News Updates

How clean are a restaurant's employees? That can determine if customers come back*
The Denver Channel (ABC affiliate in Denver) - July 20, 2018
A new study found the cleanliness of restaurant employees can impact a customer's experience and loyalty in the future. "Studies have looked at how restaurant managers view this issue, but you need to know how customers think about food safety to really understand what changes need to be made," said University of Missouri Associate Professor Pei Liu. "Sometimes the things that matter to management don't matter to the consumer."

MU forms education partnership with Navy center*
Columbia Daily Tribune – July 19, 2018
University of Missouri administrators have signed an education partnership agreement with the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division of Naval Air Systems Command in China Lake, California.

Does Fidgeting Counter the Harmful Effects of Sitting?*
The New York Times – July 20, 2018
"We were surprised by the magnitude of the difference" between the two legs, said Jaume Padilla, a professor at the University of Missouri and an author of the study. The message of his and other research is that, if you are stuck in a seat for a prolonged period of time, aim to make your sitting dynamic. Tap your toes, wiggle or in some other way, move.

Pets offer more than companionship*
Houston Chronicle – July 20, 2018
Pets love it when we stroke their fur, but owners get something out of it, too, according to research from the University of Missouri-Columbia. It results in signals sent to the brain to release serotonin, which has been called a "feel-good" chemical.

Science shows spanking can negatively affect children's behavior*
40/29 News (ABC affiliate in northwest Arkansas) - July 19, 2018
"Spare the rod and spoil the child," the saying goes, but research points to a much different conclusion. Spanking young kids can negatively impact future temperament over a decade later, according to scientists from the University of Missouri.

Doctor offers safety precautions with backyard trampolines*
KRCG News - July 19, 2018
“The No. 1 message for families is don’t own a trampoline at home,” said Sumit Gupta, MD, a pediatric orthopaedic surgeon at University of Missouri Health Care.

Police, instructors say shootings of officers highlight risks of the job
KRCG – July 20, 2018
Adam Duncan, an instructor at the University of Missouri’s Law Enforcement Training Institute, said he often has officers who have survived violent encounters come talk to his students.

New study finds changes in farming practices can help the planet
KOMU - July 19, 2018

MU Atmospheric Science Professor Anthony Lupo said Missouri’s climate has been changing. "It always has and of course we're noticing in the last 40 years that the temperatures have been warmer in the winter time and they have been warmer at night," Lupo said. "We’re also seeing an increase in precipitation that we’re seeing across the entire United States."

Missouri U.S. Senate foes look to define each other to help their own cause
Missourinet - July 20, 2018
Peverill Squire, a Political Scientist at the University of Missouri in Columbia, isn’t convinced McCaskill’s vote on the Supreme Court nomination will be critical to the Senate race.

How to Boost Minority Voices on College Campuses
The Odyssey Online - July 19, 2018
The echoes of the Black Lives Matter message left an imprint on the University of Missouri football team and other student organizations, who all called for the Mizzou President Tim Wolfe’s resignation.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

4 standout metro teens awarded Reaching for Excellence scholarships
Fox4KC – July 18
Ruby Rios holds the title of being the youngest person ever selected for Kansas City Ink Magazine’s “30 Under 30” list. She’s an exceptional student, leader and advocate. She created two coding clubs for girls and has a passion for getting women interested in careers in science, technology, engineering and math. In the fall, Rios will attend the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

The Presidential Con Game and the All-American Bust-Out
Daily Kos – July 17, 2018
The bust-out is what happens when the mob moves in to take control of a business that’s heavily indebted to a loan shark. As William Black, University of Missouri-Kansas City associate professor of economics and law, tells it, why the heck a mobster would ever want to take over a bar or liquor store in this way is incomprehensible to a classical economist.

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Our View: Kavandi best for NASA job
Joplin Globe – July 19
NASA needs the leadership of Janet Kavandi, but President Donald Trump bypassed her to appoint a political hack to NASA’s No. 2 spot over the expressed preference of the agency administrator… She racked up degrees from MSSU and Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla.

AVATAR, The Lie-Detecting Security Kiosk
BYU Radio – Top of Mind with Julie Rose – July 18
Don't you think there’s bound to be a better way to root out terrorists at airports than making every single passenger take off their shoes and belt and put all their liquids in tiny bottles? Why can’t TSA figure out who in that long line of passengers is most likely to have contraband in our pockets and then just screen them intensely? Maybe we can enlist a little automated help. Professor Nathan Twyman and his colleagues have been developing a lie detector test they hope could do just that. Guest: Nathan W. Twyman, PhD, Assistant Professor, Business and Information Tech, Missouri University of Science and Technology
Steward Family Foundation pledges $1.3 million to support jazz education, training at UMSL*
UMSL Daily - July 19, 2018
Now, the Stewards are teaming with the University of Missouri–St. Louis to support the future of jazz in the region.

Steward family donates $1.3 million to UMSL*
St. Louis Business Journal - July 19, 2018
The University of Missouri–St. Louis will establish the David and Thelma Steward Institute for Jazz Studies after the Steward Family Foundation pledged a gift of $1.3 million over four years.

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The St. Louis American - July 19, 2018
The University of Missouri–St. Louis will establish the David and Thelma Steward Institute for Jazz Studies with a gift of $1.3 million over four years from the Steward Family Foundation.

Six students receive Deaconess Nursing Scholarships
The St. Louis American - July 19, 2018
Ferrell works as a high-risk obstetrics nurse at an SSM hospital. She graduated a few years ago from the College of Nursing at the University of Missouri–St. Louis. She said her biggest challenge was being a nontraditional student.

Charlie Brennan Show
KMOX - July 19, 2018
Dr. Marty Rochester, Professor of Political Science at the University of Missouri–St. Louis joins to discuss the "political correctness" on college campuses and beyond. Hour 2 of 2.

Crystal City High School Class of 2018 receives honors
Leader Publications - July 19, 2018
Abbegail Holdinghausen, summa cum laude, will attend University of Missouri–St. Louis and received the Superintendent’s Academic Distinction Award for four years, Girls State Award, Advanced Academic Certificate, George Washington Carver Recipient, the Missouri A+ Scholarship, Isobel Degnan Scholarship, Andy Habsieger Scholarship, University of Missouri–St. Louis Academic Scholarship and the Community Scholarship at Oak Hall.

Higher Education

Apology to Washington U Black Students
Inside Higher Education – July 20, 2018
Officials of Clayton, Mo., issued a statement Thursday apologizing for how the city’s police department treated 10 black freshmen at Washington University in St. Louis. Authorities, without evidence, suspected the students of leaving a restaurant without paying.

What Happens in the Classroom No Longer Stays in the Classroom. What Does That Mean for Teaching?
The Chronicle of Higher Education – July 19, 2018
Professors have long complained about RateMyProfessors.com. The website — on which anyone can review an instructor for the entire internet to see — seems to take all the problems of colleges’ official student course evaluations and combine them with all the problems of sites like Yelp. In particular: Its chili-pepper rating, which commenters could use to indicate that a professor was “hot,” struck many observers as an exaggerated example of the sexism that pervades conventional evaluations. So the site’s recent decision to drop the pepper was a victory for its critics.
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