**Faculty and Staff News**

Associate Dean Scott Reinardy discussed the role the media plays in reporting war with KTWU’s Janet Thompson Jackson last month for an “I’ve Got Issues” piece, “Commemorating Vietnam.”

Assistant Professor Jonathan Peters wrote two columns for the Columbia Journalism Review, one about a new public records program in Ohio, and another about the openness of government information surrounding the Freddie Gray investigation. The columns were noted by The Plain Dealer, The Root, Editor & Publisher, and the public editor for The New York Times.

Peters and Visiting Professor Dawn Fallik co-wrote a story for Poynter about the pervasiveness/effects of indemnity clauses in freelance contracts. The story generated a large amount of social media discussion and even criticism of Poynter and the Columbia Journalism Review, in particular, for including such provisions in their contracts.

Associate Professor Tien Lee is co-author of a paper, “Egalitarian Values and Media Use: An Examination of Gay Rights Supporters’ Traditional and New Media Habits,” which has been accepted for presentation at the annual Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Conference in San Francisco in August.

Lee gave a lecture on the characteristics and future trends of American mass and social media at the Northwest University for Nationals in Lanzhou, China, on May 22. On May 25, he gave a lecture at Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, China, on how media convergence has affected journalism education in the United States.

Assistant Professors Peter Bobkowski and Jerry Crawford have been selected by their peers to present their research in the Scholastic Journalism Division at the AEJMC conference. Bobkowski’s paper, “Who are the Journalism Kids, and Do They Do Better?” was ranked highest in the Scholastic Journalism Division. It was co-written with Sarah Cavanah and Patrick Miller. Crawford’s paper is “African American Kansas scholastic journalism: A Loss of Minority Voices in the Construct of Democracy.”

An article co-written by Bobkowski, “Talking Politics on Facebook: Network Centrality and Political Discussion Practices in Social Media,” appears in the June 2015 issue of Political Research Quarterly. Patrick Miller (KU, Political Science), Dan Malinak and Ron Rapoport (both from the College of William & Mary) were co-authors.

Bobkowski and co-authors Autumn Shafer and Rebecca Ortiz (both from Texas Tech University) will present their study, "Sexual Intensity of Adolescents' Online Self-Presentations: Joint Contribution of Identity and Media Consumption," to the Communication Technology Division at the AEJMC conference.

Bobkowski and Jessica Smith (Abilene Christian University) will present their curricular project, "Throwback Thursday: Learning How Web Design has Changed and Mastering Basic HTML," in the Great Ideas for Teachers (GIFT) session at the AEJMC conference.


Student News & Opportunities

Nathan Rodriguez, who has earned the school's first doctoral degree, has been awarded this year's ComSHER Eason Prize for top student paper, which is the largest paper award given to graduate students at AEJMC. Rodriguez will present his paper, "Vaccine-Hesitant Justifications: From Narrative Transportation to the Conflation of Expertise," during the ComSHER top paper session on Aug. 8. He is pictured above with his parents at the J-School's recognition ceremony.

Congratulations to the following J-School students, who have earned scholarships from the Kansas Association of Broadcasters and the KAB Foundation: Scott Chasen, Kayla Schartz, Chris Sitek and Cailey Taylor.

Janet Rose is the new advisor for Ad Club, and David Guth is the new advisor for PRSSA. Ad Club officers for 2015-2016 are:

Logan Hassig, president
Will Nye, vice president
Elizabeth Romme, treasurer
Sean Murray, marketing manager
Emily Johanek, secretary
Emily Derrick, assistant

Benjamin Allen is a production intern for the Washington Nationals.

KJHK is recruiting KU students for the fall semester for these positions: DJs, music, arts and culture, multimedia, sports, street team, production and live music. All positions are volunteer and are open to any KU student enrolled in at least one credit hour. Applications are open now through the fall semester. Learn more or apply on the KJHK website.

Editor & Publisher is now accepting entries for the 2015 EPPY Awards, which recognize the best in digital media in 31 categories, including three college/university categories.

Keep updated on new job and internship opportunities on the J-School website. Send new postings to julieadam@ku.edu.

Alumni Updates
J-School alumnus J.B. Forbes of the The St. Louis Post-Dispatch & STLtoday.com picked up his Pulitzer Prize on May 28 at Columbia University.

Nathan Vernon, 2005 J-School gradatue, was one of the producers for a Broadway musical called “Fun Home,” which won a Tony Award earlier this month.

Barbara Bichelmeyer, 1982 J-School graduate, has been named executive vice chancellor and provost of the University of Missouri-Kansas City. bit.ly/1e8LTUQ

Andy Finch, 1991 J-School graduate and associate professor at Vanderbilt’s Peabody College, was one of nine people named as Advocates for Action by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. bit.ly/1GHk1BP

Austin Fisher, 2015 J-School graduate, is working at the Garden City Telegram as an education reporter.

Kaitlyn Klein, a May 2015 J-School graduate, accepted a summer position as a special events undergraduate program assistant for the Kansas Women’s Leadership Institute. She is currently seeking full-time employment editing or writing for a women’s/social justice advocacy organization.

**Mark Your Calendar**

**June 21-25:** Kansas Journalism Institute summer camp. Learn more at [KJI website](http://example.com)

**July 3:** Campus closed for Independence Day holiday

**Aug. 6-9:** AEJMC annual conference, San Francisco

**Aug. 18:** Faculty/staff retreat, Clarkson conference room, SF 111, time TBA

**Aug. 23:** Academic welcome for new students, 3-5 p.m., Stauffer-Flint Hall

**Aug. 24:** Fall classes begin

**Sept. 11:** Faculty meeting, 1:30-3 p.m., SF 206

**Oct. 18-20:** Kansas Association of Broadcasters Convention at the Oread Hotel

**Oct. 23:** Faculty meeting, 1:30-3 p.m., SF 206

**Oct. 29-31:** J-School Generations

**Dec. 11:** Faculty meeting with lunch following, 10-11:30 a.m., SF 206

**Jan. 29:** Faculty meeting, 1:30-3 p.m., SF 206

**March 25:** Faculty meeting, 1:30-3 p.m., SF 206

**April 21-23, 2016:** Kansas Press Association convention, Overland Park

**May 6:** Faculty meeting with lunch following, 10-11:30 a.m., SF 206