Faculty Scholars in the News
February 2020

Judd Devermont: Why Africa matters to St. Louis
St. Louis Post Dispatch | 2/3/2020
Director of The Africa Initiative, Dr. Benjamin Akande is mentioned in this column concerning our university and scientific community interest in the continent of Africa. As of 2019, Akande says, 128 WashU faculty were working in 36 African countries.

101 Time Management Tips to Make You the Most Productive Boss Ever
Thrive Global | 2/3/2020
Which is better? Stand-up or sit-down meetings? Faculty Scholar and Olin Business School Assoc. Professor, Andrew Knight and colleagues conducted a study. See what they discovered.

Breast Cancer Prevention Trial Underway
The Record | 2/05/20
Faculty Scholar Adetunji Toriola, MD, PhD, MPH is featured for his new grant to study an osteoporosis drug for its potential to lower breast density in women with dense breasts.

Breast Cancer Prevention Trial Underway
Bioharmapress | 2/5/20
Principal investigator Adetunji T. Toriola, MD, PhD, is cited for leading phase 2 clinical trials testing whether an osteoporosis drug can be used to lower breast density in premenopausal women with dense breasts.

Being raised by grandparents may increase risk for childhood obesity
The Source, Washington University in St. Louis | 2/6/2020
A 30% increase in childhood obesity risk linked grandparental child care? Yes, according to a study by Faculty Scholar Ruopeng An PhD, assistant professor at the Brown School.

Missouri could learn something from Kansas. Let’s expand Medicaid and save money
Kansas City Star | 2/6/2020
Some politicians compare Medicaid expansion to a tax increase, but as a report by the Center for Health Economics and Policy finds, in a best-case scenario, expansion could save Missouri as much as $39 million in its first year.

Weight-loss surgery tied to lowered risk of colorectal cancer
Reuters | 2/6/2020
Keep those calories in check to help lower your risk of colorectal cancer! So says, Institute for Public Health Deputy Director and the Neiss-Gain Professor of Surgery at Washington University School of Medicine, Graham Colditz, DrPH, MD, MPH

Weight-loss surgery tied to lowered risk of colorectal cancer
Reuters | 2/06/20
Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH, was quoted in this article commenting that “weight-loss surgery is tied to lower risk of colorectal cancer”.
Africa Initiative awards pilot grants
The Source, Washington University in St. Louis | 2/7/2020
The Africa Initiative recently awarded three pilot grants of $10,000 each to research projects that will help advance health and human development in Africa.

The Philippines has rated ‘Golden Rice’ safe, but farmers might not plant it
The Conversation | 2/7/2020
Read about this hotly-debated GMO as described by Glenn Davis Stone, an Institute Faculty Scholar and Professor of Anthropology and Environmental Studies at WashU.

1 in 4 Gets Unneeded Antibiotics at Children's Hospitals
Forbes | 2/7/2020
“Antibiotic resistance is a growing danger to everyone, however, there is limited data on children,” says study co-author Dr. Jason Newland, professor of pediatrics and Institute for Public Health faculty scholar.

Chubby Kids: Over-pampering Grandparents More Likely to Raise Obese Grandchildren
MedIndia | 2/8/2020
Assistant Professor at the Brown School and Faculty Scholar Ruopeng An is lead author of a study that shows grandparental childcare is linked to a nearly 30% increase in childhood overweight and obesity risk.

Congratulations to our ID physicians who received a spot on the 2019-2020 Best Doctors List. Washington University Physicians has more Best Doctors than any other physician group in St. Louis. IPH Scholars listed include: Hilary M. Babcock, MD, MPH, Eric Dubberke MD, Nigar Kirmani, MD, William Powderly, MD, Hilary Reno, MD, PhD, David K. Warren, MD, Keith Woeltje, MD, PhD (This list is also published every August by St. Louis magazine).

We Are the Academy: Teaching Support, Resources Ramp Up in Advance of Curriculum Renewal
Outlook | 2/07/20
Steve Taff, PhD, associate professor of occupational therapy and of medicine, is mentioned here as director of the Teaching Scholars Program. This program is a product of the Academy of Educators inaugural cohort that strives to promote innovation in the academic medical setting.

For Your Health – The Buzz On Coffee And Health
Siteman Cancer Center | 2/10/20
Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH wrote this month’s For Your Health column on the health benefits of drinking coffee (good news!)

Tate Recognized as Influential Leader in Sociology
The Source, Washington University in St. Louis | 2/12/20
William F. Tate, vice provost and dean of the Graduate School at Washington University in St. Louis, has been recognized as one of the 10 most influential sociology scholars studying education in the United States by an Education Week ranking for 2019 sociological achievements.

St. Alexius Vendors Say They're Owed Nearly $800k. ‘We Are Not A Bank,’ One Says
Karen Joynt Maddox, assistant professor at the Washington University School of Medicine and co-director of the school’s Center for Health Economics and Policy was mentioned in this article about the hospital’s financial constraints.

5 Years After Indiana's Historic HIV Outbreak, Many Rural Places Remain At Risk
NPR | 2/16/20
Dr. Rupa Patel, faculty scholar and HIV prevention researcher at Washington University in St. Louis gives insight into how to prevent more instances of rural, drug-related HIV crises.
Fundamental Gap
Education World
Faculty scholar Henry Roediger, a distinguished professor of brain science at Washington University in St. Louis discusses the lack of essential study skills found across age groups.

Some St. Louisans Find Therapy, Meaning In Psychedelics As Researchers Study Benefits
STL Public Radio | 2/19/20
Faculty Scholar and addiction specialist David A. Patterson Silver Wolf was quoted supporting research into the positive effects of psychedelics on mental health.

Missouri NAACP endorses Medicaid expansion ballot initiative
The St. Louis American | 2/19/20
A report done by the Center for Health Economics and Policy was cited in the Missouri NAACP’s decision to support putting Medicaid expansion on the November ballot.

Battling treatment resistant opioid use disorder
The Source | 2/19/20
David A. Patterson Silver Wolf’s paper suggesting a new classification for people who are resistant to standard opioid use disorder treatment in hopes of better addressing their needs is mentioned in this article.

Missouri Health Officials, Hospitals Prepare For Coronavirus Patients
STL Public Radio | 2/20/20
Dr. Hilary Babcock, a Washington University infectious disease specialist at Barnes-Jewish Hospital, commented on how BJC has created a “virtual command center” for regional hospitals to prepare for coronavirus patients.

MRSA spreads easily in household environments
Healio | 2/17/20
A study conducted by faculty scholar Stephanie A. Fritz and associates found that MRSA spreads surprisingly easily within household environments.

Democrats Did Something Big On Health Care And Nobody Is Paying Attention
HuffPost | 2/23/20
Democrats passed a health care bill that would lessen the burden of prescription drug costs. Law professor and Faculty Scholar, Rachel Sachs calls this a "sweeping reform that would be beneficial to patients...".

The Hidden Cost Of ‘stop-and-frisk’
The Boston Globe | 2/20/20
Sociology Professor and Institute Faculty Scholar Hedwig Lee says policing can impact people’s health including their ability to be outside.

Medicaid expansion effort touted by medical, civic, business, faith leaders
KZRG | 2/21/20
A report by the Center for Health Economics and Policy on the benefits of Medicaid Expansion is cited in this story on KZRG-AM in Joplin and in the Columbia Missourian.

Senate Republican Gets On Board With Government Drug Price Negotiations
Politico | 2/25/20
Law professor and Faculty Scholar Rachel Sachs commented on potential strategies for Senate Republican Martha McSally’s drug pricing bill.

Naked mole rats migrate above ground with no help from the moon
The Source | 2/25/20
Faculty Scholar Stan Braude, professor of the practice of biology, tested his theory that the naked mole rats he’s studied for year migrate by moon. Studies show that other factors are most likely the cause.
**Lent, Self-Control And Some Tips For More Successful Attempts At Lifestyle Changes**
STL Public Radio | 2/27/20
Undergoing a lifestyle change for Lent this year? Faculty scholar Leonard Green discusses why we often miss our Lenten goals as well as ways to successfully go the 40 days’ distance.

**Cancer survival disparities in minority children, adolescents greater for more treatable cancers**
The Source | 2/27/20
Faculty scholar Kim Johnson talks about her research on racial and ethnic differences in cancer survival in youths. She comments on possible ways to combat the disparities.

**Decoding the Vaginal Microbiome**
Scientific American | 2/28/20
Faculty Scholar Molly Stout and her team are conducting research in order “to fill in the dark matter” on the vaginal microbiome.

**How daily life in the U.S. will change as the coronavirus outbreak enters a new phase**
L.A. Times | 2/28/20
Faculty Scholar Dr. Abigail Carlson gives her input on the ways in which protective measures against the spread of Coronavirus will have an effect on the outbreak and American life.

**Getting ready: St. Louis hospital systems and health departments prepare for COVID-19**
St. Louis Post-Dispatch | 2/28/20
“There will be cases in our region and our area, and people should be thinking about how to protect themselves,” comments faculty scholar Dr. Hilary Babcock on the necessity for St. Louis to prepare itself for Coronavirus.

**Avocados are Great for the Body, Inside and Out**
Feast Magazine | 2/28/20
This column features faculty scholar Yin Cao, ScD, MPH as she gives her support for the use of avocados as a substitute for many foods due to their many health benefits.