Ray Klinginsmith to Serve as Commencement Speaker

Ray Klinginsmith will address students as the commencement speaker for December 2011 graduation. Commencement will take place at 11 a.m. Dec. 17 in Pershing Arena.

Klinginsmith is a retired attorney in Kirksville, with 46 years of experience as a lawyer in Macon and Kirksville. A graduate of the business school and the law school of the University of Missouri-Columbia, he is a member of the Missouri Bar. In 1983, he was honored with the Thomas D. Cochran Community Service Award presented by the Young Lawyers Section of the Missouri Bar.

Klinginsmith retired in 1995 as general counsel and professor of business administration for Truman after 22 years of service. During his tenure at the University, he also served as dean of administration for a period of five years during the University’s transition to a liberal arts and sciences institution. Following his retirement from the University, he served a four-year term as a county commissioner for Adair County from 2001 to 2004.

From 1971 to 2008, Klinginsmith served as a director of the Macon-Atlanta State Bank in Macon. He now serves as a director emeritus and a member of the holding company board for the bank.

Ray and his wife, Judie, were two of the founders of the Chariton Valley Association for Handicapped Citizens, which provides services for people with disabilities with a staff of more than 100 employees. He was president of the association from its inception in 1982 until 2009, and now serves as the president emeritus.

He was one of the initial trustees for the Missouri Family Trust, which was created by the Missouri legislature in 1989, and he was accorded the 1988 Parent/Caretaker Award by the Missouri Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities.

He is a former member of the Executive Board for the Great Rivers Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the holder of its Silver Beaver Award for adult volunteers. Both he and Judie are members of the First United Methodist Church in Kirksville, and Ray is a former lay speaker for the church.

A Rotarian for 50 years, Klinginsmith is currently a member of the Kirksville Rotary Club. He served as the president of Rotary International for 2010-2011 and was the leader of a progressive board of directors from around the world. Klinginsmith studied at the University of Cape Town as a Rotary Foundation ambassadorial scholar in 1961, and he became the first recipient of a Rotary Foundation award ever to serve as the Rotary International president. Rotary International has 34,000 clubs in about 200 countries across the globe with a total membership of 1.2 million Rotarians.

Ray and Judie have two children, Leigh and Kurt, and three teenage grandchildren, Morgan, Grant and Sydney Perkins. Their daughter, Leigh, and her husband, Bob Perkins, are both graduates of Truman.
The Truman Institute is offering three categories of summer incentive grants to be awarded for use during summer 2012.

Grants categories include: Summer School Online Course Incentive Grants; Truman Institute Enrichment Program Incentive Grants; and Truman Institute Professional Development Course Incentive Grants.

Summer School Online Course Incentive Grants will be seeking proposals aimed to redesign existing courses for academic majors, courses frequently chosen as electives within majors and/or courses outside of academic major requirements for which high demand can be reasonably predicted based on a sound needs assessment. The requirement of the redesign plans is that they create fully online courses where such offerings do not exist, and that they are filled with content that reflects the best practices for online teaching and learning and utilize the potential of new technologies. Up to 15 grants will be awarded in this category.

The Enrichment Program Incentive Grants will be aimed towards developing summer and weekend programs, as well as conferences and special events, that can increase the number of potential recruits who are exposed to the University while still enhancing University revenue. Programming could include but not be limited to new or enhanced summer camps or academic programs, academic institutes or workshops or evening or weekend programming aimed at K-12 students or the Kirksville community. Summer, evening or school-year programs are all welcome. Up to five grants will be awarded in this category.

Professional Development Course Incentive Grants will seek ideas aimed at external audiences including but not limited to alumni, retirees, professionals seeking specialized training, learners for the Northeast Missouri community and other adults seeking educational enrichment. These courses should serve as “professional development” and “personal enrichment.” Courses may be offered online or in the classroom. The mode of delivery should be justified based on the market. The course may neither compete with or substitute for existing Truman coursework. Up to 10 grants will be awarded in this category.

Each grant offers up to $2,000 as a summer stipend. Additional stipends for completion of a required online certification course will be offered as well. Successful new enrichment programs will receive full financial support, if applicable, once the grant period is completed.

Applicants may teach a summer course or hold additional appointments during the grant term, provided that they do not diminish their capacity to complete their responsibilities.

Grant proposals are due to the Truman Institute by 5 p.m. Jan. 16. Applications are available at institute.truman.edu/forms.asp. All applicants should complete an application cover, also available on website. Questions regarding the grant program may be directed to the Truman Institute at kminch@truman.edu or 785-5384.
Students to Have Personal Google Sites Accounts

ITS has arranged with Google to offer Google Sites, a better alternative to provide students with personal workspace.

With Truman-provided Google Sites accounts, students can build websites via a point-and-click interface. This account will allow students to integrate Google documents and other documents into their personal workspace.

Students can access their Google Sites account (along with other Google applications) at googleapps.truman.edu. The website also includes a free tutorial on how to build a Google Apps site at learn.googleapps.com/sites. Students interested in converting HTML files for Google sites can find this information at www.google.com/support/sites/bin/answer.py?hl=en&answer=90558.

Truman will be eliminating the current provided workspace, T: drives, at the end of the semester. Students are encouraged to copy any files or webpages on T:drive to hard disks before Dec. 31. Any data that remains after this date will be erased. T: drives can be accessed by logging onto any Truman Lab. Students can VPN from their own computer system at home and map the T: drive first by visiting secure.truman.edu/its-s/vpn/login2.asp?page=its-s/vpn/index.asp and then its.truman.edu/documentation/index.asp?docId=8.

Students may contact IT Service Center at 785.4544 for any questions or concerns.

NOTABLES

Scott Alberts, professor of statistics, has been elected chair-elect of the Statistics Education Special Interest Group of the Mathematics Association of America (MAA), with a term to become chair in January 2013. The group exists to facilitate the exchange of ideas about the teaching of statistics and related issues, and to foster increased understanding of statistics among students and non-statisticians.

Daniel Mandell, professor of history, was interviewed about the first Thanksgiving and the causes of King Philip’s War on the Bread and Roses Show on WXOJ 103.3 FM on Nov. 26 in Northampton, Mass.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Your Local Security is sponsoring “America’s Best Blogging Scholarship” for $1,000. Students may enter by posting responses to the question asking to define the single most important issue in the upcoming 2012 election. Students must explain the issue and why and how they propose the U.S. comes to a solution that benefits the majority. After posting, students must include the embed code and share online via Facebook, Twitter and Google+. Entries will be judged by content and validation and “tweets,” “likes,” “stumbles” and “+1s” will be taken into account. The submission deadline is Dec. 31 and the winner will be announced Feb. 1. More information can be found at yourlocalsecurity.com/scholarship.

U.S. Bank is awarding 40 scholarships in the amount of $1,000 through a random drawing process. Undergraduate students attending an eligible four-year college or university participating in the U.S. Bank No Free Education Loan Program are eligible to apply. More information about this scholarship opportunity can be found at usbank.com/studentloans.

Scholarships are available through Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, Inc., for the 2012-2013 academic year. Last year they awarded more than $13,000 in scholarships. Two students selected by the Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri will be submitted to Central Region as an applicant and to National Gardens Club Inc., as a Missouri applicant and will compete for a Central Region and National Scholarship. The application is available at www.gardenclub.org/Youth/Scholarships.aspx. The deadline to apply is March 1.

MASTER CALENDAR LINKS

In addition to listing numerous on-campus events, the University Master Calendar also features other helpful links, including a final exam schedule, an academic calendar, a staff calendar and a link for Kirksville events. The links are located above the calendar at calendar.truman.edu.

On-campus events for the upcoming semester can be submitted to the Master Calendar at calendar.truman.edu/submitevent.asp. All submissions must be made by someone representing a chartered organization or a recognized department, division or program of Truman State University. Any off-campus events will be posted on the Kirksville tab on TruView.
NOTES

The BFA/BA Thesis Exhibit Public Reception will take place at 6 p.m. Dec. 6 in the University Art Gallery.

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SAB will host “Holiday Lights” from 8-10 p.m. Dec. 6 outside of Kirk Memorial Building.

The Bike Co-Op is hosting “Beat the Biking Brrr: How to Commute Safely and Avoid Winter Wipeouts,” presented by Columbia’s PedNet Coalition, from 7-8 p.m. Dec. 7 in Magruder Hall 1096.

The Voice Majors’ Recital will take place at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7 in Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

There will be a Jazz Band Concert at 8 p.m. Dec. 7 in Baldwin Auditorium.

The Independent Performance and Art Coalition presents “Parabole,” a drama about the Christian love story and the role of humanity, at 8:15 p.m. Dec. 7 in the Student Union Building Georgian Rooms.

SAB is hosting “The Last Lecture” at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7 in the Student Union Building Georgian Rooms. Alanna Preussner, professor of English and Robert Martin, professor of education, will speak of interest to the University Professors (AAUP) will host a discussion of issues Dec. 7 in 3201. Contact Marc Tucker-Potter at stuckerpotter@truman.edu by 5 p.m. Dec. 8. Doors must be ready to be judged by 12 p.m. Dec. 9. Winners will be announced Dec. 14.

There will be an informational session about the Middle East Study Abroad Course (MDST 300) at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 8 in McClain Hall 209. For more information, email mappold@truman.edu.

The Theatre Department will host the Director’s Showcase at 8 p.m. Dec. 8-10 in James G. Sevrens Theatre.

Franklin Street Singers and Brass Choir will perform a holiday concert at 8 p.m. Dec. 9 in Baldwin Auditorium. The show will feature a combination of holiday music and popular pieces. Admission is free.

SAB is hosting musical group Turquoise Jeep at 8 p.m. Dec. 9 in the Student Union Building Georgian Rooms.

Cantoria’s 46th Annual Pancake Day will take place from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 10 at the First Christian Church located at 100 N. High Street. For more information email mdj@truman.edu.

Alpha Sigma Gamma will host a Holiday Market place from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 10 at the First Baptist Church. The event is free.

The Quincy Symphony Chorus will present a Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at Salem Church, located at 9th and State St. in Quincy, Ill. Admission is free with a Truman ID. Truman student Jason Wong will be a featured performer.

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