

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS:

Mugur Geana received this year's John Katich Award for Creativity from the School of Journalism. The annual Katich Award goes to a tenure-track or tenured faculty member in the School of Journalism who has demonstrated creativity in teaching, research, service or a combination of these areas. The \$1,000 award is named in honor of John Katich, a dedicated teacher who loved students and inspired them to excel. He was on the School of Journalism faculty from 1986 until his death in Oct. 2001. His many achievements included the establishment of the sales curriculum, the enhancement of the professionalism of KJHK radio and the creation of KUJH-TV. Katich's commitment to students and accomplishments as a teacher inspired the J-School, his family and his friends to establish this award. Barbara Barnett, a previous recipient of the award, and Tim Bengtson, Strategic Communication track chair, helped select Geana. In their judge's comments they noted, "Mugur can make a complicated solution simple and accessible. His creativity shines through his research, his teaching and his service." They also noted, "Like John Katich, Mugur brings to his colleagues and students the combination of creativity and collaboration that helps us all succeed." Previous award recipients include: Rick Musser, 2006; Bob Basow, 2007; Barbara Barnett, 2008; and Doug Ward, 2009. More information: <http://www.journalism.ku.edu/news/Katich-Geana.shtml>

Dick Nelson was honored by the Kansas City Press Club with the 2010 Member of the Year award and, in recognition of his retirement from KU and more than a decade of service on the Press Club's board of directors and other service, named the award "The Dick Nelson Member of the Year Award."

Tom Eblen, retired faculty member and general manager of *the University Daily Kansan*, was named to the Hall of Fame of the Kansas Press Association.

Mugur Geana was chosen by the KU Center for Teaching Excellence and Teaching Excellence Advisory Members (TEAM) for the Best Practices Institute. The overall goal for the Best Practices Institute is for faculty to identify something positive they can add to their teaching. An additional goal is the building of relations among KU colleagues to share work about teaching and a resource for each other in ongoing growth.

Crystal Lumpkins was selected as a KU Faculty Seminar participant by the KU Center for Teaching Excellence and the Teaching Excellence Advisory Members (TEAM). Participants will read and comment on reflections on learning written by faculty members around the country. The group then discusses the ideas in five seminar meetings during Fall 2010, leading to the development of their own representation of the intellectual work done in their teaching. They will present ideas in an electronic poster forum that is shared with other universities.

Crystal Lumpkins was recommended to be a member of the University of Kansas Cancer Center (KUCC), by the KUCC membership committee. Her

primary program assignment is to Cancer Control and Population Health. The other areas include Cancer Prevention; Drug Discovery and Experimental Therapeutics; Risk Factors for Carcinogenesis and Clinical Research.

Linda Lee was honored at KU's annual Celebration of Teaching reception May 5. Each year, the Center for Teaching Excellence hosts this reception for a select group. CTE solicited from departments and divisions the names of two outstanding undergraduate students. These students met with their peers and identified a faculty member from their department whose teaching has had a major and beneficial impact on students. Lee was chosen from the J-School.

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Kerry Benson was a finalist for KU's Honor for Outstanding Progressive Educator (H.O.P.E.) Award, KU's highest teaching honor selected by students.

Chuck Marsh was a national finalist in the Scripps Howard Foundation Journalism & Mass Communication Teacher of the Year competition.

Simran Sethi is the winner of the 2009 KU Center for Sustainability Leadership award. According to the KU Center for Sustainability, "Sethi was recognized for her efforts to raise awareness and inspire action both in the classroom and the broader community. Her commitment to sustainability and service learning helps students make real world connections to environmental issues and support the local community. Outside of the classroom, Simran is a member of Lawrence's Sustainability Advisory Board, is writing a book on contemporary environmentalism, and blogs for The Huffington Post and Alternet, stimulating a national dialogue about sustainability."

Kelly Crane was selected for the 2009-10 class of Staff Fellows. Coordinated by the Office of the Provost, the program seeks to engage staff at a deeper level in the life of the university and offer collegial support to explore career goals and professional development. The fellows support and strengthen the mission of KU by providing university leadership with proposals for programs or resources designed by the fellows through individual or group projects.

Simran Sethi was nominated to be a 2010 TED fellow. TED is a non-profit devoted to "ideas worth spreading" that convenes leaders from areas of Technology, Entertainment and Design and hosts the annual TED Conference in Long Beach, Calif., featuring speakers including Al Gore, Jane Goodall, Jeff Skoll and Dave Eggers.

Carol Holstead was selected as the Budig Teaching Professor of Writing for 2009-2010. Former KU Chancellor Gene Budig and his wife, Gretchen, provided the lead support for the establishment of this award. In addition to the title, Carol will present a lecture during spring semester about the importance of good writing. Ted Frederickson was the recipient last year.

Crystal Lumpkins was selected as a BIRCWH scholar at KU Medical Center in June. BIRCWH, Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health, is a faculty development program to strengthen women's health research at the University of Kansas and to promote interdisciplinary research.

Simran Sethi was named a green crusader by *Indian-American* magazine, along with Dr. Ashok Gupta, Program Director for the National Resources Defense Council and human rights advocate Anuradha Mittal

Jimmy Gentry was named the new Clyde M. Reed Teaching Professor in the School of Journalism. The Reed family established this professorship to honor excellence in teaching at the J-School.

Ann Brill was selected as a member of the 2010 class of the Alumni of Notable Achievement by the University of Minnesota's College of Liberal Arts. ANA members are nominated by the CLA alumni, faculty and staff. Of the college's 115,000 graduates, only 1,200 have been selected as Alumni of Notable Achievement.

Crystal Lumpkins participated in the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) Best Practices Institute. CTE and TEAM (Teaching Excellence Advisory Members) selected her application, along with a dozen other KU faculty campus-wide. The two-day seminar took place in May, with a follow-up session in August. The institute assists faculty with increasing teaching effectiveness and building relationships with other KU faculty to share resources and experiences for continued growth.

John Hudnall received the Journalism Education Association's (JEA) highest honor, the Carl Towley Award, at the 2009 JEA convention in Washington, D.C. The award is presented to a JEA member whose work is unusually beneficial and of superior value to the national JEA and to scholastic journalism.

Simran Sethi is the 2010 winner of the ACPA (American College Personnel Association) Sustainability Award, recognizing the efforts of an individual who has championed sustainability within academia. The award was presented March 22 at the ACPA 2010 convention in Washington, D.C.

Simran Sethi has been nominated for a Women's Leadership Award at Chatham University. The University is the alma mater of environmental journalist and activist Rachel Carson and is home to the Rachel Carson Institute, dedicated to promoting the awareness and understanding of significant and current environmental issues through national and regional conferences, debates,

lecture series, seminars, panel discussions and other educational programs.

Simran Sethi has been named a contributing editor of *Mother Earth News* for her series “Greening House and Home.”