

Professor Barbara Barnett has been selected as the 2016-2017 Budig Teaching Professor of Writing. Former KU Chancellor Gene Budig and his wife, Gretchen, provided lead support for the establishment of this award that honors a School of Journalism faculty member who has demonstrated a commitment to excellence in the teaching of writing.

Associate Professor Genelle Belmas' entry in the Association for Education of Journalism and Mass Communication's Teaching Ideas Competition, "Eating the Flag: How to Teach about Flag Desecration (Without Threats on Your Life)," received a second-place award.

Kerry Benson, strategic communication track chair, has been nominated by the KU Senior Class of 2016 as a finalist for the Honor for Outstanding Progressive Educator, or H.O.P.E., Award. This is the 10th time Benson has been a finalist for the award.

Assistant Professor Peter Bobkowski was one of six educators who received the National Scholastic Press Association's Pioneer Award at the National High School Journalism Convention in Orlando, Florida. The award is the NSPA's top honor for journalism educators and honors those who have gone above and beyond to advance scholastic journalism through years of dedicated service. Dean Ann Brill presented Assistant Professor Peter Bobkowski the John Katich Award for Creativity on April 29 at the faculty and staff lunch.

Associate Professor Jerry Crawford has been selected to participate in the 2016-17 class of AEJMC's Institute for Diverse Leadership in Journalism and Communication.

Assistant Professor Joseph Erba, Associate Professor Yvonne Chen and doctoral student Hannah Kang's paper won the top faculty paper award in the Minorities and Communication Division at the 2016 AEJMC. Their paper is titled "Using media literacy to counter stereotypical images of blacks and Latinos."

Pam Fine, Knight Chair in News, Leadership and Community, has been elected president of the American Society of News Editors. Fine attended the ASNE-APME 2015 convention this weekend at Stanford University.

Associate Professor Carol Holstead has been invited to judge the National Magazine Awards, or Ellies, in New York in January. The Ellies is the world's most prestigious magazine contest. More than 300 editors, writers and professors come to Columbia University to judge entries in 24 categories.

Holstead was invited by the American Society of Magazine Editors to judge the National Magazine Awards for Print and Digital Media, or Ellies, at Columbia University in New York. The Ellies are the most prestigious awards for American magazines. In 2015, 294 magazines submitted 582 entries in 17 categories. About 300 judges, mostly top editors at magazines, judge the contest. Holstead judged Magazine Section.

Holstead is one of 10 KU instructors on the ballot for the Best of Lawrence's Teacher-University category.

Bremner Editing Center Coordinator Lisa McLendon received the Tim Bengtson Faculty Mentor Award on April 14 during the Scholarships and Awards ceremony on William Allen White Day. She is pictured above with Associate Professor Tim Bengtson (left) and 1984 J-School graduate Mark Mears, who created the award to honor Bengtson.

Assistant Professor Jonathan Peters has been re-elected as teaching chair for the Law and Policy Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

John Price's film "Lost Minds: KC's Mental Health Crisis" has been nominated for a Mid-America Emmy. The final winners will be announced in St Louis on Oct. 3. View the film here: <http://bit.ly/1EfyxSm>

Professor Scott Reinardy has been awarded a book contract through Routledge for "Journalism's Lost Generation: The Undoing of U.S. Newspaper Newsrooms." The book is an accumulation of more than a decade of research examining newspaper journalists and their newsrooms.

Assistant Professor Hyunjin Seo has been elected to serve as the Professional Freedom and Responsibility Chair for the Visual Communication Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

Seo has received a provost's recommendation for promotion to associate professor with tenure.

Seo also has been named editor of the Korean American Communication Association (KACA) Newsletter. On March 3, Seo gave a talk, entitled "Engaging North Korea: Lessons Learned Through Journalism and Science Exchanges," as part of the Tea and Talk series organized by the KU Center for East Asian Studies. During her talk, Seo discussed her experiences of covering North Korea as a journalist and of being involved in U.S.-North Korea academic science exchanges.

Congratulations to Assistant Professor Hong Tien Vu, who successfully defended his dissertation Nov. 19 at the University of Texas at Austin.