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January 21, 2014

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely and restful holiday break. Because KU was closed yesterday in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, this first Monday Memo of the semester comes to you on a Tuesday. We didn't want to wait until next week to welcome you back. Also, in December, we realized that the Monday Memo was not shared with students for the second half of last semester due to an oversight during a staffing change. With this issue, we once again include our students. Stay warm!

New and Improved Digs

Stauffer-Flint 202 got a makeover during Winter Break, thanks in large part to **Associate Professor Doug Ward**. Tables on wheels replace individual tablet armchairs to promote active learning in a collaborative atmosphere. The room capacity went from 40 to 30, and whiteboards situated on walls around the classroom replace the single chalkboard at the front of the room.



Before



During



After



Today

Faculty News

Assistant Professor Hyunjin Seo has been named an AEJMC

Emerging Scholar for 2014-2015 in recognition of her research on social media and social change.

Al-Jazeera America published an article by **Visiting Professor Dawn Fallik** on climate change and Midwest farmers on December 23, 2013. See it [here](#).

Assistant Professor Yvonne Chen was quoted in a Reuters article on alcohol marketing and kids. Check it out [here](#).

Student News

Blake Schuster, a senior from Chicago, will be a paid summer sports reporting intern for 12 weeks at the *Chicago Tribune*. He will cover the general sports beat and write sports feature stories.

Hannah Wise, a senior from Wichita, Kan., will be a paid summer editing intern for 10 weeks at the *New York Times*. She will work in online production, creating news packages, writing headlines and summaries, conducting research and compiling information for breaking news, special sections and enterprise stories.

Tara Bryant, a junior from Lawrence, will be a news editing intern at the Bay Area News Group in California.

Casey Hutchins, a junior from Lawrence, will be a news editing intern at the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*.

Sylas May, a junior from Derby, Kan., will be a news editing intern at *The Indianapolis Star*.

Duncan McHenry, a senior from Prairie Village, Kan., will be a news editing intern at the *Kansas City Star*.

Madison Schultz, a senior from Hays, Kan., will be a news editing intern at *The Buffalo News* (NY).

Ashleigh Tidwell, a senior from Rossville, Kan., will be a news editing intern at *The Pioneer Press* in St. Paul, Minn.

Alumni News

The National Sportscaster and Sportswriters Association named **Jeff McCarragher** (BSJ 1997) South Carolina Sportscaster of the Year.

Student Opportunity

The U.S. Department of State and the National Geographic Society have partnered to offer five **Fulbright-National Geographic Digital Storytelling Fellowships**. These awards support U.S. citizens for nine months of overseas travel and multimedia storytelling on globally significant social or environmental topics. Applications are due by February 28, 2014. Learn more [here](#).

Mark Your Calendar

The Brief on Briefcase: Thursday, Jan. 23, 11:30 am - 2 pm
Kansas Union: Alderson Auditorium

The School of Business Entrepreneurship Club is hosting Briefcase, a Kansas City startup founded by Christian Fisher, first HR director of Twitter. The Briefcase team will talk about their experience and give KU students exclusive access to be the first in the nation to test their newly developed platform. Students can come and go as needed, so stop by between classes and learn from industry experts. Pizza will be provided. That's right—a great networking opportunity PLUS free food! Join us!

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