

Associate Professor Barbara Barnett conducted a study to see how regular exposure to violence affects journalists in Iraq. They found that fear and resilience are part of their daily lives.

Barnett has been awarded the 2017 General Research Fund. Barnett's research will examine how print, broadcast and online journalists view their jobs and coverage of violence. The project will study how journalists make sense of their experiences and if they recognize that they may experience post-traumatic stress. It also considers whether women and men experience trauma differently.

Girls are censored and self-censor much more than their male counterparts in high school journalism, according to a study by Associate Professor Genelle Belmas and Assistant Professor Peter Bobkowski. Read the KU news story - <https://news.ku.edu/2016/03/28/study-shows-girls-censored-much-more-boys-high-school-journalism>.

A study by Assistant Professor Peter Bobkowski shows that the media that young people consume and their sexual self-concept predict how sexually they present themselves online. Read the KU News story - <http://news.ku.edu/2016/04/04/study-shows-sexual-media-young-people-consume-reflected-their-online-self-presentation>.

Associate Professor Yvonne Chen has received a Best Practice Institute grant from KU's Center for Teaching Excellence. She will design modules to facilitate team-based communication activities in Strategic Campaigns this summer.

A study co-written by Chen shows that an intervention aimed at educating adults about the dangers of sugary beverages and improving their health and media literacy is effective at improving their health, knowledge and helping reduce the amount of beverages they drink. Read the KU News story - <http://news.ku.edu/2016/04/12/study-shows-intervention-helps-reduce-adults-sugary-beverage-intake-improve-health-media>.

Chen, along with Assistant Professor Laura Martin of the University of Kansas Medical Center, received a \$35,000 grant from The University of Kansas Cancer Center to study how adolescent smokers respond to e-cigarette advertising.

A study by Assistant Professor Joseph Erba found that although Latinos are the largest racial/ethnic minority in the United States, they are not graduating from college at the same rates as their peers. Erba found that media representations of Latinos play a role in how those students navigate the college experience. Read more about Erba's research here

Associate Professor Muger Geana discussed enrollment in cancer clinical trials and presented preliminary results of the Accrual to Cancer Clinical Trials Project at the Midwest Cancer Alliance midyear physicians meeting Nov. 13. The study, funded by Midwest Cancer Alliance and the University of Kansas Cancer Center, aims at developing an evidence-based strategic communication campaign to increase recruitment of patients into cancer clinical trials. Assistant Professor Joseph Erba is a co-investigator on the project.

Geana and Assistant Professor Joseph Erba were featured in this KU News story (<https://news.ku.edu/2016/02/16/ku-leading-collaborative-study-learn-about-minority-perceptions-cancer-clinical-trials>) about their partnership with the Health Communication Research Shared Resource of the KU Cancer Center and Midwest Cancer Alliance. They are researching barriers for the elderly, racial minority populations and those living in rural areas to participate in cancer clinical trials.

A study by Assistant Professor Jonathan Peters explores whether the First Amendment has any role to play in the private sector as Internet companies such as Twitter and Facebook continue to create and enforce their own content rules and community guidelines.

A research study by Associate Professor Seo shows that social media can help international students adjust to college life but that their social media use did not relate to the amount of social support they received in their adopted country and institutions. Read the KU News story here - <http://news.ku.edu/2016/02/05/study-shows-social-media-can-help-international-students-adjust-college-life-not-support>.