News Updates

Nobel laureate George Smith arrives in Stockholm to prep for lecture, ceremony*
Columbia Missourian - December 6, 2018

Professor Emeritus George Smith has arrived in Stockholm to begin a week of celebrations during Nobel Prize Week.

For MU’s Nobel Laureate George Smith, a white tie and tails are on the to-do list*
Columbia Missourian - December 6, 2018

Smith, a University of Missouri professor emeritus who won the 2018 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, the first such honor for the university, is one of 12 laureates this year. They will accept their medals from King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden in the Stockholm Concert Hall.

This story also ran in The Marietta Journal in Georgia and The Courier Tribune of Liberty, Missouri.

MU Nobel Prize winner arrives in Stockholm*
KOMU – December 6, 2018

MU Professor Emeritus Dr. George Smith has officially touched down in Stockholm, Sweden to begin a week of celebrations during Nobel Prize Week.

In Nobel Presser, MU Professor Reflects on Inspiration and Collaboration*
KBIA – December 6, 2018

University of Missouri Professor Emeritus George Smith and his fellow Nobel laureates in Chemistry, Physics and Economic Sciences discussed working on projects larger than themselves and some of their “aha” moments during a Friday morning press conference.

University Hospital hopes program will help opioid addicts*
ABC 17 News - December 6, 2018

University of Missouri Health Care has a new program aimed at helping opioid overdose patients long after they leave the emergency room.

MU researchers claim breakthrough in cancer research*
KOMU – December 6, 2018
Researchers at the University of Missouri have found out how an enzyme in the body helps tumors grow. Researchers hope this leads to learning how to treat cancer. This is just one step in the direction to help further cancer research.

Media-covered major disasters damage children*
Farmington Press (Farmington, Mo.) – December 6, 2018
Disaster communication experts at the University of Missouri say disaster media coverage can have lasting effects on children’s mental health and suggest teachers and parents be prepared to respond to questions during and after a catastrophe.

MU researchers strive to improve education, health through new body image center*
Columbia Missourian – December 6, 2018
A new team at MU will research body image to improve sex education and mental health in Columbia and Central Missouri. The Center for Body Image Research & Policy was founded by MU assistant professors of social work and human development Virginia Ramseyer Winter and Antoinette Landor.

'Science of Addiction' explores new research, collaboration between disciplines*
Columbia Missourian – December 6, 2018
The symposium is a signature kickoff event for what the University of Missouri hopes to be a broader institutional commitment to fostering interdisciplinary research and engagement around the topic of addiction, said Jamie Arndt, the chair of the psychology department.

Medical marijuana laws take effect in Missouri
ABC 17 News - December 6, 2018
MU Health Care spokeswoman Caroline Dohack said the organization has not changed any policies yet now that medical marijuana is legal.

OnlineMasters.com Names Top Master’s in Journalism Programs for 2019
FOX 40 WICZ TV of New York - December 7, 2018
OnlineMasters.com, a trusted source for unbiased college rankings and higher education planning, announced the release of their Best Online Master’s in Journalism Degree Programs for 2019. The University of Missouri made the list. 
This story ran in 115 news outlets across the nation.

Soybean harvest delays impact insurance, seed selection
Missouri Ruralist - Farm Progress - December 6, 2018
The University of Missouri Variety Testing Program managed to wrap up soybean harvest during the dry spell at the end of last month. Now, the release of data from these trials is pushed back, according to Jay Nichols, a senior research specialist for the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. Farmers relying on these results to help determine seed choices for 2019 will wait until mid-December.

University of Missouri System
Could faculty buyouts at MU and UMKC gut some departments? Some professors worry
The Kansas City Star - December 7, 2018
The University of Missouri System has offered buyouts to its most senior professors on all four campuses, prompting concerns from faculty leaders that some departments might end up gutted.

Prison education, voter registration student lobbyists' priorities for spring session
Columbia Missourian - December 6, 2018
Student lobbyists are planning on pushing for prison education and automatic voter registration among other priorities for the 2019 legislative session. The Associated Students of the University of Missouri has been advocating for issues on behalf of students of the UM System for decades.

University of Missouri files appeal in graduate union case
Columbia Daily Tribune – December 6, 2018
Circuit Judge Jeff Harris made four errors in his ruling that the University of Missouri must recognize the Coalition of Graduate Workers as a union and negotiate the terms of graduate assistant employment, the university’s lawyers argued in a brief filed with the Missouri Western District Court of Appeals.

University of Missouri - Kansas City
Medical Experts Gather in Atlanta to Improve Clinical Care for Children with Chronic Kidney Disease
NBC29 – December 5, 2018
Dr. Bradley A. Warady, MD, Director, Division of Nephrology, Children’s Mercy Kansas City and Professor of Pediatrics University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine; and Dr. Susan Furth, MD, PhD, Director, Division of Nephrology, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and Professor of Pediatrics and Epidemiology Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, will co-chair the conference.

Missouri University of Science and Technology
Charges filed against driver in Nov. 8 crash
Phelps County Focus – December 6, 2018
The New Mexico man who caused a large multi-vehicle crash in Rolla on Nov. 8 was taken into custody by law enforcement Wednesday on a warrant charging him with six felonies in connection to the incident. He was under medical care in Columbia previous to the arrest. … A Missouri S&T police officer was the closest member of law enforcement and witnessed the collision.

Coordinate Metrology Society Issues a #CallforPapers for Annual Conference
Industrial Machinery Digest – December 5, 2018
The Coordinate Metrology Society® (CMS) today announced it has formally issued a call for technical papers for the 35th annual Coordinate Metrology Society Conference (CMSC) to be held July 22 – 26, in Orlando, FL. … Speakers represented many leaders in the field: … Missouri University of Science and Technology …

Building better aerogels by crushing them - Evaluation Engineering*
Evaluation Engineering – December 5, 2018
Strong, flexible and ultralight aerogels are used in a wide variety of products, from insulation for offshore oil pipelines to parts for space exploration missions. … Researchers at Missouri University of Science and Technology are investigating the mechanical properties of aerogels at the nanoparticle level – combining experiments and computer modeling to look at how polymeric aerogels can fail and become deformed.
Missouri S&T holds short courses on formulations, compositions
Products Finishing – December 6, 2018
Missouri S&T will be hosting short courses in Introduction to Paint Formulation and on Coatings Composition and Properties on their campus in Rolla, Missouri. The Introduction to Paint Formulation is an intensive 5-day course held twice each year on the Missouri S&T campus. The next course is May 20-24.

University of Missouri-St. Louis

Former U.S. Sen. Kit Bond establishes international scholars program at MU, UMSL*
UMSL Daily - December 6, 2018
Several years ago, the Missouri native and numerous supporters established an endowment to fund a lecture series at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Bond is now working with university officials to shift the endowment’s focus and expanding its reach to include the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

UMSL selects first class of Bond International Scholars*
UMSL Daily - December 6, 2018
Five University of Missouri-St. Louis students have been selected as first-ever recipients of Bond International Scholars awards – providing them each $5,000 toward study abroad opportunities in spring of 2019.

Young artists interpret their own concerns about freedom
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - December 6, 2018
The exhibit has 18 works of art divided between two galleries. In addition to the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Washington University and Maryville University are participating.

Business Bulletin Board
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - December 7, 2018
RideFinders, the region’s free ride-sharing program, recognized the following employers and their designated transportation coordinators with its Regional Sustainability Awards: the St. Louis Cardinals (Laura Fallin); the Missouri History Museum (Angela Moore); Thompson Coburn LLC (Amy Barnes); and the University of Missouri-St. Louis (Katy Mike Smaistrla).

Could faculty buyouts at MU and UMKC gut some departments? Some professors worry
The Kansas City Star - December 7, 2018
At Mizzou that’s 224 faculty members, 112 at University of Missouri-Kansas City, 55 at Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla and 72 at University of Missouri in St. Louis. The total, 466, also includes employees working at the system level.

UM System research team combatting opioid crisis with $15 million in grants*
Hannibal Courier-Post - December 6, 2018
In seeking solutions to the crisis, state and federal agencies have turned to experts within the University of Missouri System, including Holly Hagle, an assistant research professor at the Collaborative to Advance Health Services in the School of Nursing and Health Studies at the University of Missouri-Kansas City; and Rachel Winograd, an associate research professor at University of Missouri-St. Louis’s Missouri Institute of Health. Hagle and Winograd have received a total of $15 million in funding since 2017 to further institutional efforts and research related to the opioid crisis.

4 districts engage immigrant families for English project
The Kansas City Star - December 7, 2018
The SEE-TEL program was developed by Kim Song at the University of Missouri-St. Louis and Lisa Dorner at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Song previously did similar work in the St. Louis area and partnered with Dorner to expand into districts across the state for SEE-TEL.

**The Chronicle of Higher Education**

[Saudi Partnerships Are Too Valuable to Give Up, MIT Report Concludes](The Chronicle of Higher Education – December 6, 2018)
MIT is just one of many colleges with financial ties to Saudi Arabia, but it was among the first to publicly re-examine its Saudi partnerships in October, when L. Rafael Reif, its president, asked Lester to compile a report. MIT released Lester’s preliminary findings on Thursday.

[Fallout From For-Profit College Chain’s Closure Could Have Been Prevented](The Chronicle of Higher Education – December 6, 2018)
The announcement on Wednesday that the Education Corporation of America was closing some 70 colleges that it owns was a big shock to tens of thousands of students and employees at those campuses. It was much less of a surprise to some higher-education experts who have been following the company’s recent troubles.

*Story generated by efforts of the university’s PR team.*