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The University of Missouri's 2015 national TV spot, which first aired in May during televised athletic events, features Mizzou researchers, teachers, students and student-athletes.

Mike Kelly, voice of the Tigers and a sports host on KMOX radio in St. Louis, narrates the spot. The [National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association \(http://nssafame.com/2014/01/09/albert-reilly-elected-to-nssa-hall-of-fame-emrick-king-win-national-awards/\)](http://nssafame.com/2014/01/09/albert-reilly-elected-to-nssa-hall-of-fame-emrick-king-win-national-awards/) named him the 2013–14 Missouri Sportscaster of the Year.

For more details go [here \(http://news.missouri.edu/2015/mizzou-grows-greatness/\)](http://news.missouri.edu/2015/mizzou-grows-greatness/).

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Lloyd W. Sumner's research focuses on plant chemistry and how it influences plant growth, health and disease resistance. Photo courtesy of The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation.

Lloyd W. Sumner will establish and direct the University of Missouri Metabolomics Center

A distinguished researcher in the life sciences will join MU's [Department of Biochemistry \(http://biochem.missouri.edu/\)](http://biochem.missouri.edu/) in January 2016, administrators announced Tuesday.

Professor Lloyd W. Sumner brings expertise in the leading-edge technology of metabolomics, the large-scale study of metabolites, which are substances produced during metabolism in living things. By studying metabolomics, scientists gain crucial information on the complex biology of health and disease in plants, animals and humans.

"I've been very familiar with the high quality of research conducted at MU, and I have been working with several of the plant researchers personally for many years," Sumner said. "I'm also impressed and encouraged by the diversity of disciplines and colleges at the university, such as having a medical school, veterinary college and agricultural college all on one campus. This opens the opportunity for great research collaboration."

MU continues to build its global reputation in research and teaching by hiring high-impact faculty like Sumner, thereby raising its profile as a public land-grant research institution and member of the Association of American Universities (AAU).

Sumner has been hired as a professor of biochemistry and will be the founding director of the University of Missouri Metabolomics Center, which will be devoted to interdisciplinary research in this important field. Scientists across campus will conduct life sciences research in the center, which will be established and expanded in stages on the second floor of [the Christopher S. Bond Life Sciences Center \(http://bondisc.missouri.edu/\)](http://bondisc.missouri.edu/) on the MU campus.

Metabolomics can be applied to research all life sciences areas including plant biology, systems biology, whole organism biology, biomedical sciences and veterinary sciences. Sumner's area of expertise is plant chemistry and how it influences plant growth, health and disease resistance.

Raised in Oklahoma, Sumner received his doctorate in analytical chemistry in 1993 from Oklahoma State University. After six years at Texas A&M, Sumner joined [The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation \(http://www.noble.org/\)](http://www.noble.org/) in Ardmore, Okla., in 1999, where he is a professor of analytical biochemistry in the Division of Plant Biology and operates a research program centered around metabolomics.

"Dr. Sumner has a proven ability to address important biological questions and advance the technology of metabolomics," said Gerald L. Hazelbauer, Curators Professor and chair of MU's biochemistry department. "The establishment of the University of Missouri Metabolomics Center means a major increase in research capacity at MU that is likely to enhance the success of many areas of life science research."

MU has been interested in establishing a metabolomics center for some time, Hazelbauer said. A major barrier has been difficulty recruiting a scientist with the research and administrative expertise to lead the endeavor. Many colleges and universities compete for only a handful of qualified scientists.

Sumner will bring to MU an experienced team of metabolomics researchers from the Noble Foundation, including Zhentian Lei, Daniel Wherritt and Feng Qiu.

Sumner is a former president and Lifetime Honorary Fellow of the Metabolomics Society, Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and president-elect of the Phytochemistry Society of North America. He has published more than 120 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters.

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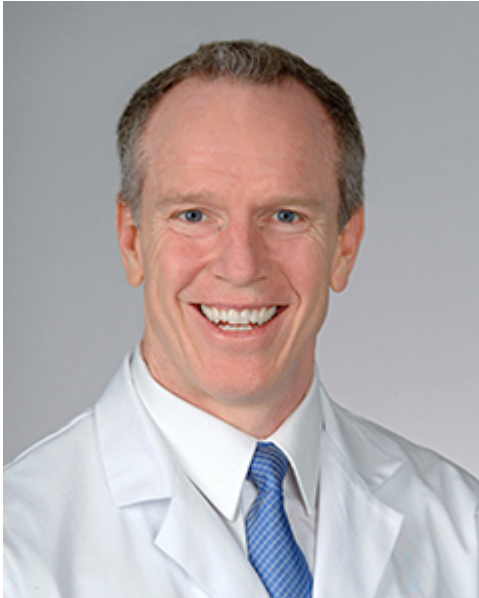
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Kevin Staveley-O'Carroll expected to advance MU education and medicine



A leading cancer surgeon has been appointed chair of the MU [School of Medicine](http://medicine.missouri.edu) ([http://medicine.missouri.edu/](http://medicine.missouri.edu)) Hugh E. Stephenson Jr., M.D., Department of Surgery and director of MU's [Ellis Fischel Cancer Center](http://www.muhealth.org/locations/ellisfischelcancercenter/) (<http://www.muhealth.org/locations/ellisfischelcancercenter/>). Kevin Staveley-O'Carroll, who will also hold the endowed title of Hugh E. Stephenson Jr., M.D., Chair of Surgery, begins his appointment Sept. 1.

Staveley-O'Carroll is currently at the Medical University of South Carolina. He is chief of oncologic and endocrine surgery; medical director of Hollings Cancer Center; Alice Ruth Reeves Folk Endowed Chair of Clinical Oncology; and a professor of surgery, microbiology and immunology. Prior to that, he served 13 years at the Penn State University in Hershey, where he was chief of surgical oncology; director of the program for liver, pancreas and foregut tumors; director of the hepatobiliary fellowship program; and a professor of surgery, medicine, immunology and microbiology.

"Recruiting physician-scientists of Dr. Staveley-O'Carroll's caliber signifies the University of Missouri's firm commitment to advancing medical care, education and research," said Patrick "Patrice" Delafontaine, M.D., dean of MU's medical school. "Dr. Staveley-O'Carroll will make significant contributions to the University of Missouri's stature as a leading academic medical center and research-intensive university."

Staveley-O'Carroll's research and mentoring activities have been funded by the National Institutes of Health and American Cancer Society, as well as foundations, universities and industry. His active involvement with national and international organizations includes serving as president of the Association for Academic Surgery — the largest organization of academic surgeons in the world — and leading the Society of Clinical Surgery's membership committee. Staveley-O'Carroll is author or coauthor of more than 90 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters.

After receiving a medical degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, Staveley-O'Carroll completed training in surgery and surgical oncology at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. He also received a doctorate in pharmacology and molecular biology from Johns Hopkins.

“I am honored to lead MU’s surgery department and cancer center,” Staveley-O’Carroll said. “I look forward to using MU’s outstanding array of resources and talent to further advance medical care, education and research.”

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Among the speakers were, from left, Carol Watson Fleisher, director of the MU Veterans Center; MU Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin; MU Provost Garnett Stokes; and Col. Randall Sparks of Whiteman Air Force Base. Photo by Mark Barna/Mizzou News.

The award reduces base tuition by 10 percent

In an effort to make higher education more accessible, University of Missouri administrators announced Wednesday a 10 percent tuition award for all military veterans and personnel, including for their spouses and children.

The award, which is effective immediately, will reduce base tuition and apply toward a maximum of 150 hours of undergraduate credit and/or 75 hours of graduate credits toward a distance degree or certification program through [Mizzou Online \(http://online.missouri.edu/\)](http://online.missouri.edu/).

In 2014, about 800 service members and veterans were enrolled at Mizzou, including some 80 distance-learning students.

“We owe so much to those who are serving in our nation’s military as well as their families,” Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin said at the announcement, attended by about 125 people in Memorial Union, which is dedicated to Americans who have fought in wars since World War I. “We hope this new award will be both an incentive and an aid as they enroll and work toward receiving a degree at Mizzou in their chosen fields.”

Also speaking at the event were Provost Garnett Stokes; Carol Watson Fleisher, director of the MU Veterans Center; Col. Randall Sparks of Whiteman Air Force Base; Lt. Col. Larry Crowder of the Missouri National Guard Association; and Larry Kay, executive director of the Missouri Veterans Commission.

Kay said that MU's efforts to make higher education accessible to veterans help economic development. "Mizzou realizes how important veterans are to the future of our state and our nation and how productive they can be in the workforce," Kay said.

To qualify for the award, individuals must complete the following requirements:

- Be an active-duty service member, veteran with honorable discharge, national guard or reservist. Dependents of these military personnel also are eligible for the award.
- Be accepted to Mizzou as a degree-seeking undergraduate or graduate student who is working on a distance degree or certificate program through Mizzou Online.
- Maintain a 2.0 GPA.

[The MU Veterans Center \(http://veterans.missouri.edu/\)](http://veterans.missouri.edu/), at N5 Memorial Student Union, offers students and employees who are veterans a one-stop shop. Among its offerings:

- Mentoring, tutoring, housing, financial and personal issues resources
- Assistance for families and spouses during deployments
- Coordination of a network of health professionals with expertise in addressing the needs of veterans
- A network of social support groups among veterans

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The University of Missouri operates a public water system and is required by law to report annually to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the public on the state of the quality of campus water supply.

For calendar year 2014, the campus water supply met all EPA quality standards with no regulatory violations.

More information is available at <http://ehs.missouri.edu/env/drinking-water.html> (<http://ehs.missouri.edu/env/drinking-water.html>).

Access the 2014 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) directly at www.cf.missouri.edu/energy/em_pp/ccr.pdf (http://www.cf.missouri.edu/energy/em_pp/ccr.pdf).

For a paper copy of the CCR, please contact Environmental Health and Safety at (573) 882-7018.

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New Honors College director named

A new director of MU's [Honors College \(http://honors.missouri.edu/\)](http://honors.missouri.edu/) has been named.



“It is an exciting time to be stepping in and working with MU students, faculty and community partners,” said J. D. Bowers, who begins Aug. 1. “I look forward to being part of the Honors College’s history and its existing preeminent programs, but also developing new paths and opportunities.”

Since 2013, Bowers has been associate vice provost for University Honors at Northern Illinois University (NIU). Bowers leads an academic and co-curricular program of 1,100 students. He has also chaired the University Scholarship Committee, establishing criteria, policies and awarding processes, and participated in the selection of recipients for eight scholarship programs.

Bowers has been at Northern Illinois since 2002. Prior to his current position, he held administrative roles in NIU's University Office of Teacher Certification and the Department of History and was the director of NIU's Genocide and Human Rights Institute.

“Dr. Bowers will be a tremendous asset to our campus,” said Jim Spain, vice provost for undergraduate studies. “He values the opportunity to work closely with students, while also striving to develop a strong connection with faculty, which makes him the ideal person to lead the MU Honors College. His accomplishments as a program leader at NIU and his professional background are significant. We are fortunate to have him joining Mizzou.”

Bowers is a graduate of the College of William & Mary with a degree in government. He earned a master's degree and a doctorate in history from Indiana University.

He succeeds Nancy West, who served three years as Honors College director. She will return to teaching full-time in the English department.

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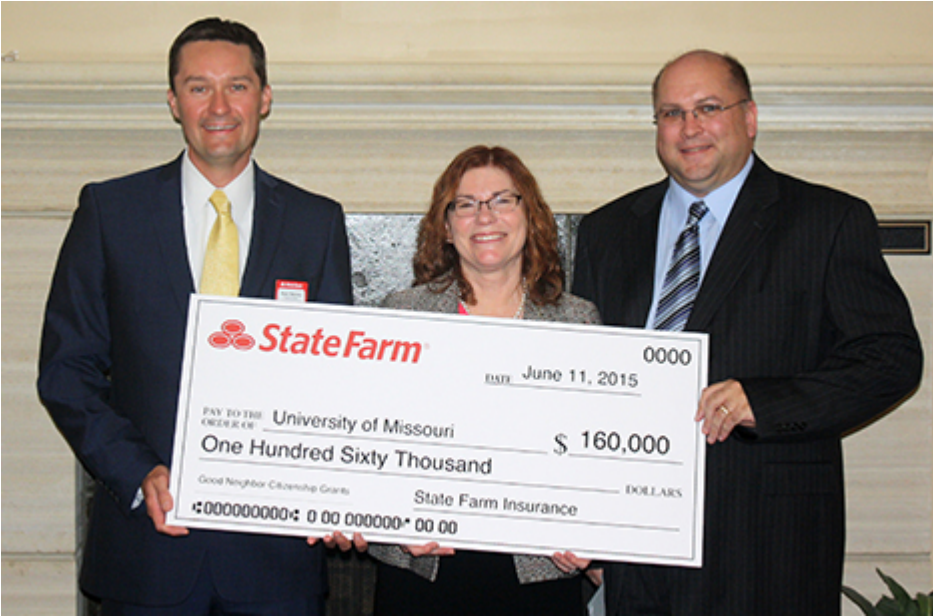
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Ryan Kenney, left, State Farm field executive, presents a \$160,000 check to MU Provost Garnett Stokes and Wayne Chipman, assistant vice chancellor for advancement at MU. Courtesy of Mizzou News.

Total giving from State Farm to MU is \$1.8 million

State Farm Insurance Company this month donated \$160,000 to MU. State Farm's total gift giving to MU academic programs is now \$1.8 million.

"We are thrilled to celebrate the generosity of State Farm and Mizzou's long-standing partnership with the company," MU Provost Garnett Stokes said June 11 during the announcement. "State Farm's continued support in important MU community outreach programs shows their dedication and investment in bettering the community and state, and we thank them for their vision."

The money will support several MU programs, including:

- The [MU College of Education's \(https://education.missouri.edu/\)](https://education.missouri.edu/) Achieve Program
- Robert J. Trulaske, Sr. College of Business's Risk Management and Insurance Program and the Marketing Program
- MU [College of Human Environmental Sciences' \(http://hes.missouri.edu/\)](http://hes.missouri.edu/) Personal Finance Program and the Family Impact Center
- [MU Health Care's Frank Mitchell Trauma Center \(http://www.muhealth.org/services/emergency/trauma/\)](http://www.muhealth.org/services/emergency/trauma/) for Motor Vehicle Crash Outreach
- [MU Extension's \(http://extension.missouri.edu/\)](http://extension.missouri.edu/) Emergency Services Training

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