



Art reception to celebrate works of three faculty artists

The second "Art @ MRB" faculty artists' reception will be held Friday, Nov. 16 at the Multidisciplinary Research Building, 2030 Becker Drive, from 4-6 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and the public is invited to attend.

The reception features installations from three KU faculty artists. Carol Ann Carter will display at least four pieces of expanded media entitled "Touch Home Journal," "Landscape with Blue Glove," "Grounding Her" and "Handscapes."

"I see surfaces as skins that reveal the character of a thing's experience," Carter said. "I collect distressed materials with the impulse to bring them back (or forward) to life. I often force associations between seemingly uncomfortable or disparate partners to explore their possible compatibility."

Gerald Lubensky will display three paintings, entitled "Camaron de la Isla," "For Ursela" and "Tabrriz II." Lubensky said his paintings promoted a retinal response, where the viewer begins to see the painting differently over time because of the color interaction.

"You make a mark, and there is a response to the mark," Lubensky said. "There's a gesture and then another gesture. It's balance/counterbalance, action against action. I'm looking at all different kinds of forces."

Alison Luoma displays a sculpture "Flask-Head Dolls," which is made from glass flasks, yarn and buttons.

"The work that is happening in that building seemed magical, mysterious and very experimental, and so I wanted to design a sculpture that had these same qualities," Luoma said.

All three artists will be on hand at the reception to talk about their works.

"Art @ MRB" is a joint effort of the [Office of Research and Graduate Studies](#) and the School of Fine Arts. For more information, contact Kevin Boatright at kboatright@ku.edu or 864-7240.

GIS Day returns to KU

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Day at KU will be held on Wed., Nov. 14. This is the sixth annual campus symposium focusing on GIS and various applications of spatial data and software. This area is experiencing huge growth and becoming more accessible to the public through online mapping applications and other locational or geographic tools, such as GoogleEarth and GPS units.

This day-long, free event is open to the public and will feature speakers on open-source vs. commercial GIS tools. Refreshments are provided, and a student paper competition and information fair will also take place. To register or for more information, visit <http://www2.ku.edu/~kugis/gisday/2007/index.shtml>.

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Preparing Future Faculty accepts applications

Preparing Future Faculty helps graduate students who are about to seek or who are seeking academic positions. In order for PFF fellows to realize and understand the diverse academic opportunities available, PFF, with the help of its institutional partners, provides doctoral students with personal experiences at a variety of academic institutions. Through the course and workshops, PFF helps students navigate their entrance into academia and plan their futures.

PFF fellows, doctoral students in the dissertation stage of their degree, are generally chosen from departments that offer graduate programs that emphasize professional development. Some fellowships are available by self-nomination and an evaluation of goals and academics records. PFF fellows need the written approval and support of their departments to participate.

KU partners with Washburn University, Rockhurst University, Johnson County Community College, Central Missouri State University, University of Missouri-Kansas City and University of Missouri-Columbia. KU students meet with faculty, administrators and students to discuss academic life within university settings that are different than KU.

The spring workshop, "Negotiating in Academia," provides tips, techniques, and knowledge about negotiating for an academic appointment. Applications for the spring semester are due by Nov. 30. To apply, visit http://www.graduate.ku.edu/student/current/pff/PFF_app_2007-10.doc.

Higuchi award nominations sought

The Higuchi-Endowment Association Research Achievement Awards honor outstanding researchers each year. This year's awards honored four professors from Kansas universities who have made great strides in their respective fields.

The award winners come from a pool of individuals who are nominated by faculty and staff at Kansas Regents institutions. Nomination of outstanding candidates is vital. Please take time to nominate a worthy colleague after reviewing the criteria and nomination instructions, found at http://www.rgs.ku.edu/news/news/2007/_11/higuchi_award_announce.shtml.

Nominations of individual researchers will be accepted until Dec. 7.

Previous years' nominations remain active for five years and are considered along with new nominees in each year's review and recommendation process. Past Higuchi Award winners may be re-nominated 10 years after receiving their awards. The names of nominees and their nominators will not be disclosed, and all nominating materials will remain confidential.

Designed to recognize significant research achievement, these awards were first presented in the fall of 1982. Each award of \$10,000 (on deposit with the [Kansas University Endowment Association](#)) may be expended over five years in support of research activities in the form of research materials, summer salary, fellowship matching funds, equipment, research assistants or any other purpose that is consonant with the advancement of the individual's research program. Each award will be given to a deserving Kansas Board of Regents faculty member by the Chancellor upon the recommendation of the Vice Provost for [Research and Graduate Studies](#).

Ft. Leavenworth Commander to speak on "Changing face of warfare"

Lt. General William B. Caldwell IV, commanding general of the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center and Ft. Leavenworth, will speak at the Dole Institute of Politics Wed., Nov. 14, at 7:30 p.m. on "The Changing Face of Warfare in the 21st Century." His presentation is co-sponsored by the KU-Ft. Leavenworth Program and is free and open to the public.

Caldwell oversees the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth and 17 other schools and training centers throughout the country. The Combined Arms Center is responsible for development of the Army's doctrinal manuals, training of officers and integration of battle command systems and concepts.

Previously, Caldwell was deputy chief of staff for strategic effects and spokesperson for the Multi-National Force in Iraq. He has also served as commanding general of the 82nd Airborne Division and as senior military assistant to the deputy secretary of defense.

Upcoming Events

November 14

GIS Day 2007—9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

5th floor, Kansas Union

To register or for more information: <http://www2.ku.edu/~kugis/gisday/2007/index.shtml>

National Postdoctoral Association Site Visit—9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Burge Union

Lunch provided to those who RSVP by Nov. 9.

To RSVP: 864-8040 or jaugusto@ku.edu

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“The Changing Face of Warfare in the 21st Century”

Dole Institute of Politics

Free and open to the public.

Co-sponsored by the KU-Ft. Leavenworth Program.

November 15-16

KU-Ft. Leavenworth Program Roundtables—9:00 a.m.–afternoon

Dole Institute of Politics

Lunch is provided.

More information: David Lambertson, dfi@ku.edu, or Aaron Kirby, aarongkirby@gmail.com

November 16

“Art@MRB” Faculty Art Installation Reception—4-6 p.m.

Multidisciplinary Research Building (MRB)

2030 Becker Drive, West Campus

More information: Kevin Boatright, 864-7240, or kboatright@ku.edu

November 29

“Clinical Trials: Emerging Legal Threats”—12:00-1:30 p.m.

Room 152 Smissman, West Campus

Sponsored by the Office of Research and Graduate Studies

To register: Susan MacNally, 864-4148, or sumac@ku.edu

“The general earned a reputation for straight talk and keen insight while spokesman in Iraq,” said Jonathan Earle, interim director of the Dole Institute. “Now responsible for educating the next generation of Army leaders, his visit promises to be a compelling evening.”

The KU-Ft. Leavenworth Program provides advanced-degree opportunities for faculty and students at the Command and General Staff College. The Office of Research and Graduate Studies administers the program.

KU-Ft. Leavenworth Program roundtable Nov. 15-16

The KU-Ft. Leavenworth Program will host an academic roundtable Nov. 15-16 at the Dole Institute of Politics. Presenters will include U.S. and foreign military personnel, as well as KU faculty experts on cultural and political issues encountered by U.S. forces deployed overseas.

KU faculty and students are invited to participate in the roundtable, but seating is limited. Sessions start at 9 a.m. both days and continue into the afternoon. Lunch is provided.

Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commander of the Combined Arms Center at Ft. Leavenworth, will take part on the morning of Nov. 15. The following day, presenters will include liaison officers from France, The Netherlands, Brazil and South Korea. These officers will discuss their experiences working with foreign populations during deployments. They will also offer their perspectives on how the U.S. military is perceived by the local population in areas of instability, e.g., Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Balkans.

“This event will offer an opportunity to analyze these cultural and political issues in depth,” said David Lambertson, interim director of the program. “The underlying purpose is to enhance the ability of our military -- operating in difficult and unfamiliar environments -- to ask the right questions and proceed systematically in the right direction.”

Scheduled KU presenters are Felix Moos, professor of anthropology; Mohamed El-Hodiri, professor of economics; Bart Dean, professor of anthropology; and Fiona Yapp, professor of political science. In a unique format, each faculty member

will be paired with a military or civilian participant from Ft. Leavenworth in making the presentations, which will ultimately be published.

One objective of the roundtable is to help define the military’s need for training, research, and information in such disciplines as anthropology, geography, economics, and political science. This could benefit the military from the senior planning staff level down to the individual soldier in the field.

If you are interested in attending the roundtable or have questions about it, contact Lambertson at dfi@ku.edu or Aaron Kirby at aarongkirby@gmail.com.

Global Entrepreneurship Week/USA dates set for 2008

KU celebrated Entrepreneurship Week USA last spring with a highly successful one-day “E-Fair” at the Burge Union. Nationwide, the observance attracted 1,310 partners, stimulated 3,707 activities and directly engaged more than 481,000 participants.

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On November 13, organizers will announce Global Entrepreneurship Week/USA. Universities and other organizations worldwide are encouraged to hold events related to entrepreneurship during the week of November 17-23, 2008. KU plans to participate in an appropriate way, in cooperation with technology transfer partners, faculty and students. For more information about next year's event, go to <http://www.unleashingideas.org>.

Postdoc manual approved; NPA visit Nov. 14

Last year, a Postdoctoral Work Group at KU hosted town hall meetings, prepared a set of recommendations, and drafted a manual for the Lawrence campus. Issues that emerged during this process included:

- Lack of a central source of information concerning policies and procedures for postdoc hiring and training
- Lack of professional development opportunities for postdocs
- Need for additional information specifically geared for international postdocs

The KU Postdoctoral Training Manual has been reviewed and approved by Provost Lariviere. The final document is now online at <http://www.rgs.ku.edu/depts/training>, along with other information about the Postdoctoral Work Group.

"We believe this manual will assist both postdocs and faculty mentors in the postdoc training process at KU," said John Augusto, research training coordinator in the Office of Research and Graduate Studies. "The work group came up with six recommendations, including a limit on the number of years allowed and a minimum salary for all researcher appointments. We are now in the process of implementing the recommendations throughout the Lawrence campus."

Augusto notes that the National Postdoctoral Association (NPA) has chosen KU as the location for a site visit on Wed., Nov. 14. Two senior representatives of NPA will meet with KU faculty and postdocs at Burge Union, starting at 9 a.m. After initial presentations about the national context for postdocs, participants will shift into break-out sessions to explore KU-specific issues in greater depth. The NPA representatives will repeat the session later that day at the KU Medical Center.

Faculty and postdocs are encouraged to attend the NPA meeting. Lunch will be provided to those who RSVP by Nov. 9 at 864-8040 or by e-mail to jaugusto@ku.edu.

Researchers & Grad Students in the News

Boyda considers KU pharmaceuticals proposal

<http://www.kansan.com/stories/2007/oct/29/boyda/>

Representative Nancy Boyda toured the construction site of the Structural Biology Center on Oct. 26. KU professors presented Boyda with information on how the \$21 million addition to the SBC will help the university become a major pharmaceuticals manufacturing site.

Researcher gives caregivers another connection

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2007/october/31/nursing.shtml>

Cynthia Teel, assistant dean and associate professor at the KU School of Nursing, is investigating the value of a telephone-based intervention program called Self-Care TALK, which allows caregivers and nurses to spend time each week discussing issues like diet and exercise.

Two research professors named as fellows to science society

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2007/october/25/fellows.shtml>

Jerome E. Dobson, professor of geography, and Adrian L. Melott, professor of physics and astronomy, were honored as fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science for breakthroughs that have pushed forward scientific understanding.

Professor wins national award for disability research

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2007/october/15/sailor.shtml>

Wayne Sailor, associate director of the Beach Center on Disability and a professor of special education at the University of Kansas, has won a national award for his work to improve quality of life for children with intellectual disabilities and their families.

Technology developed at KU acquired by digital media company

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2007/october/9/divx.shtml>

Veatros LLC is a University of Kansas start-up company and an alumnus of Larta Institute. The technology, developed at KU's Information and Telecommunication Technology Center, will perform enhanced video and discovery searches to help better manage users' media collections.

Research Administration

RGS to sponsor teleconference on emerging legal threats in clinical trials

The Office of Research and Graduate Studies will sponsor a live teleconference entitled "Clinical Trials: Emerging Legal Threats" on Thursday, Nov. 29, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Room 152 Smissman on KU's West Campus. The teleconference will address the anticipated heightened federal scrutiny of clinical trials following the September report issued by the Department of Health and Human Services accusing the Food and Drug Administration of failing to provide adequate oversight of clinical trials. A panel of health care attorneys will examine the legal implications of conducting clinical research trials and best practices for researchers to avoid mistakes that can create liability exposure.

The panel will review these and other key questions:

- What clinical trial activities give rise to potential False Claims Act liability?
- What are the anti-kickback risks of conducting clinical trials?
- How can we limit our liability for the risks associated with conducting clinical trials?

Following the speaker presentations, attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions to the panelists.

To register, contact Susan MacNally, compliance coordinator, at 864-4148 or sumac@ku.edu. There is no cost to attend.

Baxendale named co-chair of university technology committee meeting

Jim Baxendale, director of technology transfer and intellectual property in the Office of Research and Graduate Studies, is co-chair of the Program Committee for the 2008 Central Region Meeting of the Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM), July 14-16 in Cleveland. More than 350 universities, research institutions, teaching hospitals and government agencies are members of AUTM, along with hundreds of companies that manage and license innovations based on academic and nonprofit research.

Open house meeting held Oct. 25

The Office of Research and Graduate Studies hosted an open house meeting at KU Memorial Union Oct. 25 for more than 75 departmental graduate directors and other staff. The meeting was led by Sara Rosen, associate vice provost and dean of graduate studies, and covered a wide range of topics related to the organization of graduate education at KU. Her PowerPoint presentation is available online at http://www.rgs.ku.edu/news/news/2007/_11/rgs_open_house.shtml. For more information, call the Graduate Studies main office at 864-8040.

New staff member joins Graduate Studies

Christine Bial will join the Office of Research and Graduate Studies Nov. 26 as an administrative professional at Strong Hall, reporting to Sara Rosen, associate vice provost and dean of graduate studies.

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Christine succeeds Virginia Saylor, who retired earlier this year. She will work with the registrar concerning graduate degree completions and with departments on new degrees and degree program changes. She will also oversee the graduate student exit survey, the electronic dissertations and thesis process and the review of appointments to graduate faculty status.

Christine has been at KU for the past year as an administrative associate senior in the Department of Theatre and Film, and the University Theatre. She previously was production manager and an adjunct professor in the Department of Theatre and Dance at the University of New Mexico. Her background includes a B.A. degree in psychology and theatre from Franklin College and an M.A. degree in performance studies from New York University.