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### Free public safety tips

MU Extension's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute is offering free public safety instruction to people age 50 and older. Classes are 11:15 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Oct. 18, Oct. 25 and Nov. 1 at Stephens Lake Activity Center, 2311 E. Walnut St.

Along with self-defense tips, participants will learn about detecting scams and con games, including those on the Internet.

Classes are taught by John Wooden, director of MU Extension's Law Enforcement Training Institute.

To register, call the institute at 884-5927, or email [salernol@missouri.edu](mailto:salernol@missouri.edu). Learn more at [extension.missouri.edu/learnforlife](http://extension.missouri.edu/learnforlife) (<http://extension.missouri.edu/learnforlife>).

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Book your holiday meal of at least 125 diners from the University Club by Oct. 20 and receive half off on the room rental. To make your reservation, call the club at 882-2586.

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### Tai Chi

Put some Tai Chi in your lunch break by taking classes 12–1 p.m. through Nov. 5 in Room 5 in Ellis Library's State Historical Society. Sessions are free but a donation is appreciated. Classes are limited to 12 participants. To register or for more information, email [elliss@umsystem.edu](mailto:elliss@umsystem.edu).

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### Walking groups forming

- Stankowski Walking Group meets 12:15–12:45 p.m. each Wednesday between Oct. 16 and Nov. 6 at southeast corner of Stankowski Field. Participation is free. Walk is 1.2 miles.
- University Hospital Walking Group meets 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m. each Monday between Oct. 14 and Nov. 4 at University Hospital's backdoor leading to medical school and library.

For more information, email Blaine Snow at [snowb@umsystem.edu](mailto:snowb@umsystem.edu).

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The [MU Employee Assistance Program \(https://counseling.missouri.edu/employee-assistance-program/index.php\)](https://counseling.missouri.edu/employee-assistance-program/index.php) provides no-cost counseling and referral services to faculty, staff and their immediate family members, and MU retirees.

The service, which is confidential, uses up to five sessions of counseling for a range of personal, life or occupational stressors. To schedule an appointment or learn more, contact a program administrator at 882-6701.

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### **Contrary to science orthodoxy, Late Cretaceous probably ice-free, MU researcher says**

For years, scientists believed that a continental ice sheet formed during the Late Cretaceous period about 90 million years ago when the climate was much warmer than today.

But a University of Missouri researcher has found evidence suggesting that no ice sheet formed at this time. This finding could help environmentalists and scientists predict what the earth's climate will be as carbon dioxide levels continue to rise.

"Currently, carbon dioxide levels are just above 400 parts per million [ppm], up approximately 120 ppm in the last 150 years and rising about 2 ppm each year," said Ken MacLeod, an MU professor of [geological sciences \(http://geology.missouri.edu\)](http://geology.missouri.edu). "In our study, we found that during the Late Cretaceous period, when carbon dioxide levels were around 1,000 ppm, there were no continental ice sheets on earth. So if carbon dioxide levels continue to rise, the earth will be ice-free once the climate comes into balance with the higher levels."

Many scientists say that an ice-free Earth would flood many inhabited coasts, including the American cities of Miami, New York and New Orleans.

MacLeod postulates that, at the rate carbon dioxide is increasing today, the world will be at 600 ppm by the end of this century. "At that level of [carbon dioxide], will ice sheets on Greenland and Antarctica be stable?" MacLeod asked. "If not, how will their melting affect the planet?"

In his study, published in the October issue of the journal *Geology*, MacLeod analyzed the fossilized shells of Late Cretaceous planktic and benthic foraminifera, single-celled organisms about the size of a grain of salt, discovered in Tanzania. Measuring the ratios of different isotopes of oxygen and carbon in the fossils gives scientists information about past temperatures and other environmental conditions.

The fossils' isotopes showed no evidence that there was cooling or changes in local water chemistry during the organisms' lifespan, MacLeod said. If there were a glacial event 90 million years ago, the isotopes would show that, he said.

"We know that the carbon dioxide levels are rising currently and are at the highest they have been in millions of years," MacLeod said. "We have records of how conditions changed as [carbon dioxide] levels rose from 280 to 400 ppm, but I believe it also is important to know what could happen when those levels reach 600 to 1000 ppm."

Previously, many scientists thought that doubling carbon dioxide levels would cause Earth's temperature to increase up to 6 degrees Fahrenheit. However, the temperatures MacLeod believes existed in Tanzania 90 million years ago are more consistent with predictions that a doubling of carbon dioxide levels could cause the earth's temperature to rise an average of 11 degrees Fahrenheit.

"While studying the past can help us predict the future, other challenges with modern warming still exist," MacLeod said. "We're seeing the same size changes [today], but they are happening over a couple of hundred years, maybe 10,000 times faster."

— *Jerett Rion*

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### Flu shots

Get your flu shot at the below locations:

- Oct. 10, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. School of Nursing/School of Medicine Room S227. Students only.
- Oct. 11, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Veterinary School, 125 Veterinary Medicine Building (Adams Conference Center)
- Oct. 15, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. 2205 A/B Student Center
- Oct. 16, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Lewis & Clark Hall, Lobby

Go to [umsystem.edu/curators/wellness](http://umsystem.edu/curators/wellness) (<http://umsystem.edu/curators/wellness>) and click on Flu Shot Schedule for more.

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### **School of Law's Family Violence Clinic offers options**

Besides its Veterans Clinic, which opens in January, the [School of Law \(http://www.law.missouri.edu/\)](http://www.law.missouri.edu/) has five other clinics that provide first-hand experience for lawyers-to-be. The clinics cover criminal law, legislative issues, mediation, cases of possible innocence and family violence.

[The Family Violence Clinic \(http://law.missouri.edu/fvc/\)](http://law.missouri.edu/fvc/) (FVC) is directed by law Professor Mary Beck. The FVC handles about 60 referrals for civil orders of protection per year, Beck said. Students obtain remedies for their clients in more than 95 percent of the cases.

Kim Anderson, associate professor at the MU School of Social Work and domestic violence researcher, said the work is important because of the emotional and physical toll that can stem from family violence.

"The victim often doesn't have the power and control to leave, and even when the victim leaves, he or she might not be safe," Anderson said. Many times "victims are literally leaving with the clothes on their back."

Clients are referred to the FVC from police departments, shelters, courts, mental health centers and attorney's offices. Family Violence Clinic law students contact the parties within 24 hours of receiving the case. Beck advises on their creating a safety plan, an action plan and a litigation plan for each client.

The safety plan might involve securing a place to stay with a client's relative if he or she is in danger, or making sure the client has the children's belongings gathered. An action plan might include contacting a local junior college to send an application for vocational training. The litigation plan is more complicated: identifying necessary information, investigation and research plans, and rounding up witnesses.

"Most of my students are incredibly enthusiastic and eager," Beck said. "It's one of their first opportunities to help someone who's in need."

For many students, it is their first experience with domestic violence. Anthony Cross, who received his JD from the School of Law in 2013, took part in FVC during the fall 2012 semester.

"The first time you sit down with a client for a face-to-face interview and they start crying as they explain how their spouse or partner beat them, verbally abused them, or physically or sexually abused their child, it can be hard to hear," Cross said.

*This story was adapted from MIZZOU magazine's Web Exclusive piece "Lawyers in Training" by Marcus Wilkins.*

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Study might have applications regarding charitable contributions

Last December, *The New York Post* published images of a man about to be run over by a train as several bystanders watched.

The incident was evidence of what numerous studies have suggested: People are less likely to help when in groups, a phenomenon known as the “bystander effect.” The studies examined situations where only one person was needed to take action to help another.

A University of Missouri anthropologist recently found that even when multiple individuals can contribute to a common cause, the presence of others reduces an individual’s likelihood of helping. “In the bystander effect, if an individual thinks they are the only one who can help, they are more likely to help,” said Karthik Panchanathan, assistant professor of anthropology. “Under some circumstances, this also means the victim is more likely to be helped.”

Panchanathan’s research has numerous applications, including guiding fundraising strategies of charitable organizations.

#### **From finance to science**

Panchanathan is one of the recent hires in the [anthropology department \(../35-4/anthropology/index.php.html\)](http://www.missouri.edu/~35-4/anthropology/index.php.html) who are helping it become a powerhouse in the field. Other junior faculty in the department include Robert S. Walker, who last year published a study on violence among uncontacted tribes in the Amazon, and Mary Shenk, who is examining birthrates in developed societies.

Rounding out the department are lauded research professors Martin Daly, an evolutionary psychologist and fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, and Napoleon A. Chagnon, a pioneer of evolutionary anthropology and member of the National Academy of Sciences.

After earning undergraduate degrees in 1997 in biology and anthropology at the University of California–Los Angeles, Panchanathan took a job in Los Angeles as a financial consultant.

He was in his 20s and getting rich, but the work was repetitive and unfulfilling. “My debate was this: Should I buy a house and an Audi Quattro turbo, or go to grad school?” he said.

Earning his PhD in anthropology at UCLA in 2010, Panchanathan joined MU in August 2012.

#### **Debating to help**

His co-written bystander study was published this year in the journal *Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes*. The study was divided into three separate experiments. In each one, participants were given money to give away or keep.

- Experiment one: Participants were offered give-or-keep choices individually or while part of small groups of two or three. No communication was allowed among group members.
- Experiment two: Each member of a pair of givers could see what the other had donated, but couldn’t directly communicate with them.
- Experiment three: Pairs of givers could send text messages to each other and discuss how much money to donate.

In experiment one, the individual givers donated the largest average amount of money compared to all other groups in every version of the experiment. The respondents in experiment three donated nothing more often than anyone else in the other experiments.

Regarding the stinginess of experiment three responders, Panchanathan said the communication between the pairs lowered giving.

“We had hypothesized that the ability to reason with the other givers would have encouraged more equitable distribution of money,” he said. “But instead we found that it resulted in some groups giving very little and others giving significantly more.”

Participants in the experiments answered a set of questions that classified them as either “pro-self” or “pro-social.” Pro-self individuals tended to prefer keeping all of the money for themselves, whereas pro-socials were more likely to give enough money to result in an even distribution of wealth. However, in experiment three, when a pro-self person was paired with a pro-social individual, the arguments of the pro-self person tended to overwhelm those of the pro-social individual.

“In our study, individuals who didn’t want to share money tended to influence others to not share money,” Panchanathan said.

Charities and other fundraising operations can learn from the research study by noting the influence that an individual’s attitude can have on others and on the effect that group size can have on generosity, Panchanathan said.

— *Timothy Wall and Mark Barna*

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Announcement to be made at Cyberinfrastructure Day

As most Internet historians know, the Web began as a research and collaborative tool for universities.

Filling that void now is Internet2 — a secured network utilized by leaders in higher education, industry and government.

Internet2's advantage over the public Web network is its security, quickness in data transfer and research collaboration possibilities; it's directly connected to more than 200 American universities, as well as 60 leading research corporations and 70 government agencies, according to the Internet2 Network's Web site.

For years, the University of Missouri used Internet2 through an off-campus provider. Today Gary Allen, MU's chief information officer, will announce that the university has directly connected to the Internet2 Network.

Developed in the late 1990s, Internet2 is not only an educational data research reservoir. The Internet2 community develops and tests cutting edge Internet technologies, which might one day be used on the the public Internet.

In 2006, the platform went from 10 to 100 GE technologies, which is 100 times faster than Google Fiber, an Internet2 news release said.

Gary Allen, MU's chief information officer, said in a statement that Internet 2's speed is a "game-changer."

"With this new cyber-infrastructure, researchers will experience less delay than they do opening a file on a local disk drive or physical storage medium — something unimaginable until recently," Allen said.

Allen is scheduled to make the announcement at 10 a.m. in the Bond Life Sciences Center's Monsanto Auditorium during Cyberinfrastructure Day.

The day of events and lectures is open to faculty researchers, graduate students and research support staff who use computing technologies in research.

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Though inroads have been made, shared governance with MU faculty remains an issue, said Craig Roberts, speaking at his first General Faculty meeting as chair of Faculty Council Oct. 2 in Memorial Union.

In recent years, Faculty Council has examined faculty input issues surrounding the announced closing of the University of Missouri Press, the move of the Nuclear Science and Engineering Institute (NSEI) from the Graduate School to the College of Engineering, and the Renew Mizzou construction project.

In his Faculty Council update, Roberts also spoke of the need to elevate faculty salaries to be more competitive with those at Association of American Universities schools.

Also speaking at the event was Chancellor Brady J. Deaton, who is retiring Nov. 15. His final campus update was largely a review of progress since his becoming chancellor Oct. 4, 2004.

Deaton recognized Ann Korschgen, vice provost for enrollment management, for her leadership in making MU the fastest-growing public member of the AAU from 2001 to 2011, according to a study by The Chronicle of Higher Education. Deaton also presented three new scholarships designed to ensure that the student body continues to grow.

“Our pledge to you is that we’ll only continue to grow the student body insofar as we can maintain or increase the quality of education on this campus,” Deaton said. “That’s an important faculty dialogue that Faculty Council has to stay abreast of and help us as we seek that input with deans and chairs throughout campus.”

Also, Deaton talked about the expansion of arts programs; MU’s increasing global footprint, including new programs in Europe, Thailand, China and Korea; the MU Research Commons and three commercialization ventures; and the \$1 billion-plus “One Mizzou” campaign.

The focus of this fundraising campaign, Deaton said, is on salaries, endowed chairs and professorships, and scholarships. Since the quiet phase began in January 2012, “One Mizzou” has raised \$313.4 million. The campaign is scheduled to kick off publicly in 2015–16 and conclude in 2020–21.

Among future goals are recruiting top faculty, expanding interdisciplinary and experiential learning, and making strategic investments to help MU meet its financial needs, Deaton said.

The meeting took a turn near the end when an issue involving the Nuclear Engineering Program (NEP) and NSEI was raised by chemical engineering Professor Galen Suppes. He discussed a motion he presented at the April 9 General Faculty meeting. The motion stated that the Collected Rules and Regulations governing faculty appointments to programs such as NEP need to be followed.

Despite much discussion, no action was taken on the motion because there was not a quorum of faculty members when it was time to call for a vote. Bill Wiebold, plant sciences professor and a member of Faculty Council’s ad hoc committee that formed to examine the facts surrounding NSEI’s move, told Suppes, “I promise you that [Faculty Council] will try to resolve this issue.”

— *Kelsey Allen*

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Angela Drake, director of the School of Law's Veterans Clinic, said at the Oct. 3 announcement in Hulston Hall that many veterans are initially denied health benefits and need legal assistance to appeal the ruling. Photo by Nicholas Benner.

Law school has several programs offering students real-world experience

The [Missouri School of Law \(http://www.law.missouri.edu/\)](http://www.law.missouri.edu/) will launch in January a free Veterans Clinic to help veterans seeking disability benefits in appellate court. The clinic will be staffed by six law students and directed by law school Professor Angela Drake, Dean Gary Myers said Oct. 3 at the announcement in Hulston Hall.

The Veterans Clinic is "a public service to those who have served this country," Myers said. At the same time, law students will receive "skills training," he said — valuable real-world law experience for which law offices are asking.

Drake, whose father was an Army major killed in the Vietnam War, said it typically takes years for Veteran Affairs to decide benefit claims. And when the VA denies claims, "they are wrong 60 percent of the time," Drake said. "Fortunately there are appellate processes veterans can go through."

The clinic will help veterans who were denied VA benefits to federally appeal their case to the Board of Veterans' Appeals and the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans' Claims in Washington, D.C., Drake said. At this first level of appeal, 73 percent of denials are reversed, according to a study by the Widener University School of Law Veterans Clinic.

Initially, the Veterans Clinic will work on cases from the Veterans Pro Bono Consortium in Washington, D.C., and from referrals from service organization representatives. The clinic will handle a niche, undeserved in mid-Missouri, that provide services not offered by Mid-Missouri Legal Services and the Boone County Veterans Court, Drake said.

Student input was important in the clinic's creation. In fall 2012, MU law students Larry Lambert and Scott Apking met with Myers over lunch to discuss the idea. A proponent of real-world law experience for students, Myers was on board immediately. He was also aware of similar veterans benefits clinics at Yale Law School, the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and Widener University School of Law.

The clinic will be run like a law firm, Myers said. Students will interview clients, witnesses and medical personnel; research and develop cases, draft pleadings and prepare briefs; obtain medical records; and interact with other practitioners in the area of federal veterans law.

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