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Faculty News

Assistant Professor Jerry Crawford is a candidate for University Faculty Senate. Faculty can vote until 4 p.m. March 25.

Pam Fine, Knight Chair in News, Leadership and Community, was a judge for two national journalism contests recently: the ASNE Writing Awards and the Scripps Howard Foundation Awards. Fine joined editors from around the country at the Poynter Institute in St. Petersburg, Fl., for each of the judging sessions. Fine also brought Mike Ventura, managing editor of DNAInfo/New York, to the J-school as part of an AEJMC/Scripps Howard Social Media externship she was awarded last year. Fine spent two weeks last summer at the news site. In return, Ventura visited classes to share his experiences and expertise.

Student News
Sophomore Ben Allen welcomed seniors Andrew Curtis and Farzin Vousoughian onto his 3 in the Key sports talk show on March 5. Following the tradition of the basketball team, the two seniors were selected to broadcast the final home men’s game for KJHK later that night. 3 in the Key is one of 14 student-produced programs that are live-streamed from Media Crossroads each week.

The Society of Professional Journalists recognized the following Journalism students as Mark of Excellence Award region 7 winners:

Justin Wilson: Radio In-Depth Reporting
Scott Ross: Radio In-Depth Reporting
Mike Vernon: Sports Column Writing
Kalen Stockton: Radio Feature
Chrissie Noriega: Radio Feature
Laken Rapier: Non-Fiction Magazine Article
Marc Schroeder: Best Affiliated Web Site
Sarah Brennan: Best Affiliated Web Site
Taylor Umbrell: Best Affiliated Web Site
Emily Donovan: Best News Reporting (2x)
Blake Schuster: Sports Writing
Mike Vernon: Sports Writing
George Mullinix: Breaking News Photography

In addition, the University Daily Kansan and KJHK won awards. Congratulations, students!

PhD student Chris Bacon’s wife, Kendra, was a contest on Wheel of Fortune over winter break. Her episode airs Wednesday, March 19th at 6:30 p.m. on Fox 4. She made the contestant list after auditioning at KC Power & Light last summer. Good luck, Kendra!

Jacklyn Baillergeon, a strategic communications major, was named one of AAF’s MPMS students in 2014. This is a prestigious student award in advertising.
Alumni News

Carlos Beltran (BSJ 2009) was recently named Vimeo's February Storyhunter of the Month for his work in Venezuela. He covered Venezuela's protests for Fusion TV. You can check out his interview with Storyhunter co-founder Alex Ragir here.

Guest Speakers

Rob Karwath, president and chief executive of North Coast Communications in Duluth, Minn., spoke via Skype to honors students in Associate Professor Doug Ward's sections of Infomania.

Mark Your Calendar

The School of Journalism Scholarship & Awards Ceremony will take place Wednesday, April 23 at 4:00 p.m. in the Kansas Union Ballroom. Faculty and staff are invited to attend the ceremony.

Journalism honors students are invited to an informal meeting at 5:30 p.m. April 10 in the Clarkson Gallery. The event will provide an opportunity to meet other honors students in the school and to talk ways to create more of a community among journalism honors students. Please RSVP to Associate Professor Doug Ward (dbward@ku.edu) by April 7.

There will be a research brownbag lunch meeting on Wednesday, March 26 from noon to 1 p.m. in Stauffer-Flint room 104. The topic is AEJMC papers.

Student Opportunities

The Center for Civic and Social Responsibility (CCSR) is sponsoring a PSA contest and journalism students are encouraged to participate. The Inspire a Change in 60 Seconds Video Contest is designed to give you a fun, creative venue to speak out about a cause that is important to you. KU students are challenged to create and submit a Public Service Announcement (PSA) with the goal to increase awareness about a social issue and inspire people to make a change. You can find more information here.
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