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## \$3.8 million NIH grant will help University of Missouri researchers develop measurement for autism symptoms



### Standardized Testing

Micah Mazurek, a clinical psychologist at MU's Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders, is working on an autism measurement tool.

PHOTO BY NICHOLAS BENNER

THIRTEEN YEARS AGO, 1 in 150 children were identified with autism spectrum disorder. Today, it's about one in 88 children, according to estimates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network.

With more children being diagnosed, research into effective treatment methods is increasing. However, the field has lacked a scientifically sound measure to track short-term improvements in children with autism.

"The onus was on us to develop the measure," said Micah Mazurek, assistant professor of health psychology at the MU School of Health Professions and a clinical child psychologist at MU's Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders. This semester, Mazurek was awarded a \$3.8 million three-year National Institutes of Health grant to research a new autism measurement tool.

Mazurek co-developed the Autism Impact Measure (AIM) with Stephen Kanne, executive director of the Thompson Center, and they

are continuing to work together to refine the tool.

The AIM chronicles core symptoms of autism, such as social problems, communication problems and repetitive behaviors. Parents rate their children's symptoms by completing a 41-item questionnaire. The measure

*'Our hope is that the AIM will fill an important need for both researchers and clinicians,' said Professor Micah Mazurek.*

was designed to track symptom improvements over the course of treatment and can be completed every few weeks.

The measurement captures two separate but related aspects of core symptoms: frequency and impact. For each symptom, parents are asked to report how often the symptom occurs as well as how much the symptom interferes

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## Confidential donors give \$1 million for veteran scholarship fund

*The two donors chose to give to the university because of its quality programs and the Veterans Center*

JACK SCHANNEP was 12 years old when his father, Col. Dwight B. Schannep, died in 1946 in a military plane crash over Japan, leaving behind a wife and four



COURTESY OF SCHANNEP FAMILY

### A Father's Service

Col. Dwight B. Schannep was killed in a military plane crash in 1946. He is remembered with a \$1 million scholarship fund.

sons. He never knew his youngest, who was 3 months old at the time of the crash.

Born in Versailles, Mo., Dwight Schannep also left behind a deep sense of patriotism in his children.

"Both [of us] older sons went to [the U.S. Military Academy at] West Point out of hero worship and flew airplanes like our dad," Jack said in a phone interview Wednesday from his home in Tucson, Ariz. All four sons joined the military.

Dwight Schannep's example of service will live on past his children at Mizzou with an endowed scholarship fund for student veterans named in his honor.

Two confidential donors, one of whom is a friend of the Schannep family, have pledged \$1 million from their estate to support the Col. Dwight B. Schannep U.S. Army Air Corps Veterans Scholarship Fund.

As the oldest son, Jack Schannep has the most memories of his father — time in a cockpit of a B-17 bomber on his 10th birthday



PHOTO BY NICHOLAS BENNER

still figures large. But he said he felt closer to his father after following in his footsteps at West Point.

Schannep said he and his brothers are "very thrilled" their father's memory will survive at Mizzou.

The scholarship donors had no previous relationship with MU. They chose to give to the university because of its quality

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### Remembrance

ROTC Army Color Guard students were part of the ceremony in Memorial Union's Stotler Lounge Wednesday. Officials also unveiled an interactive memorial dedicated to MU veterans.

**Concerts & Plays**

**THURSDAY, NOV. 14**

**University Theatre Series:** *Fifth of July*, by Lanford Wilson, a Missouri native and one of the most celebrated writers in the American theater, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. today through Nov. 16 at the Rhynsburger Theatre. For ticket information call 882-7529.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 17**

**University Theatre Series:** *Fifth of July*, by Lanford Wilson, Missouri Native and one of the most celebrated writers in the American theater, at 2 p.m. at the Rhynsburger Theatre. For ticket information call 882-7529.

**America's Music Series:** The MU Theatre department presents *Get Happy: The Great American Songbook*, a collection of the greatest Broadway shows of the 1920s and '30s. Doors will open at the Blue Note at 6 p.m. and the concert will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door and \$5 with a student ID.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 19**

**University Theatre Series:** *Fifth of July*, by Lanford Wilson, Missouri native and one of the most celebrated writers in the American theater, at 7:30 p.m. today through Thursday, Nov. 21 at the Rhynsburger Theatre. For ticket information call 882-7529.

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20**

**America's Music Series:** *Hip Hop 101* will feature performances, a freestyle battle and a discussion with Missouri MCs, followed by Turquoise Jeep. Doors will open at the Blue Note at 6 p.m., and the concert will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets

are \$15 for the general public, and \$10 for students.

**THURSDAY, NOV. 21**

**University Concert Series:** MU's Choral Union, University Singers and the University Philharmonic will present *The Beauty & Brawn of Beethoven* at 7 p.m. in Jesse Auditorium. For ticket information, call 882-3781.

**Courses & Workshops**

**THURSDAY, NOV. 14**

**Computer Training:**

"Illustrator CS6 1: Introduction to Illustrator" will be offered at 8:30 a.m. in 25 Arts & Science.

"Access 2013: Reports" will be offered at 8:30 a.m. in 18 Arts & Science.

"Illustrator CS6 2: Learning the Pen Tool" will be offered at 10:30 a.m. in 25 Arts & Science.

"Outlook 2013: Taking Control of your Calendar" will be offered at 1 p.m. in 25 Arts & Science.

Registration is required online at training.missouri.edu or call 882-5000.

**MONDAY, NOV. 18**

**Computer Training:**

"Excel 2013 1b: Introduction" will be offered at 1 p.m. in 25 Arts & Science.

"Excel 2013 1b: Introduction" will be offered at 3 p.m. in 25 Arts & Science.

Registration is required online at training.missouri.edu or call 882-5000.

**Exhibits**

**Bingham Gallery:**

"Foundations Showcase" will be on display through Nov. 21, with a

reception Thursday, Nov. 21 5-7 p.m.

The gallery, located in the Fine Arts Building, is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

**State Historical Society:**

"The Missouri State Capitol in Art/ Art in the Missouri State Capitol," an exhibit that features Impressionist paintings by Jefferson City artist Lester Parker, will be on display through December.

The gallery, located in Ellis Library, is open 8 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday.

**Lectures & Seminars**

**THURSDAY, NOV. 14**

**MU School of Music:** The Gig Etiquette Panel, featuring Richard King, Arthur White and veteran Columbia-based freelance musicians, will explore the best practices in identifying and maintaining performance opportunities, and building relationships with venues. The discussion will begin at 3 p.m. in Whitmore Recital Hall.

**Missouri Orthopaedic Institute Seminar:** Six sports medicine experts from the Missouri Orthopaedic Institute will present "Knowledge Now: The Lifelong Runner — Protecting Your Body Mile After Mile" at 7 p.m. on the fourth floor conference room at 1100 Virginia Ave. This seminar is free and open to runners of all ages and abilities. Register by calling 882-3104.

**FRIDAY, NOV. 15**

**Evolutionary Studies Group:** Joan Strassmann, professor of biology at Washington University-St. Louis, will present "Privatization, Veils of Ignorance, Economics and Rapid Evolution in Micro-Organisms" at 3:30 p.m. in Monsanto Auditorium.

A reception will follow.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 16**

**Saturday Morning Science:** Joan Strassmann, professor of biology at Washington University-St. Louis, will present "Life's Biggest Mystery: What Makes Up an Organism?" at 10:30 a.m. in Monsanto Auditorium.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 17**

**Chancellor's Distinguished Visitors Series:** David Williams, professor at the Harvard School of Public Health, will present "Making American Healthier: What Can Each of Us Do?" at 7 p.m. at the Missouri Theatre.

**MONDAY, NOV. 18**

**Interdisciplinary Plant Group Seminar Series:** Jeffrey Bennetzen, professor of plant biology at the University of Georgia, will present "Natures, Rates and Lineages of Plant Genome Instability" at 3:30 p.m. in Chamber Auditorium.

**Clinical and Translational Sciences Seminar Series:** Callum Ross, professor of organismal and evolutionary biology at the University of Chicago, will present "What Does Mandible Morphology Tell Us About Diet?" at noon in Acuff Auditorium.

**Evolutionary Studies Group:** Mark Collard, professor of archaeology at Simon Fraser University, will present "Risk, Demography and Technological Evolution in Non-Industrial Populations" at 3:30 p.m. in Monsanto Auditorium. A reception will follow.

**Politics of the Black Body Series:** Artist Hank Willis will be joined by a panel of scholars and Columbia activists to discuss black masculinity in contemporary culture. Conversation will include voices and views of students and community members. The discussion will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Mark Twain Ballroom, Memorial Union.

**Politics of the Black Body Series:** Deborah Willis, MacArthur Genius and Guggenheim Fellow, will present "Unruly Politics: The Black Body & the Lens" at 1 p.m. in Mark Twain Ballroom, Memorial Union.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 19**

**Distinguished Lecture Series in Psychological Sciences:** Bruce Bartholow, professor of psychology, will present "Effects of Media Violence on Mind, Brain and Behavior" at 3:30 p.m. in S107 Memorial Union.

**Food for the 21st Century:** Yongjie Yang, assistant professor of neuroscience at Tufts University-Boston, will present at 4 p.m. in 105 Ag Engineering Building.

**THURSDAY, NOV. 21**

**Nutrition and Exercise Physiology Seminar Series:** Melissa Linden, doctoral candidate of nutrition and exercise physiology, will present "The Role of Prior Physical Activity Versus Caloric Restriction" at 4 p.m. in Acuff Auditorium.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

**Room for Rent:** One bedroom in 3 bedroom 2.5 bath duplex. Ten minutes from campus. Full BR, quiet neighborhood with view. Washer/dryer on site. Current lease is up July 2014. Rent is \$375/month plus utilities. Female with preference for female roommate. Email foyleyal@missouri.edu.

For a limited time, and while space allows, classified ads are FREE for MU faculty, staff and retirees, and \$9 for the general public, for up to a 30-word line ad.

- Home phone number or email address required.
- Deadline: Noon Thursdays.
- No refund given for cancelled ads. To submit ad, call 884-1278 or email mizzouweekly@missouri.edu

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Administrative Services invites you to join colleagues and friends for a retirement reception honoring

*Jim Foy*

for his 38 years of service to the University of Missouri.

**November 18, 2013**

3 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Program begins at 3:30 p.m.

The Great Room, Reynolds Alumni Center



## IN BRIEF

### ➔ Public meetings on strategic plan

The MU community is invited to public meetings on the MU's Strategic Operating Plan, which identifies priorities and investments in the strategic plan "One Mizzou: 2020 Vision for Excellence," first published in 2011. It also provides focus strategies for the next five years.

Two meetings are scheduled:

- 10:30 a.m.–noon, Nov. 14  
N103A Memorial Union
- 3:30–5 p.m., Nov. 18 S203 Memorial Union

For more information on the entire process of system's strategic plan, visit [umsystem.edu/president/strategicplanning](http://umsystem.edu/president/strategicplanning).

### ➔ Get your free wall calendar for 2014

Printing Services is printing a 12-month calendar that includes campus class schedules and holidays. These are free for staff and faculty.

Get one while supplies last by filling out a form at [ps.missouri.edu/cal](http://ps.missouri.edu/cal). If you do not have access to a computer, email Joanne Rotert at [rotertj@missouri.edu](mailto:rotertj@missouri.edu).

Extra copies will be available on campus at Digiprint Centers in Ellis Library and the Student Center.

# Partnership made between MU Athletics and United Way

*Tigers Care connects student-athlete volunteers with social agencies*

MU ATHLETICS and the Heart of Missouri United Way (HMUW) have partnered to create Tigers Care, a program in which university student-athletes volunteer for agencies that help the local community. Officials made the announcement Monday at a gathering in the Mizzou Athletics Training Complex that included representatives of some of the agencies.

A number of the participating agencies, such as the Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri, are funded in part by the local United Way, which is in the midst of a \$4 million fundraising campaign. Donations can be made to the MU/UM United Way Campaign at [unitedway.missouri.edu](http://unitedway.missouri.edu). As of Wednesday, the MU/UM campaign is halfway to its fundraising goal of \$800,000 by Nov. 30.

Through Tigers Care, student-athletes can volunteer in the community as individuals, in groups or as teams. United Way will provide a calendar of agency projects that the students can choose from, said Alexis Mitchell, United Way corporate engagement associate. "With Tigers Care, we are offering Mizzou student-athletes the opportunity for personal growth and a stronger sense of community support," Mitchell said. "The great thing about the program is that they will have everything at their fingertips."

MU athletic director Mike

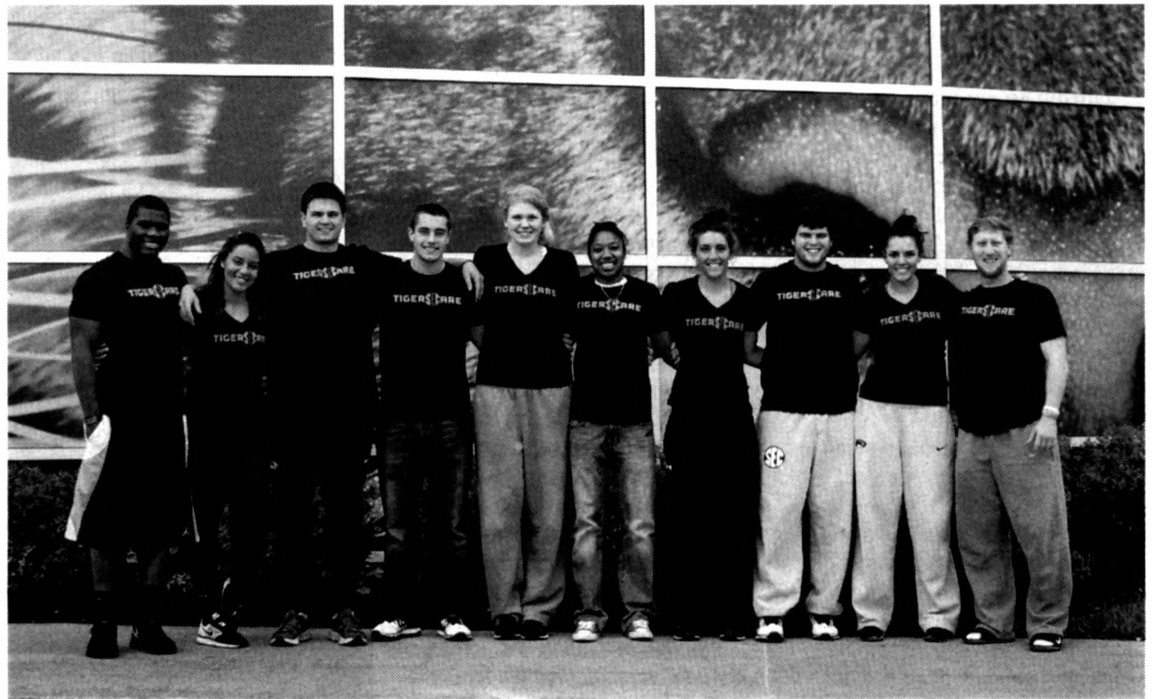


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Alden is excited about the partnership. "We already have a very high level of expectation that our student-athletes are actively involved in our community, but this new program will only enhance this very important aspect of their experience here at Mizzou," Alden said.

"We're looking forward to great things and the win-win situation we'll see as our young men and women further their involvement with the community."

Heart of Missouri United Way will coordinate weekly and monthly projects with participating agencies and provide volunteer opportunities to Kim Lambert,

### Helping Others

Some student-athletes participating in Tigers Care are, from left, Greg White, football; Alyssa Cousins, softball; Nick Sublett, track and field; Andrew Baggett, football; Lydia Ely, volleyball; Bree Fowler, basketball; Taylor Gadbois, softball; Nick Monaghan, football; Kelsea Roth, softball; and Dylan Kelly, baseball.

associate athletics director for student-athlete development, and Aaron Paterson, a graduate assistant in student-athlete development, Mitchell said. Lambert and Paterson, part of the athletic department's Total Person program, will coordinate directly with the student-athlete volunteers.

Tigers Care aligns with the department's mission of devel-

oping student-athletes who are well-rounded.

At Monday's event, student-athletes met several agency representatives and learned about the types of projects being offered.

For more information on Tigers Care, contact HMUW by emailing Mitchell at [amitchell@uwheartmo.org](mailto:amitchell@uwheartmo.org) or calling 443-4523.

## Faculty Recognition Awards honor faculty for longevity and accomplishments

*Sixteen merit awards given to faculty at the Nov. 6 dinner in Reynolds Alumni Center*

THE FACULTY RECOGNITION AWARDS were held Nov. 6 in Reynolds Alumni Center. Thirty-six faculty received plaques for 25 years of service to MU.

Sixteen other awards were given to the following faculty members:

- Curators Professorship Award: Ian Worthington, history; Judy Wall, biochemistry; Laura King, psychological sciences
- William H. Byler Distinguished Professorship Award: Stephen Anderson, plant sciences
- Provost's Outstanding Junior Faculty Teaching Award: Tina Bloom, nursing; Jerritt Frank, history; C. Wayne Keene, business
- Curators Teaching Professorship: Michael Budds, musicology

- Provost's Outstanding Junior Faculty Research and Creative Activity Award: Clinton Davis-Stober, psychological sciences
- Excellence in Teaching with Technology Awards — Graduate: Newton D'souza, architectural studies
- Donald W. Fancher Provost Award for Outstanding Achievement in Extension and Continuing Education: Shirley Farrah, nursing
- Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Faculty Research and Creative Activity in the Performing Arts and Humanities: Stefan Freund, music
- MU Sustained Excellence Award: Bahram Mashhoon, physics
- Provost's Award for Creative

Extension Programming by New Faculty: G. Lee Miller, plant sciences

- Community Engagement Award: Wouter Montfrooij, physics
- Excellence in Teaching with Technology Award — Undergraduate: Peter Motavalli, plant sciences
- Provost's Leadership in International Education Award: Tola Pearce, women's and gender studies
- MU Economic Development Award: Marilyn Rantz, nursing
- Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Faculty Research and Creative Activity in the Bio Sciences: Stefan Sarafianos, biochemistry
- Thomas Jefferson Award: Steven Watts, history

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with their child's everyday functioning, each on a five-point scale.

"The impact scale is one way to guide treatment decision-making," Mazurek said. "Even if a symptom is occurring really often, if it doesn't have an impact on that child's functioning, it might not be something you want to target for an intervention right away. You can prioritize things differently based on that."

With this grant funding, Mazurek and her collaborators will be able to fine-tune the measure and make sure that it is sensitive to short-term changes in autism symptoms, which is essential in determining whether a treatment is effective. They will examine the AIM's ability to track change across four treatment groups: early intensive behavioral intervention, social competence intervention, parent training intervention and medication treatment.

"The tool is efficient and easy to use, and our goal has been to develop and test it in a scientifically rigorous way," Mazurek said. "Our hope is that the AIM will fill an important need for both researchers and clinicians."

— Kelsey Allen

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programs and the Veterans Center.

Their wish is for the scholarship to support students for their entire academic career at Mizzou — from a bachelor's degree to a graduate or professional degree, if the students choose.

Chancellor Brady J. Deaton announced the gift commitment Wednesday in a ceremony at Memorial Union. He was joined by Tom Hiles, vice chancellor for Advancement; Carol Fleischer, director of the Veterans Center; and John Quade, a student veteran and president of the Mizzou Student Veterans Association.

Following the announcement, Deaton and Marty Walker, director of administrative services in the College of Engineering and chair of the Chancellor's Military and Veterans Committee, unveiled a new interactive memorial dedicated to MU veterans in the north wing lobby of Memorial Union.

— Erik Potter

# Administrators Foster and Jones honored at retirement reception

A JOINT RETIREMENT RECEPTION was held Nov. 8 for Provost Brian Foster and Jackie Jones, vice chancellor of Administrative Services, in the Jesse Hall Rotunda.

During his remarks, Chancellor Brady J. Deaton said that Foster and Jones are known among administrators at American universities and colleges for their knowledge of “how to run a university.” He said Foster was “a perfect fit” as provost and Jones was “a tremendous team player.”

Foster, who has a doctorate in anthropology from the University of Michigan, was appointed MU’s provost in August 2005. He has moved the university forward in economic development, research, the hiring of top deans and faculty, and increasing enrollment, Deaton said. He was instrumental in the creation of Mizzou Advantage, which launched in 2010 to aid and promote interdisciplinary research partnerships on campus.

Jones has worked for MU for 34 years. She is responsible for the administrative oversight of financial and service operations. She has done everything from coordinating aspects of the biomass boiler installation to working with MU Police officers, Deaton said. She has spent her entire career in Administrative Services, beginning as manager

of Business Services.

Foster and Jones will remain in their positions until the end of the year.

Deputy Provost Ken Dean spoke of Foster’s accomplishments and how the provost “brought a rich and deep knowledge” to his position.

Mixed with the accolades was light-heartedness.

Dean told of Foster’s “Brianisms.” Foster would often say, “It’s huge,” “That’s just delusional,” “I need a reality check on this,” and recommend looking at a problem from “40,000 feet,” Dean told a rotunda brimming with people.

Lerke Foster, Brian’s wife, said that her husband has many talents, including making coffee, washing dishes, wrapping gifts and “making shopping at Dollar Tree look like an art.”

Speaking of Jones, Paul Toler, associate vice chancellor of Administrative Services, said he’s thinking of ordering bracelets that say WWJD — What Would Jackie Do? — to remind staff how to handle problems after she’s retired.

During their turns at the podium, Foster thanked the MU community and hoped he’d made some impact on the campus, and Jones expressed appreciation to all staff members.

“They work behind the scenes



PHOTO BY ROB HILL

making individual choices that make the campus run,” Jones said.

A lover of the arts, Foster was presented with a framed city of Columbia’s 1992 Commemorative Poster, an untitled watercolor by the Midwest artist Keith Crown. Jones was honored with

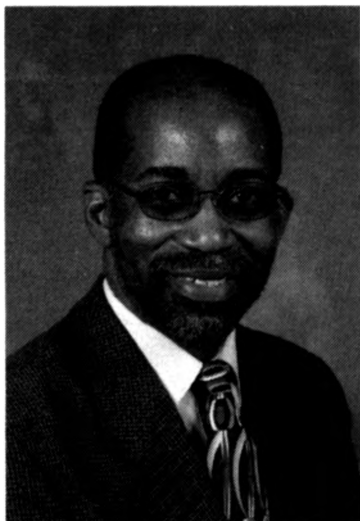
having a botanical garden bench dedicated to her.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2014, Gary Ward, associate vice chancellor of Campus Facilities, will begin serving as interim vice chancellor of Administrative Services, and Dean will serve as interim provost.

## A Fond Farewell

Dean of the School of Journalism Dean Mills speaks at the retirement reception Nov. 8 for Provost Brian Foster and Jackie Jones, sitting next to each other in front row.

## Making America Healthier: What Can Each of Us Do?



David R. Williams, PhD  
November 17, 2013, 7pm  
Missouri Theatre, 203 S. Ninth St.

Dr. David R. Williams, Harvard University:  
Florence Sprague Norman & Laura Smart Norman Professor of Public Health  
Professor of African American Studies and of Sociology  
Director, Lung Cancer Disparities Center  
Co-Leader, Cancer Risk Reduction and Disparities Program

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