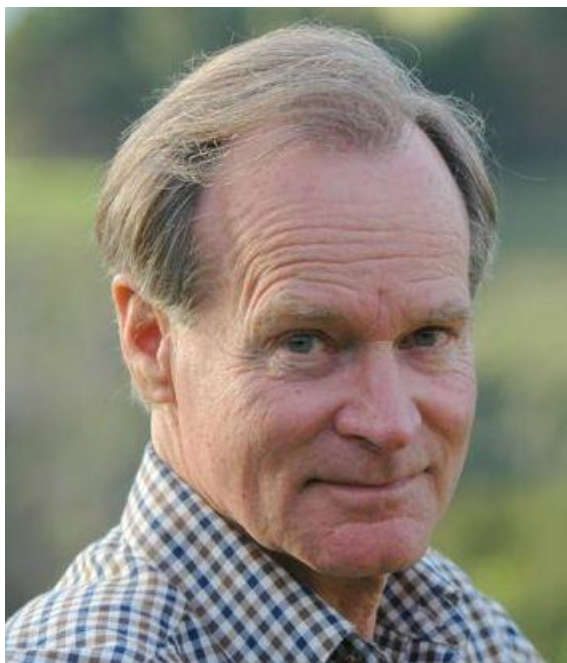


## DR. DAVID WESTERN TO RECEIVE WORLD ECOLOGY AWARD

**Dr. David Western**, founding executive director of the African Conservation Centre in Kenya, will receive the 2010 World Ecology Award from the Harris World Ecology Center at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. The award will be presented at a gala dinner to be held on Friday, May 7, 2010 at the **Missouri Botanical Garden**. The World Ecology Award is presented to an eminent individual who has raised public awareness about global ecology and made significant contributions to environmental protection and biodiversity conservation. Past recipients include Dr. Jane Goodall, Harrison Ford, Richard Leakey, Teresa Heinz, Dr. Paul Ehrlich, Dr. Gro Harlem Brundtland, Kathryn Fuller, Ted Turner, Dr. Peter Raven, Jacques Cousteau and John Denver.



*Dr. David (Jonah) Western*

Raised in Tanzania and now a Kenyan citizen, Western has spent more than 42 years engaged in

research in Kenya studying the interactions between livestock, wildlife and humans, with the aim of developing conservation strategies applicable at an ecosystem scale. As former director of Kenya Wildlife Service and conservation director for Wildlife Conservation Society, Western has been active in many areas of conservation, including community-based conservation, international programs, conservation planning, ecotourism, training, directing governmental and non-governmental organizations, and public education.

He established the Wildlife Planning Unit in Kenya in 1978, was the chairman of the African Elephant and Rhino Specialist Group in the 1980s, founding president of The International Ecotourism Society, chairman of the Wildlife Clubs of Kenya and Carter Chair of Conservation Biology, Wildlife Conservation Society.

His honors include the Conservation Medal, Zoological Society of San Diego; Order of the Golden Ark; Conservation Medal, Cincinnati Zoological Society; and Elder of the Burning Spear from the President of Kenya.

Western's publications include *Conservation for the Twenty-first Century* (OUP, 1989), *Natural Connections: Perspectives in Community-based Conservation* (Island Press, 1994) and *In the Dust of Kilimanjaro* (Shearwater, 2001). He is presently conducting a study on climate change in the Kenya-Tanzania borderlands in collaboration with the University of California San Diego, University of York, Missouri Botanical Garden and African Conservation Centre.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Leicester University in England and his doctorate from the University of Nairobi in Kenya. He is an adjunct professor in biology at the University of California, San Diego and the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

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## KENNETH AND NANCY KRANZBERG TO RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREES

**Kenneth and Nancy Kranzberg** will receive honorary degrees from the University of Missouri-St. Louis at the 2009 Fall Commencement ceremony to be held on Saturday, December 19 at 2:00 p.m. They are being recognized for their extraordinary contributions to St. Louis and tireless efforts to make our community a better place to live. Ken and Nancy are passionate supporters of the arts, education, social justice, and the environment and have promoted these causes through donation of their time and financial support.

Ken joined the Development Board (now called the Harris Council) for the **Harris Center** soon after its formation in 1995 and chaired the Council for three years. He has established two endowed scholarships that have enabled the Center to provide research and education experiences to undergraduate students. He and Nancy have been generous supporters of the Center through annual giving and sponsorship of the Center's World Ecology Award gala dinner. Ken has also served as vice-chairman of the Missouri Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority from 1987 to 1996 and is a former chairman and president of the National Association of Container Distributors and member of the St. Louis Regional Business Council.

His business acumen is also apparent as a leader in many non-profit organizations. He serves or has served on the boards of the Opera Theatre of Saint Louis, National Conference for Community and Justice of Metropolitan St. Louis, the Anti-Defamation League, Dance St. Louis, Grand Center, and the Missouri Historical Society.

Nancy has held leadership positions ranging from such well known organizations as the Board of Trustees of the St. Louis Art Museum, Missouri Arts Council, Laumeier Sculpture Park, The Friends of Art, The Sheldon Art Gallery, and The New Music Circle; to less visible, community assets including Arts in Transit, Double Helix Community Radio and TV, and the Pioneer Literary Group. She has also organized many art exhibitions and collections and judged countless competitions.

Her credits include leadership roles in the United Way Health and Aging Allocation Panel, The Jewish Federation, The National Council for University Libraries, The Board of Missouri Mansion Preservation, The Washington University Library Systems Board, The Washington University Women's Society Board, The Forum, and The Center for the Humanities at UM-St. Louis. She has been a major supporter of such human service organizations as The Scholarship Foundation, St. Louis Alzheimer's Association, The American Cancer Society, The Arthritis Foundation, The Jewish Federation, The AIDS Foundation of St. Louis, and many more.

Together, they have been recognized by the St. Louis Arts and Education Council, Grand Center, the American Jewish Committee, and as recipients of the 2008 Distinguished Service Award from UM-St. Louis.

## 2009 WHITNEY AND ANNA HARRIS CONSERVATION FORUM

The 2009 **Whitney and Anna Harris Conservation Forum** was held at the **Saint Louis Zoo** on Thursday, November 12. The theme this year was *Sustainable Agriculture: From Field to Market* and presentations were made by: **Mark Lehenbauer**: *Environment, conservation and agriculture*; **Andy Ayers**: *Local food = good politics and good eatin', too!*; **Dr. Robert Marquis** (Department of Biology, University of Missouri-St. Louis): *Agricultural sustainability: The complexity of the issues*; **Dr. Marty Matlock** (Applied Sustainability Center, University of Arkansas): *Measures, metrics and indices of sustainability*; and **Dr. Doug Landis** (Department of Entomology, Michigan State University): *Biodiversity and sustainable agriculture: Harvesting ecosystem services from agricultural landscapes*. The event concluded with a panel discussion led by **Fred Luckey** (Executive Vice President, Bunge North America); **Dr. Marty Matlock**, **Rick Tolman**, CEO, National Corn Growers Association and **Dr. Doug Landis**.

Presentations can be viewed at: <http://hwec.umsl.edu/outreach/forum-history.html>

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