of the St. Louis Housing Authority.

Last year he was a visiting scholar at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in Wassenaar, the Netherlands.

Meehan received his B.A. and M.A. degrees in political science from Ohio State University and his Ph.D. degree in political science from the University of London.

Curators grant emeritus titles

Emeritus titles approved by the Board of Curators:

Benjamin D. Fremming, UM-Kansas City professor emeritus of basic life sciences, effective Nov. 1, 1986.

John W. Hamblen, UM-Rolla professor

emeritus of computer science, effective Sept. 1, 1987.

Russell W. Sumnicht, UMKC professor and dean emeritus in dentistry, effective April 1, 1986.

Turner to serve as director of development

UM's development coffers should begin to swell soon.

Rich Turner begins his position as assistant to the president and executive director of University development on April 20.

A journalist and teacher turned fundraiser, Turner is currently assistant to the president of Occidental College in Los Angeles, Calif., where he is responsible for corporation and foundation giving.

"I am very pleased that Dr. Turner has decided to accept this challenge," UM President C. Peter Magrath told the Board of Curators at its meeting last week. "It has clearly been established that there is need for the president to be more actively involved in the important area of encouraging financial support from private sources, and Rich Turner has a successful track record in the development field."



Rich Turner

Turner's position is a new one in the UM administration, called for recently by the Committee to Improve the University of Missouri and by a consulting firm that advises the University on its growing efforts to attract more private financial gifts. His activities will include arranging the president's participation in fund-raising activities conducted by the Columbia, Kansas City, Rolla and St. Louis campuses.

Turner holds a bachelor's degree in English, a master's degree in journalism and a doctoral degree in social science from Syracuse University.

He has worked as a reporter and editor for the New York Post, Syracuse Post Standard and United Press International. He taught journalism at Syracuse and at California State University before moving into the field of higher education fund raising.

In 1978, Turner became a regional development officer for Syracuse University. He moved to the University of California, Los Angeles as associate director of university development and director of the Chancellor's Associates in 1980. In 1983 he became assistant to the president at Occidental.

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Board highlights include UMSL library addition

Overcrowding at the Thomas Jefferson Library at UM-St. Louis may be relieved as early as the summer of 1989.

At last week's meeting, the Board of Curators considered schematic plans for a \$6.2 million addition to the 21-year-old library. Construction could begin later this year.

The library was designed to hold 250,000 volumes but now contains twice that many. It is expected that the new addition could handle the library's needs for about four or five years.



Planned addition to UMSL's Thomas Jefferson Library

Funding for the addition would come from state appropriations and private sources. UMSL Chancellor Marguerite Barnett has announced that the campus has raised \$1.2 million from private sources toward the construction costs of the addition. The Anheuser-Busch Foundation and Emerson Electric Co. each have contributed \$350,000. Their contributions more than match a challenge grant of \$500,000 from the McDonnell Douglas Foundation.

A new medical income distribution plan at UM-Columbia's Hospital and Clinics would guarantee the UMC School of Medicine 16 percent of the earnings from physician services. The plan, considered by the UM Board of Curators at its meeting last week, would stabilize financial support for the medical school.

Dean Michael Whitcomb says the school's 198 physicians are to be commended for the Medical Practice Income Plan, which dictates how clinical earnings of medical school faculty are distributed. In February, about 75 percent of the physicians voted to approve the plan.

In the past, physician salaries were taken from patient collections before an allocation went to the medical school. Under the new plan, 16 percent of patient collections would be contributed to the medical school before physicians' base salaries and incentives are paid.

The plan would allow the medical school to have greater flexibility in its budget for supporting research and academic programs.

Groundbreaking for the Missouri Research Park in St. Charles County should begin in June, according to a report presented last week at the curators' meeting in St. Louis.

Steve Spaulding of the Trammell Crow Co., developer of the research park project, says building construction could begin as early as 1988.

Spaulding told the board that excellent progress has been made in the first year since plans for the research park were announced. He reviewed Trammell Crow's planning and promotional activities and noted several important accomplishments.

Spaulding says the research center is anticipated to consist of two emphasis areas initially — an engineering center and a center for continuing education and extension. According to Spaulding, these functions will help attract prospective research park tenants, provide for the transfer of technology and significantly expand University and industry contacts.

Extension seeks input on program needs, planning

University Extension needs your help.

A report of 2,300 preliminary program needs developed by county extension workers and volunteers throughout the state is now available for review by the University community.

University Extension is asking faculty and staff to review the needs and help design responsive programs.

The report is actually a subject index listing key words extracted from the needs statements and organized into major topic areas. It is one piece of a new county-based program development process approved last year in extension's strategic plan. The process involved volunteer citizen advisory

groups and county extension councils in identifying the educational needs in their counties.

"We are seeking the University community's help in our efforts to address the needs of our people," says John Oren, UM associate vice president for academic affairs-extension. "This report is an invitation to get involved in extension."

Oren says the timing of faculty and staff input is critical. County program priorities and plans are in the process of being established.

"We want an authentic collaboration," Oren says. "We want people to be involved in responding to some of these needs, but we

also want them involved in helping to frame the problems creatively. That is why we have prepared this report of preliminary needs before priorities and plans are finalized."

Campus extension deans have the report available. Contact Don Fancher (UMC), Raymond Williamson (UMKC), Edwin Lorey (UMR), Wendell Smith (UMSL) or George Enlow (Lincoln University). Extension program directors and regional directors also have the report available. In addition, the report is available on the University computer network and on IBM PC diskettes. For information about these files, contact Jim Wilkerson, 810 Clark Hall, Columbia, (314) 882-3260.

Jobs

The following administrative/professional and academic vacancies were listed with *Spectrum* as of March 20. Anyone interested in a position should contact the appropriate department or personnel office.

UMC: vice provost for research and graduate dean; instructor, food science and nutrition; asst./assoc. professor of economics/director of Missouri Council on Economic Education; asst. professor, accountancy, pharmacology, geography, pathology, veterinary medicine and surgery (2), obstetrics and gynecology, medicine, child and family development; asst./assoc. professor, computer science, music, statistics, physics and astronomy, social work; assoc. professor, special education, medicine, child health (2); instructor/asst./assoc. professor, business administration, pharmacology (2); asst./assoc./full professor, mechanical and aerospace engineering, industrial engineering; professor and department chair, educational and counseling psychology; instructor/asst./assoc./full professor, nursing (4); research associate, pathology; postdoctoral research fellow, biological sciences, biological sciences/medicine; postdoctoral fellow, Missouri Institute for Psychiatry (2), entomology; postdoctoral research associate, biological sciences; clinical instructor/emergency room physician, surgery/emergency center (4);

assoc./full professor, biological sciences (2); assoc./full professor and chief of surgical services, VA Hospital; language and literature librarian; research associate, microbiology; research specialist (3); sr. research specialist (2); director, development; coordinator, menu/quality control-campus dining services, statewide testing and evaluation; manager, engineering; financial aid adviser; sr. continuing education coordinator, Missouri Institute for Executive Development; supervisor, Missouri Testing and Evaluation Services; asst. vice chancellor for development; residence hall coordinator, residential life; institutional research assistant; administrative associate I; radio producer, FM station; computer programmer analyst I; systems programmer II. **UM:** systems analyst.

UMCHC: asst. division director, operations and planning; certified orthotist; senior systems programmer; computer project manager; nurse anesthetist; pharmacist (2); physical therapist (2); occupational therapist; manager, nutrition and food service, hospital education and training, occupational therapy/recreational therapy, hospital accounting, hospital computer center, telecommunications; administrative associate I; risk/liability coordinator; clinical nurse specialist (2); research nurse.

UMKC: asst./assoc. professor, basic

medical sciences, dental hygiene, oral diagnosis (2), periodontics, pediatric dentistry, accounting; professor and chair, department of pediatric dentistry; visiting professor, theater; asst. professor, pharmacology; instructor/asst. professor, communication studies; theater assistant (10); visiting research associate, physics; research associate, Institute for Human Development, computer science; lecturer, basic life sciences, business and public administration, engineering, administration of justice, history, geography, earth sciences, geology, Chinese, public administration; assoc./full professor, pharmacy; adjunct faculty, biology; clinical faculty, dentistry; visiting asst./assoc./full professor, computer science; asst./assoc./full professor, computer science; research aide, Institute for Human Development (2).

UMR: asst. professor, aerospace engineering, mechanical engineering, English; professor and dept. chair, civil engineering; lecturer, economics; asst./assoc. professor, mathematics and statistics; postdoctoral fellow, chemistry; assoc. director, development fund.

UMSL: asst. professor, marketing, statistics, behavioral management (2); asst./assoc. professor, computer science; visiting asst. professor, sociology (2); asst./assoc./full professor, accounting, finance, management science/information systems.