Faculty and Staff News

Associate Professor Yvonne Chen, along with Assistant Professor Laura Martin of the University of Kansas Medical Center, received a $35,000 grant from The University of Kansas Cancer Center to study how adolescent smokers respond to e-cigarette advertising.

Knight Chair Pam Fine was an invited attendee at the Entrepreneurial and Social Journalism Educators summit in July hosted by Tow-Knight Center for Entrepreneurial Journalism at the City University of New York. The summit focused on design thinking and best practices for preparing students for professional work.

Associate Professor Carol Holstead’s book chapter, "Magazine Design: Defining the Visual Architecture," has been published in The Routledge Handbook of Magazine Research. The book is the only comprehensive review of academic research on magazines. The book was released in July.

Lecturer Mark Johnson was featured in Sunday’s Kansas City Star with a Q&A about the effect of the Voting Rights Act 50 years after its passage. Read the article here: http://bit.ly/1SCiznZ


Heather Lawrenz joined the J-School in June as digital media specialist. Her job includes supporting students and professors using the labs in Stauffer-Flint Hall, as well as developing technology training modules for classroom and anywhere/anytime use by students. She is an Adobe Certified Associate in Photoshop and has worked extensively using Adobe products for nearly 20 years. Contact Heather at halawrenz@ku.edu or call her at Ext. 4601.
Associate Professor Yvonnes Chen’s Campaigns students won a 2015 Bronze Quill award from the International Association of Business Communicators-Kansas City chapter. The Kansas City Quills Awards recognize the best in communications in Kansas City. The J-School student group JH6 Solutions created "Play With Your Food" campaign for Kansas Action for Children, a nonprofit child advocacy organization based in Topeka. The campaign created fun, engaging materials to targeted child-care providers in an effort to change the food and beverage environment in the child-care settings. Members of JH6 Solutions included Camden Bender, Jordan Mentzer, Lauren Rellihan, Taylor Zahrt and Sara Lipson and Paul Pierce II (pictured above).

Congratulations to J-School students Harrison Drake and Cailey Taylor, who are scholarship recipients from the regional National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) Mid-America Emmy chapter. Read more here: http://bit.ly/KUemmy

Amie Just has been named a Murray Scholar, from the Jim Murray Memorial Foundation, which raises money to provide journalism scholarships to college students. To date, the foundation has awarded 93 $5,000 scholarships.
Devinee Fitzgerald, master’s student, wrote the following article during her internship at Autodesk in San Francisco:


Several employers have contacted the J-School looking for students and graduates to fill internships and jobs. Please check the J-School website to see all of the opportunities: http://journalism.ku.edu/journalism-career-center

Attention, J-School students! Do you want to produce and edit stories that matter? Do you want to develop news applications or improve the content presentation online? Want to be a part of one of the biggest changes of The Kansan’s 110-year history? Join the Kansan this fall as a correspondent. Correspondents are needed across sections — news, arts and culture, opinion, photo, design, sports and web. Prior experience at the Kansan or other publications is not a requirement. If you’re interested, reach out to an editor.

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AEJMC Conference

Associate Professor Carol Holstead will receive her 2015 Educator of the Year Award in the Magazine Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication on Saturday at the AEJMC conference in San Francisco. For 20 years, Holstead has managed the division’s national student magazine contest, which annually attracts more than 250 entries from universities in the United States and Canada.

Several J-School faculty and students will are participating in the AEJMC conference this week in San Francisco. Here is the schedule of events that includes KU J-School representatives:

**Aug. 5**
Jonathan Peters, moderator
Law and Policy Division
Session: Blurred Lines, Facebook Rap, and Journalists in Jail: Bringing Major Communication Law Cases From the Past Year to the Classroom

**Aug. 6**
Nathan Rodriguez
Sports Comm. Interest Group
Divorce in Sports: Enduring Grief and the Fluidity of Fandom
* Second place top student paper

Goran Ghafour and Barbara Barnett
International Communication Division
Journalists in Peril: In-Depth Interviews with Iraqi Journalists Covering Everyday Violence

Peter Bobkowski and Jessica Smith (Abilene Christian)
Scholastic Journalism Division
Throwback Thursday: Learning How Web Design Has Changed and Mastering Basic HTML

Joseph Erba and Mike Radlick (American University)
Communication Technology Division
Exploring the Uses and Gratifications of Hispanic and White Facebook and Twitter users

Peter Bobkowski, Autumn Shafter (Oregon) and Rebecca Ortiz (Texas Tech)
Communication Technology Division
Sexual Intensity of Adolescents' Online Self-Presentations: Joint Contribution of Identity and Media Consumption
Goran Ghafour and Amr El-Affi
Graduate Student Interest Group
A Survey of Egyptian Journalists’ Perception of Press Freedom in Post-Revolutionary Egypt

Peter Bobkowski, Sara Cavanah (Minnesota) and Patrick Miller
Scholastic Journalism Division
Who Are the Journalism Kids, and Do They Do Better?
* Top Faculty Paper

Yvonnes Chen, Kathleen Porter, Jamie Zoellner, and Paul Estabrooks
Communicating Science, Health, Environment, Risk Division
Examining the Impact of a Health Literacy and Media Literacy Intervention on Adults' Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Media Literacy Skills

Aug. 7
Hannah Kang and Moon J. Lee
Communicating Science, Health, Environment and Risk
The impact of Message Framing and Evidence Type in Anti-Binge Drinking Messages

Nathan Rodriguez
Cultural and Critical Studies Division
David Foster Wallace: Testing the Commencement Speech Genre

Husain Ebrahim and Hyunjin Seo
Visual Communication Division
Twitter Images in Middle Eastern Higher Education: A Visual Content Analysis Approach

Yvonnes Chen, discussant
Scholastic Journalism Division
Topic — Majors, Multimedia and Multiculturalism

Tien-Tsung Lee and Gary Hicks (Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville)
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Interest Group
Egalitarian Values and Media Use: An Examination of Gay Rights Supporters’ Traditional and New Media Habits

Aug. 8
Goran Ghafour and Barbara Barnett
International Communication Division
Journalists in Peril: In-Depth Interviews with Iraqi Journalists Covering Everyday Violence

Joseph Erba and Alana Rudkin (American University)
International Communication Division
Exploring the Relationship Between Myanmar Consumers’ Social
Identity, Attitudes Toward Globalization and Consumer Preferences

Hyunjin Seo, Fengjun Li, Jeongsub Lim, Roseann Pluretti, Hao Xue and Sreenivas Vekapu
Communication Technology Division
User Ratings of Yelp Reviews: A Big Data Analysis Approach

Hyunjin Seo, discussant
Mass Communication and Society Division
Journalism: Profession and Practice Scholar-to-Scholar Session

Monique L. Robinson and Timothy Luisi
Religion and Media Interest Group
Sexual Battlegrounds: How Abstinent Christian Men Select and Navigate Media Content

Joseph Erba, Joe Graf (American University) and Ren Harn
Communication Technology Division
The Role of Cues in Perceptions of Online Discussion

Hyunjin Seo, panelist
AEJMC Panel
2015 recipient of the Paul J. Deutschmann Award for Excellence in Research

Nathan Rodriguez
Communicating Science, Health, Environment and Risk Division
Vaccine-Hesitant Justifications: From Narrative Transportation to the Conflation of Expertise
* Top graduate student paper

Nathan Rodriguez
Internships and Careers Interest Group
Inside The Daily Show with Jon Stewart and the Noetic Crisis of the WGA Strike

Monique L. Robinson, Timothy Luisi and Mugur Geana
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Interest Group
The Heartbeat of a Locker Room: Reactions to Jason Collins and Michael Sam Coming Out

David Guth
Community Journalism Interest Group
High Stakes in the High Plains: Attitudes of Rural Editors and Publishers in Areas Facing Depopulation

Aug. 9
Kristen Grimmer, Roseann Pluretti and Jessica Casebier
Commission for the Status of Women
Constructing Girls in a Post-Feminist Society: Female Adolescent Gender Representations in Glee
Jon Peters, discussant
Scholastic Journalism Division
Refereed Paper Research Session: Curricular Issues and Censorship

Alumni Update

Meredith Chait, a 2014 J-School graduate, is one of seven University of Kansas students selected for prestigious Fulbright awards for research, study or teaching English abroad for 2015-16. Read more here: http://bit.ly/meredithchait


Mark Your Calendar

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

Aug. 19: Faculty/staff retreat, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Clarkson Gallery

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

Sept. 29: Doughnuts with the Dean, 9-10 a.m., Clarkson Gallery

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

Nov. 11: Doughnuts with the Dean, 9-10 a.m., Clarkson Gallery

Dec. 11: Faculty meeting with lunch afterward, 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: Kansas Press Association convention, Overland Park

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