

**Barnett** is listed as the top productive researcher in AEJMC's Commission on the Status of Women in an article in *Journalism and Mass Communication Educator*. The ranking is based on submissions to AEJMC's annual conference. Barnett also was listed as the 11th most productive researcher at AEJMC. The University of Kansas was listed as the 26th most productive institution for paper acceptance at AEJMC. (8/23/10)

**Chuck Marsh** has received a Keeler Intra-University Professorship for Fall 2011 to enroll in Greek language courses and teach a course in KU's Classics Department. (11/29/10)

**Jimmy Gentry** has been named to the campus Financial Literacy Advisory Board. The board is part of a new campus effort focused on educating students about how to manage money, how to create and follow budgets, and how to control debt. (10/11/10)

**Geana** is the co-recipient (P.I.: Greiner) of a \$958,664 grant from the National Institutes of Health to enhance community-linked research in Wyandotte County. The award was issued under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. (9/6/10)

**The Midwest Democracy Project**, a collaboration of the KU J-School, the University of Missouri Reynolds Institute and *The Kansas City Star* to develop new and better ways for citizens to get and give trustworthy information, is kicking off this week. **Pam Fine** was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation on behalf of the partnership to hire recent graduates from KU and MU to serve as project fellows. The fellows will work on a variety of reportorial and citizen engagement projects in connection with the midterm elections. The grant also includes funding for student enterprise projects and academic studies. More information on the grant project will follow. (9/6/10)

**Mugur Geana** is a co-investigator in a recently awarded \$3.2 million grant (P.I. Greiner): "Kansas Community Cancer Health Disparities Network." The grant will focus on reaching rural American Indians and Latinos with innovative programs to improve knowledge, access and utilization of beneficial biomedical and behavioral cancer procedures. (10/11/10)

**Pam Fine** is working on a study for the Kettering Foundation on citizen engagement and blogging. She has recruited 15 people to blog on economic issues for the Midwest Democracy Project website and will use two surveys to gauge their views on the experience. The Kettering Foundation is based in Dayton, Ohio. (10/25/10)

**Mugur Geana** traveled Nov. 1 with a team from KUMC to Garden City, Kan. The visit was part of the preliminary community outreach for a \$3.2 million grant award from the National Cancer Institute, where Geana is a co-investigator. The

research team had several meetings with community leaders and activists, local health alliances and healthcare providers in Garden City. Geana will travel at least once a month to Garden City as part of concentrated efforts to establish a community-driven infrastructure to promote cancer prevention and cancer screening. (11/18/10)

**Geana** traveled Nov. 4-6 to Chicago to meet with web designers for the HomeLinkNews project, developed in collaboration with Prof. Glen Cameron from the Missouri School of Journalism. The prototype that will be used to conduct research on the innovative health news delivery platform will be presented to researchers on Nov. 9 at the Missouri School of Journalism, and on Nov. 10 at a J-School faculty brownbag meeting. (11/18/10)

**Geana** met with faculty from the Department of Family Medicine and the School of Architecture and Design to explore the possibility to develop and offer a project-based, service-learning course for the summer that will have public health, design and journalism students working together to address a specific health issue for an underserved community in urban or rural Kansas. (11/18/10)

**Mugur Geana** received a \$76,563 contract award from the Kansas Department of Health and the Environment (KDHE) to carry out an evaluation of the State's 2011 media campaign to reduce childhood obesity in Kansas. The project involves conducting audience research to measure children's and parents' nutrition beliefs, attitudes and behaviors, and assess reach and the impact of the media campaign. A final report is to be presented to KDHE in January 2012. (1/17/11)

**Mugur Geana** met with collaborators Jan. 27 from the University of Missouri, KUMC and the World Company in Lawrence to discuss and plan for the joint submission of a Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) proposal to the National Institutes of Health. An innovative web application developed by Geana and Prof. Cameron, University of Missouri, will be used to enhance and complement the WellCommons website. (1/31/11)

**Barbara Barnett** coordinated research for the North American region for a report by the International Women's Media Foundation on gender equity in newsrooms around the world. The report found that women hold only 27 of the top management jobs in news organizations and 36 of the reporting jobs. (3/28/11)

**Mugur Geana** and Paul Atchley (KU Psychology Dept.) are the co-principal investigators for the recently funded research proposal "The Texting and Driving Epidemic: Changing Norms to Change Behaviors." The grant award was approved by the KTRAN Research Program Council on April 1. The two-year award will help the J-School and Psychology students collaborate to develop and test a campaign to reduce driving and texting among KU students. If successful, the campaign will be replicated on other campuses across the country. (4/11/11)

**General Research Fund competition results for 2011-2012:** The J-School received three strong proposals from **Scott Reinardy, Crystal Lumpkins** and **Bob Basow**. An anonymous, two-person committee reviewed the proposals, the reviewers offered their advice and the Dean's Advisory Group selected **Scott Reinardy's** proposal for the GRF. Dean Brill has agreed to partially fund the other two proposals from School funds, based on the strength of the proposed work and to show the School's commitment to research. Congratulations to Professors Reinardy, Lumpkins and Basow! (4/25/11)

**Mugur Geana** has developed a ten-episode radionovela focused on promoting colon cancer screening to Latinos in Kansas City. The radionovela, supported by a grant from the American Cancer Society, will be broadcasted starting June 16 on La Super X 1250AM, the Kansas City radio station with the largest Latino audience. The radio component is part of a larger health promotion campaign Geana is developing in collaboration with the Department of Family Medicine, KUMC and El Centro, Inc. (6/14/10)

**Geana** completed the design for the Spanish prevention materials that will be used on March 25-26 by the KUMC team that will accompany the Mobile Mexican Consulate to Garden City, Kan. This activity is part of the efforts to create the Kansas Community Cancer Health Disparities Network, a federally funded project in which Geana is collaborating with researchers from KUMC and with Hispanic and Indian American communities in Kansas. (3/14/11)

**Simran Sethi's** proposal on "Curriculum as Conversation: Social Media in the Classroom (and Beyond)" has been accepted for the upcoming KU Teaching Summit. She will present as part of the track on alternative models for teaching. (6/14/10)