Associate Professor Barbara Barnett and Associate Professor Tien Lee are co-authors of a paper titled "Chronic pain: Sources' framing of post-traumatic stress disorder in The New York Times," that has been accepted for presentation at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, which will take place in August 2016 in Minneapolis.

Barnett's paper, "The Good Mother/God Mother: Women and community 'mommy blogs'," has been accepted for presentation at the International Association of Media and Communication Research in Leicester, England in July.

Associate Professor Genelle Belmas is co-author of a project, "Star-Spangled: The Flag as Tool of Protest and Nationalism," that has been accepted for presentation at the Popular Culture Association's annual meeting, March 22-25, 2016, in Seattle. The paper's co-author is Brian Larson, assistant professor at Georgia Tech.

Kerry Benson, strategic communication track chair, presented a lecture to researchers, engineers, students and post-docs on "Persuading Difficult People" on Nov. 19 at KU's Center for Environmentally Beneficial Catalysis. The center's researchers, faculty and staff are involved in developing cost-competitive chemical manufacturing processes that prevent waste and conserve natural resources.

Benson presented on "Music in Multimedia Storytelling" at the Journalism Education Association/National Scholastic Press Association Spring National High School Journalism Convention on April 15 in Los Angeles.

Kerry Benson took part in two KU Learning Community workshops to collaborate with Jim Mielke, associate dean for the Social and Behavioral Sciences in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and biological anthropology professor. Benson and Mielke will integrate work in their disciplines to use when Mielke's anthropology students take Benson's JOUR101 class in the fall.

Research by Assistant Professor Peter Bobkowski and Associate Professor Genelle Belmas, "Silence of the Girls," will be presented April 21 at a conference sponsored by the Kopenhaver Center for the Advancement of Women in Communication of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Florida International University. The theme of the conference is "Equity and Quality of the Sexes in Communication: Are Women Getting There?"

Bobkowski presented his and Associate Professor Genelle Belmas' research at SXSWedu on March 8 in Austin, Texas. Their study is informing a new "Active Voice" campaign (thactivevoicevoice.org) that aims to support young women across the country in expressing themselves about issues that matter to them.

Associate Professor Yvonnes Chen presented a 90-minute talk on social media and health promotion to staff of the KU Work Group for Community Health and Development and its Wyandotte community partners on Nov. 13. This talk discussed how to integrate the health communicator's social media toolkit from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, content calendar, and social media measurement matrix into community health promotion.

Chen's lead-author work was accepted for presentation in the Communicating Science, Health, Environment, and Risk Division at 2016 AEJMC. She worked with Lawrence-Douglas County Department of Health staffers Chris Tilden and Dee Vernberg to explore adolescents' perceptions of e-cigarettes and marketing messages using a series of focus groups.

Associate Professors Carol Holstead and Yvonnes Chen and Assistant Professor Joseph Erba presented at the Center for Teaching Excellence Teaching Slam event March 25 in the Chen and Holstead present at the Center for Teaching Excellence Teaching Slam on March 25. Clarkson Gallery. They joined speakers from other disciplines to share their best teaching tips, assessment ideas and class activities in front of a packed audience. Holstead presented "Facebook: An Easy Way to Engage Students." Her interactive presentation gave specific examples from her Visual Storytelling class and offered tips to help other instructors incorporate Facebook into their course design. Erba and Chen presented "Students' Evaluations of Research
Methods Learning Activities." Their talk focused on how smaller sessions positively affected students' confidence in instructional methods and enhanced their learning when compared to face-to-face and flipped classroom activities.

Kelly Crane, Integrated Marketing Communication education program manager, and Angie Pastorek, program manager of the Professional Workplace Communication Graduate Certificate, presented at the Kansas City Direct Marketing Association's Direct Marketing Symposium on Jan. 18 at the KU Edwards Campus. With research, anecdotes and activities, they talked about networking life hacks for personal and professional networking.

Associate Professor Jerry Crawford had Sgt.Trent McKinley, public affairs officer for the Lawrence Police Department, visit his J550 Digital Media students on Sept. 2. McKinley shared with the students strategies and procedural steps helpful in covering stories involving the police department. McKinley walked the students through the Freedom of Information Act, the different law enforcement agencies in the area, and the court recording methodology in several jurisdictions. The discussion is the first in a series of sessions for the J550 students and the police department.

Retired KU Professor Larry Day joined Crawford's J608 Ethics class Sept. 1 to share his lecture on "Cultural Awareness in Latin America and the World." Day's presentation included discussions on how Cuba's historical progress from the early 1800s to today is intertwined with America. Day discussed the nuances and journalistic skills needed to work on projects in Cuba in the face of restrictions of both the U.S. and Cuban governments. The class is working on how different cultural differences can be viewed and understood with first-hand knowledge of these communities and not just reading about them in books.

Associate Professor Mugur Geana spoke to the Advisory Board of KU International Programs on Oct. 30. His presentation focused on the results and achievements of a three-year research study on strategic communication about dengue fever involving underserved communities in Costa Rica, a project funded by International Programs and the University of Costa Rica.

Geana delivered a presentation Nov. 5 about the increased need to develop mobile applications for research in public health at the 2015 Speed Science meeting at KU Medical Center. The science networking event included researchers from Children's Mercy Hospital, the University of Missouri-Kansas City and KU Medical Center and explored new research ideas and collaborations in the KC area and beyond.

The research paper titled "To be (or not) a Guinea Pig: Patients' knowledge and beliefs about cancer clinical trials" by Associate Professor Mugur Geana and Assistant Professor Joseph Erba has been selected for presentation at the 2016 Conference of the International Communication Association, which will be in May in Fukuoka, Japan. The paper is the result of research conducted by Geana and Erba with funding from the Midwest Cancer Alliance through the Health Communication Research Shared Resource of the University of Kansas Cancer Center.

Two research papers by Geana have been accepted for presentation to the prestigious International Conference on Communication in Healthcare on Sept. 7-10, 2016, at the University of Heidelberg, Germany. Geana, who is the principal author on both papers, conducted these projects in collaboration with researchers from three continents. The "Knowledge, barriers to prevention, and sources of information about dengue in rural Costa Rica" paper was developed in partnership with academics from the University of Costa Rica, and "Framing Angelina Jolie: Newspaper reporting in the US and the UK on her 2013 breast surgery" is the result of work with researchers in the United Kingdom and Bahrain. Doctoral student Monique Robinson also contributed to the second paper and is one of the co-authors. Geana also delivered a presentation on his research on strategic communication on dengue fever to faculty and students from the KU Center of Latin American & Caribbean Studies. After the presentation, Geana accepted the position of affiliate faculty for the KU Center of Latin American & Caribbean Studies.

Associate Professor David Guth has been invited to speak at the NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center Engineering Colloquium at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, on March 14. The colloquium invites guest speakers from a variety of fields to talk to NASA spacecraft engineers, scientists
and administrative employees on topics of interest. Guth's topic is based on his book, "Bridging the Chesapeake - A 'Fool Idea' that Unified Maryland."

Associate Professor Tien Lee gave a research talk titled "The Measures and Effects of Political Ideologies," at the City University of Hong Kong on Jan. 11.

Bremner Center Coordinator Lisa McLendon and six students attended the American Copy Editors Society annual conference in Portland, Oregon, earlier this month. The conference drew 650 copy editors from the United States and Canada for training and networking. McLendon presented a session called "Real Rules vs. Grammar Myths" that drew more than 200 attendees. KU student Emily Donovan wrote two stories for the conference blog, and student Emma LeGault also won second place in the headline competition at the conference. (From left) Alleynah Cofas, Kansan Editor-in-Chief Vicky Diaz-Camacho, 2015 J-School graduate Tara Bryant, Bremner Center Coordinator Lisa McLendon, 2014 J-School graduate Hayley Jozwiak, Dani Malakoff, Emma LeGault, Emily Donovan and Leah Sitz

Assistant Professor Jonathan Peters will be in Oklahoma City on Oct. 8-10 at the national convention of the American Journalism Historians Association, where he will present his research on news coverage of the Oklahoma City bombing and its effect on media law.

Peters spoke at the Law & Media Conference of the Ohio State Bar Association, where he discussed the use of police body cams and their implications for public records law.

Peters will give a talk, "Sexual expression and the First Amendment: From classic works of literature to sexting via Snapchat, your rights to express yourself sexually" for Naismith Hall's Fireside Chat Series at 5 p.m. March 31 at Naismith Hall.

Peters gave a research presentation at The Commons about press relations at the U.S. Supreme Court, and he delivered a lecture during KU Junior Day to high school students interested in attending KU. Peters was in Los Angeles the previous week to speak at the national convention of the Journalism Education Association and the National Scholastic Press Association, where he presented on three topics: attitudes toward free speech among millennials, the rights of reporters to cover protests, and developments in libel law.

Professor Scott Reinardy was interviewed by Radio Free Europe about his study, "The New Women's Movement: Burnout, Workload Driving Females from U.S. Newspaper Newsrooms." The paper was presented at the International Communication Association conference in May and has been submitted for publication.

Nathan Rodriguez had his paper, "Conspiracy Theories and Vaccine-Hesitant Discourse," accepted for presentation at the 28th annual Ethnographic & Qualitative Research conference Feb. 1-2, 2016, in Las Vegas.

Rodriguez had his paper, "Hero or traitor? A comparative analysis of mass media representations of Edward Snowden," accepted for presentation at the 74th annual Midwest Political Science Association conference on April 7-10 in Chicago.

Steve Rottinghaus, career and outreach coordinator, was a session speaker today at the Council for Advancement and Support of Education's District VI conference at The Westin in Kansas City, Missouri. He spoke on internal communications.

An interdisciplinary research team led by Assistant Professor Hyunjin Seo and Fengjun Li (computer science) presented a peerreviewed research paper, “Trust-Aware Review Spam Detection,” to the IEEE International Conference on Trust, Security and Privacy in Computing and Communications on Aug. 21 in Helsinki, Finland. The other authors include Hao Xue and Roseann Pluretti, Ph.D. students in computer science and J-School.
Seo’s paper, "Network Approach to Regime Type and Global Internet Connectedness," has been accepted for presentation to the Digital and Social Media Division at the Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS) Jan. 5-8, 2016, in Kauai, Hawaii. This paper examines the relationship between regime type, country access to the internet at both domestic and global levels, and economic development via a longitudinal network analysis of economic, population and internet data from 2002-2011.

Seo’s two research papers have been accepted for presentation at the 2016 International Communication Association conference, which will be June 9-13 in Fukuoka, Japan. The first paper, "Roles of Social Media in Social Support and Adjustment: A Study of International Students in the United States," was co-written with Ren-Whei Harn and Husain Ebrahim, J-School Ph.D. students, and José Aldana, a University Scholar and School of Business honors student. The second paper, "Information Communication Technologies and Economic Performance," was co-written with Stuart Thorson at Syracuse University.

Seo’s paper "Perceptions of Online Reviews: Motivation, Sidedness, and Reviewer Information" has been accepted for presentation in the Communication Technology Division during the AEJMC annual convention in Minneapolis.

Associate Dean Tom Volek and Professor Chuck Marsh's paper, "Daddy, Let's Get Los Angeles!' Public Relations, Advertising, and the Social Adoption of Radio, 1922-1924" has been accepted for presentation at the International History of Public Relations Conference July 5-7 in Bournemouth, United Kingdom.