

Prof. Barbara Barnett will share her research on helping the military and the media understand post-traumatic stress disorder with U.S. State Department officials in Vienna this week. Her research looks at how PTSD can affect journalists and how it is presented in the media.

The Spencer Foundation awarded Peter Bobkowski a two-year grant to examine civic engagement among student journalists. The research will focus on high school journalism programs in the greater Kansas City area, on both sides of the state line.

Dr. Muger Geana and Paul Atchley (Psychology) have been awarded a \$44,000 grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation for the project "Leveraging Multiple Teen-Driver Safety Programs to Reduce Distracted Driving, Increase Safety Belt Use and Improve Safety Culture." The project builds on five years of successful collaboration in addressing distracted driving and testing strategic campaigns with younger audiences. The research component of the project will focus on the value of added messages reinforcing different aspects related to distracted driving (seat belt use, texting while driving, cellphone use, etc.) in promoting a safer driving behavior by teens.

Geana will spend the week in Boston, Mass., visiting with Professor K. Viswanath, Director of the Health Communication Core, Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center. He will meet with researchers and practitioners and attend lectures at the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Geana hopes to use the experience to further develop the research and services offered through the Center for Excellence in Health Communications to Underserved Populations.

Associate Professor David Guth has aggregated Kansas data links on the declining population in Western Kansas to support his research and is sharing it in case any colleagues or students may find it useful. See it here - <http://www.dguth.journalism.ku.edu/KansasFacts.html>.

Associate Professor Tien-Tsung Lee has received a \$1,000 international travel grant from KU's Center for East Asian Studies to conduct research in Taiwan this summer. He will study Taiwanese news media's coverage of immigrants and foreign laborers.

Assistant Professor Hyunjin Seo is a member of a three-person proposal team receiving a \$25,000 grant from the Henry Luce Foundation to support a 2014 summer program in China aimed at promoting academic science engagement between the United States and North Korea.

Seo's interdisciplinary research proposal, submitted in collaboration with Assistant Professor Fengjun Li of the KU Electrical Engineering & Computer Science Department, has been awarded a \$206,000 grant from the KU Research Investment Council. The project will develop a sustainable research program on credibility and security in social media and establish an interdisciplinary education initiative bringing together journalism, strategic communications, data science and information security.