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WKU Researcher Gets $350,000 Grant To Study The Elderly

By Bob Skipper

An assistant professor of psychology will be using grant totaling approximately $350,000 over the next five years to study the influence of memory on judgment and decision making by the elderly.

Dr. Sharon Mutter, who joined the Western faculty in January, said the idea evolved while she was working on post-doctoral research on closed head injuries at Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

"Two of the other members of the research group I was with did aging research and in our discussions, wherever we would discuss the head injury research, we also talked a lot about the implications that it might have for older people," Mutter said. "In the course of one of these meetings, I proposed it would be interesting to see how older people would do with some of the judgement tests we had been talking about."

Mutter said her colleagues encouraged her to submit a grant proposal, which she spent about four months writing. It was awarded by the National Institute on Aging, which is part of the National Institutes of Health for the period of March 1, 1991 until 1996.

For the first year, she has received $93,542.

"The grant deals with judgement and decision making in the elderly and what we're particularly interested in is the influence that memory has on judgement," Mutter said. "The assumption is that as people age, memory declines a bit, she said, "and if that happens, what are the implications for judgement since we make a judgement we often use information from memory?"

Mutter said the other side of the issue is wisdom. "Older people have far more knowledge than younger people. They have a whole lifetime of experiences to draw on," she said.

The research will compare two situations, Mutter said. "One situation would be that older people would make far better judgements because they have this experience to draw on," she said. "In other situations they may do worse than young people at making judgements because of some problems they may have with memory. So we're looking at both sides of that coin. We want to see when they excel and when they have some problems."

Mutter said she hopes the research will lead to a better understanding of when older people might need help with judgement and decision making.

An example, she said, is an older person trying to buy a new car. The person is given a great deal of information from which to make a decision, although dealing with that much information becomes more difficult with age.

"But if they knew about that in advance, then they might be able to adopt some sort of strategy for simplifying the task, or there could be workshops just to make people aware that there will be certain kinds of limitation," Mutter said.

"But on the other hand you could also make them aware of the fact that they will do better in certain situations and they should trust their judgement."

She has already begun purchasing the equipment she needs, and also she is developing a pool of subjects 60 years and older for her research.

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School Reform Week
April 8-12 Events

Monday, April 8
Alex Haley, Author
3-4 p.m. Forum with student leaders and Haley, centering on issues related to the importance of early childhood education. Auditorium, Tate Page Hall.
7:30 p.m. The Importance of Getting a Good Start. E.A. Diddle Arena.

Tuesday, April 9
Dr. David Imig, Director, American Associate of Colleges of Teacher Education (AACTE).
9:15 a.m. Discussion seminars with undergraduate students and faculty led by Center for Excellence for School Reform task force members and Dr. Imig. Tate Page Hall Auditorium.
3:30 p.m. Open forum with Dr. Imig centering on issues related to preparing teachers to work in our nation’s schools. Tate Page Hall Auditorium.
7:30 p.m. Preparing Teachers to Work in Our Nation’s Schools. Garrett Center Room 103.

Wednesday, April 10
Hedy White, Director of Educational Solutions, IBM Corporation
9:15 a.m. Discussion seminars with undergraduate students and faculty led by Center for Excellence for School Reform task force members and Ms. White. Tate Page Hall Auditorium.
3:30 p.m. Open forum with Ms. White centering on issues related to instructional technology. Tate Page Hall Auditorium.
7:30 p.m. Instructional Technology for Tomorrow’s Classrooms. Tate Page Hall Auditorium.

Thursday, April 11
Dr. Jerry Herman, University of Alabama.
9:15 a.m. Discussion seminars with undergraduate students and faculty led by the Center for Excellence for School Reform task force members and Dr. Herman.
3:30 p.m. Open forum with Dr. Herman centering on issues related to shared decision making in our nation’s schools. Tate Page Hall Auditorium.
7:30 p.m. Shared Decision Making in Our Nation’s Schools. Tate Page Hall Auditorium.

Friday, April 12
Dr. Thomas Boysen, Kentucky Commissioner of Education
Dr. Roger Panikratz, Executive Director, Council on School Performance Standards
Dr. Doris Redfield, Center for Research on Evaluation, Standards and Student Testing, UCLA
9:15 a.m. Discussion seminars with undergraduate students and faculty led by Center for Excellence in School Reform task force members and Dr. Redfield. Tate Page Hall Auditorium.
4 p.m. Open forum centering on performance assessment with Drs. Boysen and Redfield.
7:30 p.m. Town Meeting Addressing Issues Associated With Educational Reform, Russell Miller Theater, Ivan Wilson Center for Fine Arts.

Technology Display At Jones-Jaggers
There will be a technology display all week showcasing the classroom of the future and the instructional technology available today at Jones-Jaggers. Students and faculty are encouraged to view the displays from 1 to 7 p.m. through Thursday and 1 to 5 p.m. Friday.

A Renaissance Group of university presidents, vice presidents and deans from across the country met recently at the University of Alabama at Birmingham for a meeting. President Thomas C. Meredith is a member of the 12-member organization which is devoted to strengthening teacher education programs and encouraging cooperation between schools of arts and sciences and schools of education. From left, are Robert Glennon, president of Emporia State University, Peter Magnus, president of the University of Missouri System, Dr. Meredith and Cline Bruess, dean of UAB’s School of Education.
College of Education and Behavioral Sciences

CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Joan Martin conducted a three-day workshop, *Waste: a Hidden Resource,* at the Southern Regional 4-H Natural Resources and Environmental Volunteer Forum for participants from 11 states in the southeastern U.S. The workshop was held at the Leadership Conference Center in Jabez, Ky.

Potter College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

DEPARTMENT OF ART

Jeff Jensen was awarded the Siegfried Wang Purchase Award at the 43rd annual Mid-States Art Exhibition at the Evansville Museum of Art and Science. His chair design, *Mandile Says It's Gotta Have a Title,* is now part of the museum's permanent collection. In December, Jensen delivered a paper, "Environmental Censorship," and participated in a panel discussion at the Southeastern College Art Conference in the High Museum in Atlanta, Ga.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Presentations by English department faculty at the annual meeting of the Kentucky Philological Association March 1-2 at Eastern Kentucky University included: "Reconstructing Chaucer's 'Melibee,'" part 2: Moral and Aesthetic Consistency within the Tale, by Dr. James Flynn, who is secretary of KPA; and "Soliloquies from Logan County" by Dr. Joe Survant. Dr. Joe Millichap presided over the Kentucky Association of Departments of English, the administrative arm of KPA.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Dr. George Dillingham has been a consultant to two researchers from Churchill College, Cambridge University, England, who are working on a biography of Wycliffe Rose, an early executive of the Rockefeller Foundation and leader in world health problems. Dr. Dillingham has contributed to studies of Rose's background as teacher and administrator at Peabody College in the early 1900s, and as executive secretary of the Peabody Education Fund based in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Robert Anthony has returned from a seven-month trip to China where he taught a course in World Civilizations at Lasiong Educational College. He was a visiting research scholar in the Institute of State Archives of the People's University of China in Beijing also.

Dr. M.B. Lucas spoke Feb. 15 on Kentucky Blacks: the Transition from Slavery to Freedom in the College of Arts and Sciences Enrichment Program sponsored by the University of Kentucky. On Feb. 26 he spoke on Kentucky Blacks in the Civil War and Feb. 27 he spoke to the Noon Kiwanis Club on Kentucky Blacks, all as part of Black History Month.

DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES AND INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

Dr. Cheryl Keyes presented a paper at the annual Conference on Popular Culture in San Antonio, Tex.

Dr. Eric Penington delivered a paper at the College of Idaho on "Radical Readings of Post-Structuralist Theory."

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

Joseph Brooks, assistant professor of music, has been invited to hold positions as co-principal clarinet and section oboe with the Rome Festival Orchestra in its 1991 summer concert series in Rome, Italy, July 13 through Aug. 5.

Brooks will be featured soloist with the orchestra in a performance of Mozart's Clarinet Concerto, K.622. He also will perform in a number of chamber music concerts.

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STUDENT HEALTH SERVICE

Dr. Kevin Charles, director, has been named to the 1991 nominating committee of the American College Health Association.

Janie Martin, nurse practitioner, has been named to the Kentucky Board of Health Care Providers by Gov. Wallace Wilkinson.

House Appointed Director of Institute for Economic Development and Public Service

President Thomas C. Meredith has announced the appointment of Dr. Stephen D. House as Executive Director of the Institute for Economic Development and Public Service.

As executive director, House will assume leadership for seven units which provide services to private business, industry, local governments and public agencies. House has previously served Western as the director of admissions, university registrar and executive assistant to the president.

President Meredith described House as "an energetic and innovative individual capable of placing the Institute in a leadership position among the economic development organizations in the state and region."

"I am excited about this opportunity and look forward to the challenge of leading Western in this important area," House said. During the 1990 session of the General Assembly, Western re-ceived approval for $3.5 million in funding for the renovation of the Bowling Green Center to be used as a conference facility and headquarters for the Institute. Western has also received a $600,000 federal grant from the Economic Development Administration to provide operational funds for the institute.
Organizational Chart

Executive Assistant to the President

Director of Alumni Affairs

Director of Athletics

Internal Auditor

University Attorney

Director of University Relations

President

WKU Foundation

College Heights Foundation

Hilltopper Athletic Foundation

Development

Executive VP for Administration and Technology

Executive Director of the Institute for Economic Development and Public Service

Executive VP for Administration and Technology

Director of Budget and Planning

Director of Accounts and Budgetary Control

Ticket Manager

Director of Purchasing

Director of Physical Plant

Assistant VP for Technology and Telecommunications

Director of Personal Services

Liaison with General Assembly and CHE (Executive VP)

Director of Public Television

Director of Computing Services

Director of Public Radio

Director of Media Services

Director of Telephone Services

Repair/Technical Services

Central Stores

Print Shop and Duplicating Services
In an effort to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the University's organizational structure, the WKU Board of Regents approved a new organizational chart as an element of Western XXI. The chart reflects realignment of various administrative units, and restructures duties of the Vice President for Business Affairs and Executive Vice President for Administrative Affairs into a newly-created Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Current organizational charts are illustrated here for your information.
Grant Will Study Memory and Judgment

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study. So far, she said she has sent letters to residents in retirement communities and has posted flyers around campus and Bowling Green.

"We would like for them to volunteer to participate in the research," she said. "Once we've got that data base established, then I will begin to do some pilot testing and I expect that to start some time this summer."

Mutter said she will also be working with a group of younger subjects, primarily college students at first. Data collected from the students will first be used to fine-tune the study's procedures, then for comparison with the older subjects, she said.

"One of the things I would like to do, maybe not immediately, is to compare older subjects with young people in the community instead of college students," she said. There are differences between college students and young people in the community not attending college "simply in the amount of attention that they are giving to educational things."

"So if we're interested in memory, young people in school are reading and memorizing and actually exercising their memory, perhaps more than older people," she said. "That could tend to make them a little be better at some of these tests than older people would be, not because of any problem with age, but simply because they're using their memory more than older people."

Mutter said she hopes to combine her teaching and research by involving her students in the study. "They can learn a lot just from getting their hands dirty in the lab."

In addition to reinforcing what is learned in the classroom, Mutter said she hopes the research will spark interest in the subject. "It would be nice to see some students want to pursue this on their own and become interested in the whole issue of aging and the cognitive changes that accompany aging."

Mutter said she is also developing an undergraduate course on cognitive psychology which will also help students understand the research. "I think it's far better for the students to have an understanding of what the research is about," she said. "You can bring someone into the lab and say 'do this' and 'do this,' but they're not really getting anything out of that. The best of all possible worlds is to have students go into the classroom and then they could come into the lab and learn about things cognitive."

WKU and BRADD Assist Area Elderly

WKU's Gerontology Program, through a contract with the Barren River Area Development District (BRADD), now offers a service to area residents through the Adult Day Services Center in Bowling Green.

The Center, which is located in the Old Hickory Building on Scottsville Road, provides services for partially disabled and handicapped adults over 60, and Alzheimer's clients of any age. And only a few months after it opened its doors Sept. 1, the Center averages about 15 members daily.

"The goal of the program is to provide a community-based service which will help individuals remain in their homes or in sheltered living situations for as long as possible," says the Center's Executive Director, Dr. Lois Layne.

Dr. Layne is a clinical psychologist who established Western's Gerontology Program five years ago through a $128,000 grant from the Department of Health and Human Services.

The program is a multi-disciplinary approach providing training and technical assistance to gerontology programs in the six west Kentucky area development districts.

The Adult Day Services Center staff includes, in addition to Dr. Layne, full-time staff members, graduate students and a number of student interns in various academic disciplines.

Layne says the involvement of students, plus Western faculty in the program, will make the Center more effective.

Did You Know?

Officials from Eastern Kentucky University recently toured the Glasgow campus to learn more about running a branch campus.

EKU has a branch at Corbin and is in the process of further developing that facility.

Glasgow campus Director Jim Heck rolled out the red carpet for Paul Weaver, Corbin director, and Dr. Marion Ogden, director of EKU extended programs, who were interested in advising and registration of students.

Weaver said he hoped to compare the two off-campus centers in order to help EKU do a better job at EKU-Corbin.
President Meredith Rewards Contributors of 'Ideas for Efficiency'

A second group of individuals has recently been recognized for their suggestions submitted to the “Ideas for Efficiency Program,” and those suggestions are now being implemented.

As a result, various sectors of the campus are realizing greater efficiency.

In recognizing the following individuals, the Ideas for Efficiency and the Executive Committees applaud their efforts and contributions to the University:

James Heldman, Department of English: “All general campus information should be typed in duplex (using both sides of paper);”

Kaveh Khatir, Engineering Technology: “Simplified faculty/staff registration for non-degree courses;”

Charmaine Mosby, English: “To supply computer labels listing students’ names and addresses only upon request;”

LaDonna Harris, Judy Byrd, Freida Eggleton, Registrar’s Office: Donald Wade, Computer Center; Willie Carter, Purchasing: “Recommended the use of a personal computer and a laser printer to perform the calligraphy work on diplomas;”

Gary Galluzzo, former faculty, Teacher Education: “To create a campus-wide tabloid newspaper.”

Minimum Wage Increases April 1

Effective April 1, the federal minimum wage increases to $4.25 per hour, up from $3.80. This is the last in a series of scheduled increases enacted by Congress in 1989. The effective date for students and part-time employees affected will be March 25, according to Personnel Director Michael Dale. This is because the bi-weekly pay period which includes April 1 begins March 25.

Next On Campus

Wednesday, April 10. Deadline for dated material: Monday, April 1. Send to: Sheila Eison, Editor WAB 119
March

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OAR. College of Science, Technology & Health.

Baseball. WKU vs. Northeastern Illinois. 2 p.m. Denes Field.

28
Board of Regents Special Meeting. 10 a.m. Regents Conference Room, WAB

OAR. College of Education & Behavioral Sciences.

Baseball. WKU vs. Northeastern Illinois. 2 p.m. Denes Field.

Academic Council. 3:20 p.m.

Faculty Development Proposals are due in Academic Affairs.

April

1
Advance Registration for fall 1991 continues through April 23.

Drug Awareness & Health Enrichment Week. Through April 5. DUC. Call 6438.

Musical Miscfits. Delta Omicron Musicale. 8 p.m. Recital Hall, IWCF

2
Administrative Council, 9 a.m.

“Loose Ends.” Theatre 100. Call 5845.

Faculty Concert Series. Christopher Norton, Percussion. 8 p.m. Recital Hall, IWCF.

Hall, IWCF. $3. Proceeds to Scholarship Fund. Call 3751.

3
Baseball. WKU vs. Vanderbilt. 2:30 p.m. Denes Field.

4
College Curriculum Committees.

Baseball. WKU vs. Louisville. 2:30 p.m. Denes Field.

Miss Black Western. Garrett Ballroom. 7 p.m. Call 4295.

5
Dana’s Retreat. All Day.

Last day to drop a second bi-term course with a W.

Jazz Ensemble. 8 p.m. Van Meter Auditorium. Free.

6

L.T. Smith Stadium. 2984.

Tennis. WKU Men’s vs. Murray State. 2:30 p.m. WKU Courts.

Education Reform Week. Through April 12. (See page 2 for complete schedule).

Last day undergraduate students may remove an incomplete from 1990 fall semester.

ET CETERA

Workshop Features Basketmaking

The Kentucky Museum will sponsor a basketmaking workshop Saturday, April 6 from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

According to Dianne Watkins, education curator, registration is necessary.

Fee is $25 for Kentucky Museum Associates and $30 for non-members.

Participants will make a melon-shaped egg basket, and items to bring include a small container for water to soak reeds, a pair of scissors, a hand towel and a sack lunch.

Call 6082.

Dinner Is Served!

The Office of International Student Affairs will sponsor the annual International Pothuck Dinner Friday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Garrett Center.

Everyone attending is asked to bring a large dish of food, plus $2, or to pay $8 without a dish. Proceeds go to the International Scholarship Award given every spring.

Call Joan Lindsey, 4857.

Sigma Xi Sponsors Fourth Open House

Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society and WKU will co-sponsor the Fourth Open House for University Research April 1-2 in Garrett Ballroom.

The annual event is held to highlight the role of research at WKU and to showcase research work for colleagues and the public, according to Kenneth W. Kuehn, organizer.

A Sigma Xi student conference will run concurrently with the faculty event.

Call 3082.

Looking for Stories About Women

Dr. Camilla Collins, professor of folk studies, is searching ten different Kentucky newspapers for stories based on oral narratives about women.

She’s looking for information for her research on women’s images in contemporary legends, for which she has received a $9,900 grant from the Kentucky Foundation for Women.

Some of the narratives she says she hopes to find are “about women who are burned by tanning booths, put puddles in microwave ovens, save worthless items to help a sick child, find ‘hatchet’ men in their cars and have tarantulas in their cactus.”

Dr. Collins says with her collection of contemporary legends, she will examine the themes and their meanings for present-day women. Anyone interested in helping her research may call her at 5897.