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## NEWSLETTER

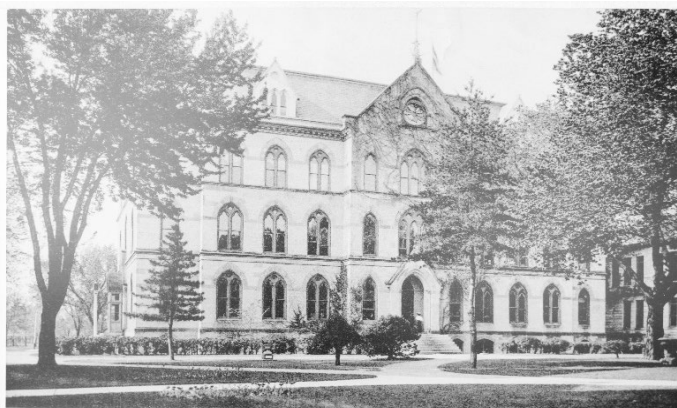
### Spring 2021 Upcoming Dates

April 8	Luncheon and Meeting	11:30 a.m.	Union 240
May 11	Coffee	2:00 p.m.	Union 327 A/B
June 3	Coffee	9:30 a.m.	Campus Library
July 8	Coffee	2:00 p.m.	Union 236
August 24	Recognition Dinner	5:00 p.m.	Union 240
September 14	Coffee	9:30 a.m.	Union 236
October 14	Coffee	2:00 p.m.	Union 236
November 18	Luncheon and Meeting	11:30 a.m.	Union 237 A/B
December 9	Holiday Coffee	2:00 p.m.	Union Atrium

### President's Message



Hello again to all of you who gave so generously of your expertise and time at the University of Central Missouri aka Central Missouri State University! I highly recommend visiting the Facebook pages for the McClure Archives and University Museum to enjoy the photos and wonderful tales of campus personalities, events and buildings posted there each day. The postings are all part of the celebration this year of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our university. I love the photos, and the names are so familiar because many campus buildings are named in honor



*"Old Main" - burned in 1915*

of the early educators (*see more photos on page 11*). Check out the great walking tour planned for 25 March focused upon the Ghost Buildings of the Great Fire in 1915. Co-sponsored by UCM, the Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce, the Convention and Visitors Bureau as well as Warrensburg Main Street, the 45-minute walk will start at 6:45 pm at the Museum in the Kirkpatrick Library and will end at the Quadrangle in front of the Administration Building. Flashlights and refreshments will be available, and facemasks will be required as will social distancing. This outdoor event should be safe and great fun for all of us. I appreciate the responses from so many of you when I asked recently about how many were likely to attend our Emeriti Spring Luncheon from 11:30-1:30 on Thursday 8 April. It was a wonderfully diverse response, and I loved hearing from so many scattered from coast to coast. An official RSVP request will be in this newsletter, and I will try to send another email reminder as we near the event date. I heard Yes on attending from 19, and we hope more will join us. Twenty-seven sent their regrets, but best wishes to all. A final note to remind you that UCM President Roger Best will invite all of us to be his guest at the annual UCM Emeriti Dinner, which will be held in Union 240 tentatively on Tuesday 24 August 2021. We hope everyone will be able to attend this year as we celebrate those retiring during 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. What a strange past year we have all faced and tolerated as best possible! I hope we can gather to celebrate one another in April and again in August plus at monthly coffees in May, June and July! Stay safe and healthy and know that the contributions of each of you are appreciated by all!

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A History of UCM Criminal Justice</b> <b>By Don Wallace (Professor Emeritus of Criminal Justice) Assisted</b> <b>by Lynn Urban (Head of the School of Public Services) and Dane</b> <b>Miller (Professor Emeritus of Criminal Justice)</b></p>
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He was fairly new into his job and would be tasked with creating the Department of Law Enforcement at Central Missouri State College. In the early 1960s, there were only a handful of such programs in the U.S. But here was Bill Davila, a recent graduate of one these programs, Indiana University, drawing some direction from his alma mater toward integrating law and the social sciences with the study of justice. But, as the title of the new program at Warrensburg indicated, the primary focus was on policing and police science. After its first year, Davila managed to have Harry

Truman visit Warrensburg to address the audience at a Law Enforcement Recognition Ceremony.

CMSC did not quite know where to house this new program in the academic structure of the institution. As Davila would relate years later, there was some conversation that because law enforcement activities required some exertion of the body in outdoor settings, the most logical place to house the program would be with the Department of Physical Education. Under Davila's leadership, however, it soon became its own academic department in the School of Public Services.

The number of similar programs in the U.S. quickly flourished, with academic institutions across the country adding some form of law enforcement program. With the 1968 federal Law Enforcement Education Program, which provided resources to students enrolled in law enforcement related fields, there was considerable impetus for the growth of such programs.

In 1971, Central's program adopted the moniker, "Department of Criminal Justice Administration." This change in title reflected the evolving curriculum and the changing academic interests of the faculty and students. By 1978, there were 15 full-time faculty assigned to the Department, a number that did not change for years, despite the continually increasing number of majors in the program. In 1991, the term "Administration" was dropped from the Department's name to reflect the breadth of an academic area that had evolved beyond a focus on administrative concerns.

Over the decades, along with its name, the course offerings and expertise of the faculty have expanded to meet the requirements of a more rigorous, research-based, post-secondary education. The curricula of the undergraduate and graduate programs now examine a host of broad topics, such as, law enforcement, criminal law, legal procedure, corrections, victimology, juvenile justice, international justice, homeland security, criminology and more.

Through its Institute of Justice & International Studies, the Department has hosted academic conferences and symposia (the first of which occurred on 9/11) which brought national and international experts to campus to make presentations on justice related issues. Currently, students and faculty are encouraged to participate in a variety of domestic and international study opportunities available through the Department.

While the University has dispensed with the designation of "Department," the "Criminal Justice & Criminology Program" can again be found in a School of Public Services (of the Harmon College of Business and Professional Studies). This most recent name change reflects the

continuing development of a multi-disciplined, research-based area of study. The third floor of Humphreys Building continues to provide the physical home for the Program. A couple of faculty offices still have the one-way mirrors for interrogation training that was an initial part of the Department of Law Enforcement. But the reach of Criminal Justice & Criminology, through its internet-based degree programs, extends far beyond these physical confines. Despite the myriad name changes since 1962, the Program remains guided by Bill Davila's original vision of a true "systems" approach with an emphasis on both theory and practice.

### **In Remembrance**

**Frederic Bock**, Professor Emeritus of Legal Studies, died November 27 in Texas. Born in Fort Dodge, Iowa, Fred earned his bachelor's degree at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, his Juris Doctorate degree at the University of Iowa, and his LL. M degree from the Graduate Division of NYU's School of Law. He became a member of the Iowa and Missouri Bar and the American Bar Association. He maintained his membership in the Missouri Bar until his death. In 1964, he joined the UCM faculty, where he taught in the School of Business and served as Director of the University Honors Program and a member of numerous University committees. In 1968, Fred married Charlotte Miles, from Texas. When Fred retired from UCM in 1995, they moved back to Texas, where they enjoyed an active post-retirement. Fred is survived by Charlotte, two daughters, six grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

**Deems Brooks**, Professor Emeritus of Speech and Communication, died on December 31 in Kansas City. Born September 1, 1934 in Lattimore, North Carolina, Deems married his wife Babs on August 27, 1956. After being drafted into the military and stationed in Germany, he received a PhD in Speech Communication from Southern Illinois University. He joined UCM as an associate professor in 1971 and retired in 1995. In addition to teaching, he held a number of key administrative positions in speech communication, including serving as director of speech education, chair of the former Division of Language, Literature and Communication, and assistant dean of the former School of Arts and Sciences. He also taught in London as part of UCM's teacher exchange program, and he was President of the Faculty Senate. After retiring, Deems continued to support the university through his involvement with initiatives such as the Lifelong

Learning program, which still continues. His daughter, now Melissa Grant, teaches at UCM the same course Deems taught and in the same classroom. In 2017 Deems suffered a fall that broke 19 bones in his body. Over the long recovery period, he wrote a book chronicling his growing spiritual awareness stemming from near death experiences. He is survived by his wife, a daughter and son, a granddaughter and grandson, and a great granddaughter and great grandson.

**Joyce Marie Larson**, longtime librarian at UCM and well known to emeriti because of her service, died January 12. Born Joyce Opitz in Eden, South Dakota on November 19, 1929, she graduated high school in Webster and received her undergraduate degree at South Dakota State College. After teaching eight grades in a one-room schoolhouse in Brookings, South Dakota, she earned her master's degree in Library Science from UCM. She joined the staff of the UCM Library in 1967 and retired in 1998, a long period of service indeed. While there she was the Periodicals Supervisor, Library Assistant in Cataloguing, and Library Assistant in Science. She is survived by her husband, six children, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Jimmie Bob Mansfield**, Professor Emeritus of Business Education, died November 9 in Lebanon, Missouri. Born in Columbia, Jimmie obtained his Ph.D. and was a business education professor at University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg for many years. He enjoyed teaching and mentoring students, and those who worked with him appreciated his knowledge and expertise in his field. Jimmie is survived by his wife, one son, one daughter, one grandson, and other relatives and friends.

**Johnnie Laverne Pennel**, wife of Professor Emeritus of Criminal Justice **Roger Pennel**, died of COVID-19 November 14 in Warrensburg. A native of High Spring, Florida, Johnnie worked as a lab technician and then an office professional in Florida and eventually for J. C. Penney in Warrensburg and Sedalia. She married Roger in 1997 and worked with him in Washington, D. C. when he was activated for Operation Noble Eagle after 9/11. During a year there, she was unofficial "Cub Scout Master" for 100 active-duty U. S. Army Reserve Criminal Investigation Special Agents. She is survived by Roger and a number of children and grandchildren.

**Larry Province**, longtime safety manager at UCM and another person well known to emeriti because of his service, died January 18. After attending

Northwest Missouri State for one year, he served six years in Weapons Maintenance for the U.S. Air Force. Then, having earned his bachelor's degree on this campus, Larry began working at his alma mater as a graduate assistant in 1982, and after completing his master's here, was hired as the full-time Safety Manager in April 1983. He kept this title until his retirement in September 2009. In addition to watching over the safety needs of UCM, he also served as an adjunct safety instructor, a status which continued after his retirement until May 2018. He is survived by his three children and two grandchildren.

**Fred Rietbrock**, Professor Emeritus of Elementary Education, died December 23 in Warrensburg. A native of Wausau, Wisconsin, Fred joined the U. S. Navy after graduating from high school in 1942 and later transferred to the Army Air Corps, where he served as a radio operator and navigator. On August 5, 1905, he began his 70-year marriage to his wife Caroline (Kalb). The year of his marriage, he earned his bachelor's degree from Wisconsin State Teachers College and then taught and coached basketball and football in several Wisconsin towns, including Peshtigo, where he served as an elementary school principal. He earned his master's and a doctorate in Educational Administration from the University of Northern Colorado in 1963. He joined the UCM faculty in 1964 and retired in 1988. From 1966-68, Fred was on leave from UCM to represent the University of Northern Colorado and the U. S. Agency for National Development, in Dacca, East Pakistan, where he established the doctoral program in educational administration for the Institute of Education in Dacca. Back at Central, he was a Phi Delta Kappa honoree for over 40 years of service to education. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**Dr. Anthony (Tony) Michael Rizzi**, Professor Emeritus of Industrial Management, passed away on December 20 in Lee's Summit. Born on Thanksgiving Day Nov. 24, 1932 in a hospital in Elizabeth, N.J and raised in Kenilworth, New Jersey, Tony's work as an officer in the Air Force led him to Kansas City. Retiring after 22 years of service in 1974, he became a professor at UCM. A man who devoted his life to serving God, family, and country, he loved his entire family and enjoyed being with them. As the father of eight children, 25 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, Tony was loved by many. His 25 grandchildren affectionately called him "Nonno" and others "Pops".

**Norman (Norm) Short**, Professor Emeritus of Physical Education, died December 4 in Lee's Summit. A U.S. Navy veteran who served on the Naval Escort John Q. Roberts #94 in the Pacific Theater in World War II, Norm had witnessed the surrender of Japan and the aftermath of the nuclear bomb drop at Hiroshima. After joining the UCM family as head basketball coach in 1966, he led the Mules to two MIAA championships within the first two to three years of his arrival. It's no surprise that he was known as "Coach" to his many friends and colleagues here. In 1973 Norm went on to serve as "golf pro," providing both physical education courses and private lessons of golf at the Pertle Springs golf course. He also worked with his longtime friend Earl Keth, to design and carry out the construction of the 18-hole course which bears Keth's name. Norm was inducted into the sports Hall of Fame at both William Jewell College in Liberty and UCM. Norm Short has lived in Warrensburg since his retirement in 1991. He is survived by his second wife, two children, two grandchildren, four stepchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

**Bill Thompson**, Professor Emeritus of Economics, died February 1 at the age of 94. A native of Mount Vernon, Illinois, Bill played football briefly at the University of Illinois, before transferring to Southern Illinois University, where he received his B.S. and Ph.D. degrees. His M.S. degree was from the University of Arizona. After serving in the military during both World War II and the Korean War, he began his teaching career at UCM in 1967 and retired in 1990. During his long tenure at UCM, Bill Thompson was chair of the Economics Department, and he has been acknowledged by a number of faculty members he hired as especially effective in assisting them as they got started in their profession. Bill Thompson is survived by his wife of 67 years, Paka, and two daughters and their families, three grandchildren, some grandchildren on the way.

**Jerry L. Winsor**, Professor Emeritus of Communication, passed away Oct. 21 at his home in Smyrna, Tennessee, after an extended illness. Having a strong love for teaching, Jerry devoted 27 years of his life to the university before retiring in 2002 as professor emeritus of speech communication. He grew up in Kansas and had a life-time license in that state in secondary education. His approximately 50 years as an educator and debate coach also included assignments at Kansas State Teacher's College, Northwest Missouri State University, Augustana College, Abilene Christian University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Middle Tennessee State University, Freed-Hardeman University, Libscomb University, and Motlow State Community

College. He enjoyed writing and was a published poet-songwriter-lyricist; author of many refereed papers; and co-author of two textbooks.

## Activities of Members

**Steve Burns**, Professor Emeritus of Health Sciences and Technology, writes, "I have purchased a 2nd home in Sarasota Florida. When I retired, I said to myself I will NEVER spend another winter in MO. Be active, stay fit."

**Sheryl Craig**, Professor Emerita of English, writes that her essay "Pride and Prejudice: The Speenhamland System" is included in *Jane Austen in Context*, Broadview's online anthology of 30 essays, which also contains articles by Virginia Woolf, Lionel Trilling, and Edward Said. It can be purchased through campus bookstores, online, or packaged with Broadview editions of the novels. Also, after having scheduled lectures cancelled due to Coronavirus in Riverside, California, Dallas, Texas, Charleston, South Carolina, and Boston, Massachusetts, she has given two lectures via Zoom to The National Society of Daughters of the American Colonists for their annual conference in Washington, DC in July on "Money in Georgian England" and to the Missouri Central Region of the Jane Austen Society in Colombia, Missouri in February on "Jane Austen and Women's Rights in Georgian England." Her essay "Approaches to teaching Austen's *Persuasion*" will be available in paperback on March 1.

**Allen Iske**, Professor Emeritus of Safety Sciences, writes, "Hi. This remains a low-key year. Our personal life has been isolation blended with a few outside trips, but nothing exciting like travel to desired or planned spots of interest. Our personal highlight was the arrival in May 2020 of our third grandchild, a son to our oldest son and wife. It was a blessed event, but we've had very limited visits to see or hold him as a baby and now as a toddler, so we are disappointed not to spend time with this grandson. We did get to see our other two grandsons safely. Happy Times. Another special event was our youngest son got married in September 2020. It was a very happy and joyous time but different than planned. We were spaced apart, outdoors, with masks, distancing and no hugs really. Our daughter got through a knee surgery and rehab during this pandemic and did well. Like everyone, we had no family Thanksgiving or Christmas times together. We will look forward to 2021 and to finishing COV19 vaccinations.



Professionally, I continued serving on my accreditation board for 15th year, working on a couple other committees, and finishing a textbook with UCM faculty and students. I published as an editor a laboratory manual and reviewed a chapter for a new manual. I also accepted several opportunities to serve within my church. My wife and I enjoyed our 47th Anniversary. Stay well and be prepared. Best to all.”

**Ginny McTighe**, Official professional Emerita, writes, “I still enjoy trucking, usually to the southwestern states. I am able to keep up with all my volunteer work through Zoom or conference call meetings and church services. We were able to get both covid vaccines but are cautious and working to avoid being close to anyone or inside public places. We are looking forward to being outside more with warmer weather come our way. Stay safe all!”

**Paul D. Polychronis**, Director Emeritus of the Counseling Center, wants to recruit people who might be interested in chess. He writes, "This is Your Brain on Chess. Chess provides many cognitive benefits for players. You can learn how chess affects the brain with a Google search. It will make you wonder how you survived all these years without chess. It is similar to wishing you would have reduced your cholesterol long ago. And chess has crucial differences from other pastimes that appeal to retired folks. In chess you rely on your wits, whereas bridge subjects you to luck of the draw and whims of your partner. You cannot get sunburned playing chess like you can with golf unless you insist on sitting outside. For that matter, it is virtually impossible to get injured playing chess, although I did bang my thumb once while enthusiastically castling. It didn't hurt that bad and I forgot about it almost immediately. Given the coronavirus, chess can be played virtually and in real time on [chess.com](http://chess.com). It has a nifty chat function, so you still get to banter with your opponent. So, if you want to move beyond your checkered past and into a future of sixty-four squares, feel free to contact me at [ppolychr@ucmo.edu](mailto:ppolychr@ucmo.edu)."

**Stephen Walker**, Librarian Emeritus, writes, “I have suspended traveling for the present. Aside from a bevy of readings and continuing to produce my fanzine, I've attended some online lectures through Road Scholar. Multi-day courses have been "Espionage & the British Spy," led by an authority on the subject, and "The Art of the English Murder Mystery," which concentrated on mysteries of the 1920's and 30's and whose guest speakers were an award-winning author and a veteran policeman. I also heard a number of

hour-long talks followed by q-and-a: "Archaeological Contributions to Virginia's 17th-Century History," "Creatures Under the Clouds: Cloud Forest Invertebrates" (very entertaining), "Edvard Munch: Beyond the Scream," "The History of Quarantine & Social Distancing in Medieval & Tudor England," etc. I am also enjoying some waterfalls I had constructed for me."

**Robert (Bob) Yates**, Professor Emeritus of English, writes, "At the beginning of 2020, my wife Karin and I went to visit her family in Germany. I saw all three Chiefs playoff games in Germany. The announcers were easy to understand: about every fifth word was English. It was disappointing that none of my in-laws stayed up with me until 3 am in the morning watching the games. It's certainly a little easier watching the playoffs at a more reasonable time this year. I'm beginning my second year as president of my condominium's homeowners' association. One of the upsides of the pandemic has been I have been bicycling a lot with other retirees in Kansas City and Prairie Village, Kansas. In 2020, I bicycled over 5100 miles. That is more miles than I have gone in my car either as driver or passenger. We are now waiting to get vaccinated and being able to travel again. We hope to get back to Europe this fall."



*Newly remodeled Union Bowling Center*

**UCM EMERITI LUNCHEON AND ASSOCIATION MEETING**  
**SPRING 2021**

Date, Time, Place: Thursday, April 8, 2021

Social, 11:30 a.m.

Lunch, 12:00 noon

Business meeting, 1:00 p.m.

Elliott Student Union-Room 240

Lunch: Cost is \$15.00. This meal will be served. When making your reservation, indicate your choice of menu:

- Lemon Basil Chicken
- Vegetable Whole Wheat Pasta Primavera-*vegetarian choice*

Please make check payable to SODEXO and bring it to the lunch.

Reservations: **PLEASE RSVP BY 5:00 P.M. FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021**

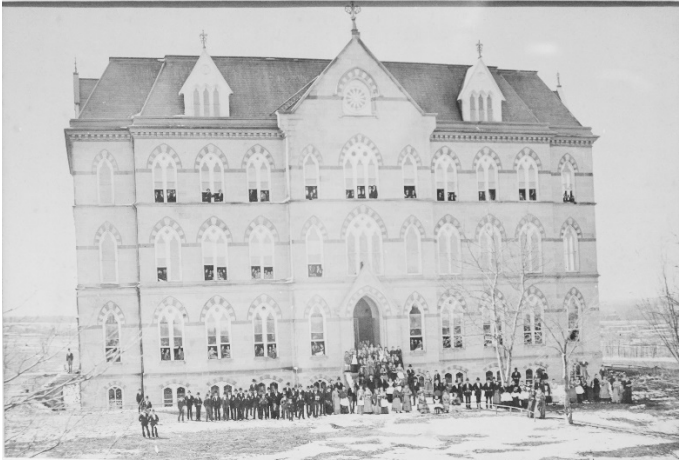
to Alumni Foundation at 660-543-8000 or e-mail:  
alumni@ucmo.edu

Program: Dr. Amber Clifford -Napoleone will present information and events related to UCM's Sesquicentennial Celebration this year.

Please use the space below for information about your activities, which you would like to appear in the Fall, 2021 newsletter. Bring this form to the meeting on April 8 or mail it to **Central's Emeriti Association, c/o Alumni Foundation, PO Box 800, Smiser Alumni Center, Warrensburg, MO 64093.**



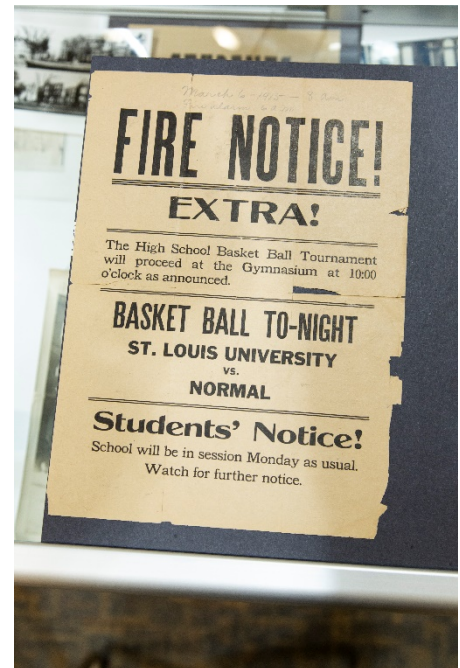
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