September 9, 2013: Faculty News

Assistant Professor Yvonnes Chen recently provided a peer review of an online course (Research Methods in Human Development) created by Dr. Kee Jeong Kim of the Human Development Department in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences at Virginia Tech. Dr. Kim, who won a university-wide teaching award in the spring, uses the Quality Matters model to evaluate course instruction. An award from the Virginia Tech provost funded development of her course.

Professor Barbara Barnett has been invited to write a chapter for a report to UNESCO for its upcoming Global Forum on Media and Gender, which will take place in Bangkok, Thailand, in December 2013. Barnett’s chapter will focus on sex trafficking, and she will be one of 15 contributors to the report.

Barnett will deliver the keynote address at a symposium entitled "Transgressing Borders--Reporting from Conflict Zones," Oct. 10 in Vienna, Austria. Barnett was invited by the U.S. State Department to deliver the speech. She will discuss the journalism school’s media and the military project, funded by the Robert R. McCormick Foundation. She and Prof. Tom Volek have coordinated the project for the past five years.

Barnett is the chair of a subcommittee that will prepare materials for KU’s reaccreditation by the Higher Learning Commission in 2015. Barnett is chairing the subcommittee on evaluation of student learning.
Advisor Kevin Lee attended the Kansas Academic Advising Network (KAAN) conference in McPherson on Friday, September 6.

A special lecture, "The Kennedy Assassination: The Media and the Moment," will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 21 in the Clarkson Gallery. The lecture, a part of Professor David Guth's JOUR 503 Journalism History class, is in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the JFK Assassination. Faculty and staff are invited. If you wish to bring students, please let Professor Guth know for the purpose of setting up chairs in the room.

**Join us for J-School Generations - Oct. 3-5**

Mark your calendars! The School of Journalism and Mass Communications is hosting the third annual J-School Generations event during Homecoming Week, **Oct. 3 - Oct. 5, 2013**.

This three-day event includes alumni-led lectures and class visits, a round-robin networking session for students and alumni, and a "Challenge Project," which will provide students the chance to work directly with alumni on a problem-solving project on Oct. 4. A staff, faculty, and alumni reception will take place on Oct. 3, as well as an alumni tailgate event at the Alumni Association's building on the day of the Homecoming football game on Oct. 5.

Please encourage your students to attend the events planned. A full schedule and RSVP information for faculty and alumni can be found on our [website](http://univeristyofkansasschoolofjournalism.createsend1.com/t/...).

**The Next Generation Program**

The Next Generation Program is now accepting applications for the Fall 2013 - Spring 2014 academic year. The Next Generation Program is the first student development/leadership program to be
implemented at the KU School of Journalism. To be considered, applicants must fill out the full application and commit to a full academic year in the program. Applications must be submitted by September 26 and sent to Justin Christian at J.Christian@ku.edu. 20-students from each class (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior) will be accepted into the program.

Next Generation students will work in teams of 16 made up of four journalism students from each class. Teams will be paired with an alumni and faculty advisor to help guide them through the program. Each year students will work with their advisors to choose an organization to help. Chosen organizations could include campus groups/departments, nonprofits, local businesses, or even tech startups in Kansas City. Teams will fulfill a function that their chosen organization cannot fulfill on their own. Students from both news and info and strategic communications will be placed together on teams. Each student will use their strengths to benefit the group and teach their teammates. Throughout a student’s time in the program, they will remain on the same team allowing for a collaborative environment to form. Each year, four seniors will graduate from the program and four freshmen will be added. Students who are accepted into the Next Generation Program are encouraged to remain in the program throughout the rest of their college career in the J-School. Teams are expected to complete a senior-level project for their chosen organization each year.

Students in the Next Generation Program will give multiple presentations over their work throughout the year. Each year during J-School Generations, Next Generation students will present their work from the past year to the alumni, faculty and staff who are in attendance. This allows for special networking opportunities with J-School alumni.

We look forward to seeing your application.

For more information, you can also visit the J-School Generations website.

**Student Opportunities**

**Princeton in Asia (PiA)** builds bridges between East and West by sending recent graduates on service fellowships in the fields of education, development, environmental advocacy, journalism and business. Founded in 1898, PiA’s original mission is as meaningful and urgent today as it was 115 years ago, as the need to facilitate cross-cultural understanding has never been greater. PiA has partners in over 20 countries, with locations ranging from developed, leading Asian economies such as Singapore, to emerging frontiers such as...
Tajikistan. We have an incredibly active group of fellows and alumni who, inspired by this yearlong PiA experience, maintain a lifetime commitment to cross-cultural understanding and love for service.

If you feel like adventure is in store for you next year, take the plunge -- you won’t regret it. The application is due **November 16**, and can be found [here](#).

**The Student Media Grants Program (SMGP)** is an annual photojournalism grant open to both undergraduate and graduate students at any accredited university worldwide.

The H.G. Buffett Foundation Chair on Conflict & Development at Texas A&M University is offering up to $5000 to students interested in researching and chronicling issues affecting people in fragile and conflict-affected nations.

Students should submit proposals that will describe their expected travel, research and photographic subjects. They should choose an international development area that reflects issues of food insecurity, health, education, land tenure, poverty, or other issues facing people in fragile and conflict-affected nations.

The deadline for proposals is **September 23**. [More information](#).

**Can We Fix the Deficit? with former Congressmen, Jim Slattery (D) & Tom Tauke (R)**
Monday, Sept. 23, Dole Institute
Afternoon Time TBA - Solutions Workshop
7:30 p.m. - Fixing the Deficit
Bob Dole was a deficit hawk. But what would you do to fix the nation’s budget? In true Dole Institute bipartisan spirit, this two-part program will explore the complexities of our nation’s budget with members of both parties. The day will begin with a “workshop,” led by Slattery and Tauke, where attendees can brainstorm and discuss possible ways to reduce the federal deficit. Then join us that evening for a discussion on the importance of dealing with the deficit and how it can be done in bipartisan fashion.