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Did you know that between 1948 and 1972 Lindenwood had a program called the Washington Semester? The program allowed LU's brightest political science students to attend American University for a semester, and in some cases intern in a congressman's Washington, D.C., office.

Profs Conducting Review of Area Mental Health Court

A team of Lindenwood University faculty members—Jeanie Thies (criminal justice), Michael Stein (sociology), and Dana Klar (social work)—is conducting an evaluation of the Janis Good Mental Health Court, a specialized program that operates with the U.S. Probation Office in the Eastern District of Missouri and the U.S. District Court. The court works collaboratively with other federal agencies, treatment providers, and community organizations.

This evaluation is intended to determine how effectively this specialized court program is operating and to what extent program goals have been met to date and to offer suggestions to strengthen the program.

The program is designed to assist offenders with serious and chronic mental illness who have recurrent contact with the criminal justice system. In addition to the three faculty members, three current LU students (Jasmine Thompson, Derek McAnnar, and Alyssa Flynn), and one alumna, Callie Johnson, have been recruited to serve as research assistants on the project. Johnson has a BA in criminal justice.

The Eastern District of Missouri Probation Office is providing \$2,500 in funding with a possibility for more to support students' work on this project. All funding received will be paid to the students and alumnus; faculty members are volunteering their time on this project.

The project began in the summer of 2014, and it is anticipated that the final report will be completed and submitted to program administration in late summer 2015.



Klar



Stein



Thies

Mangels Accepts Role as Women's Leadership Society Education Market Chair

Susan Mangels, PhD, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, has been named chair of the education market for the Women's Leadership Society of the United Way of St. Louis. Mangels was asked to accept the role by Penny Pennington, chair of the Women's Leadership Society and principal at Edward Jones.



One of several United Way affinity groups, the organization was founded in 1996 by Ellen Sherberg, Publisher of *The St. Louis Business Journal*, as an avenue for women's giving. It began as a small, dedicated society that has grown to include more than 3,600 members who collectively contribute more than \$7 million annually.

Society members engage with one another and the community in several ways, including events and volunteer projects, to learn, share and grow. By coming together through United Way, the women in the society continue to have a positive effect on health and human service needs for children, seniors, women and more.

"The United Way helps one in three people in our region," Mangels said. "I'm honored to be able to be a part of the leadership team."