

Research and Graduate Studies @ KU

Updates from the Office of Research and Graduate Studies



RGS Convocation to be held Jan. 29

You are invited to attend the Office of Research and Graduate Studies (RGS) Convocation on Tues., Jan. 29, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Alderson Auditorium in the Kansas Union. The program will include updates on research and graduate education at KU, and will feature presentations by three KU faculty members on the integration of research and graduate training in their respective fields:

- Barbara Kerr, Psychology and Research in Education
- Holly Storkel, Speech-Language-Hearing: Sciences and Disorders
- Paul Hanson, Chemistry

A question and answer session will be followed by a reception. For more information, contact Kevin Boatright, 864-7240 or kboatright@ku.edu.

Kansas Bioscience Authority hosts reception, State Capitol event

The Kansas Bioscience Authority will host a "Kansas Bioscience Day Kickoff Reception" on Tuesday, January 15, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, 1717 S.W. Topeka Blvd, Topeka. The following day, exhibits will be on display in the State Capitol featuring community and company investments made to date by the KBA. The purpose of the events is to bring legislators and other state leaders together with bioscience researchers and businesses to mark progress achieved in 2007 and to look ahead to 2008.

To attend the reception, please RSVP to Ashley Tyrrell, (913) 397-8300, tyrrell@kansasbioauthority.org.

National conference includes graduate student paper competition

KU will host a major, national, interdisciplinary conference in Lawrence Feb. 8-9 in the area of U.S. Latino/a studies. The conference, "Nuestra America in the U.S.?", coincides with the launching of a new KU academic minor in U.S. Latino/a studies. The conference will take place in the KU Memorial Union. Complete information is available at http://www.continuinged.ku.edu/programs/latino_studies.

Featured speakers include:

- Helena María Viramontes, Cornell University
- Juan Flores, New York University
- Emma Pérez, University of Colorado at Boulder
- Roberto Suro, University of Southern California
- Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo, University of Southern California
- Suzanne Oboler, City University of New York

Papers will be presented on a wide array of topics by researchers representing more than 80 universities and other institutions in the U.S. and elsewhere.

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All graduate students presenting papers at the conference are eligible for the Katzman-Yetman Award, named in honor of David Katzman and Norm Yetman, professors in the American Studies Program at KU. The winner will receive a \$250 prize, sponsored by the Mid-America American Studies Association. KU graduate students presenting at the conference include:

- Sandra Cox, English
- James Diego Frazier, Spanish and Portuguese
- Anna Gonzales, English
- Chloe Jones, English
- Susana Mariscal del Villar, Social Welfare
- Shannon Portillo, Public Administration
- Erika Sandoval, Latin American Studies
- Stephanie Scurto, English
- Justin Sevenker, English
- Cote Smith, English

More than 30 other KU graduate students and faculty members are presenting papers and/or moderating sessions at the conference.

Major KU co-sponsors of the conference are the Department of English, the Office of the Provost, KU Continuing Education, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Hall Center for the Humanities, the Hispanic American Leadership Organization (HALO), and Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority. Support is also being provided by national foundations and other KU academic units.

KU Bioentrepreneurship Symposium Feb. 9 to feature prominent alumnus

A symposium designed to introduce KU students to bioscience entrepreneurship is scheduled for Sat., Feb. 9, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the KU Alumni Center. The event is free, includes lunch and is open to students in any academic field who have an interest in entrepreneurship.

Randy Scott, chairman and CEO of **Genomic Health**, will make keynote remarks on the topic of "Bringing the Promise of Genomics to the Practice of Medicine: Opportunities for Bioentrepreneurship." Scott received a Ph.D. degree in biochemistry from KU. He co-founded Incyte, the world's first genomic information business, in 1991. An inventor with 25 issued patents, Scott has written more than 40 scientific publications in the fields of protein biology, gene discovery and cancer. In 1999, Forbes magazine listed him as one of "Biotech's Top 25 Influential Insiders."

Scott will also take part in a panel discussion with Tracy Taylor of the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation (KTEC), Lesa Mitchell of the Kauffman Foundation, and Jim Baxendale, director of technology transfer and intellectual property in KU's Office of Research and Graduate Studies. Provost Richard Lariviere will make opening remarks.

The symposium is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, KTEC, the Biology Alumni Advisory Board and the Department of Molecular Biosciences. For more information, contact Kathy Suprenant, chair of Molecular Biosciences, at 864-4580 or ksupre@ku.edu.

KU graduate student wins Kauffman Foundation dissertation fellowship

Shane Moser, a doctoral student in KU's School of Business, is one of 16 recipients nationwide of a \$20,000 dissertation fellowship from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.

The fellowships are awarded to current Ph.D. students who are engaged in the study of entrepreneurship at U.S. universities. A presentation ceremony was held Jan. 4 in New Orleans in conjunction with the American Economic Association's annual meeting.

Moser was one of 101 applicants nationwide. The title of his dissertation is "Does Diversity Among Co-Investing Venture Capital Firms Add Value for Entrepreneurial Companies?"

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January 15

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Capitol Plaza Hotel

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January 19-20

Kansas-IDEA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (K-INBRE) Symposium – 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

InterContinental Hotel

401 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Mo.

More information: <http://www.kumc.edu/kinbre/symposium.html>

January 22

NCURA 2008 Broadcast Workshop Series – 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Simons Auditorium, Higuchi Biosciences Center

Sponsored by the Office of Research and Graduate Studies and the Higuchi Biosciences Center

To register: Susan MacNally, 864-4148, or sumac@ku.edu. Please include your department name in the request.

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KU Alumni Center

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"An increasing number of doctoral students are choosing a dissertation topic related to entrepreneurship," said Robert Strom, director of entrepreneurship research and policy at the foundation. "The purpose of the Kauffman Dissertation Fellowship Program is to recognize excellence among a select group of the nation's future entrepreneurship scholars."

Including the current class of fellows, the foundation has made 78 awards since the program was created in 2002. "The students are writing dissertations in a variety of academic disciplines," said Strom. "For the foundation, we think that's important because entrepreneurship is cross-disciplinary."

Other recipients this year included students from Michigan, Berkeley, Wisconsin, MIT, Stanford, Harvard, Cornell and Chicago.

NCURA 2008 workshops beginning

The **National Council of University Research Administrators** (NCURA) has announced the NCURA TV 2008 Workshop Series schedule, with presentations in January, March, June and September.

The first workshop will be held Jan. 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Simons Auditorium in the Higuchi Biosciences Center. It will focus on "Managing Cost Issues." Faculty from around the country will discuss such topics as:

- personnel and payroll issues
- cost transfers
- cost sharing management and companion accounts
- costing and billing service centers
- allowability of certain troublesome costs (such as food)
- procurement cards

The workshops are funded by the **Office of Research and Graduate Studies** and the **Higuchi Biosciences Center**, and there is no cost to attend. Lunch breaks are only 30 minutes, so attendees are encouraged to bring a box lunch.

To register, e-mail your name and department to Susan MacNally, compliance coordinator in Research Integrity, at sumac@ku.edu. Continuing education credits are available, and participants may request these credits when registering.

Researchers & Grad Students in the News

KGS measures groundwater levels throughout state

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2007/december/14/groundwater.shtml>

Geological survey crews measured areas near Colby and St. Francis, moved to the Sharon Springs and Syracuse areas and finished near Hugoton and Liberal. Data collected from the wells signal changes in groundwater quantity.

KU researcher doubts U.S. avian flu tracking program

<http://www.news.ku.edu/2007/december/12/avian.shtml>

Distinguished professor A. Townsend Peterson said a governmental plan to detect the arrival of H5N1

