Associate Dean Barbara Barnett's article, "Sex Trafficking in Mass Media: Gender, Power, and Personal Economies," was published in the UNESCO report, Media and Gender: A Scholarly Agenda for the Global Alliance on Media and Gender. The publication includes work by 17 international gender scholars.

Barnett has been offered a contract by Routledge to publish her book, "Motherhood and the Media: Infanticide, Journalism, and the Digital Age." The book is part of Routledge's series on research in cultural and media studies.

Associate professor Genelle Belmas' media law textbook, the 2015 edition of "Major Principles of Media Law," is out from Cengage, her first under the KU banner. This is an annually updated undergraduate media law textbook used by instructors all over the country. The 2015 edition is her fifth round as author, it has been around for many years under Wayne Overbeck. She is the only female first author on a media law textbook to date.

Belmas wrote an article on the Supreme Court case dealing with license plate images for the American Bar Association Section on Litigation's newsletter. The article, "Your License Plate, Your Speech?" reviews prior cases with speech on license plates and previews the issues in the coming case before the court. In the Sons of Confederate Veterans v. Vandergriff, the Texas DMV declined an application for a custom plate containing an image of the Confederate flag. The court will face the question of whether speech and images on license plates is governmental and thus has no need to be content- or viewpoint-neutral, or whether it is private speech with a neutrality requirement.

Assistant Professor Peter Bobkowski’s chapter “The Digital Bridge into Adulthood: Media Uses and Effects in Adolescence” was published in The Handbook of Lifespan Communication (Peter Lang), edited by Jon Nussbaum. It was co-authored with Autumn Shafer of Texas Tech University.

Bobkowski's forthcoming Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly article, "Sharing the News: Effects of Informational Utility and Opinion Leadership on Online News Sharing" is available online ahead of print for free until March 18 at tinyurl.com/mzzkbja.

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 Maliniak and Ron Rapoport (both from the College of William & Mary) were co-authors.


Lecturer Phil Bressler was featured in Native. http://nativekc.com/phil-bressler/

Assistant Professor Yvonnes Chen’s co-authored article “Evaluation of UV-Monitoring Enhanced Skin Cancer Prevention Among Farm Youth in Rural Virginia” was accepted by the American Journal of Health Education. This article incorporated a novel, technologyenhanced UV monitoring wristband into a skin prevention intervention targeted to youth. Her co-authors are Drs. Kerry Redican and Donatus Ohanehi of Virginia Tech.

Chen’s co-authored article has been accepted for publication by Mass Communication and Society. Titled "Processing of Sexual Media Messages Improves Due to Media Literacy Effects on Perceived Message Desirability," this study analyzed data from two media literacy curriculum evaluations. Results showed that the media literacy trainings in both studies eliminated the effect of desirability on participants’ attitudes.
reduced the effect of message desirability on participants’ expectancies, and reduced the effect of message desirability on participants’ efficacy in one of the evaluations.

Chen contributed a book chapter to Media Literacy in China to be published by Springer. Her chapter offers practical guidance for implementing nutrition-based media literacy interventions in China.

Chen’s co-authored work is now published online in Mass Communication and Society. Learn more about her work, “Processing of sexual media messages improves due to media literacy effects on perceived message desirability,” here: http://bit.ly/1GCpzJv

Chen's skin cancer prevention research was featured in KU Today on April 1. Amina Smith of 6News interviewed Chen on April 3. Her interview can be seen on 6News website at http://bit.ly/1DyXYgZ.

Associate Professor Crawford's proposed chapter, "HBCUs: Accreditation, governance and survival challenges in an ever-increasing competition for funding and students," for the book, "Setting a New Agenda for Student Engagement and Retention in Historically Black Colleges and Universities" has been accepted. The book will explore how HBCUs must continue to innovate to ensure sustainability and competitiveness in the multicultural marketplace. The book is anticipated to be published in the first quarter of 2016.

Assistant Professor Joseph Erba, in examining social media usage among Latinos and whites, found that Latinos use Facebook and Twitter significantly more for advocacy and identity exploration. Erba and co-author Mike Radlick will present their findings at the AEJMC conference next month. Read more here: bit.ly/1O77Y1A

Professor Dawn Fallik wrote two centerpiece articles for the Kansas City Star. One focused on the trend of elaborate bathroom renovations, and another in the DIY series explored bacon roses.

Fallik wrote an article for Neurology Today about how long-term use of anticholinergic drugs such as Benadryl may increase the symptoms of dementia, particularly for people over 60.


On Nov. 1, The New York Times promoted Associate Professor Jimmy Gentry's story, "Tailgating Goes Above and Beyond at the University of Mississippi" at the top of its website’s home page. The website linked to the full story which included a video and photos. Gentry and his daughter, Kerry, were credited for “Additional Production” at the end of the video. This is his third story in the Times.

Associate Professor Carol Holstead's exercise on having students take notes by hand, not on a laptop, has gone viral. Her post on LinkedIn has more than 30,000 views, and she was featured in this story on nymag.com.

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.

Professor Chuck Marsh’s article “Public Relations as a Quest for Justice: Resource Dependency, Reputation, and the Philosophy of David Hume” appears in the current issue of the Journal of Mass Media Ethics.

Professor Chuck Marsh's proposal for a book titled "Public Relations, Cooperation and Justice: From Evolutionary Biology to Ethics" has been accepted by Routledge. Publication is scheduled for 2017.
Marsh’s article “PR’s Rhetorical Inheritance” appears in the current issue of Communication Director, the magazine of the European Association of Communication Directors.

Bremner Center Coordinator Lisa McLendon had an article on editing as quality control published on the website of NetNewsCheck, a news site for local-news digital editors and senior executives. [http://www.netnewscheck.com/article/36434/poor-editing-costs-incredibility-dollars](http://www.netnewscheck.com/article/36434/poor-editing-costs-incredibility-dollars)

McLendon wrote the cover article for the Spring 2015 issue of “Tracking Changes,” the publication of the American Copy Editors Society. Her article, “Dropping ‘whom,’ embracing ‘they’,” discussed grammatical precedents for the changing usages of the pronouns “whom” and “they.”

Assistant Professor Jonathan Peters published a Columbia Journalism Review article about the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press's decision to litigate its own cases for the first time in many years. The article explores the organization's direction and its strategy for selecting high-impact cases and clients.

Peters published two Columbia Journalism Review articles. The first one addressed the legal needs of independent journalists, online media ventures, and news startups. It was noted by several news outlets, including Editor & Publisher and PBS. The second article analyzed a case involving a public records request for the state-issued licenses of strippers at a Washington nightclub, and how FOI laws strike a balance between public records and personal privacy. It was noted by several news outlets, including the BBC and The Times-Picayune (New Orleans).

Peters 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.

Peters published his scholarly article "Institutionalizing Press Relations at the Supreme Court: The Origins of the Public Information Office" in the Missouri Law Review (Vol. 79, pp. 986-1005). The article is the most complete account to date of the PIO's early history, which spans the Great Depression policymaking of the 1930s to the political upheaval of the 1970s.

Peters also published a Columbia Journalism Review column analyzing a court decision telling the Chicago Sun-Times that it improperly obtained and disclosed police officers' physical information from motor-vehicle records. At issue was whether the First Amendment protects the publication of material the press has unlawfully acquired. Peters's column was picked up by numerous news outlets, including Yahoo! News and Techdirt.

Peters published a Columbia Journalism Review column about former Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer's claim that she is entitled to the First Amendment-based journalist's privilege for the purpose of shielding the notes and materials she used to write her 2011 book, "Scorpions for Breakfast." Several news outlets, including the Los Angeles Times, Politico and Romenesko, noted his column.

Peters, Columbia Journalism Review's press freedom correspondent, published three Columbia Journalism Review articles recently. The Aug. 14 article explored whether the Ferguson, Mo, police could lawfully withhold the name of the officer who shot Michael Brown. The Aug. 21 article examined the rights of reporters covering protests. A number of news outlets, including The New Republic and Harvard's Nieman Journalism Lab, quoted one or the other in their Ferguson coverage. Finally, The Sept. 4 article argues that California's smartphone "kill switch" legislation should concern journalists, because it creates the risk that the government could interfere with newsgathering.

Peters also published an article for Esquire about the recent nude photo hack that affected dozens of celebrities. The article addressed the question, "Can news organizations be sued for linking to the hacked photos?"

Peters published a Columbia Journalism Review article Oct. 1 evaluating the constitutionality of a U.S. Forest Service rule that regulates photography and filmmaking in designated wilderness areas.
Peters published two Columbia Journalism Review articles. The first analyzed a Connecticut judge's order prohibiting a newspaper from publishing a story about a child custody dispute—a rare instance of prior restraint of the American press. The second CJR article addressed the media’s interest in monitoring how FOI laws are used.

Peters published two Columbia Journalism Review columns, one about a lawsuit between The (Toledo) Blade and the U.S. Army, the other about legislative measures in several states that restrict press freedom.

Peters published two columns for the Columbia Journalism Review. The first analyzed efforts in Ohio to prevent the state auditor from ruling on public-records complaints, and the second analyzed Larry Flynt's efforts in Missouri to unseal court records related to the state's execution protocols. Flynt himself wrote on his website about Peters' analysis, and a legal scholar wrote about it for The Huffington Post.

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.

Peters wrote a column for the Columbia Journalism Review about the FCC's intention to fine a Roanoke, Virginia, television station $325,000 — for a news report that included, inadvertently, a screen shot of a sex act from a porn site. He analyzed the legal regime that guarantees broadcasters fewer First Amendment protections than newspapers, magazines, etc.

Peters wrote for the Columbia Journalism Review that the independence of student publications around the country is being jeopardized. Read the article here: bit.ly/1HLe2J4

Associate Professor Scott Reinardy and KUJH-TV Executive Producer Chris Bacon's manuscript "Feast and Famine? Local TV Newsworkers Expand the Offerings but Say They are Hungry for Quality Journalism" has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Media Practice. It will appear in the October issue.


Assistant Professor Hyunjin Seo’s article, “Visual propaganda in the age of social media: Twitter images during 2012 Israeli-Hamas conflict,” appears in the winter issue of Visual Communication Quarterly.

Seo’s manuscript, “A Mixture Model of Global Internet Capacity Distributions,” has been accepted for publication in the Journal of the Association for Information Science and Technology

Seo’s manuscript, “Empathy in Public Diplomacy: Strategic Academic Engagement with North Korea,” has been accepted for publication in the University of Southern California's Center on Public Diplomacy Perspective series.

Seo’s manuscript, “Network Approach to Internet Bandwidth Distributions,” has been accepted for publication in Computational Social Networks.
Ward’s recent entries for the CTE blog include “Some radical, and not so radical, ideas for improving education” and “Innovations move assessment in a positive direction.” He has created a regular post called “Education Matters,” which contains recent news, trends and thoughts about education from around the web. http://cteblog.ku.edu/ http://www.cteblog.dept.ku.edu/articles/innovations-moveassessment-in-a-positive-direction/ http://www.cteblog.dept.ku.edu/articles/some-radical-and-not-so-radical-ideas-for-improving-education/