

Chuck Marsh was named the Stauffer Professor at the final faculty meeting of the Spring 2011 semester. (8/1/11)

Tien Lee was awarded the John Katich Award for Creativity. (8/1/11)

Simran Sethi was selected to receive the National Education Association Foundation's Challenge to Innovate Mobile Project Award and \$1,000. Sethi incorporates tweeting into her students' writing assignments and students are required to post tweets inspired by the course curriculum. (8/15/11)

Carol Holstead received one of 26 GIFT (Great Ideas for Teaching) awards at the 2011 AEJMC (Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication) convention in St. Louis. Her idea was an assignment she used, a visual journal, in her Visual Communication course. The assignment was designed to stretch students' visual, creative and problem-solving skills. (8/22/11)

James Gentry has been named the chair for Teaching Standards Committee for the Media Management and Economics Division for AEJMC for 2011-12. During the summer he conducted a week-long webinar, "Unlocking Financial Statements," for the Reynolds Center for Business Journalism and designed a new course, "Finance and Budgeting Fundamentals for Communicator," for the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Iowa. (8-29-11)

Mugur Geana has been offered to redesign the quarterly newsletter for the American Academy of Advertising. His proposed design will provide a contemporary feel while concomitantly offering interactive features that can now be embedded in PDF files (a first for AAA the newsletter). Geana will also offer guidance to the editorial board on standardizing content submissions in order to streamline the DTP process. (8-29-11)

Simran Sethi has been nominated for the Rome Prize. Each year, the Rome Prize is awarded to 15 artists and 15 scholars working in the following categories: architecture, design, historic preservation and conservation, landscape architecture, literature, musical composition, visual arts, ancient studies, medieval studies, renaissance and early modern studies and modern Italian studies. (9-19-11)

Linda Lee has been selected to serve on the executive board of the Center for Global and International Studies at KU. (10-3-11)

Crystal Lumpkins has received a \$600,000 National Cancer Institute grant that will allow her to conduct a 5-year study to obtain crucial preliminary data to investigate the role of the African American church in communicating colorectal prevention among African Americans in Kansas City, MO and Kansas City, Kan. (10-3-11)

Barbara Barnett has received the Teaching-Related Education and Travel (TRET) grant from the Center for Teaching Excellence. The \$1,000 grant will allow her to attend the International Conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Milwaukee Oct. 20-24. (10-3-11)

Simran Sethi was invited to speak at the first South by Southwest Eco event. She will be joined by Andy Revkin (*New York Times*), Eric Assourian (Worldwatch Institute) and Mark Tercek (president of The Nature Conservancy). On Oct. 12, Sethi will attend the Slow Money Conference in San Francisco, where she will also moderate a panel on sustainable capital investment with Wes Jackson (Founder & President of The Land Institute), Vandana Shiva (Food justice activist and author), Tom Steyer (Senior Managing Member of Farallon Capital Management), Matt Flannery (CEO and co-founder of Kiva.org) and Paul Muller (farmer, Full Belly Farm). The Slow Money conference integrates internationally recognized thought leadership, next generation social entrepreneurship and an environment that fosters shared learning across the full spectrum of backgrounds. Sethi will also moderate the kick-off panel for the 2011 White House GreenGov sustainability symposium. Topics covered at the symposium will include clean energy, energy and water efficiency, fleet management, getting to zero waste, green buildings and greening the supply chain. (10-10-11)

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Carol Holstead has been selected as the adviser to the KU chapter of Ed2010, a national organization for magazine and aspiring editors. The chapter was started by journalism student **Maggie Young**. The group had its first meeting Oct. 13 with a panel of three magazine editors: John Rockhold (managing editor of *Mother Earth News*), Jessica Kellner (editor of *Natural Home and Garden*) and Susan McCabe (associate editor at *Leawood Lifestyle*). All three are KU graduates. *Mother Earth News* and *Natural Home and Garden* are both produced by Ogden Publications in Topeka. The first meeting attracted 20 students. (10-17-11)

Jimmy Gentry has completed the 11-month financial planning certificate program in the Executive Education program at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Bloch School of Management. (11-14-11)

Doug Ward is the 2011 Scripps Howard Foundation Journalism and Mass Communication Teacher of the Year Award. The award recognizes excellence in such areas as innovative teaching practices, mentoring of students and faculty, influences on curriculum, scholarship, and industry engagement inside and outside the classroom. (4-23-12)

Jimmy Gentry received the Katich Award for 2011.

Hyunjin Seo has been selected as an East Asia analyst for the Freedom House's annual Press Freedom Index. The Index tracks trends in press freedom throughout the world. She will contribute to Freedom House's annual reports and attend regional review meetings in D.C. Seo's research proposal on country reputation in a globally networked society has also been accepted to the 19th Annual International Seminar for Faculty. Seo will receive a stipend to be used for her research and will present her research results to the 2012 seminar in the spring. (12-5-11)

Peter Bobkowski has been awarded the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's Gold Key for 2012. The honor recognizes his accomplishments "as a teacher and adviser in high school, as a graduate student who ably assisted with a state scholastic media organization in North Carolina and for your evolving role as a valued researcher on student media in the nation's schools." (2-27-12)

Simran Sethi has been named associate editor and peer reviewer for the current volume of *The International Journal of Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability*. The interdisciplinary journal addresses sustainable development and institutional sustainability. **Sethi** is also a reviewer for the *Journal of Sustainability Education* and the journal *Environment, Development and Sustainability*, an international journal covering all aspects of the environmental impacts of socio-economic development. (3-19-12) **Mugur Geana** has been promoted to associate professor with tenure. Congratulations! (3-19-12)