

**Department of Society & Environment
Update
October 2, 2009**

Thanks! To Chantae Rudie and Katherine Olsen-Flaate for sharing their Saturday morning with prospective students at the Sept 26 Showcase!

FYI – the final new courses for the new curriculum are now in the approval pipeline.

ADVISING NOTES

SOAN majors who are sophomores or juniors should update their catalog year to 2009-10 catalog which has the new curriculum in it. For Juniors, we'll still have to do a lot of substitution forms, but for Sophomores, most of you are going through the curriculum as it is spelled out here. [Anyone who will graduate with classes more like the old program should leave their catalog year alone...] Talk to your advisor if you're not sure which would be best. [Use attached Program_Advisor_Update.pdf – complete & turn in to the Registrar's Office]

MEETING RE: DEPARTMENT FRATERNITY

Last week's Doodle poll showed that early Sunday afternoon was a time most people could make a meeting. Instead of meeting this Sunday, October 4 (too short notice) – let's make it **Sunday, October 11 at 2:30pm in BT 2222** (if we get crowded, we can move next door).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – CLUBS ARE YOU INTERESTED?:

My name is Lisa Busalacki and I am a Truman student working for the Education and Sociology department. We are currently in the process of creating a Shadow Day for 7th grade students from Milan and Green City to come to Truman's campus on Monday October 19. The goal of the day is to encourage them to go to college (since these areas are not as college bound as others) and expose them to all the awesome things about college. I have attached a schedule so you can see more clearly the lay out of the day.

The part when you can help and make an impact would be the hours from 9:30-12:00. Starting at 10:00 the students are allowed to pick from 11 different activities (going to the farm, seeing the herpetology museum, viewing a theater and music activity, visiting the bike co-op, playing frisbee on the quad, going to the art gallery, the career center, and the ROTC office, visiting the study abroad office or the radio station). During this time you would be responsible for taking a group of kids (no more than 5) to and from the different activities (4 activities in total). In exchange for your time and thoughtfulness, you get a free lunch in the cafeterias.

I am working on trying to divide the time if people can come for an hour or two but am

still in the process of that.

Please let me know if your organization is interested. I total I need about 50 or so volunteers. I am more than willing to come to a meeting to explain the day more fully and get e-mails of interested TSU students (There will be 2 forms they have to fill out before volunteering). I hope you have a great day and I hope to hear from you soon! Feel free to e-mail me or give me a call (314) 712-0180

CALL FOR PAPERS:

Amelia LaMair is working on the Missouri Powershift '09 campaign - the goal is to get comprehensive climate and energy legislation passed this year that will: cut Carbon emissions dramatically and immediately, invest in a green economy, power our future with clean energy not dirty fuels, and lead the world to a clean and equitable energy future.

Missouri Powershift '09 is calling for papers, presentations, and workshops for the summit in **Saint Louis on October 16-18**. Topics can include any thing related to sustainability, from the intermingling of art in the movement to social justice. Presentations do not have to be formal, and students are welcome to use work already completed for classes etc.
(see attachment)

FUN/ INTERESTING THINGS TO DO

THIS WEEKEND:

On **Saturday October 3rd**, the **Missouri Archaeological Society is having its Fall Symposium on Paleoindians** at Thousand Hills State Park from 9 a.m.–3 p.m at Thousand Hills State Park in Kirksville, Missouri (660-665-7119). The Symposium is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided, but those attending will be responsible for their own lunch and/or dinner. There will be talks in the Dining Lodge and Artifact ID and atlatl throwing demonstrations in the enclosed pavilion on the circle drive. [See attached program for more details.]

NEXT WEEK:

Jill Weinreich

Living in Venice and the Venice Biennale

6 p.m., MONDAY Oct. 5

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Jill Weinreich has lived and worked in Venice for ten years, working most recently as on-site logistics coordinator and project manager for the American pavilion at the Venice Biennale (biennial international contemporary art exhibition held in Venice, Italy). In 2003 Weinreich worked with the Fred Wilson exhibition and this past year, 2009, with the Bruce Nauman exhibition (“Topological Gardens”), which won the Lion d’Oro award for Best National Participation. She will give a brief informal presentation about living in Venice, as well as about her experiences working with artists and exhibitions in Venice.

The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session. For more information go to <http://concept.typepad.com/trumanart/2009/09/jill-weinreich-to-speak-and-answer-questions-about-living-in-venice-and-working-with-the-venice-bien.html>.

WEEK AFTER NEXT:

THINKING ABOUT GRAD SCHOOL – ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR McNAIR?

If you are the first in your family to go to college or if you're from another underrepresented group in graduate programs, the **McNair Program** might be for you. McNair helps with advising, mentors, paid research internships, presenting at conferences, GRE preparation, pays for graduate school visits and helps waive graduate school application fees for qualified students.

Talk to your advisor about whether McNair might be a good match for you.

Truman's McNair Program has informational meetings on **Monday October 12 in the SUB Conference Room 3000 at 2:30 pm or 5:30 pm.**

ENJOY THE WEEKEND!

**There are plenty of pumpkins at the Farmer's Market...
Saturday 7am-12noon on the Downtown Square**