

Associate Dean Barbara Barnett was mentioned in the 2014 Chancellor's Report for presenting research on post-traumatic stress disorder among journalists and nonmilitary personnel to the U.S. State Department.

Associate Professor Tim Bengtson has been named a finalist for AEJMC Advertising Division's Distinguished Teaching Award. Congratulations, Tim!

Lecturer Kerry Benson was one of five finalists for the Class of 2014's H.O.P.E. (Honor for Outstanding Progressive Educator) award given on Feb. 26. It was her ninth time as a finalist. The award, established in 1959, is determined by student vote and a Board of Class Officers interview. Way to go, Kerry!

Assistant Professor Yvonne Chen was quoted in a Reuters article on alcohol marketing and kids. Check it out here - <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-online-alcohol-idUSBRE9B11BD20131219>.

Assistant Professor Jerry Crawford received the 2014 Katich Creativity Award at the faculty & staff luncheon on Friday, May 9. Pictured above with Jerry (from left to right) are Dean Ann Brill and Laura Katich. The Katich Creativity Award is annually given to a tenure-track or tenured faculty member in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications who demonstrates creativity in teaching, research, service or a combination of these areas.

Pam Fine was one of six members of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) to receive a 2013-14 Scripps Howard Foundation/AEJMC Social Media Externship Grant. Fine spent two weeks this summer at DNAinfo.com in New York and also met with editors at the New York Times and Digital First Media to learn first-hand how they're using social media across multiple platforms. As part of a second phase of the program, a DNAinfo editor will visit the J-school during the school year. Fine also got hands-on experience this summer shooting and editing video as a participant in a weeklong "Backpack and Mobile Video Reporting" seminar at the Poynter Institute.

Dr. Muger Geana has been appointed Associate Professor with the Department of Family Medicine, KUMC. This appointment strengthens the research and collaboration links between the journalism school and KUMC and will contribute to increased interdisciplinary research in health communications.

Geana has been named international consultant for a recently funded research project focused on using novel technologies and approaches to improve health communication to senior citizens in Chile. In March 2014 a delegation from the Catholic University of Chile (School of Journalism and the School of Public Health) will visit the Center for Excellence in Health Communication to Underserved Populations at the University of Kansas and the Health Communication Research Center at the University of Missouri to learn more about evidence-based interventions to improve health communication to key audiences. This collaboration is a result of Geana's meeting with Chilean colleagues during his visit to Santiago earlier in 2013.

Geana has accepted a position as a scientific reviewer for the National Institutes of Health, a first for a faculty member from the William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications. Geana will travel to Washington, DC in January to participate in a scientific review panel for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

For the seventh year, Jimmy Gentry will be the lead instructor for Reynolds Week at the Donald W. Reynolds National Center for Business Reporting at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University in January. Gentry will provide two days of instruction for professional journalists attending the Strictly Financials program and another day for professors attending the Business Journal Professors program.

Associate Professor Carol Holstead's essay, "The President, His Photographer and Me" won an honorable mention in the Kansas State Historical Society's Kansas Factual Story Contest. Holstead's story was about meeting President Obama when he spoke in Osawatimie on Dec. 6, 2011. The meeting was arranged by Holstead's friend and President Obama's photographer, Pete Souza.

Kevin Lee was named the University Unclassified Staff Employee of the Month. Congratulations to Kevin!

Chuck Marsh has been invited to join the news editorial board of the Journal of Mass Media Ethics.

Assistant Professor Hyunjin Seo's research paper, "Visual Propaganda in the Age of Social Media: Twitter Images During 2012 Israeli-Hamas Conflict," received the Second Place Faculty Paper Award in the Visual Communication Division at the 2013 AEJMC convention in Washington, D.C.

Seo has been named an Emerging Scholar for 2014-2015 in recognition of her research on social media and social change.

Seo was named a Docking Young Faculty Scholar. The Docking Young Faculty Scholar Award was established by former Kansas first lady Meredith Docking to "honor faculty who have distinguished themselves early in their careers at KU."

On Friday, February 28 Associate Professor Max Utsler's research was featured as the headliner in the KU Today Newsletter. Utsler published a study, conducted with Susie Epp (MSJ 2010), in the Journal of Sports Media analyzing the televised image repair strategies of Mark McGwire, Alex Rodriguez and Barry Bonds. They examined the efforts through the lens of image restoration discourse theory. While they used varying tactics, the athletes had essentially the same results.

Professor Doug Ward has been appointed to the university Course Redesign Task Force, which will make recommendations on such things as goals for course redesign; collaboration and sharing of course materials with other universities; resources for course redesign, and classroom space.

Ward is also a member of the C21 Course Redesign Consortium, a learning community intended to improve and accelerate course redesign.

Ward led two sessions at the annual Teaching Summit, both on using projects and technology to engage freshmen.

Ward was named a fellow at the Center for Teaching Excellence. He will work half a day a week at CTE on projects and workshops related to teaching and education. Ward's article "Process Over Product," about structural problems that impede learning at colleges and universities, was published by Inside Higher Ed. Ward is featured in a new video on the site of the Institute for Digital Research in the Humanities. He talks about the importance of digital literacy, the use of digital tools and the creation of Infomania.

Associate Professor Mike Williams was selected as a fellow of the 2014 Scripps Howard Journalism Entrepreneurship Institute. The Institute brings together 12 international journalism faculty from across disciplines to develop new techniques to provoke entrepreneurial thinking and behavior and to integrate media entrepreneurship into journalism schools. The Institute will be held Jan. 5 - 9, 2014, at the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University.

Williams was elected president of University Senate for 2015-2016!