Faculty and Staff News


Price is also working on a five-minute film for KCPT about Medicaid in Missouri that will be shown in the next month or so.

Associate Professor Genelle Belmas and Brenner Center coordinator Lisa McLendon attended a kickoff meeting with faculty and staff working on “Big Tent Open Access” at Watson Library. This working group is planning initiatives to increase awareness about and participation in open access and alternative copyright issues. Among the possibilities being evaluated: an open access conference at KU and other campus events on the subject of open access.

Last month, Associate Professor Mugur Geana, M.D., and Assistant Professor Joseph Erba conducted focus groups with physicians, nurses and staff at the Tammy Walker Cancer Center in Salina and the Richard and Annette Bloch Cancer Center and Truman Medical Centers in Kansas City. This formative research is aimed at informing the development of patient-centered research, funded by the Midwest Cancer Alliance, to identify communication strategies to improve access, recruitment and retention of rural and inner-city patients into cancer clinical trials.

Assistant Professor Jonathan Peters is delivering a talk (“Thy Brother Came with Subtlety: Journalism and Its New Privacy Problem”) this week in Lawrence. Co-sponsored by the Lawrence Public Library and the local Nerd Nite affiliate, it will be Feb. 11 at Pachamama’s Alton Ballroom. The doors open at 7:30 p.m., the talk begins at 8 p.m., and there’s a $1 cover. Peters will explore the idea that in a digital world almost everything you do leaves a trace, and how that’s a problem for journalists who need to protect confidential sources and information.

Peters also published a Columbia Journalism Review column that criticized a Pennsylvania grand jury report recommending changes to the state shield law that would narrow its protections for journalists.

Assistant Professor Hyunjin Seo will participate in the Freedom House New York review meeting for its annual Press Freedom Index on Feb. 13. Seo serves as an Asia-Pacific analyst for the Press Freedom Index, contributing to its reports and attending review meetings.

Adrianna Choquette, who is in charge of recruitment at the Kansas City company Mindmixer, was a guest at the strategic communications faculty meeting on Jan. 30. Mindmixer hosts interactive online websites for hundreds of clients, and Choquette
spoke about what skills and traits Mindmixer looks for when hiring and how they find those candidates on LinkedIn.

Mark Johnson filed a brief today at the U.S. Supreme Court in favor of the court hearing a case on the Wisconsin Voter ID law. Johnson represents a group called ColorofChange.org, which advocates for the rights of minorities and low-income Americans. He took on this representation about two weeks ago and hopes it will lead to a Supreme Court decision clearly defining the types of photo IDs that the states can require when voters appear at the polls and the accommodations that the states have to afford individuals who object to photo IDs for religious or philosophical reasons.

Johnson is also one of the two principal lawyers for the plaintiffs in the ongoing litigation about same-sex marriage in Kansas. Johnson is a member of the Kansas ACLU Board of Directors, and he is working with the ACLU’s legal director on this case. The plaintiffs have won the right to marry, but the state is now fighting over the claim that the state should grant all rights to same-sex couples that are extended to heterosexual couples. The state has appealed the federal court’s allowance of same-sex marriage to the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, while the claim on rights is still pending in the District Court in Kansas City, Kansas.

Johnson is working with one of his law partners to write the rules for the selection of delegates from Democrats Abroad (the organization of Democrats who live outside the United States) to the 2016 Democratic Convention. Johnson has been invited to present the new rules to the annual convention of Democrats Abroad in the Dominican Republic in May.

In the next two weeks, three candidates will be visiting the J-School to interview for a position that is being partly funded by East Asian Studies. The new faculty member will have a research focus on East Asia.

**Student News and Opportunities**

Associate Professor Tim Bengston’s Strategic Campaigns students will be working with Weaver’s department store this spring. Joe Flannery, president, and his son Brady will visit the class Thursday to provide a briefing on the brand and participate in a Q&A session. Both will return to campus to evaluate student projects on May 11 when students make their presentations in Alderson Auditorium.

Mike Yoder, longtime photographer for the Lawrence Journal-World, visited the Photojournalism class (JOUR 610) on Feb. 3. Yoder used his work at the local newspaper to illustrate different visual techniques to make an image compelling. Yoder’s colleague Nick Krug will visit class this week to speak about photographing sports, one of Krug’s specialties.

Good Morning KU celebrated its 200th show Jan. 30 in Media Crossroads. The show made its debut Sept. 2, 2013, and has not missed a scheduled broadcast since. More than 150 students have contributed to the production in one way or another, ranging from camera operator to producer. GMKU is live-streamed at 10 a.m. and can be viewed online at journalism.ku.edu/crossroads and can be seen on TV channels 31 and 2-1. Watch the 200th show here: http://bit.ly/1Dc5sAK

Nathan Rodriguez, Ph.D. student, will make presentations at the
Ethnographic & Qualitative Research Conference in Las Vegas this month and at the Mid-America Humanities Conference in Lawrence in March.

Assistant Professor Peter Bobkowski’s Informania class (JOUR 302) visited the Watkins Museum on Feb. 6 to learn about the history of Lawrence. Students will use what they learned to build a website about the City Commission election, which takes place later this spring.

KU’s Wounded Warrior Scholarship is available to any current and incoming KU student who suffered injuries while serving in the military, is the primary caregiver of a wounded warrior, or is the surviving spouse/child of a fallen service member. Scholarships are awarded between $3,000 and $10,000 and are renewable for up to four years of graduate or undergraduate study, provided the recipients maintain good academic standing. http://bit.ly/16nwhs6

Applications for Barkey’s 2015 Summer Mentorship Program are due Feb. 16. This is a paid position from June 1 through Aug. 7 at the advertising agency in Kansas City. Students must be a student entering the junior or senior year of college. Learn how to apply here: http://bit.ly/1LQILJs

The Associated Press Sports Editors are sponsoring four $1,500 scholarship for collegiate sports journalists. APSE, a national organization, is awarding the scholarships to motivate talented students to pursue careers in sports journalism. Collegiate sports journalists entering their sophomore, junior or senior years are eligible for the scholarship, which will be awarded based on the student’s journalistic work, academic record, financial need and geography. The scholarships will be awarded to students from four different regions of the United States. Deadline is June 1.

Include the following information in letter of application:

- Personal: Name, address, age, phone number
- Academic: A copy of the student’s collegiate grades
- Financial: A brief rundown of the student’s financial situation, and how he/she plans to pay for tuition
- Five examples of sports journalism (usually stories but could also be sections the student has edited), using either links or PDFs

Email information to Joe Sullivan, sports editor of the Boston Globe at Jtsullivan@globe.com with APSE Scholarship in subject line.

Alumni News


Charlene Chen, 2013 J- School graduate, has just accepted a position at ZenithOptimedia, a marketing agency in New York City, part of Publicis Groupe.

Angelique McNaughton, a 2011 J-School graduate, is now the county reporter for the Park Record in Park City, Utah. The Record is a twice-weekly newspaper that has served Summit County since 1880.

The KSPA needs you

Judges are still needed for the Kansas Scholastic Press Association regional contest on Feb. 27, when KU will welcome hundreds of student journalists to campus. Each entry must be scored and winners designated.

What can we offer in return? A free lunch and a ton of gratitude! Here are the details:

One way to judge: On the day of the contest at the Kansas Union. We will have nine contests (all concerning writing, editing and cartooning). Time: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Perks: includes lunch!

Another way to judge: Remotely on your own schedule. Contests in photography, advertising and design will have electronic submission that will be ready for your critique by Feb. 26. Time: completed by March 1 Perks: work at your own pace and place

If you are interested in helping, please email KSPA executive director Eric Thomas at ericthomas@ku.edu or sign up here.
Mark Your Calendar

Feb. 10: Celebrate William Allen White’s birthday with cupcakes at 11 a.m. in Clarkson Gallery

Feb. 15: Application deadline for current KU students to apply to the J-School

Feb. 19-20: Journalist and author Andrew Revkin will speak about the changing media and environmental climates at 7 p.m. on Feb. 19 at The Commons. He also will be participating in a lunch discussion at noon Feb. 20 at The Commons. RSVPs required by Feb. 12 for the lunch at thecommons@ku.edu.

Feb. 27: Kansas Scholastic Press Association Contest, Kansas Union

March 4: Journalism Career Fair, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Kansas Union

March 6: Faculty meeting, 1:30-3 p.m., 206 SF

March 10: Share your vision for the future of the J-School at Doughnuts with the Dean, 9 a.m., Clarkson Gallery

April 6: Tenured faculty PRO updates due

April 8: Share your vision for the future of the J-School at Doughnuts with the Dean, 9 a.m., Clarkson Gallery

April 23: William Allen White Foundation National Citation and Annual Awards and Scholarship Ceremony, 4 p.m., Kansas Union, Woodruff Auditorium

April 24: William Allen White Foundation Burton W. Marvin Kansas News Enterprise Awards, Noon, Adams Alumni Center

May 2: Kansas Scholastic Press Association Contest, Kansas Union

May 8: Faculty meeting, 1:30-3 p.m., 206 SF

May 16: J-School Graduation Recognition, Lied Center

June 21-25: Kansas Journalism Institute

Oct. 29-31: J-School Generations