

Mike Williams completed a month-long teaching assignment in Cagli, Italy in June. This was his third year teaching multimedia reporting in the small community in the eastern mountains of Italy. This year, like last, the study abroad program was offered by Marquette University. It was previously a program of Loyola-Baltimore. For more information, visit: <http://caglimarquette.com/> (8/16/10)

Simran Sethi was named a peer reviewer at *the Journal of Sustainability Education*. JSE is a peer-reviewed, open access trans- and interdisciplinary e-journal that serves as a forum for academics and practitioners to share, critique, and promote research, practices, and initiatives that foster the integration of economic, ecological, and social-cultural dimensions of sustainability within formal and non-formal educational contexts. (8/16/10)

ien Lee has been appointed to the Editorial Advisory Board of *the Asian Journal of Communication*, a major academic journal based in Singapore. (11/29/10)

Mike Williams will be the J-School's new Director of Special Projects and Innovation. **Scott Reinardy** will assume track chair responsibilities for News and Information. **Patty Noland** will join the *Kansan* Board. (5/9/11)

Sethi served as faculty in the Presidio Graduate School certification program in sustainability, lecturing on social justice, corporate citizenship and sustainability communications June 5. (6/14/10)

Sethi nominated the Green Youth Media Arts Center for Worldchanging.com's attention philanthropy program, using a video created by students from her Green Reporting, Green Building, Green Justice class. The video, created by **Josh Hafner**, **Bryan Dykman** and **Jordan Walters**, was picked up by Current TV's website. (6/14/10)

John Broholm will serve a term on KU Faculty Senate starting this fall. (7/26/10)

Linda Lee led a group of 15 undergraduate and graduate students from the J-School, the School of Business and Latin American studies to Argentina June 15–30 on a study abroad program, "International Media and Marketing Communications in Argentina." Highlights included: meetings with executives and journalists for the leading newspaper, *Clarín*; sitting in on a television interview with former President Duhalde at Americas TV; a visit to Cafe Tortoni, where famous writers used to gather; a visit to Evita Peron's balcony at Casa Rosada, the Argentine White House; a visit to an estancia (ranch); sledding in the Andes; watching Argentines cheer their team in the World Cup; a tango show and even tango lessons at Confiteria La Ideal, a hundred year old tango salon. The program will be featured on the J-School's website and in the next *J-Links* alumni newsletter. (7/26/10) **Ann Brill** was a panelist on "Examining Gender Equity in the Academy," part of a pre-conference workshop at the annual conference for the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication in Denver. The workshop was sponsored by the Commission on the Status of Women.

Barbara Barnett moderated the panel. (8/23/10)

Barbara Barnett was a panelist at two AEJMC sessions, "The Feminization of HIV/AIDS and the Media: Responses and Case Studies" and the "Identity and Impact of Communication as a Discipline." (8/23/10)

Barbara Barnett has been elected to serve as vice chair of the Commission on the Status of Women for the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. (9/6/10)

Pam Fine was a panelist Aug. 31 in the first of a series of online radio panels focusing on digital journalism issues, sponsored by the Online News Association. The discussion focused on the ethics of real-time journalism, including a look at how updates, reports and photos "going live" within seconds affect journalistic ethics and mission. David Boardman, executive editor of *the Seattle Times*, <http://seattletimes.com>, and Anthony Moor, lead local editor of Yahoo!, <http://yahoo.com>, were the other panelists for the discussion lead by digital media consultant Amy Webb. To hear a replay of the show, go to [http://journalists.org/default.asp?page=onaon\(9/6/10\)](http://journalists.org/default.asp?page=onaon(9/6/10))

Doug Ward moderated a paper session on the business of journalism last week at the American Journalism Historians Association national convention in Tucson. Ward is a member of the AJHA board and attended its annual business and planning sessions. He also oversaw the group's auction and raffle, which raised more than \$1,500 this year. That money is distributed to graduate students to help defray their costs in attending the convention. (10/11/10)

Dean Ann Brill was a panelist on "Recruitment & Retention of Underrepresented Faculty & Staff: Hit & Miss" as part of the Tilford Conference on Diversity & Multiculturalism. KU hosted the conference Oct. 12. (10/18/10)

Simran Sethi and Bryan Welch, publisher and editorial director of Ogden Publishing, will honor the recipients of the Social Venture Network 2010 prizes for innovation in sustainable business at the 2010 SVN Conference in Long Branch, N.J., on Oct. 22. The awards honor and support the next generation of innovative, socially responsible business and nonprofit entrepreneurs. (10/18/10)

Fine will be at Colorado State University this week as part of a journalism accreditation site team. (10/25/10)

Jackie Thomas is a judge for the National Press Foundation's Excellence in Online Journalism Award. The award, honoring "achievement in the rapidly changing field of internet journalism," will be presented at the Foundation's annual dinner in March. (10/25/10)

Benson served as a judge for the Business Marketing Association's annual Fountain Awards, which recognizes outstanding business-to-business advertising, public relations and promotion. The BMA will award the Kansas City

winners on Nov. 17. (11/1/10)

2Barbara Barnett and Tom Volek attended a retirement ceremony for Col. Steve Boylan at Fort Leavenworth. The ceremony was conducted by Gen. David Patraeus, who participated through a video teleconference from Afghanistan. Boylan was Patraeus's public affairs officer in Iraq. (11/1/10)

Ward recently served as an outside reviewer for a tenure packet from the University of North Carolina. (11/18/10)

Ann Brill chaired the accrediting site team visit for the journalism department at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota, Nov. 7-10. (11/15/10)

Tom Volek accompanied Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little, Ambassador David Lambert and Keith Yehle on a visit to the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., last week. The group met with Lt. Gen. Robert Caslen and other officials to discuss the KU media and the military program. (12/13/10)

Jimmy Gentry spent the first week of January organizing and teaching at "Strictly Financials," a four-day program that teaches business journalists how to understand and analyze financial statements. He also spent a day teaching journalism professors how to teach students how to understand financial statements. The program, now in its fifth year, is sponsored by the Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism at Arizona State University's campus in Phoenix. (1/24/11)

Chuck Marsh was a panelist Feb. 14 at Scholar Days, a KU Office of Admissions recruiting program for National Merit Scholarship finalists and semifinalists and their parents. (2/21/11)

Teresa Trumbly Lamsam serves on the Student Support Task Force for the reorganization of the Global Indigenous Nations Studies Program at KU. The task force focuses on current students, recruitment, retention, and relations with Haskell Indian Nations University. (3/14/11)

Fine was a judge for two different journalism contests in recent weeks including the Toner Prize for Excellence in Political Reporting, created this year to honor the late *New York Times* reporter Robin Toner. Fine worked with Toner at *the Atlanta Constitution* early in their careers. Fine also was a judge for the Florida Society of Newspapers Editors contest. (4/4/11)

Simran Sethi moderated a panel at the Clinton Global Initiative University in San Diego, Calif., April 2, at the invitation of President Bill Clinton. The panel addressed growing concerns around urbanization and the need for greater infrastructure. It featured the following panelists: Van Jones, distinguished visiting fellow, Princeton University; Gavin Newsom, lieutenant governor of California and former mayor of San Francisco; Nan Shi, secretary general, Urban Planning Society of China; and Anu Sridharan, co-founder, NextDrop.

Simran Sethi moderated a panel, "The Urban Planet: Solutions for a Crowded World," at the Clinton Global Initiative University in San Diego, Calif., April 2, at the invitation of President Bill Clinton. The panel addressed growing concerns around urbanization and the need for greater infrastructure. The video from the panel is online (Sethi's plenary starts 13:25 into the video): <http://bit.ly/fpxATB> (4/11/11) **Sethi** will co-teach a Poynter Institute training session May 16-20 called "Teaching the Craft of Writing (in the Age of Twitter)." More: <http://about.poynter.org/training/in-person/w406-11> (4/11/11)

David Guth served as a panelist April 20 in an all-day webinar, "Speaking About Communication," sponsored by Pearson Higher Education. His one-hour presentation was entitled "Collaborative Service Learning in a Capstone Course." He fielded questions from Alaska, Texas, San Diego, Boston and Florida. Approximately 200 people pre-registered for the webinar. (4/25/11)

Teresa Trumbly Lamsam serves on the editorial board for the *Osage Nation*. She reports that in a unanimous vote the Osage Nation Congress signed into law an amendment to protect newspaper staff in their assigned job duties from political influence and from being fired by tribal government elected officials. The editor of *the Osage News* already received such protection, but the previous law excluded newspaper staff members. You can view *the Osage News* at: <http://www.osagenews.org>. The details of the legislation can be read online at: <http://www.osagetribe.com/congress/uploads/ONCA11-26.ENACTED.pdf> (4/25/11)

Geana has been invited to lecture on communication research methods to Erasmus students at the New Media course at Katho---HANTAL (Belgium). The lecture took place May 24 and was delivered online via Skype. (6/14/10)

Susanne Shaw was part of a project for the U.S. Embassy in Slovakia from Sept. 15 to 22. She met with the faculties of two universities in Bratislava and one in Trnava about journalism education in their country. She also met with professional journalists in Bratislava from Sept. 23 to 25 and attended the board meeting for the Kosovo Institute on Journalism and Communication.

Simran Sethi kicked off the Distinguished Speakers series at the University of Texas-Pan American on Sept. 23. Sethi lectured on environmental justice and the need for greater environmental advocacy. Past UT-PA Distinguished Speakers have included Dan Rather, Mikhail Gorbachev and Apple founder Steve Wozniak. (10/4/10)

Sethi presented the Healthy House Institute's inaugural webinar on Creating an Environmentally-Friendly Home Sept. 30. HHI provides consumers with information to make their homes healthier. (10/4/10)

Pam Fine was one of several media watchers recently interviewed for a story for the Media Matters website on whether MSNBC is a left wing version of Fox

News. Read the story: <http://mediamatters.org/blog/201011300010> (12/13/10)

Doug Ward is part of a panel that has been accepted for presentation at the International Communication Association conference in May. The panel, "Where in the World? Using Geographic Methods for Communication History," includes four other researchers from Tulane University, the University of Texas and Muhlenberg College. The group is creating a multimedia presentation that will be part of the virtual portion of the ICA conference. (1/17/11)

Susanne Shaw was at Qatar University in Doha last week for a pre-accreditation visit. (2/21/11)

Lee was a member of an ACEJMC reaccreditation team visit Feb. 13-16, at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. (2/28/11)

Sethi will lecture on social and environmental sustainability and eco-feminism at Longwood University in Farmville, Va., March 9 in celebration of Earth Day and Women's History month. Details online at:

www.longwood.edu/2011events_32533.htm (3/7/11)

Sethi will keynote the 2011 environmental justice conference "Breaking The Silence" on March 12. The event will be held in Kansas City, Mo., and will focus on environmental literacy. (3/7/11)

Carol Holstead was in New York City last week to judge the National Magazine Awards, the premier contest for American consumer magazines, which is sponsored by the American Society of Magazine Editors. She judged the Magazine Section. (3/7/11)

Ann Brill, Tom Volek and **Barbara Barnett** visited Fort Leavenworth last Thursday, March 3, to attend the Media and the Military class opening reception. KU students in the class recently visited Fort Leavenworth as well. (3/7/11)

Geana participated in the Hispanic Day on the Hill event in Topeka, Kan., Feb. 23. The meeting, which benefitted from the participation of Governor Sam Brownback, focused on education, health, public policy and business for Hispanics in Kansas. Geana is currently working on two NIH funded research initiatives on cancer prevention and community-based research addressing Hispanics. (3/14/11)

David Guth has been invited to speak during an online conference for communication educators April 20. "Speaking About Communication" is a daylong online conference hosted by Pearson Education. Allyn & Bacon, a division of Pearson, is the publisher of the textbooks he has co-authored with Chuck Marsh and former lecturer Bonnie Short. Guth's topic will be "Collaborative service learning in a capstone course." His talk will focus on client selection, group management and assessment. (3/14/11)

Tom Volek and **Sue Novak** were invited to speak on a panel at a brown bag luncheon, "Media in Russia," hosted by KU's Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, March 8. **Nathan Pettengill**, of *Lawrence Magazine*, also was on the panel. (3/14/11)

Fine was quoted in the public editor's column on the editorial page of Sunday's *New York Times*, online at: www.nytimes.com/2011/04/03/opinion/03pubed.html?_r=1&ref=thepubliceditor. The column focused on the value of posting news organization policies on ethics, social media, blogging and other practices so they are accessible to readers. (4/4/11)

Susanne Shaw was a member of an external review committee for the School of Communications at Hong Kong Baptist University last week. This week, she is at Savannah State University for a pre-accreditation visit. (4/18/11)

The Marketing Communications graduate program at the KU Edwards Campus hosted a Happy Hour Networking event March 10. There were 33 people in attendance, including current students, alumni, faculty, business leaders from the community and staff, along with prospective students. **Ann Brill**, **Tom Volek**, **Jimmy Gentry** and **Kerry Benson** spoke at the event. KU Edwards Campus Vice Chancellor **Bob Clark**, Marketing Communications alumni **Morgan Johnson** and **Manon Eilts** and current student **Darius Lane** also spoke to students. Trozzolo Communications Group CEO **Pasquale Trozzolo** was also in attendance. **Kelly Crane** and **Jammie Johnson** organized the event. (4/25/11)

Mike Williams just returned from a trip to St. Petersburg, Russia, where he taught a 30-hour course in photojournalism and visual presentation in the Journalism School of St. Petersburg State University. This was a special course for about 20 students. Some of the student work is available online at a website they created at: <http://spsustories.wordpress.com> During his trip, Williams was recognized as the outstanding international presenter at the 50th annual international conference "Media in the Modern World. St. Petersburg Readings" for his presentation about effective design of interactive mobile media. (5/2/11)

Tom Volek and **Barbara Barnett** attended the Media and the Military class closing reception at Fort Leavenworth April 28. (5/2/11)

Teresa Trumbly Lamsam and **Rhonda LaValdo**, 2009 MSJ graduate and president of the Native American Journalists Association, were featured April 24 on KKFI 90.1 Kansas City and spoke about Native American health issues and media coverage. (5/2/11)

Barbara Barnett will participate in KU's Senior Administrative Fellows Program. The program gives faculty an opportunity to learn more about KU's governance and structure, while developing administrative and leadership skills. (5/16/11)

Ann Brill, Barbara Barnett and Linda Lee are traveling to Costa Rica May 27 to discuss a KU exchange program with the University of Costa Rica. (5/16/11)

Simran Sethi will be a visiting faculty member at Poynter's week-long course on Teaching the Craft of Writing (in the Age of Twitter). Sethi will be co-teaching with Poynter faculty Kelly McBride and Roy Clark, and Pulitzer Prize winner James Sheeler, Professor of Journalism at Case Western University. (<http://about.poynter.org/training/in-person/w406-11>) (5/16/11)

Patty Noland attended the Scholars Day lunch on July 21 for high-achieving high school students who are considering KU. She met with three prospective students and their parents. (8/1/11)