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FORMER CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER TO ADDRESS 1998 STATE OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE

Rt. Honorable Brian Mulroney, Canada's Prime Minister 1984-93, will speak at UM-St. Louis' fifth annual State of the World Conference on Friday, May 15. Mulroney, whose government initiated the North America Free Trade Agreement, will give the keynote address on "Ten Years of Free Trade in North America: NAFTA, Democracy and Economic Development." Mulroney's government also initiated tax reform, the Canada-US Acid Rain Treaty, strong reductions in government spending and policies of privatization and deregulation that continue to be followed today.

The conference will be held 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the J.C. Penney Conference Center at UM-St. Louis. The registration fee of $40 ($25 for students) includes a reception and dinner. For information, call 314-516-5753.

The conference theme, Making Connections: Building Open Markets and Democracies, focuses on two important trends characterizing the state of the world in 1998—economic modernization and democratization and the connections between the two. The program opens with a talk on "Keys to Building Market Economies and Democracies" and features concurrent briefing sessions by UM-St. Louis faculty.

The 1998 State of the World Conference is sponsored by the UM-St. Louis Center for International Studies and Alumni Association, the World Affairs Council of St. Louis, the US Export Assistance Center Partners and the St. Louis Center for International Relations.

DUKAKIS SPEAKS ON "ETHNIC AMERICA AND U.S. FOREIGN POLICY"

Michael Dukakis, former governor of Massachusetts and Democratic presidential candidate, will be the keynote speaker for the April 24-25th conference A Changing Greece: Media Images and Political and Economic Realities. Scholars, journalists, and public officials from the US and Greece will assess the dramatic political, economic and social changes that have transformed Greece in the 1990s and juxtapose those realities with US and European media images of Greece.

The program will be held at the Pierre Laclede Honors College, Friday, April 24, 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., with a complimentary reception following in the J.C. Penney Conference Center at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Dukakis will speak on Ethnic America and US Foreign Policy at a 7:00 p.m. dinner program in the Summit Lounge of the University Center. On Saturday, April 25, the program continues 8:30 a.m.-12 noon. The fee for the dinner program is $25 or $15 for full-time students. Though there is no registration fee for the conference sessions, reservations are required. Call 314-516-5974.

The conference is sponsored by the Hellenic Government-Karakas Family Foundation Professorship in Greek Studies with funding from the Karakas Family Foundation Alliance for the Advancement of Hellenic Studies of the Center for International Studies at UM-St. Louis.
O ver a year ago, when Mark Pope came to UM-St. Louis as an associate professor in the School of Education’s Department of Behavioral Studies, he brought with him fifteen years’ experience in multicultural career counseling, experience that he immediately applied to a research project that will benefit international students at UM-St. Louis.

A native of Missouri, Pope earned degrees in counseling psychology from UM-Columbia (M.Ed.) and the University of San Francisco (Ed.D.). While in San Francisco, he founded Career Decisions International, Inc., a counseling and consulting firm that serves clients in both the US and Asia. With the goal of helping to introduce career counseling in Asia, Pope has worked and lived for extensive periods in Malaysia, Singapore, and Hong Kong. In fact, he speaks Bahasa Malaysian and Bahasa Indonesian.

Pope’s book in progress, The History of Career Counseling in the Pacific Rim, draws parallels between the profound societal and occupational changes that occurred in the US in the transitions from an agricultural to industrial, and industrial to technological society and those changes taking place now in Asian countries in the midst of economic modernization.

Pope believes that counseling which integrates indigenous methods with the principles of multicultural career counseling can help individuals successfully navigate the new social and occupational terrain. He believes that multicultural career counseling can play a valuable role in “humanizing” the transition for developing societies. As one of only a small group of professionals with both international and career counseling experience, Pope feels a sense of personal and professional responsibility to help “ease this transition for individuals.”

He works with Asian universities to incorporate multicultural career counseling into the training of future academics and practitioners. He also works in employment centers in major cities and edits the newsletter Global Career Resources.

As a Fellow in the Center for International Studies at UM-St. Louis, Pope will study “the outcomes of career assessment feedback with international students.” His study will “look at international students at UM-St. Louis and see what the outcome is of receiving feedback on their test results from a professional career counselor—how receiving their results on these inventories changed their attitudes toward their career and college major, their career exploration behavior, and their college major choices.”

Pope says that international students don’t often seek career counseling. Though their interests may have changed as a result of their educational experiences in the US, often their choices have not, and they return home “to live lives of quiet desperation.” Family expectations, gender and religious proscriptions and the obligations of government-sponsored college aid programs may conflict with personal wishes. Multicultural career counseling can help students with strategies to incorporate their new skills and desires into the lifestyles they will return to at home.

A contributor to many professional and community organizations, Pope is currently president-elect of the National Career Development Association.

Pope teaches courses in counseling the chemically dependent, career information; personal and professional development in counseling; individual inventory; and multicultural counseling. He is responsible for the curriculum in the career development and chemical dependency program and serves as faculty advisor for four student organizations.

Pope is now working on a text, Experiential Exercises for Teaching Career Counseling, that he plans to use in a career counseling course he will develop for undergraduates.
Faculty from Obirin University in Tokyo met with elementary and middle school teachers from throughout Missouri at a March workshop held at UM-St. Louis. The Japanese professors shared materials and strategies for teaching about contemporary Japanese society, especially child and youth culture. The program followed a November workshop for Japanese teachers held at Obirin University, in which UM-St. Louis faculty and staff presented ideas for teaching about the US.

"The goal of the project, " says UM-St. Louis project director, Joel Glassman, "is to help teachers on both sides go beyond "guns and origami" to counter stereotypes and the often sensationalistic and exotic images presented by the mass media." Glassman, who is director of the University's Center for International Studies, also emphasized the importance of developing a partnership with Obirin University. Dr. Tamie Kamiyama, professor of international studies and project director at Obirin, says the relationship is unusual, both in its development "from the grassroots as a faculty initiative on both sides" and as true partnership in which each side has much to give and gain. For Kamiyama, the first project, a collaboration of nine faculty and staff members, demonstrates the rich potential of the partnership.

In the workshops, jointly planned and taught by the UM-St. Louis and Obirin faculty, teachers explored ways students can get more accurate, authentic and current information about each other’s societies through direct contact—through the exchange of videos and artifacts and use of e-mail. Obirin anthropology professor Junichi Takahashi and students in his museum education class developed a mini-museum for use in teaching about Japanese school culture through artifacts.

At the Obirin workshop, Japanese teachers explored artifacts depicting daily life of children in St. Louis. The artifacts will be the beginning of a teacher resource center to be built by Kamiyama at Obirin on the UM-St. Louis model. Kamiyama, who coordinated the Japanese language program at Washington University for twenty years, was a key figure in the development of the first artifact kits in the International Resource Collection at UM-St. Louis.

Her plan to build, in partnership with UM-St. Louis, a teacher outreach program at Obirin, comes at a time when the Japanese Education Ministry has called for elementary educators to increase the amount of time they spend teaching about other cultures.

The project was funded by a grant from the Center for Global Partnership (CGP) of the Japan Foundation. It is the third CGP grant to the UM-St. Louis Center for International Studies for the Missouri Japan Network, a collaboration of Missouri communities that share resources for enhancing understanding of and relationships with Japan.
INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

IN MISSOURI, JAPANESE TEACHERS DISCOVER THE "REAL" AMERICA

“This experience is our treasure,” said Ken Suzuki, leader of a Japanese educators’ delegation, at a farewell dinner hosted by UM-St. Louis. “When we go back, we can explain to our students what is the real America.” The educators had just completed a four-week Institute in American Culture and Education, conducted by the Center for International Studies and taught by fifteen University faculty and staff members. Sponsored by the Japanese Ministry of Education, the group was the first to visit Missouri through the program Dispatching Young Japanese Teachers Abroad, which sends several delegations to the US annually. The teachers were selected from throughout Japan and represented all grade levels and subjects.

Their stay in Missouri was coordinated by the Missouri State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, which recruited outstate school districts where the teachers enjoyed a month-long homestay and attended school daily. At the Department’s invitation, the Center for International Studies conducted a week-long orientation program, in addition to the Institute.

Clockwise from Top: Toshinori Murase videotapes Julie Brueggemann, who coordinated the delegation’s program in St. Louis; At their orientation the delegation of Japanese teachers wore native dress. Pictured: Ken Suzuki, group leader (front row, fourth from the left); International Programs Coordinator of the Center for International Studies, Julie Brueggemann (behind Suzuki); and the Center’s International Student and Scholar Advisor, Chris Sullivan (behind Brueggemann); Julie Brueggemann and Toshiro Owaki.

Suzuki’s group was the first to have an extended, three-month program in the US. “Frankly,” he said, “we wondered, will it succeed? Maybe we have grown up. We did things that we thought we couldn’t do.”

with a little help from our friends...

The Office of International Student Services has created a new international student Host Friend program. The Host Friend program puts international students in touch with community members who agree to be cultural informants and friends. Volunteers help international students better understand the US by showing them what life is like in American households and in the community. Host friends and their families, in turn, have an opportunity to meet someone from a different country and learn about their culture.

While this is not a homestay situation, and the amount of time host friends and students spend together is completely up to the participants, this is a very exciting new possibility for building international friendships and connections.

For information contact the Office of International Student Services at 314-516-5229.
"STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS" BRING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Center for International Studies is cultivating a growing number of "strategic relationships" with foreign educators, institutions and governments in countries around the world. These multifaceted relationships generally include faculty and student exchanges and the recruitment of students into degree programs at UM-St. Louis. Relations with Nanjing University, China, and the Modern College of Business and Finance (MCBS), Oman, have also created opportunities for UM-St. Louis faculty to conduct collaborative research and present conference papers.

Strategic relationships are bringing students to the campus from new or previously under-represented parts of the world. For example, a connection with Botswana, which increased the number of students at UM-St. Louis from three to nineteen, has also enhanced the visibility of African cultures on campus. Due to an articulation agreement with MCBS, five students from Oman are now enrolled. International students at UM-St. Louis now number over 280.

For information about international student recruitment, contact international admissions officer Leonard Trudo at 314-516-5994.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY IN MEXICO

UM-St. Louis students have an internship opportunity in Guadalajara, Mexico, where they are hosted at the Latin American Office of the State of Missouri Department of Economic Development. The Department has eight offices around the world dedicated to helping Missouri businesses increase sales, both internationally and domestically.

Some of the functions of the Department, and areas in which the interns may assist, are international sales consulting; competitive analysis reports; international trade shows; catalog shows and material distribution; foreign company background checks; agent/distributor searches; customized company missions; trade leads; foreign trade missions; Strategic Alliance Programs; export finance assistance; Made in Missouri Catalogs; Missouri Export Directory and recognition programs.

The internship program with the Mexico office was finalized by Chancellor Blanche M. Touhill, during a 1995 visit to Mexico with a trade mission led by Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan. The Chancellor signed an exchange agreement between UM-St. Louis and the University of Guadalajara, which enables students to supplement their internship by taking courses at the University.

For information contact the study abroad coordinator at 314-516-6497.

NEW EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN ENGLAND

UM-St. Louis has recently signed an exchange agreement with the University of Lancaster in England. Due to the growing interest in study abroad, and the level of interest in programs in English-speaking countries, this new study abroad site will undoubtedly be an attractive option for many of our students.

Lancaster is on Britain's west coast, about three hours from London and Edinburgh. The University was founded in 1964 on a beautiful campus overlooking the sea. It has nearly 9,000 full-time students, including 2,000 post-graduates and over 1,500 international students. A major research university, it was ranked among the top ten by a recent British government-sponsored survey. The university is known throughout England for its strong teaching.

UM-St. Louis students can choose to study for the winter semester or full academic year at the University of Lancaster. The exchange students will be enrolled as regular, full-time students and be fully integrated academically and socially with their English counterparts. Participants can choose to study in any area offered at the University and pay tuition to and earn credit from UM-St. Louis for the courses they complete.

For more information contact Peggy Dotson study abroad coordinator at 314-516-6497.

NEW INTENSIVE ENGLISH INSTITUTE OFFERED

The UM-St. Louis Center for International Studies and Center for Academic Development will inaugurate a new, Summer Intensive English Language Institute this June. The Institute is designed to prepare international students for study at an American university. Combining academic, social, and cultural aspects, the six-week program will give participants the tools necessary to succeed at a university in the US.

In addition to English Language instruction, the Institute provides access to all available campus facilities and includes weekly excursions in and around St. Louis. The program is ideal for students who need to improve their English and learn to live and study in the United States. The Institute also will serve students who wish to spend only a summer in the US in order to enhance their English language skills and familiarity with American culture.

For more information, contact Julie Brueggemann, international programs coordinator, at 314-516-6983.
IRELAND PEACEMAKER HONORED AS GLOBAL CITIZEN

The UM-St. Louis Center for International Studies honored John Hume, a member of the British and European parliaments from Northern Ireland, with the Global Citizen Award on January 10th. "John Hume has spent a lifetime working to build peace—in a land that has known conflict for centuries," said Chancellor Bianche M. Touhill, who presented Hume with the Global Citizen medal and prize before an audience of more than 400 people.

Hume began his political career in 1968 as leader of the non-violent Civil Rights Movement. One of the primary architects of the current peace talks, he was widely criticized for his 1994 decision to meet with Gerry Adams, political leader of the IRA's Sinn Fein. Hume insisted, "I decided that if after 25 years and 20,000 troops, I could save even one life by talking to one man, I would do it." His decision marked a turning point in the negotiations toward a cease fire in Northern Ireland.

Mr. Hume’s plans for peace are based on the principles of the European Union—a respect for diversity, the building of common economic interests and the creation of a process which brings about political resolution. His objective is to promote a non-violent dialogue among the governments of Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic and all major political parties.

The Global Citizen Award was created by John Dill and the International Affairs Committee of the Chancellor's Council.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF U.S. COMMERCE DEPARTMENT HEADS GLOBAL BUSINESS PROGRAM

Deputy Director of the US Department of Commerce, Robert Mallett, is the featured speaker for the third annual Global Business Summit to be held on Thursday, August 20, 1998. The Center for International Studies at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, in conjunction with the Missouri Black Expo, sponsors the program, which is an introduction to international business for small- to medium-sized businesses interested in entering the global marketplace.

The program allows businesspeople to discuss business culture and markets with representatives from around the world and learn firsthand about the rules and regulations of exporting.

Conference participants also meet and network with international trade representatives and service providers from the State Department of Economic Development.

The Global Business Summit ’98 will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude with the Mayor's Business Person's Luncheon, which creates a forum for business persons from firms of all sizes to meet and network.

For cost, location and other information on Global Business Summit ’98, please contact Jill Ponder, UM-St. Louis international business specialist, by phone at 314-516-6838 or by e-mail at cisipond@mizone.usmle.edu.

ALUMNI UPDATE

G. David BANKS (int'l and European studies certificates, '91) is an international economic analyst for the Federal government in Washington, D.C. • Kevin R. BARKS (int'l and int'l business certif., '97; exchange student to Hogeschool Holland Business School, fall, '95) is general manager at The Rainforest Company, manufacturers and distributors of Rainforest Crunch and other products utilizing ingredients sustainably harvested from endangered forests.

• Stephanie C. MEYER (business internship in London, spring '93) is a Change Management Analyst with Andersen Consulting in St. Louis and an MBA student at UM-St. Louis. • Carol F. HUSTON (int'l studies certif., '80) is a system administrator for Lotus Notes and Exchange for e-mail for NationsBank in St. Louis and is completing her graduate degree in MIS at UM-St. Louis.

• Sabine JANSSEN (exchange student from Univ. of Stuttgart, Germany, '90-94) is a Senior Consultant with Integration Software Consultants. She provides business and systems analysis in software SAP for small and mid-size businesses.

• Linda WEBER (grad. certif. in int'l Studies, '94) is working in instructional design for Training Systems, The Boeing Company, St. Louis.

• Telman YUSUPOV (exchange student from Baku Institute of Social Management and Political Science, Azerbaijan, '96-97) is general manager of SI Ltd.-American Express Travel Representative, Azerbaijan.

• William SHAMLEFFER (business internship in London, spring '93) is an underwriter for The Reliable Insurance Company in St. Louis.

• Erika BARTOS (exchange student from Kossuth Lajos Univ., Hungary, '95-96) is a translator/writer for the Eger Tobacco Company, Eger, Hungary.

• Barbara HUFKER (grad. certif. in int'l studies, '89) is a supervisor for the Thomas Jefferson Library, UM-St. Louis, and an instructor in political science and history, Webster University and St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley. • Mark WALLIS (East Asian and int'l studies certifs., '79) returned to Hong Kong after graduation, where he worked in the resettlement of Vietnamese refugees and on the stock exchange. He is now an associate general agent with Lutheran Brotherhood, St. Louis.

• Mahmoud ZAWAHI (European and int'l studies certif., '78) works for Lacledes Gas Co., St. Louis, in the Construction and Maintenance department.

• Irina S. MOVSESSIAN (exchange student from Yerevan State Institute of Foreign Languages, Armenia, '94-95) is a program assistant for the EC Food Security Implementation Program in Armenia.

• Summer D. SHOCKLEY (exchange student to Autonomous Univ. of Madrid, Spain, '96-97) is an intern in the Missouri Department of Economic Development office in Guadalajara, Mexico. • Dmitry ALIMOV (exchange student from Samara State Aerospace Univ., Russia, '94-95) is an analyst in the Investment Banking Department, MFR Renaissance, Moscow, Russia. • Paul-Henri BRUGES (exchange student from Ecole Superieure de Commerce de Saint Etienne, France, '95-96) is international sales manager, Inference Co., a producer of a management software, Clermont Ferrand, France.
April

20-25 International Week at UM-St. Louis includes a fashion show on Monday; a Tuesday cultural program; Mirthday with international booths on Wednesday; Thursday travel videos; sports on Friday and an international banquet on Saturday at 7 p.m. in the South Campus Residence Hall. For information: 314-516-5636.

23-26 The Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies meets at the Drury Inn at Union Station. Sponsored by the Society, the Department of History and Center for International Studies at UM-St. Louis and the Saint Louis University in Spain program. For information: 314-516-5680.

24-25 Former Governor and Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis is the keynote speaker for the public program, A Changing Greece: Media Images and Political and Economic Realities. The conference sessions are held, free of charge, in the Pierre Laclede Honors College. The Friday night dinner program featuring Dukakis is $25 or $15 for full-time students. For reservations: 314-516-5974.

OVATIONS! and the Sheldon Theater co-present “BAABA MAAL,” a shaman showman from Senegal and his 12-piece African band, a group in the forefront of World Music, performing at the Edison Theatre at Washington University at 8 p.m. Tickets are $23 for the general public. For information: 314-935-6543.

28 The UM-St. Louis Center for International Studies and International Center for Tropical Ecology sponsor a 1 p.m. talk on community management of natural resources by Dr. Marianne C. Schmink, professor of Latin American Studies and anthropology and director, Amazon Research and Training Program, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida, Gainesville. The seminar is held, free of charge, in room 331, Social Science and Business Building, UM-St. Louis. For information: 314-516-5753.

May

14 The World Community Center’s Great Decisions lecture/discussion series presents David Winder, professor of mass communications at Principia College speaking on “Religion’s Role in World Affairs: Challenges for the US.” The free program is held at 12:30 p.m. at the Salad Bowl Restaurant. For information: 314-862-5735.

15 Former Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney is the keynote speaker for the 1998 State of the World Conference at UM-St. Louis. The conference theme is “Making Connections: Building Open Markets and Democracies.” Registration fee of $40 includes a reception and dinner. For information: 314-516-5753.

May 19 WORLD TRADE WEEK SEMINAR

“Innovative Financing for the Needs of Small and Medium-Sized Businesses”

8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sponsored by the US Export Assistance Center Partners

Program fee: $75
Luncheon only: $40
For information: 314-425-3302

30-31 The second annual St. Louis Dragon Boat Festival is held at Spanish Lake Park. Boats and instruction are provided. Individual entry fee is $40, and 21-member team fee is $700. Admission is free of charge to the Festival, which includes dragon and lion dances, fireworks and Chinese arts and crafts programs. For information call StreamTeach: 314-725-1907.

June


Mark your calendar for —

August 20

The Missouri Black Expo and Center for International Studies at UM-St. Louis hold the third annual Global Business Summit for small and medium-sized businesses interested in entering the global marketplace. The program features a Mayor’s Business Person’s Luncheon that facilitates networking. For information: 314-516-6838.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SPEAKERS BUREAU

International student volunteers, many of whom have brought traditional clothes, art and posters, are eager to share information about their countries with schools and community groups. International students can be a great addition to classrooms and provide insight on what is happening around the world. For information, contact the Office of International Student Services at 314-516-5229.
The Center for International Studies at the University of Missouri-St. Louis works to promote faculty research in international studies, improve the methods of teaching international studies and increase interest in international affairs on campus and in the St. Louis community. For information contact the Center staff.

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