

**Subject: 2022 Report to President Choi**

Memo: UM President Mun Choi

From: Rodney Uphoff

Date: March 8, 2023

Re: 2022 UMSAEP Report

For the past 4 years, I have provided you a report summarizing the activities and outputs of the UMSAEP for the prior year. As in past years, I reached out to all 2022 UMSAEP awardees as well as past awardees and requested updates on 2022 activities with a UMSAEP collaborator. I reached out to 136 UMSAEP participants and received a response from 107. Some of the people did not respond because they left UM or UWC, retired, or passed away. Indeed, I know that at least 20 of the 136 have retired or left either UM or UWC. So this report reflects the significant outputs of those still working at UWC or for UM. I do know that some of the non-responders are still involved in active collaboration so I am sure I have captured most but not all of the 2022 outputs. Further, a significant number of the respondent's specifically mentioned that it had been many years since they received an UMSAEP grant. So it is not surprising that they had no outputs to report.

As noted last year, one positive development of the pandemic has been the expanded use of zoom to promote international research and teaching collaborations. We have seen more UM faculty members exploring virtual seminars series with their UWC colleagues to the benefit of both UM and UWC students as we enhance the internationalization of our curriculum. MU's Candace Kuby and UWC's Viv Bozalek's webinar series represents the most dramatic example. They completed a 14-episode webinar series in 2020/2021 that had as many as 1300 viewers. <https://education.missouri.edu/learning-teaching-curriculum/webinars-2020-2021/>. They did a second webinar series in 2021/2022. <https://education.missouri.edu/learning-teaching-curriculum/webinars/>.

**Publications**

UM and UWC faculty reported 2 books and 4 book chapters published in 2022 and another book was in progress. 28 manuscripts or articles were published during 2022. 15 additional articles have been submitted for publication and were under review or revision. In addition, UMSAEP participants reported 21 manuscripts were in progress.

**Conference papers/ presentations**

UMSAEP participants reported 14 international or national conference presentations.

**Grants**

UM and UWC faculty reported submitting several grant applications that were not funded. 3 more grant applications have been submitted and are under review. The following grants were awarded in 2022 based on their UMSAEP funded work:

UMSL Erica Koegler:

U.S. Department of State Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, International Programs, Program to End Modern Slavery: SSJTIP22CA0027

Title: Measures for Countering Trafficking in Persons in Southern Africa (MCTIP)

USAID/Southern Africa and USAID/LAB/CDR: 7200AA18CA00009

Title: Research on the Nature and Scope of Trafficking In Persons (TIP) in South Africa

UMSL's share of the first grant above is \$187,913 but if re-upped it will be \$424,220. UMSL's share of the second grant was \$154,565.

MU David Mendoza-Cozatl:

Amount awarded: \$200,000

PEW Foundation.

Award Period: 11/22 - 10/24

UWC'S Marshall Keyster:

Centre of Excellence in Food Security grant for 2022 - ZAR 611 720. This work package is related to the UMSAEP collaboration with Co-PI's Prof's Mendoza-Cozatl and Heese (both from MU).

Industry-linked grant from GrainSA for 2022 - ZAR 330 000. This work package is also related to the UMSAEP collaboration with Co-PI's Prof's Mendoza-Cozatl and Heese (both from MU).

UWC's Erika Kapp:

National Research Foundation

ZAR R820,000

### **Student Opportunities/ Capacity Building**

UM has played a major role in helping to build capacity at UWC since the inception of this partnership. This continued in 2022. For example, UWC Prof. Greta Geerts from the Dental faculty and her doctoral candidate Saleem Abdulrab worked on a UMSAEP funded project with UMKC Engineering Professor Ganesh Thiagarajan. The project led to Ms Abdulrab earning her Ph.D. in December 2022. MU Prof. Bob Sharp co-supervised one of Prof. Ndiko Ludidi's Ph.D. students, Ali Elnaeim Elbasheir Ali. Ali traveled to MU in the Fall of 2021 to work on his thesis project in Prof. Sharp's lab. Prof Sharp and his colleague Scott Peck also served on Ali's dissertation committee. Ali was awarded his Ph.D. in 2022. Two UWC students, Sheridan Llyod and Samantha Cairncross traveled to Columbia in the fall of 2021 to work with UWC Prof. Mongi Benjeddou on an UMSAEP funded project with MU's Dr. Greg Biedermann. Both of them are submitting their Ph.D. thesis this year. Finally, UMKC Prof. John Kevern reports that former UWC student Rosicky Kalombe started his PhD at UMKC in 2019. He graduated in Summer 2022 and is a project engineer for Black and Veatch. Etienne Nkongolo is a current UMKC PhD student. Prof. Kevern helped direct his MS thesis at UWC.

### **Fulbright Awards**

MU's Wilson Majee was awarded a Fulbright to go to South Africa and continue to work with several UWC collaborators in 2022. Because of visa delays, he just arrived in Cape Town in early March. UWC's Chris Arendse also received a Fulbright and spent much of 2022 in Columbia working in the lab of MU Prof. Suchi Guha and teaching.

### **Conclusion**

This report highlights the major outputs of the UMSAEP in 2022. To see trip reports that describe the broad range of UMSAEP funded projects across a variety of academic disciplines, go to the UMSAEP website <https://www.umsystem.edu/president/southafrica> .

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