



Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs

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Truman School Celebrates



The Truman School marked its official dedication with a formal ceremony on September 27. Members of the Missouri General Assembly, the TSPA Board of Visitors, MU officials and other friends of the School joined the Truman School community in the celebration. Clifton Truman Daniel, President Truman's grandson, represented the Truman family.

In welcoming remarks, Director Bart Wechsler told the audience that this event was rightly described as a "dedication" because the Truman School really was dedicated to the legacy of Missouri's favorite son. He also noted that Truman, who received an honorary degree from MU while he was President, exemplified the University's watchwords of "honor, duty."

The dedication also featured a Monroe-Paine lecture by Thomas E. Mann, W. Averell Harriman Chair and Senior Fellow in Governmental Studies at the Brookings Institution. In his lecture, Dr. Mann stressed the enduring lessons of Truman's presidency and its relevance to current events. He

particularly praised Truman's accomplishments in the area of national security and argued that lessons from Truman's approach could be useful in our present circumstances. Truman, Mann said, saw the wisdom of working closely with Congress and building a bipartisan consensus on foreign policy. He also successfully forged international alliances to confront America's enemies. Truman's willingness to be patient and his ability to take the long view were important contributors to his success. These strategies could be useful to any president.

The dedication celebration concluded with a reception in the Truman School's new quarters in Middlebush Hall.

"I would much rather be an honorable public servant and known as such than to be the richest man in the world."

– Harry S Truman



Dr. Bart Wechsler
Director of the
Harry S Truman School
of Public Affairs

From the Director

This issue of *Plain Speaking* demonstrates two of the distinguishing characteristics of the Truman School. The first of these is our commitment to engagement with policy-makers and public officials. Beyond the campus, Truman School faculty, staff and students are engaged in important public service and outreach. Faculty research informs public policy in Missouri and the nation. Continuing education and professional development programs help to build public leadership capacity. Forums, roundtables and policy dialogues provide opportunities for interaction among policy-makers, community members and scholars. Below I describe a few of the ways in which the School is engaged in public life.

As a result of term limits, there are more than 100 new members of the Missouri House and Senate. Many are serving in state office for the first time. To help these newly elected officials meet the challenges of public service, Professor David Valentine, working with colleagues from the University of Missouri System, organized the first *Missouri Legislative Academy*. The Legislative Academy provides member with information about legislative processes and policy issues.

At the local level, the School has partnered with the Missouri Municipal League to offer the *Municipal Leadership Program*. Now in its second year, this program provides leadership training to elected and appointed local government officials. TSPA faculty members conduct the training program, which builds on-going relationships with local leaders.

The Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI), now housed in the Truman School, has long been recognized as a critical resource for members of Congress and other policy-makers concerned with the issues facing rural America. Recently, RUPRI helped to convene a Rural Summit involving representatives from the major jurisdictional groups, including the National Association of Counties, the League of Cities, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the National Association of Development Organizations and the National Association of Towns and Townships. Together with RUPRI, these groups began to develop a common rural policy agenda.

Each of these examples of TSPA engagement also illustrates the second distinguishing characteristic of the School. This characteristic is collaboration. From our beginning, the Truman School has worked closely with others. Twelve of our 22 faculty members hold joint appointments, and more than 75 MU faculty hold affiliate appointments in TSPA. In addition to the institutional partners described above, many of our most successful activities involve partnerships. Numerous academic units, research centers and institutes, state and national associations, and foundations work with the Truman School to serve the public good.

Engagement and collaboration are values Harry Truman would have understood. I believe he would be proud of the work we do and how we do it.

Congratulations December 2002 Graduates

- Laura Bax
- David Fleming
- Timothy Garrison
- Christina Deann

From the Cover

Top Left: Dr. Thomas Mann of the Brookings Institution gave the Monroe-Paine lecture on *Presidential-Congressional Conflicts in the Bush Administration* and discussed how the lessons of Truman's presidency are relevant to current events.

Top Right: President Truman's grandson Clifton Truman Daniel helped the Truman School celebrate its dedication.

Bottom Photos: Dr. Thomas Mann and Clifton Truman Daniel mingled with guests at the dedication reception held in Middlebush Hall.

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The Hon. John Hume to Deliver Monroe-Paine Lecture During MU Visit



The Hon. John Hume

The Hon. John Hume and Pat Hume will visit and lecture at MU Jan. 18-24, 2003. During their visit, the Humes will meet with students and faculty from the campus. John Hume will deliver a Monroe-Paine Distinguished Lecture on Jan. 23, from 2-3:30 p.m., in Jesse Wrench Auditorium in Memorial Union. His topic will be "The Theory and Practice of Peacemaking."

The Hon. John Hume and Pat Hume have agreed to serve four-year terms as Distinguished Professors of Global and Conflict Resolution at the University of Missouri-Columbia. John Hume has been a longstanding member of the British and European Union parliaments. He received the Nobel Prize in 1998 for his efforts on behalf of peace in Northern Ireland. John's wife Pat also is well known internationally for her work in human rights.

Star Alum: Julia Nienaber Hurst

While much of the excitement surrounding the November 2002 elections focused on U.S. Senate and House races, Julia (Nienaber) Hurst, MPA '97, was more interested in the outcome of the 22 races for lieutenant governor nationwide. Julia is the Executive Director of the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA).

NLGA is the nation's only professional organization for the lieutenant governors of the 50 states and five territories. In actuality, the organization serves the officeholder in each state who is next in line to succeed the governor, whether that is the lieutenant governor, secretary of state or senate president, depending on the state. As Executive Director of NLGA, Julia works with the nation's lieutenant governors providing them issue information and analysis, as well as project management, special events coordination and internal and external communications. But this position was not her first foray into the political arena.

Prior to joining the NLGA, Julia served as the Chief Operating Officer for the Council of State Governments, the nation's only multi-branch, 50-state government association, overseeing the organization's operations, as well as its national marketing, public relations and publications. She also served as a Regional Manager for Intermedia Communications as a city- and state-level government relations consultant. During the time she was working on her MPA degree, Julia served

as Chief of Staff for Rep. Mark Richardson, who at the time was the Minority Leader in the Missouri House of Representatives.

Julia graduated in 1989 with a bachelor of arts in broadcast news and public affairs from Western Kentucky University. She earned her master of public administration from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1997, taking most of her courses through the department's program in Jefferson City. She chose to pursue an MPA not only because she is a "lifelong learner," but also because she recognized that career growth and job security depend on "staying on top of things."

"My MPA degree has given me an 'edge' on other applicants," Julia said. "Not many people with my similar background have made the sacrifice to go back and earn their advanced degree while still gaining valuable work experience."

While Julia's past work experience had developed her communication and political skills, the MPA honed several new skill sets – statistical analysis, budgeting and ethics. "For my MPA, I prepared a GFOA report of a city budget, analyzed the state budget and wrote an analysis on ethics laws," explained Julia. "These items brought me new areas of expertise and experience on which I capitalized later."

Julia is married to Eric Hurst and has a six-year-old stepson named Brayden. She and Eric are expecting their first child this January. They live in Ft. Wright, KY.

Mark Your Calendar

January 10-12, 2003
Municipal Leadership Conference: Developing Leadership Skills

January 13-17, 2003
Winter Camp Truman

January 18-24, 2003
Visit by the Hon. John and Pat Hume to MU

January 21, 2003
Classes begin in both Columbia and Jefferson City

January 23, 2003
Monroe-Paine Lecture with the Hon. John Hume 2-3:30 p.m., in Jesse Wrench Auditorium in Memorial Union

March 21-22, 2003
Municipal Leadership Conference: Meeting the Challenge and Opportunities of the Future

March 22-30, 2003
Spring Recess

March 31, 2003
Monroe-Paine Lecture with Rebecca Blank, Dean of the Gerald Ford School of Public Policy

May 17-18, 2003
Commencement weekend

June 6-7, 2003
Municipal Leadership Conference: Municipal Policy Seminar

June 9, 2003
Summer Session begins

Alumni Notes

- **Marjorie Lampton**, MPA '85, is a Technical Consulting Specialist in the Education Division of the SAS Institute, Inc., in Overland Park, KS.
- **Saikaew Choosup**, MPA '87, is a Researcher for the Institute of Asian Studies at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand.
- **Mikel L. Lynch**, MPA '92, is the Privacy Officer for University Health Care in Columbia, MO.
- **Donna Imhoff**, MPA '93, is a Research Associate for Fiscal Affairs for the Missouri Department of Higher Education in Jefferson City, MO.
- **Rusty L. Crawford**, MPA '98, is Director of Business & Fiscal Services in the Health Management and Informatics Department of the MU School of Medicine in Columbia, MO.
- **Kristen Sorth**, MPA '98, is the Human Resources Manager for the St. Louis County Library in St. Louis, MO.
- **Colleen Dowd**, MPA '99, is a Planner III with the Missouri Department of Corrections in Jefferson City, MO.
- **Keenan Patterson**, MPA '99, is the Drinking Water Unit Chief at the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Jefferson City, MO, Regional Office.
- **B. "Lynn" Tetley**, MPA '00, is a Planner for the Department of Planning and Parks for the city of Wildwood, MO.
- **Laura Bax**, MPA '02, is the Deputy Clerk for the United States District Court in Jefferson City, MO.

Institute Conducts Workshops on Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is increasingly recognized as a serious social problem in Missouri. An effective criminal justice response to domestic violence rests on the actions and the attitudes of public servants working in Missouri's communities.

To help Missouri meet this challenge, the Office of State Courts Administration, the Institute of Public Policy at the Truman School of Public Affairs and MU's School of Social Work teamed up to provide regional workshops to the spectrum of professionals who work with domestic violence on a daily basis. In addition to the regional workshops, the team hosted an interstate meeting of 20 practitioners from surrounding states with the goal of creating a recognizable first page for protection orders.

Prof. Lilliard Richardson and Dana Baker of the Truman School participated in the workshops.



Prof. Lilliard Richardson led workshops on domestic violence.

Lessons in Leadership

The Truman School of Public Affairs will inaugurate a series of leadership dialogues beginning in 2003. *Lessons in Leadership* will draw from books about leaders and leadership as the basis for discussion and dialogue. Each session will be led by a Truman School faculty member who is knowledgeable about the subject and book to be discussed.

For more information about the program or to receive a registration form describing the individual programs, please contact Shannon Stokes at (573) 884-6322 or by email at stokes@missouri.edu.

Institute Facilitates Candidate Forums

Prior to this fall's elections, the Truman School coordinated candidate forums hosted by area chambers of commerce in St. Joseph, Kansas City and Sikeston. The forums provided candidates and local officials information on the condition of the State's budget, and the impact of revenue shortfalls on higher education and economic development. Approximately 225 people attended the forums, including about 35 candidates.

The presenters were Jim Moody of Moody and Associates; Marty Romitti, Missouri Department of Economic Development; Frank Stokes, Missouri Technology Corporation; David Bodde, UMKC and Missouri Technology Corporation; Presidents James Scanlon and Dean Hubbard of Missouri Western and Northwest Missouri State University; Chancellor Martha Gilliland, UMKC; and President Ken Dobbins of Southeast Missouri State University.

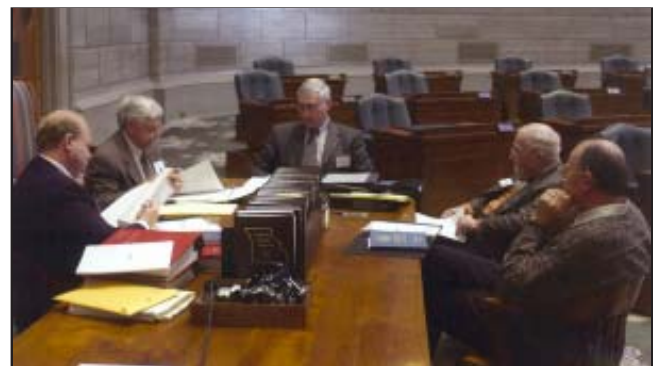
UM System Hosts Missouri Legislative Academy

With colleagues from the University of Missouri System, the Truman School recently helped develop an orientation program for Missouri's 12 newly elected senators. The *Missouri Legislative Academy* was presented Dec. 2-5 and included sessions for those who had not served in the House, such as sessions on the budget, the differences between the House and Senate, Senate Chamber procedure and Constitutional issues pertinent to legislative action.

Sitting members of the Senate shared their knowledge and insights in each session. Three of the legislative members of the Public Policy Initiative Stakeholder Advisory Committee participated: Senators Childers and Mathewson as sitting members, and Representative Delbert Scott as a newly elected senator.

The University of Missouri System also is working with a House

committee to identify products and programs that would be useful to House members. In September, that committee identified programming that could be beneficial to new members, such as information on the state budget. The committee will begin developing the content of the program in January.



From left: Senators-elect Gary Nodler and Dan Clemens; David Valentine, Truman School; Senator-elect Dr. Charles Wheeler; and Senator Doyle Childers.

Truman School Becomes Home for MU's European Union Center

The European Union Center (EUC) was established at the University of Missouri in 1998 as part of the European Union Center Network. One of 15 EU Centers in the United States supported by the European Commission, the Center's mission is to foster novel contacts and productive transatlantic partnerships through teaching, scholarly research and outreach activities. In the tradition of the land grant university, the Center provides the education, knowledge and technology, service and support critical to a better understanding and interchange among the peoples of the European Union and the Heartland of the United States.

To help facilitate its efforts in outreach and education, the EUC became part of the Truman School of Public Affairs in August 2002. The Center's outreach efforts involve local and regional colleges and universities, local businesses and business groups, chambers of commerce, state and local government, high school educators and the

media, as well as the larger University of Missouri System.

Conferences hosted by the Center examine social, economic and political variables that impact upon the citizenry of Europe and the United States. Past conferences have examined the use of digital technologies in western democracies, differences between Europe and the United States in the area of animal production, and the economic and political issues facing the European Union as it looks to expand its membership to Central and Eastern Europe.

The *Graduate Certificate in European Union Studies* is at the heart of the EUC's educational activities. Students can earn this specialty certificate in as little as 12 hours, with each program of study designed to address the student's particular interest in the EU. Research and educational opportunities, programming and upcoming events sponsored by the Center may be viewed at <http://eu.missouri.edu>.

Jim Scott Named Director of EU Center

The University of Missouri-Columbia recently named Jim Scott director of the European Union (EU) Center at MU. Scott has extensive experience working in Europe on rural and regional development policy issues. He has hosted numerous delegations of EU policy scholars and practitioners to campus, and led study tours of Ireland for both MU students and faculty members. Scott also has been active in the development of the EU Center since its inception. He is strongly committed to building EU scholarship across disciplines and academic divisions.

Scott also serves as associate professor and director of policy programs at the Truman School of Public Affairs. He will be responsible for maintaining strong working relationships, not only with the academic community and private sector, but also with Congress and state and local governments.

Scott replaces Andrew Balas, who recently accepted an administrative position at St. Louis University.



James K. Scott

Richardson Awarded NHTSA Contract for Crash Analysis

Dr. Lilliard E. Richardson of the Truman School will be the primary investigator on a contract awarded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for crash and injury statistical analysis. The studies are designed to test the effectiveness of traffic safety policies in the real world. They will focus on human attitudes and behaviors resulting in vehicle violations, crashes and/or fatalities including alcohol-impaired driving; drug-impaired driving; occupant protection, such as

seat belt and child safety seat use; drowsy driving; speeding; and aggressive driving.

The research team includes Shannon Stokes of the Institute of Public Policy; Jianguo (Tony) Sun from the University of Missouri Department of Statistics; and Michelle Gibler of the MU Think First Program, a center dedicated to the reduction of brain and spinal cord injury, and Director of the Injury Prevention Division of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

“No nation on this globe should be more internationally minded than America because it was built by all nations.”

– Harry S Truman

We have redesigned the Truman School's website. Check out the changes at <http://truman.missouri.edu>.

Faculty Notes

Publications

Dr. Michael A. Diamond

"Organizational Silos: Horizontal Organizational Fragmentation," *Journal for the Psychoanalysis of Culture and Society*, Vol.7, No.2, Fall 2002.

"The Group Psychology of Terrorism," in *Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism*, Marcel Dekker, 2002.

Christopher Fulcher

"Community Informatics and E-Democracy: The Role of Place in Facilitating Public Participation." Korean Association of Public Administration: Knowledge-based Society and Policy Challenges Facing the Next Government of Korea.

Zanetti, Lisa

"Leaving Our Father's House: Micrologies, Archetypes, and Fear of Conscious Femininity in Organizational Contexts," *Journal of Organizational Change Management*, Vol. 15, No. 5, 2002.

Presentations

Guy B. Adams

"Deliberative Governance: Lesson from Theory and Practice," co-authored with James K. Scott and Barton Wechsler for the panel, *Deliberative Governance: Implications for Public Policy and Administration*, at the national conference of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, Aug. 28-31, 2002.

Dana Baker

"Blood Politics: Potential Implications of Policy Responses to Mad Cow Disease," presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Research Conference in November 2002.

"Emergency Politics: An Interactive Systems Theory Analysis of Emergency Room Overcrowding," presented with Eva Marie Stahl at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Research Conference in November 2002.

"Building Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence," presented with Lilliard Richardson and Gardena Harrisat at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Research Conference in November 2002.

"Diverting the Good: Comparative Analysis of Ambulance Diversion Policies," presented with Eva Marie Stahl at the American Political Science Association Conference in August 2002.

"Weaving Disability Studies in Public Policy Curriculums," presented at the Society for Disability Studies Conference, June 2002.

Michael A. Diamond

Chair of panel "Contributions to Organizational Analysis: A Harry Levinson Festschrift" and paper presentation "Transference and Counter-Transference: The Cornerstone of Psychoanalytic Organizational Diagnosis," at the American Psychological Association Annual Meetings, August 2002.

"Mediation, Consultation, and Organizational Change," for the MU School of Law, Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution, September 2002.

"The State of American Body Politic Post-9-11," presented at Stephens College, September 2002.

Christopher Fulcher

"A Web-based Environmental Decision Support System (WEDSS) for Local Government Planning," seminar on Joint Research Project for Juam Water Quality Conservation, Chonnam National University, Gwangju, South Korea, Oct. 23, 2002.

"A Community Informatics Approach to Resource Management," Rural Research Institute of Korea Agricultural & Rural Infrastructure Corporation, Seminar, Ansan, South Korea, Oct. 22, 2002.

"The Role of Internet GIS in Public Participation: Connecting Who, What, When, Why to Where," Rocky Mountain Summit: Sustaining Ecosystems and their People, Whitefish, MT, Sept. 25, 2002.

Geographic Information Systems, "Decision Making in Municipal Government," and the CARES Program, 2002 Missouri Municipal League Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO, Sept. 9, 2002.

"Spatial Decision Support Systems for Local Government: The Unintended Consequences of Tightened Security on the Local Decision Making Process," 2002 International Symposium on Technology and Society (ISTAS'02), Raleigh, NC, June 8, 2002.

Tom Johnson

"Opportunities in the New Rural Economy," AgriExpo 2002, Kansas City, MO, March 9, 2002.

"Where is the Place in Space," Fellows Address, Southern Regional Science Association, Arlington, VA, April 12, 2002

"Development Issues Facing Rural Communities," Faculty Seminar, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, April 23, 2002.

"Canadian Policy and Its Rural Regions," Mid-Continent Regional Science Association Meetings, Kansas City, MO, May 31, 2002.

"Prop B: Assessing the Impact of the Proposed Transportation Tax," Institute of Public Policy Lunch and Learn Series, Jefferson City, MO, July 17, 2002.

"Canadian Rural Policy," Comparative Rural Policy Briefing, sponsored by the Congressional Rural Caucus, Washington, DC, September 2002.

"Social Accounting for the BMW Region of Ireland," Regional Modelling Workshop, Letterkenny, Ireland, Oct. 3, 2002.

"Canadian Rural Policy," Rural Matters Conference, Nebraska City, Oct. 18, 2002

Jane Moseley

"The Food Safety Net After Welfare Reform: Use of Public and Private Food Assistance in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area," presented with Laura Tiehen for the National Association of Welfare Research and Statistics, August 2002.

Participated in panel discussion on "Food Security and the Safety Net" at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) in November 2002.

Christy Poulos

"Selection Bias in Estimates of the Value of Open Space," Camp Resources, Center for Environmental and Resource Economic Research, Wilmington, NC, Aug. 8-10, 2002

"Measuring the Disamenity Impacts of Interstate Highways," Second World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists, Monterey, CA, June 23-28, 2002

Lilliard E. Richardson, Jr.

"State DWI Laws and Perceptions of Punishment Costs" and "DWI Offenders: Punishment and Attitudes," presented at the National Organization of State Impaired Driving Programs Annual Conference, St. Louis MO, Aug. 19-21, 2002.

"Reacting to Recession: Budget Actions in Selected States," *Report to the Missouri Senate Office of Research*, presented by Dana L. Baker, Lilliard E. Richardson, Jr. and David C. Valentine, April 2002.

"Outsourcing of Functions of State Government." *Report to the Missouri Senate Office of Research*, March 2002

Jim Scott

"The Impact of Gambling on Missouri Communities: Seven Truths," presented at the National Conference of Family and Community Extension Specialists in Kansas City, MO, in October 2002.

Bart Wechsler

"Refounding: From Public Administration to Public Policy," presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Dallas TX.

"The New Face of Governance," invited lecture at Dong-A University, Pusan, Korea.

"Politics – good politics – is public service. There is no life occupation in which a man can find a greater opportunity to serve his community or his country."

– Harry S Truman

Awards

Prof. Jim Scott was the recipient of the Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI) Founders Award at the RUPRI 10th Anniversary Celebration Oct. 17, 2002.

AMPAS Actively Involved with Students, Alumni and Community

This fall the Association of MPA Students (AMPAS) sponsored a public policy film series in which guest faculty facilitators presented a popular movie with ties to current public policy issues. Following the movie the faculty member and students discussed the policies framed by the movie. Dr. Bart Wechsler led a discussion on the movie *Chinatown*, and Dr. Christy Poulos presented the movie *A Civil Action*. “This is an exciting opportunity for the students to present their views and discuss the viewpoints of others in the context of Hollywood cinema,” explained AMPAS President Derek Fishel.

On Nov. 2 AMPAS put on their tool belts and climbed a ladder to help Habitat for Humanity build a house. Approximately 14 AMPAS members participated in this all-day effort. The future owner of the house, a young mother of two, worked side-by-side with AMPAS, which added insight into some of the issues the family faces. Although no one fell off the roof, which was completed by AMPAS, several thumbs did incur hammer injuries.



AMPAS participate in a public service project with Habitat for Humanity.

AMPAS never lets an opportunity for fun pass. At Homecoming this year AMPAS sponsored a tailgate party just outside Middlebush Hall. It was a tad chilly but the blazing grill provided warmth for more than 65 students, faculty, alumni, family and friends. AMPAS hopes to turn the event into an annual party that brings past and present students together. Mark your calendars now for Homecoming 2003 on Oct. 25, 2003, against Texas Tech.

RUPRI and Fluharty Recognized for Efforts for Rural America

The Rural Sociological Society (RSS) recently gave Charles W. Fluharty its *Award for Distinguished Service to Rural Life*. The award—the society’s highest form of recognition for non-members—is given once each year “to recognize a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the enhancement of rural life and rural people.”

Fluharty directs the Rural Research Institute (RUPRI)—a joint effort of the University of Missouri, University of Nebraska and Iowa State University that provides objective analyses and facilitates dialogue concerning public policy impacts on rural people and places.

Fluharty was described at the ceremony as the most committed proponent for rural people and rural institutions in America today, and as one of the few people who can connect with and persuade congressional committees as well as ordinary rural people. He is widely respected for the breadth and depth of his knowledge about rural policy matters.

Among his recent accomplishments are helping facilitate the reemergence of the Congressional

Rural Caucus—one of the largest and most bipartisan in the U.S. Congress. The caucus was instrumental in getting \$1 billion in new mandatory funding for rural development included in the 2002 Farm Bill.

In addition, U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman recently honored RUPRI at the 56th Annual USDA Honor Awards Ceremony. In the category, *Enhancing the Capacity of All Rural Residents, Communities and Businesses to Prosper*, RUPRI was cited for its “dedication to objectively assessing the impacts of public policies on rural people and places.”

“It is truly an honor to help rural America, its communities, and its residents, and to be recognized for doing so,” said Fluharty.

Award recipients are listed on the USDA website at www.usda.gov. For more information on the Rural Policy Research Institute, see www.rupri.org.



Charles W. Fluharty, Director of RUPRI

“County judge, chairman of a committee, president of the United States. They are all the same kind of jobs. It is the business of dealing with people.”

— Harry S Truman



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