

Research@KU

Updates on the Lawrence campus from the Vice Provost for Research

Symposium showcases undergraduate research

The University Honors Program and the Office of the Vice Provost for Research sponsored the 9th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium on Saturday, April 8. The event highlighted the research of 69 undergraduate students from 32 different academic departments from the Lawrence campus.

The program was comprised of oral and poster presentations from KU undergraduate students about their research activities. C. Russell Middaugh, Takeru and Aya Higuchi Distinguished Professor of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, delivered the keynote address.

This year's symposium was the first to combine the efforts of the University Honors Program and the Office of the Vice Provost for Research.

Associate professor receives book subvention award

Amy McNair, associate professor of art history, received the Vice Provost for Research Subvention Award for the 2005-2006 academic year. McNair's book, "Donors of Longmen," is a patronage study of the medieval Longmen Grottoes, one of China's most renowned sculptural sites. The book will be published by the University of Hawaii Press.

The award provides financial support from the Office of the Vice Provost for Research to a KU faculty member for the costs related to the publication of a manuscript based on humanistic research. It is awarded annually by the Hall Center for the Humanities.

KU Cancer Center business plan to be discussed

Scott Weir, director of the Office of Therapeutics, Discovery, and Development, will present on the new business plan for the KU Cancer Center on Wednesday, May 10, in the Jayhawk Room of the KU Union at 3 p.m. All interested persons are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be available.

Research Administration

Grants.gov submissions begin June 1 for selected NIH award programs

Contact: [Barbara Earl](#), Manager, Proposal Services, 864-7781.

Beginning June 1, proposals to selected NIH award programs, such as the R03, R21, R33, and R34, must be submitted via Grants.gov. Need help? For technical assistance, contact Amy Patty, grants officer, 864-7423. Proposal Services also assists researchers with proposal preparation and submission. Please contact Barbara Earl to discuss your deadline.

HSCL assessment survey available online through May 12

Contact: [David Hann](#), HSCL Coordinator, 864-7429, or [Mary Denning](#), Associate HSCL Coordinator, 864-7385.

The Human Subjects Committee Lawrence Campus (HSCL), the Institutional Review Board (IRB) for the Lawrence campus, invites all faculty and graduate students familiar with HSCL to take an assessment survey. This survey will provide an internal evaluation of HSCL and help determine the qualities that make up an ideal IRB. The survey is available online and takes about 10-15 minutes to complete. Additional information can be found at http://www.research.ku.edu/kucr/events/announce/2006/_04/hsc_survey.shtml.

KU formalizes policies and procedures for university-sponsored immigration petitions

Contact: [Angie Loving](#), Manager, Compensation and Employment, 864-7472.

Guidelines were released to the KU community in May 2006 to ensure that the university meets federal standards regarding the recruitment of foreign nationals. Documentation is available online at http://www.ku.edu/~issfacts/PDF/Perm_Res_Policy.pdf.

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The University of Kansas

Upcoming Events

May 9

Community Transit Open House

11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

East Plaza, Kansas Union

Joseph Heppert

“Understanding ‘Alternatives’ to Evolution”

7:00-9:30 p.m.

Dole Institute of Politics

May 10

Scott Weir

“KU Cancer Center Business Plan”

3:00-4:30 p.m.

Jayhawk Room, KU Union

May 12

Last day to participate in the online HSCL assessment survey.

June 13

National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) Video Workshop on National Security Issues

10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Simons Auditorium

Higuchi Biosciences Center

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Researchers in the News

William Tuttle selected as Fulbright distinguished chair

http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2006/apr/19/ku_professor_named_fulbright_chair

The American Studies professor was named the John Adams Chair in American history for 2006-2007.

Michael Engel awarded Guggenheim Fellowship

<http://www.oread.ku.edu/Oread06/Apr24/guggenheim.shtml>

Engel, a KU paleontologist and Natural History Museum/Biodiversity Research Center curator, is the university's 31st fellowship recipient.

Kansas NSF EPSCoR Wins \$6.75 Million Award

http://www.ktec.com/pdf/press_releases/KU_EPSCOR.pdf

An NSF grant—with matching funds from KTEC—will enable researchers to forecast the ecological consequences of environmental changes. Kristin Bowman-James is director of Kansas NSF EPSCoR.

Joseph Heppert testifies before U.S. House Committee on Science

<http://www.house.gov/science/press/109/109-249.htm>

The KU professor and chair of the Chemistry Department and director of the Center for Science Education spoke about the NSF's role in K-12 science and math education.

Scott Hawley elected to American Academy of Arts and Sciences

<http://www.stowers-institute.org/WhatsNew/pr2006/PR042406c.asp>

Hawley, a renowned geneticist and KU affiliate, is the fourth Kansas City-area resident to be elected to the Academy.

Feeling Conflicted?

Please create a conflict of interest. Yes, I really mean this. Please conduct research, write papers, give talks, consult, publish books, serve on boards and panels, invent, start companies, testify, collect honoraria... do the things that create a healthy, vibrant campus where research and scholarship thrive. As a result, you will often create conflicts of interest. Good for you.

By itself, a conflict of interest is not a bad thing. What is bad is not disclosing and managing a conflict of interest, whether real or perceived. What is bad is unethical behavior at the core of a conflict of interest. Nationwide, there are numerous examples of an undisclosed or unmanaged conflict of interest or of unethical behavior that have come back to haunt an entire university.

If your behavior violates the rules (including federal and state laws as well as KU policies) or if you would be embarrassed if it were made public (the “red face test”), then you have an ethical problem to be dealt with long before any discussion of conflict of interest disclosure and management begins. “Don’t do this in the first place,” is sound advice. But if your behavior passes basic ethical tests, then disclose any conflict of interest and work with the university to set up a management plan. Disclose and manage... it works.

So, go out there and create productive and ethical conflicts of interest. Just make sure you fully disclose and have a management plan that will protect KU's integrity and yours.

Jim Roberts
Vice Provost for Research