



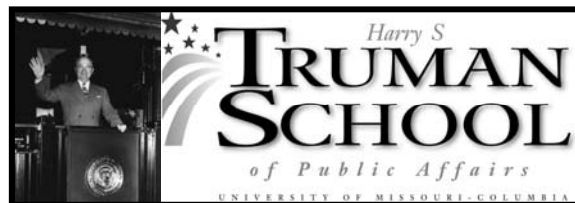
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# Institute of Public Policy

In 2003, the Institute added two Senior Faculty Fellows, hired two Policy Analysts, and utilized three graduate research assistants. Building on this new capacity, the Institute has undertaken new data collection efforts, completed analysis of existing data, submitted additional external funding proposals, and produced more written products for distribution. Overall, the Institute's increased capabilities resulted in a broader array of policy products, a more defined research agenda, and more basic research, both academic and applied during the past year. In the future, the Institute's efforts will be guided by the newly developed five year goals, which focus on broad research and public service objectives and the institutional changes that will be required to achieve those objectives.

The Institute also further refined its mission through the adoption of a vision statement. This report of Institute activities and accomplishments for 2003 - 2004 is organized around the four tenets of that vision:

1. Assisting public officials by providing information to support policy decisions;
2. Conducting objective analyses on important policy issues;
3. Encouraging public dialogue on these public policy issues; and
4. Providing an interdisciplinary linkage to the policy relevant resources of the University.

The Institute enjoyed a successful year and we are focused on continuing our progress in 2004-2005.

## Staff

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# Overview of 2003-2004

During 2003-2004, the Institute of Public Policy increased research capacity, expanded the range of services and products, and developed protocols and standard operating procedures for more efficient task management. While full details are provided in the following sections, the achievements of our program and individual faculty and staff are summarized below.

- Wrote 20 reports for distribution to policy makers and others.
- Published seven articles in refereed journals.
- Sponsored the statewide State Treasurer's Conference and co-sponsored the MU Lifespan Development Initiative Symposium and Poster Session on campus.
- Made presentations to state policymakers including a presentation to the staff of the Missouri Department of Social Services.
- Presented research findings at over 18 academic conferences including the Life with Term Limits conference, the German Online Research conference, the State Politics and Policy conference, the National Autism Symposium, the Midwest Political Science Association, the American Sociological Association, the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, the Western Social Science Association, and the National Association for Schools of Public Administration and Affairs.
- Chaired a panel and served as a discussant at the Midwest Political Science Association.
- Assisted by the UMC Media Office, 11 newspapers and radio stations incorporated Institute research into news articles.
- Utilized Shelley Hilton, the TSPA grant writer, to submit 10 proposals for external funding, including proposals to the National Institutes of Health and the Southern Rural Development Center.
- Established a Faculty Fellows program to enhance the public policy dialogue and to encourage faculty to associate with the Institute.
- Selected Lilliard Richardson and Dana Baker as Senior Faculty Fellows.
- Hired a new Policy Analyst, Ann Ulmer, to expand the Institute's quantitative capabilities.
- Hired a third Policy Analyst, Brett Sanders, who brings both qualitative research and GIS experience to the Institute.
- Outlined five year development goals.

# Mission, Vision, and Values of the Institute of Public Policy

## Mission

The Institute of Public Policy seeks to enhance knowledge and understanding of public policy issues relevant to Missouri citizens by conducting objective research and facilitating public dialogue.

## Vision

The Institute of Public Policy will be a valued resource for the citizens of Missouri by providing high quality, impartial policy-relevant information. We will increase knowledge and understanding by:

- Assisting public officials by providing information to support policy decisions;
- Conducting objective analyses on important policy issues;
- Encouraging public dialogue on these public policy issues; and
- Providing an interdisciplinary linkage to the policy relevant resources of the University.

## Values

### **Accountability:**

We value accountability to ensure careful evaluation and assessment of policy issues.

### **Collaboration:**

We value collaboration between various disciplines, university sectors, and other entities to share the Institute's talents and resources with a broader community. Effective teamwork throughout the organization helps ensure an open, positive environment where communication flows in all directions and involvement is encouraged.

### **Integrity:**

We provide honest, complete, and professionally presented information on current policy issues. We expect firm adherence to ethical conduct.

### **Knowledge:**

We have a duty to acquire, create, transmit, and preserve knowledge, and to promote understanding of public policy, public administration, and public affairs.

### **Public Service:**

We value public service and seek to inform public policy decisions by providing services and products.

### **Research:**

We value the advancement of understanding about public policy issues through research of the highest quality. We strive to provide impartial, unbiased information in which all relevant perspectives are considered.

# Assisting Public Officials

## Providing Service

- Office of the Governor
- Office of the Lieutenant Governor
- Office of the State Treasurer
- Joint Committee on Legislative Research
- House Research
- Members of the General Assembly
- Missouri Department of Health - Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities
- Missouri Autism Research and Response Action
- Missouri School Board Association
- Missouri Hospital Association

In its 2001 report to the Board of Curators, the Stakeholder Advisory Committee, which recommended the creation of the Institute, identified the need for focused research and analytic decision support to assist public officials at all levels. The Stakeholder Committee's recommendations are refined as objectives in the Strategic Plan of the Truman School of Public Affairs. These objectives include developing policy products (such as briefs and reports), holding forums and other public discussions of policy issues, and conducting policy related research. The Institute meets these objectives through the Legislative Academy and other public service and outreach activities.

David Valentine continues to serve as the Director of the Missouri Legislative Academy, a project of the University of Missouri System. In addition to authoring technical reports for legislators, Dr. Valentine edits invited publications for the Missouri Legislative Academy. This year the Missouri Legislative Academy published seven invited papers from University of Missouri researchers and outside experts.

In addition, the Institute responds to requests for assistance from public officials. During the last year, the Institute responded to requests of public officials about child safety restraints, payday loans, and more than 35 other requests. The Institute also provided technical support for the Governor's Business Education Roundtable. The Roundtable was charged with recommending strategies for improving the quality of elementary and secondary education.



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*David Valentine and Senator Chuck Gross lead a discussion with newly elected Senators as part of the Missouri Legislative Academy training seminars.*

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# Conducting Objective Analyses

Research is critical to the advancement of knowledge, effective decision-making, and democratic governance. Staff at the Institute engage in both academic and applied research. In the past year, Institute staff have worked on several research projects that are academic in nature, but also have implications for public policy. We have published findings in journals on topics such as gender and congressional elections, use of food pantries after welfare reform, and the challenges faced by policymakers with the growth of incidence in autism. We have also produced a number of policy briefs. One such report examined Missouri laws pertaining to child safety belts, another evaluated spatial variations in factors related to poverty, and a third examined the consequences of autism for families. Ongoing projects include disability policy, legislative studies, traffic safety policy and welfare policy impacts.

## Selected Future Research

### **Disability Policy**

A survey of families' experiences with children with autism in Missouri is underway. The survey will be expanded to the national level in the early fall and used to analyze the types of public services used by families, the economic impacts of autism related disorders for families, and variations in the roles of family members who care for an individual with autism. The survey is also being conducted in Canada to provide a cross-national comparative perspective.

### **Legislative Studies**

At the national level, the Institute is collecting data on ballot initiatives and legislator roll call votes in Arizona for use in a Bayesian model that indicates the preferences of legislators as compared to the preferences of voters in the home district on key issues. In the near future, the research will be expanded to include California and Missouri. The ultimate goal is to gather data on all states that allow initiatives.

At the state level, a database of legislator and election information is under development. When fully complete, the database will contain information back to 1910 and be a valuable tool in looking at the change in legislator qualities over the years. It will also provide useful statistics in the changes of legislator characteristics before and after term limits.

### **Traffic Safety Policy**

We are analyzing state level data for all 50 states over the past decade to determine the impact of various aspects of seat belt laws, including standard enforcement versus secondary enforcement, all seat versus front seat only requirements, and fines on seat belt usage in the states. The purpose is to determine what state policies are most effective in encouraging seat belt usage, which in turn contributes to fewer traffic fatalities and serious injuries. In a related project, we are assessing state level data for the past decade to determine which state laws are most effective in reducing fatalities associating with drinking and driving.

A report on Missouri's highway funding mechanisms and a comparison with those of other states is slated for publication. The report will provide legislators and others with a quick overview of the revenues generated for the purpose of highway funding and how the money is allocated.

### **Welfare Policy Impacts**

Using secondary data analysis, we are currently assessing alternative ways to measure poverty, particularly those that consider material hardship. The measures are also being explored for geographic variations. Additionally, relying on data from the state of Missouri, we are examining patterns of welfare receipt for various immigrant groups. These patterns are being looked at across regions of the state and also being compared to results in other states, including Minnesota.

# Encouraging Public Dialogue

Public dialogue provides information from a variety of perspectives to decision-makers and academics alike; perspectives that inform responses to public policies. Dialogue provides a way of informing decision-makers about the perspectives of others, but it also provides a way for other interested parties to learn about the perspectives of decision-makers and academics on subjects of interest to all. For this reason, the Institute is committed to fostering and encouraging public dialogue.

The Lifespan Development Institute held its first annual Symposium and Poster Session on March 10, 2004. Dana Baker served as the chair and Shannon Stokes and Jane Mosley served as members of the planning committee. Roughly 110 people attended the event in Stotler Lounge at Memorial Union to hear featured speaker Carl Calkins of the University of Missouri - Kansas City and view the more than 30 research posters on display. The posters represented a wide variety of schools and departments, including the Truman School of Public Affairs, the College of Human Environmental Sciences, the School of Health Professions, the Department of Geography, the Department of Educational, School, and Counseling Psychology, the Sinclair School of Nursing, and the University of Missouri Outreach and Extension. This year's symposium focused on research related to child and family policy and allowed researchers from across campus to meet and discuss common interests and potential collaboration.

For the second year in a row, the Institute collaborated with the Missouri State Treasurer's Office to sponsor the *Investing Public Funds in the 21st Century* conference on the MU campus. The event featured national speakers in the areas of public finance, including Mark Drabenstott of the Federal Reserve Bank, and Dr. Barton Wechsler and Dr. Judith Stallmann, both Truman School faculty. Over 60 public finance officers from around the state attended the two day event.

## Media Contacts

### Disability Policy Issues (Baker)

- Columbia Missourian, April 19, 2004

### Safety Net Issues (Mosley)

- Columbia Missourian, March 11, 2004
- Metro News Radio, March 2004
- California radio station, March 2004

### Child Safety Seats (Richardson)

- Tulsa World, November 10, 2003
- Iowa City Press, June 21, 2004

### Legislators & Email (Richardson)

- 93.3 The Eagle, Columbia, MO, May 18, 2004
- Washington Times, May 19, 2004
- Townhall.com, May 20, 2004
- Wall Street Journal, May 21, 2004

### Legislators (Richardson)

- KSSZ radio interview, May 18, 2004



*Linda Halgunseth, a PhD student in the College of Human Environmental Sciences, shares research findings on childhood outcomes at the LDI Symposium & Poster Session.*

# Providing an Interdisciplinary Linkage

The Institute provides value in policy discussions by assisting others in the academic community to focus on policies of relevance to their research interest. The Institute also helps members of the academic community structure their written and oral presentations in a way that communicates effectively to those in policymaking positions.

## ***Disability Policy***

The Disability Studies working group builds connections between University of Missouri - Columbia researchers with an interest in disability studies. This year, three lunch time presentations were held during which ongoing research was presented and actively discussed by this multidisciplinary group.

## ***Canadian Studies***

The Working Group in Canadian Studies is led by Patrick James of the Department of Political Science. Dana Baker is an active member of the group, and presented her research on the comparative aspects of autism policy in October 2003 for the group. During the spring of 2003, a graduate level intern was placed with the working group. During the summer of 2004, the group is working on a project funded by the Canadian Embassy looking at the implications of the Supreme Court case *Auton v. British Columbia* for the policies and programs designed to address challenges related to autism.



## ***Lifespan Development Initiative (LDI)***

Started as the Child and Family Sciences Initiative Task Force two years ago, this group of faculty and researchers are interested in child and family issues including developmental and psychological processes, social welfare, medical, education, and policy issues. Dana Baker, Jane Mosley, and Shannon Stokes represent the Institute on this working group, which includes members from the College of Arts and Science, College of Education, College of Human Environmental Sciences, the School of Social Work, Sinclair School of Nursing, School of Medicine, School of Health Professions, and the Truman School of Public Affairs. Under the leadership of Dean Stephen Jorgensen of the College of Human Environmental Sciences, the group is actively seeking funds for a new building to further facilitate interdisciplinary approaches.

## ***Legal Analyses***

In 2003, the Institute developed a relationship with the School of Law in which students write papers of relevance to policymakers. These papers are subsequently revised under the direction of David Valentine and Richard Reuben of the Law School for publication and distribution.

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*Students discuss a research poster at the Lifespan Development Initiative Symposium & Poster Session.*

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# Developing Institutional Capacity

The Institute made significant changes in procedures and processes during the year. It regularized and formalized operating procedures to ensure that work flows efficiently and that products are thoroughly reviewed before publication. Future development will be guided by the Institute's mission, vision, and values statement, the performance goals set for 2004-2005, and the five year development goals, adopted this year.

- Devised a candidate interview protocol for all future hires
- Appointed two Senior Faculty Fellows and adopted a process for selection of future faculty fellows and senior faculty fellows
- Established goals for 2004-2005
- Adopted a Mission, Vision, and Values statement for the Institute
- Designed a staff guided evaluation instrument and process for supervisors
- Initiated five year development goals
- Developed new design for website
- Developed a process for tracking website usage and preparing quarterly reports
- Initiated an electronic and paper records archive
- Created guidelines, training, and work procedures for graduate research assistants
- Commenced a systematic publication review and distribution process
- Expanded job descriptions for Policy Analysts
- Designed and implemented an evaluation instrument and process for Policy Analysts
- Developed Institute insert for inclusion in *Plain Speaking*, the newsletter of the Truman School

## Transitions

**James K. Scott** — Dr. Scott, Director of Policy Programs since 2002, resigned in February 2004 to return to teaching and research.

**Sharon Reams** — Sharon Reams served as the Institute's administrative assistant since 2002. In May, 2004 she accepted another position within the University.

**Marks Khalmuratov** — A Muskie Fellow and graduate research assistant for the 2003-2004 academic year, Marks completed his MPA in May 2004 and returned to his native Uzbekistan. He is currently employed by the International Red Cross.

# Service to the Truman School of Public Affairs

## Teaching

- Baker, D. PA 432, *Public Budgeting and Taxation* (Winter 2004)
- Richardson, L. PA 422, *Public Policy Analysis* (Winter 2004)
- Valentine, D. PA 480, *MPA Internship* (Fall and Winter 2004)
- Valentine, D. PA 400, *State Government for Journalists* (Winter 2004)
- Valentine, D. PA 403, *Influence and Interest Groups in Public Affairs* (Summer 2003)
- Valentine, D. PA 407, *Public Policy, Processes and Strategies* (Winter 2004)

## Committees

- Baker, D. *Camp Truman Planning*
- Baker D. & Richardson, L., *PhD Planning*
- Baker, D., Mosley, J. , & Richardson, L. *Personnel*
- Mosley, J., *Admissions*
- Mosley, J., Stokes, S. & Valentine, D. *Jefferson City Outreach Strategy*
- Richardson, L., *Policy Specialization*

## Search Committees

- Baker, D., Mosley, J., Stokes, S., Richardson, L., & Valentine, D. *Research Analyst*
- Mosley, J., Richardson, L., & Stokes, S. *Grant Writer*
- Mosley, J., *Poverty - Senior Faculty*
- Stokes, S. *Public Management Specialist #1*
- Stokes, S. *Public Management Specialist #2*

## Outreach

- Baker, D. *Member of planning committee for the National Autism Symposium*
- Baker, D. *Chair of the UMC Persons with Disabilities Committee*
- Baker, D. *Member of the Autism Advisory Council for the State of Missouri*
- Richardson, L. *Council of Research Administrators, TSPA Representative*
- Richardson, L. *Committee member for two PhD students and one Masters student*
- Richardson, L., Stokes, S., & Ulmer, A. *Assisted in the design of the Truman School alumni survey*
- Stokes, S. *Designed a print ad for the Jefferson City MPA program*
- Valentine, D. & Stokes, S. *Developed the Capital Program brochure*
- Valentine, D. *Vice-President of the Missouri Institute of Public Administration, 2003-2004*

## Missouri Institute of Public Administrators

The Missouri Institute of Public Administration (MIPA) has facilitated discussions among practitioners and academics in the field of public administration for over thirty years. MIPA provides a forum where those involved in the administration of public sector organizations and those who teach and research these fields to discuss trends and developments in the practice of administration. As the current President of MIPA, David Valentine is working to revitalize the group and encourage more TSPA students to attend the meetings. As part of this effort, the Institute redesigned the MIPA website to provide more comprehensive and easily accessible information on the group's activities.

# Missouri Legislative Academy

In 2000, the Board of Curators approved the establishment of a program to provide services in support of state government, primarily but not exclusively members of the General Assembly. The Board's action followed the recommendations of an extensive stakeholder advisory committee composed of legislators, other public officials, and citizens. The program adopted by the Board, known as the Missouri Legislative Academy, is guided by representatives of all four campuses and Extension and draws upon the expertise of faculty from throughout the University of Missouri. The advisory committee for 2003-2004 consisted of Arlan Dekock (UM-Rolla), Sandra Hodge and Mary Leuci (UM Outreach and Extension), Linda Taylor (UM-Kansas City), Mark Tranel (UM-St. Louis), Bart Wechsler (UM-Columbia), and UM system personnel. Funding for the Missouri Legislative Academy is provided by the University of Missouri (UM) system and the Truman School of Public Affairs.

The Missouri Legislative Academy is planning the 2004 training session for newly elected senators. Started in 2002, the program provides education on legislative processes. An advisory committee, composed of sitting members of the Senate, assists the MLA and senior senate staff in the development of the training session. This year's advisory committee consists of Senators Joan Bray, Rita Days, Pat Dougherty, Chuck Gross, David Klindt, and Gary Nodler.

## Contributors

The Missouri Legislative Academy (MLA) publishes issue briefs written by UM faculty as well as reports from practitioners and graduate students. In 2003-2004, the MLA published seven articles on issues facing legislators and on the legislative process in Missouri.

- Heather Carlson, Megan Clarke, and Josh Hinkle are graduate students in the School of Journalism.
- Dr. Anne Dannerbeck Janku is a Research Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work, University of Missouri - Columbia.
- Kevin Kemper is a law student at the University of Missouri - Columbia.
- Sarah Morrow is a former member of the Missouri Senate Research staff.
- Dr. Judith Stallmann is a Professor of Agricultural Economics and the Truman School of Public Affairs at the University of Missouri - Columbia.
- Stephen Witte is a Staff Attorney for the Division of Research, Missouri State Senate.

## *Overview of State Government*

The Missouri Legislative Academy publishes an informative handbook, *Overview of State Government*, on Missouri state government each year. The handbook provides a budget overview, profiles of statewide elected officials, the General Assembly, the judiciary, and state departments. The profiles include the annual budget, a breakdown of where the funds originate, the total number of employees, the major functions of the organization, statutory authority, and other important information. For instance, the number of cases tried in Missouri (Judiciary), the number of acres owned (Conservation), and Missouri's rank compared to other states on the cost of living (Economic Development).

The handbook is available on the website and is also mailed to each newly elected legislator.

# Publications

Baker, D. L. (2004). *The Case of Interagency Coordinating Councils: Examining Collaborations in Services for Children With Disabilities* (Report 14-2004).\*

Baker, D. L. (Spring 2004). Going Camping: A New Strategy for Preparing Academically Diverse Students (with Barton Wechsler). *Journal of Public Affairs Education*. 10(1), 19-30.

Baker, D. L. (Spring 2004). Public Policy and the Shaping of Disability: Incidence Growth in Educational Autism. *Education Policy Analysis Archives*. 12(11).

Houston, D. J., & Richardson, L. E., Jr. (2004). Drinking and Driving in America: A Test of Behavioral Assumptions Underlying Public Policy. *Political Research Quarterly*, 57(1), 53-64.

Maestas, C., Grant, N., & Richardson, L. E., Jr. (2003). Surveying State Legislatures: Past Successes, Present Dilemmas, Future Prospects. *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, 3(1), 90-108.

Mosley, J. M., Kaukinen, C., & Fulcher, C. (2003). *Neighborhood reliance on the food safety net* (Report 022003).

Mosley, J. M. & Miller, K. (2004). *Spatial variations in factors affecting poverty* (Research Brief RPO4-01). University of Missouri, Columbia, Rural Poverty Research Center.

Mosley, J. M. & Smith, D. B. (2004). *A preliminary evaluation of the Missouri Family Development Training and Credentialing Program (MOFDC)* (Report 3-2004).

Mosley, J. M. & Stokes, S. (2004). *Time limits in Missouri* (Report 40-2004).

Mosley, J. M. & Tiehen, L. (2004). The food safety net after welfare reform: Use of private and public food assistance in the Kansas City metropolitan area. *Social Service Review* 78(2):267-283.

Neeley, G. W. & Richardson, L. E., Jr. (2004). *State regulation of trucking: The policy impact of differential speed limits* (Report 39-2004).

Richardson, L. E., Jr. (2003). *Representation in state legislatures* (Report 3-2003).

Richardson, L. E., Jr. (2004). *Facts on child safety seat laws in Missouri* (Report 15-2004).

Richardson, L. E., Jr. (2004). *Term limits in Missouri* (Report 38-2004).

Richardson, L. E., Jr. & Freeman, P. K. (2004). Issue Salience and Gender Differences in Congressional Elections, 1994-1998. *Social Science Journal*, 40(3), 401-417.

Richardson, L. E., Jr., Russell, B., & Cooper, C. (2004) Legislative Representation in a Single Member versus Multiple District System: The Arizona State Legislature, *Political Research Quarterly*, 57, 337-344.

Richardson, L. E., Jr. & Ulmer, A. (2004). *Representation in State Legislatures: A Focus on Missouri* (Report 4-2004).

\*Reports are available on the Institute website: <http://www.truman.missouri.edu/ipp>

# Presentations

Baker, D. L. (November 14, 2003). *Autism as policy*. Paper presented at the Working Group In Canadian Studies Seminar, Columbia, MO.

Baker, D. L. (March 10, 2004). *Experiences of families with autism with public infrastructures in Missouri*. Poster session presented at the Lifespan Development Initiative Symposium and Poster Session, Columbia, MO.

Baker, D. L. (March 12, 2004). *Brain politics: Comparative issue definition in autism related policy*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR.

Baker, D. L. (May 21, 2004). *Voices of siblings: Siblings, autism and public policy*. Paper presented at the National Autism Symposium, Osage Beach, MO.

Baker, D. L. (May 22, 2004). *Families' experiences with autism*. Paper presented at the National Autism Symposium, Osage Beach, MO.

Baker, D. L. & Meers, A. M. (March 10, 2004). *Constructing Knowledge of Nutrition: A comparative Study On State Nutrition Policies For Children With Disabilities and Chronic Disease*. Poster session presented at the Lifespan Development Initiative Symposium and Poster Session, Columbia, MO.

Baker, D. L. & Meers, A. M. (April, 2004). *Constructing Knowledge of Nutrition: A comparative Study On State Nutrition Policies For Children With Disabilities and Chronic Disease*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Western Social Science Association, Salt Lake City, UT.

Mosley, J. M. (March 10, 2004). *Use of the food safety net for families with children*. Poster session presented at the Lifespan Development Initiative Symposium and Poster Session, Columbia, MO.

Mosley, J. M., Kaukinen, C., & Fulcher, C. (2003). *A Spatial Analysis of the Food Safety Net*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.

Mosley, J. M., Kaukinen, C., Fulcher, C., & Tiehen, L. (2003). *Neighborhood Reliance on the Food Safety Net*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy and Management, Washington D.C.

Mosley, J. M. & Smith, D. (March 10, 2004). *A preliminary evaluation of the Missouri Development Training and Credentialing Program (MO FDC)*. Poster session presented at the Lifespan Development Initiative Symposium and Poster Session, Columbia, MO.

Richardson, L. E., Jr. (August 30, 2003). *State Legislators in the Internet Age*. Paper presented at the meeting of the meeting of American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Richardson, L. E., Jr. (March 10, 2004). *The effectiveness of child safety seat laws in the fifty states*. Poster session presented at the Lifespan Development Initiative Symposium and Poster Session, Columbia, MO.

Richardson, L. E., Jr. (April 20, 2004). *Direct Democracy in the American States: An Analysis of Roll Call Votes*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

# Presentations

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Richardson, L. E., Jr. (April 20, 2004). *Regulation of Trucking: The Policy Impact of Differential Speed Limits*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

Richardson, L. E., Jr. (April 20, 2004). *Traffic Safety in the European Union: The Impact of Speed*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

Richardson, L. E., Jr. (April 30, 2004). *Missouri Case Study: Assessing the Impact of Term Limits*. Paper presented at the Coping with Term Limits Conference, Akron, OH.

Richardson, L. E., Jr. (April 30, 2004). *Multi-member Districts and Representational Roles in U.S. State Legislatures*. Paper presented at the State Politics and Policy Conference, Cuyahoga Falls, OH.

Richardson, L. E., Jr. (April 30, 2004). *Testing Formal Models of Direct Democracy*. Paper presented at the State Politics and Policy Conference, Cuyahoga Falls, OH.

Richardson, L. E., Jr. (2004). *Formal Models of Congress and Agencies*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

Richardson, L. E., Jr. (2004). *The Nexus of Information and Technology and Substantive Policy*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

Ulmer, A. (February 17, 2004). *A case study assessment of the firms assisted by the Oklahoma Food & Agricultural Products Research and Technology Center*. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Agricultural Economics Association, Tulsa, OK.

Valentine, D. (July - August, 2003). *Advocacy in the General Assembly*. Paper presented at six regional meetings of the Missouri Hospital Association.

Valentine, D. (December 9, 2003). *Media, legislators, and the Missouri state budget*. Paper presented at the Missouri Department of Social Services, Jefferson City, MO.

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The Institute's website, redesigned in the fall of 2003, has shown dramatic increases in the number of users and the number of reports being downloaded from the site. According to web statistics, reports on incarceration, child safety seats, food pantry usage, and outsourcing of government functions are the most frequently downloaded. The website also receives international attention with users accessing the site in high frequency from countries such as Italy, Japan, Australia, the Netherlands, Canada, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom. Users from a variety of other countries accessed the site at some point throughout the year such as Argentina and Kyrgyzstan. Within the United States, most of the website's consistent visitors were from Virginia, Missouri, California, Connecticut, and Washington, with users from other states making random visits. Educational institutions ranked the highest in terms of the origin of the site's users (44-65%) followed by private companies (20-37%). The two types of organization that most drastically increased usage of the website over the past twelve months were military and government organizations.

# Missouri Legislative Academy

## *Publications*

Carlson, H., Clarke, M., & Hinkle, J. (2004). *Money and issue voting in Missouri: 1990-1994* (Report 35-2004).\*

Dannerbeck Janku A. (2003). *How can Missouri protect the best of interests of the child when a parent is incarcerated?*

Fischer, W. & Witte, S. (2004). *Funding for Missouri's Highways* (Report 16-2004).

Kemper, K. R. (2004). *The use of subpoenas duces tecum by the Missouri General Assembly* (Report 34-2004).

Morrow, S. (2004). *New approaches to incarceration in Missouri* (Report 5-2004).

Stallmann, J. I. (October 24, 2003). *Missouri's property tax*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Missouri Community Development Society, Professional Development Series, Columbia, MO.

Stallmann, J. I. (October 24, 2003). *Missouri's sales, personal income and corporate income taxes*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Missouri Community Development Society, Professional Development Series, Columbia, MO.

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