

**Linda Lee** and her J435 students worked with the Lied Center during the 2011 Spring semester to help raise enthusiasm and enrollment for the Lied Center Student Association. The Associate Director at the Lied Center, Karen Christilles, said the Lied Center would be incorporating students' ideas over the summer. (8/1/11)

**Ann Brill, Barbara Barnett** and **Linda Lee** traveled to Costa Rica on May 30 to for a week as part of a visit the University of Costa Rica. The trip was an effort to continue to build partnerships with the school, discuss research collaboration opportunities as well as faculty and student exchange possibilities. While in Costa Rica, Brill, Barnett and Lee were able to visit campus as well as local media and strategic communications operations. (8/8/11)

**Barbara Barnett, Wayne Larson** and **Gina Ford** participated in Dean's Day, giving tours of the journalism school to more than 20 admissions counselors on July 26th. They also hosted open house and tour of the journalism school, as well as a reception for more than 40 high school counselors from Illinois on July 27th. The journalism school was one of only two programs at the University to have the opportunity to showcase its facilities (The School of Engineering also participated). (8/8/11)

**Tom Volek** and **Barbara Barnett** attended the National Media Panel at Fort Leavenworth on August 11th, held by the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth August 11th. This was a chance to hear national and international level journalists discuss covering the military, as well as meet and visit with members of the military. This was also an opportunity to extend the J-School's relationship with the Fort and explore potential class assignments and internships. The J-School was specially invited by the CGSC. The panel included Jamie McIntyre (military blogger, former CNN Pentagon correspondent), Kimberly Dozier (Associate Press), Tom Bowman (NPR) and Nancy Yusef (McClatchy news organization). (8/15/11)

**Chuck Marsh** served as a panelist at Scholars Day on July 20th. The recruitment event is sponsored by KU's Office of Admissions. He also spoke on "Media in the United States" to visiting Fulbright Scholars on July 25th. Marsh's book, *More Noble Than Statues of Bronze: Isocratean Rhetoric and Modern Public Relations*, has been accepted for publication by Routledge Publishing Company. (8/15/11)

**Max Utsler** has been elected to the University Athletic Committee for a three-year term. (8/22/11)

**Wayne Larson** organized the J-School's involvement in this year's Hawk Week event on August 21st. Approximately 15 faculty and staff members, 10 student organization representatives and nearly 75 new/prospective students participated in the event. (8/22/11)

**J-School Art Walk** The J-School participated in the first ever KU Campus Art Walk, Friday, August 26th. Seven departments around the campus participated. Nearly 50 people took the chance to walk through Stauffer-Flint Hall to view our student and alumni photography exhibits. (8-29-11)

**Doug Ward** served on a search committee for a copy editor at University Relations. (9-5-11)

**The Arc of Justice: The Incarceration (and Exoneration) of Darryl Hunt** – Darryl Hunt was twice convicted of a 1984 murder he didn't commit. Although DNA testing proved his innocence, he was imprisoned for another decade before he was exonerated. Join us for a screening of the documentary "The Trials of Darryl Hunt" and an in-depth discussion on race, justice and the forces that helped shape Hunt's release. Darryl Hunt, Imam Khalid Griggs (founding member of the Darryl Hunt Defense Fund) and Phoebe Zerwick (investigative journalist) will join us for the event. Tuesday September 13, 2011, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Ecumenical Campus Ministries (1204 Oread Ave., Lawrence, KS 66044) This event is sponsored by the William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications, KU School of Law, KU School of Social Welfare and Ecumenical Campus Ministries. It is cosponsored by the KU Department of African and African-American Studies and Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty. (9-5-11)

**International Business Journalist Visits** – The School will host six international business journalists on Friday, September 16th as part of the U.S. Department of State Economic and Business Reporting Project. Arranged by the International Visitors Council of Kansas City, the journalists will be escorted to several classes and a visit to the Kansan / KUJH multimedia newsroom by Professor **Mike Williams**. Participants include: Mr. Asjadul Kibria, deputy business editor, *Daily Prothom Alo* (Bangladesh); Daniela Mihajlovska-Vasilevska, economic reporter, *The Forum* (Macedonia); Liam Francis Dann, business editor, *NZ Herald* (New Zealand); Gertrude Majyambere, senior reporter/ business desk, *The New York Times* (Rwanda); Ammar Ibrahim Mohammad Abdulgadir, reporter, *Eylaf Weekly* (Sudan); and Jihad Yazigi, editor-in-chief, *The Syria Report* (Syria). (9-12-11)

**Peter Bobkowski** has been selected to the Board of Directors of the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA). His term begins October 1. (9-19-11)

**Barbara Barnett** and **Mugur Geana** participated on September 14, 2011 at the official launch of "Bold Aspirations," the strategic five-year plan for the University of Kansas aimed towards KU achieving recognition as a top-tier public university at national and international levels. Both **Barnett** and **Geana** are involved in committees working on the development and implementation of the strategic plan. The plans for KU and KUMC are available at <http://boldaspirations.ku.edu>. (9-19-11)

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**Mugur Geana** has accepted an invitation to deliver one of the keynote speeches at the Strategic Initiative #2 (Promoting Health and Well Being) summit on December 2. The speech will focus on the role of communication as a key tool in the arsenal of health communicators addressing health disparities, as well as his experience in establishing multidisciplinary research collaboration. (11-7-11)

**Jimmy Gentry** hosted assistant professor Raquel Alexander (KU School of Business) in his Financial Basics for Communicators class on Nov. 3. Alexander's expertise is tax and she discussed personal and corporate taxes and took students through the Obamas' 2010 federal tax return as one of her examples. (11-7-11)

**Simran Sethi** will kick off the 5th annual Opportunity Green conference on Nov. 10 through an introductory keynote session with Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin. Opportunity Green brings together today's leading companies and visionaries; showcasing the sought-after opportunities, profound innovations and trends accelerating the new green economy. (11-7-11)

**Dean Brill** has accepted an invitation to serve a four-year term on the KU Center for Research, Inc. Board of Trustees. KUCR is a 501c3 corporation that serves to manage the research and technology transfer enterprise for the KU Lawrence campus. (11-14-11)

**Professor Pam Fine** helped host the Montgomery Symposium at the Adams Alumni Center on Nov. 11. Fine developed and organized the program, which was held at the Adams Alumni Center. The Montgomery Symposium is sponsored by the J-School and the Kansas Press Association, and drew nearly 50 professional journalists and KU journalism students. Mark Horvit, executive director of Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE), was the primary presenter at the daylong event, which focused on finding and using public documents in local coverage. Luncheon keynote Evan Smith, CEO and editor of the *Texas Tribune*, discussed his site's use of data and other types over coverage. (11-14-11)

**Jimmy Gentry** was a featured speaker at the fifth annual business journalism week at Donald W. Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism at Arizona

State University. Gentry discussed markets and understanding financial statements over two days for business journalists attending the Strictly Financials program and for one day discussed how to teach financial literacy topics for journalism educators attending the Business Journalism Professors program. (1-16-12)

**Teresa Trumbly Lamsam**, visiting associate professor, was the featured guest on the New Year's Day edition of the syndicated radio program "The Native American Speaks." Teresa spoke about health in Indian Country in connection with American Indian tribal media. She was also a judge over the holiday break for Best Feature Writer in the Southeast Journalism Conference "Best of the South" competition. (1-16-12)

**Michelle Keller**, graduate program lecturer, was featured in an [article](#) in The Kansas City Star Magazine on Sunday. Her segment was titled "You're Never Too Old to Play." (1-16-12)

**Tien Lee** will present two peer-reviewed papers at the International Communication Association annual conference in May 2012 in Phoenix, Ariz. The titles of the papers are "Political Ideologies, Psychographics and Media Habits: A Comparison of Liberals and Conservatives in the United States" and "The Effects of Religiosity, Egalitarianism and Media Usage on Support for Gay Rights." (1-23-12)

**Simran Sethi** will moderate a panel at Columbia University's School of Journalism Social Media Weekend on January 28. The panel is on the evolution of television in the era of social media and includes Jack Flanagan of Bluefin Labs, Ezra Kucharz of CBS Local Digital and Brian Stelter of the New York Times. (1-23-12)

**Peter Bobkowski** served on the National Scholastic Press Association's Pacemaker judging panel in Minneapolis Jan. 27-28. (1-30-12)

**Teresa Trumbly Lamsam** spoke to a communication class at Santa Clara University about news coverage of diabetes in Indian Country via Skype last week. Students there are exploring the social determinants of health. Also, Yale University has accepted her start-up website, Native Health News Alliance, and its companion blog for presentation at the Unite For Sight 9th Annual Global Health & Innovation Conference for its excellence as an innovative social enterprise. (2-27-12)

Lecturer **Eileen Hawley** spent March 2-3 in Harveyville, Kan. She is a member of the Kansas All Hazards Incident Management Team that was assisting in response and recovery operations following the EF-2 tornado that hit Harveyville the evening of Feb. 28. Forty percent of the town was destroyed, leaving 13 injured and one dead. She serves as a Public Information Officer supporting media requests and community communication needs. The Incident

Management Teams consist of members from seven Homeland Security regions throughout the state and are available to assist jurisdictions for incidents and events too large for local governments to handle alone. (3-19-12)

**David Guth** will be a panelist at the “Global and Local Iterations of Demonstrations” on Wednesday, March 28, at 5:30 p.m. in the Spencer Museum of Art. His presentation will be on the “Public Relations of Protest.” (3-26-12)

**Ward** led an editing workshop for students and faculty in the Kansas Supreme Court Research Clinic at the School of Law last week. The clinic is a course for second- and third-year law students who are conducting research for Justice Carol Beier, a 1981 J-School grad. Ward also led a workshop for the group in March. (4-9-12)