

# MU INSTITUTE *of* PUBLIC POLICY

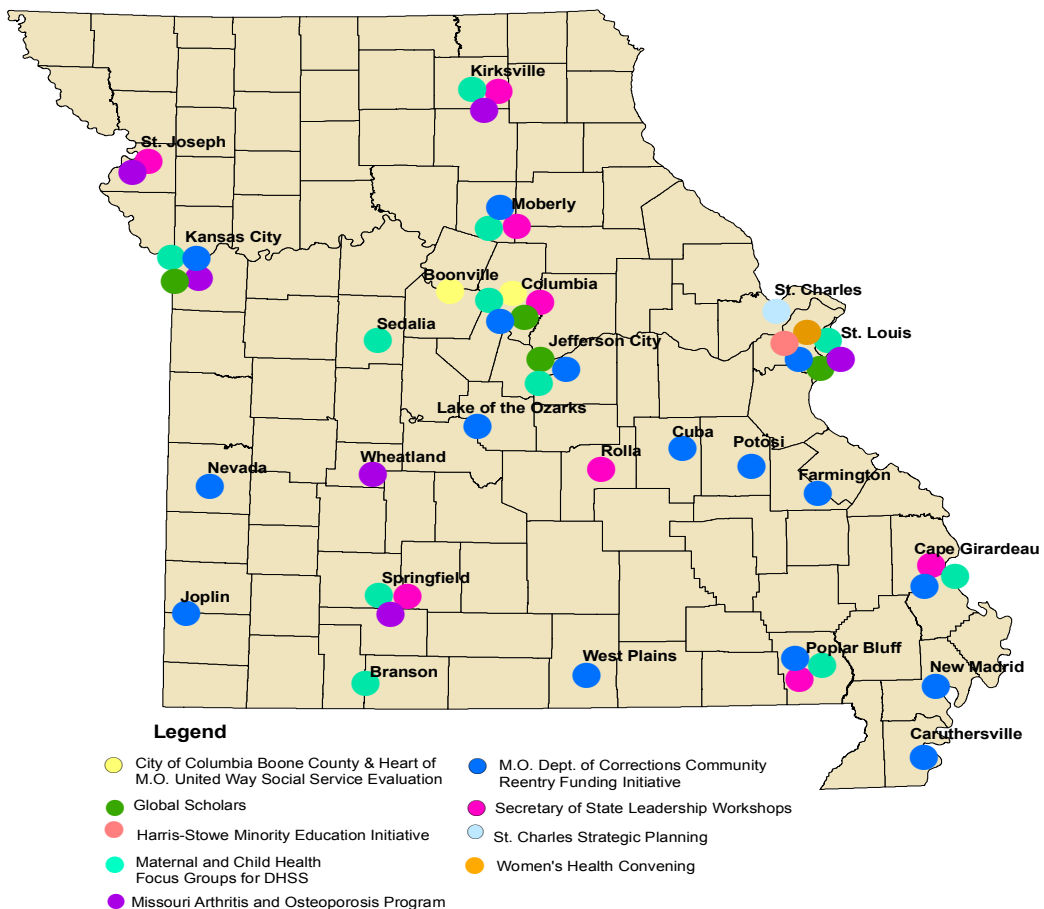
*Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs*

## *Celebrating 10 Years of Excellence In Research and Public Service*

The Institute of Public Policy continues to provide research, evaluation and training for Missouri's public and non-profit organizations. Some examples of our most recent work are highlighted in this newsletter.

### Institute of Public Policy in Action

- The map below depicts the places traveled for funded IPP projects from 2009 to 2010.



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## The New Global Economy: Opportunities and Challenges for Missouri Communities

### *A Special Event of the Academy for Leadership Development*

The Truman School of Public Affairs is sponsoring a special event for local leaders and officials. The two day session will provide leaders an opportunity to connect, share experiences and gain knowledge and information about trends effecting local economic development.

This special event will bring together new and previous participants to explore contemporary leadership and economic issues. The program includes presenters knowledgeable about regional, state and local economic development challenges and strategies that have been used to leverage opportunities.

Guest speaker Governor Bob Holden will kick off the event by examining Missouri's role in the

context of the global economy and the important role community leaders will play in harnessing emerging economic energy.

The event will be held in Memorial Union at MU on Thursday, December 9th 6:00pm-9:00pm and Friday, December 10th, 8:00am-3:00pm.

The cost of the program is \$150. Individuals who participated in previous leadership programs presented by the Truman School can register for the reduced rate of \$125. Go to <http://ipp.missouri.edu/ipp/olp/reunionreg.asp> to register.

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## Legislative Speaker Program

The Truman School and the Department of Political Science have jointly sponsored a program to bring legislative speakers to MU to talk to faculty and students. During 2010, Representative and Speaker-designate Steve Tilley and Doyle Childers came to campus. Doyle Childers was a

legislator, serving in both the Senate and House of Representatives. Childers also served as the Director of the Department of Natural Resources during the Blunt Administration. In January 2011, Senator Kurt Schaefer will discuss his experiences with faculty and students.



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# Assessment of the Status of Women's Health Care in Missouri

The Missouri Foundation for Health contracted with the Institute to conduct an assessment of the status of women's health in Missouri in order to identify where to focus limited resources. The project began on December 1, 2008 and ran through June 30, 2010. The assessment was divided into two major categories: reproductive health and cancer screenings (breast and cervical cancer).

Findings were presented in three categories: availability of services (either family planning or breast and cervical cancer screenings), barriers, and gaps in services provided. A series of key recommendations were provided to Missouri Foundation for Health. The recommendations were divided into education, policy, and area specific recommendations. The recommendations were:

## *Education*

- Providers need to be educated on current types of care for women or provided with easily accessible materials so they are prepared to educate patients;
- The public needs to be educated on current health issues, the care that is available for those with limited resources and/or no health

insurance, and the truth about the risks of specific preventative care; and

- Providers need to be aware of services available to their patients who may not have sufficient insurance or resources for the purpose of referral.

## *Program, Policy, and Research*

- Leverage the success of Show-Me-Healthy Women (A program of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services) by better understanding partnerships with nonprofit providers and client characteristics;
- Programs need to address geographic gaps in services; and
- Communicate the information from this assessment and other studies to a wide audience.

## *Population Specific and Disease Specific*

- Change the focus of the Gardasil vaccination program;
- Explore age and race related differences in service uptake among Missouri women; and
- Better funding for follow-up after cancer diagnoses.

*The Assessment of the Status of Women's Health Care in Missouri was sponsored by the Missouri Foundation for Health*



*To learn more about the Missouri Foundation for Health, visit them at their website at:  
[www.mffh.org](http://www.mffh.org)*

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# Students with Disabilities Recruited as Poll Workers

The Institute has partnered with the MU Office of Disability Services and Wendy Noren, Boone County Clerk to recruit students with disabilities to serve as poll workers for the 2010 elections. Funding was provided by a grant from the United States Election Assistance Commission (USEAC). This grant provides funds for recruitment activities, compensation for training, and work on Election Day as well as accommodation services.

Students are recruited to be poll workers online, through the Office of Disability Services' communication networks, and face-to-face during events like Celebrate Ability Week (Sept. 27th-Oct. 1st) which IPP project staff Emily Johnson and Elizabeth Pafford attended.

Students with disabilities can register to be poll worker online and sign up for trainings conducted by the County Clerk. In addition, students can specify any accommodations needed to make work on Election Day possible. Over 30 students have registered to be poll workers through this project.



“It’s important because we want everyone to know that they can take part in an election,” Johnson said. “We want to make sure that polling places are open to everyone, and that people with disabilities are aware that there are accommodations for them if needed.”

The Institute of Public Policy celebrated its 10th year in October. The development of the Institute was a part of the redesign of the MU public administration program that led to the creation of the Truman School of Public Affairs. The redesign was based upon the recommendations of a stakeholder group composed largely of public officials. The fundamental goal of the committee was to enhance the capacity of the university to provide research, training, issue symposia and related activities to increase public officials’ knowledge of the challenging issues that they must manage.

The Institute sponsors forums, including symposia on transportation, education, and challenges in higher education as well as training programs for government officials and leaders of nonprofit agencies. The Institute also conducts program evaluations, provides technical assistance and publishes policy briefs addressing critical issues facing Missouri.