

KUJH-TV executive producer Chris Bacon was interviewed via Skype by FOX-5 in New York City about the impact of the Royals playing in the World Series. The story aired Oct. 24.

Associate Professor Genelle Belmas was interviewed Nov. 18 on KCUR's Up-To-Date show about the public perception of journalists and journalism in the context of the MU protests and resignations.

Dean Ann Brill was the keynote speaker for the Phi Kappa Phi initiation ceremony Nov. 20. Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society. Dean Brill also was initiated as a faculty member of the society during the ceremony. Other J-School initiates were Katherine Miller, Roseann Pluretti, Sara Elizabeth Prendergast and Jessi Renae Royer.

Kerry Benson, strategic communication track chair, served as a judge Jan. 25 for JayRock, the annual variety show hosted by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. The event is student-run, providing the student-athletes an opportunity to display the three pillars of Jayhawk SAAC: leadership, camaraderie and service.

Associate Professor John Broholm participated in the KU Core review panel during the KU Student Learning Symposium on March 4.

Associate Professor Yvonne Chen presented to 387 high school juniors and their guests on March 11 for the Junior Day event. Junior Day is designed for high school juniors who are starting their college search. Chen featured her students' winning Strategic Campaigns work in her mock lecture "Inside the Classroom."

Chen has been elected chair-elect for the Lawrence LiveWell Tobacco-Free Living work group. The goal of this work group is to advocate for tobacco-free policies to benefit Douglas County residents, and it is currently working on advocating for the expansion of the Lawrence Clean Indoor Air ordinance to include e-cigarettes.

Chen judged the Fountain Awards entries for the Business Marketing Association of Greater Kansas City on Feb. 19. Fountain Awards honor the best in business-to-business marketers and communicators. Chen judged entries in categories ranging from content strategy to multimedia campaigns.

Chen also presented a mock lecture for a group of high-ability high school juniors on March 28 for Junior Scholar Day. Students were invited to visit KU based on their high ACT scores and grade point averages.

Assistant Professor Joseph Erba and Associate Professor Yvonne Chen were invited to present keys to engage international students and enhance their success at the School of Business's Teaching Summit on April 15. Erba discussed the need to develop cultural competency in a diverse classroom. Chen discussed Chinese students' academic path and contextualized challenges through a cultural lens.

Associate Professor Jerry Crawford was interviewed and quoted several times for an article in The Atlantic in which Crawford talks about the importance for Historically Black Colleges and Universities to continue recruiting Latinos and how HBCUs have traditionally sought to educate both first-generation students and those from lower socioeconomic backgrounds. He also discussed how HBCUs should use more of a business model to strengthen their accreditation futures.

Crawford will be a panelist at tonight's Lawrence Community Town Hall Meeting, titled "Conscious Conversations: Closing the Cultural Divide Together," 6:30-9 p.m. at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, Building 21.

Crawford spoke at Bishop Seabury Academy in Lawrence on March 29 about the importance of ethics in the media, specifically during political campaigns. He also spoke about how diversity, equity and social justice should be a part of everyone's personal authentic self. Bishop Seabury Academy is a small school of about 185 students, grades six-12, and 30 faculty. Crawford also traveled to Wichita on March 22 and Kansas City on March 29 as part of the KU Chancellor's Achievement Banquet.

Knight Chair Pam Fine was an invited attendee at the Entrepreneurial and Social Journalism Educators summit in July hosted by The Knight Center for Entrepreneurial Journalism at the City University of New York. The summit focused on design thinking and best practices for preparing students for professional work.

Fine was an invited participant at the Sept. 2 Kansas Civic Health Summit in Wichita, organized by the Kansas Health Foundation. The summit focused on ways to improve community engagement in health issues at the state and local levels. Participants were from news organizations, universities, foundations and other nonprofits involved in community and public health. The summit included a series of small group discussions to develop ideas the foundation could consider as it pursues a new set of strategic initiatives.

Fine has been asked to join the search committee for the new director of Kansas Public Radio and Audio Reader. The committee includes community members and industry professionals. The new director will replace Janet Campbell, who retired last year.

Fine has been invited to serve as a final judge for this year's Toner Prize for Excellence in Political Reporting. The prize is awarded annually by Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications in honor of Robin Toner, the late national political correspondent for The New York Times. Fine and Toner worked together at the Atlanta Constitution early in their careers. Other final judges include Tom Brokaw, former NBC news anchor; Adam Clymer, retired editor and Washington reporter for The New York Times; and Maralee Schwartz, former national political editor of The Washington Post.

Pam Fine was a final judge for two sets of annual journalism awards announced last week: the 2016 ASNE Awards and the Robin Toner Award for Excellence in Political Reporting. The American Society of News Editors selected winners and finalists in nine categories during judging last week at the Poynter Institute in St. Petersburg, Florida. The winners will be honored at the annual ASNE-APME convention in September. The Toner Award was presented March 21 at a dinner in Washington, D.C., featuring President Obama as the guest speaker. Fine is president of ASNE this year.

Fine was a presenter and moderator for a panel at the International Symposium for Online Journalism at the University of Texas on April 15. The title of the session was "Journalists as activists and activists as journalists: Has the internet blurred the line between journalism and activism/advocacy?" Fine also moderated a panel at the Newspaper Association of America Media Exchange event in Washington, D.C., on April 18. The panel was titled, "Changing the Culture: What Works."

Associate Professor Mugur Geana met with a delegation of researchers from the University of Costa Rica on Oct. 19. Geana talked about his recent research project on health communication about dengue fever in the province of Limon, Costa Rica. He also discussed how the Center for Excellence in Health Communication to Underserved Populations can support and promote further international collaboration. The meeting was organized by KU International Programs.

Geana and Assistant Professor Hyunjin Seo were panelists for a technology and health communication session at the 2016 Society of Behavioral Medicine conference in Washington, D.C., on April 1. Assistant Professor Crystal Lumpkins was chair of the session titled "Information Technology among Baby Boomers -- How Social Media Sites Are Shaping Health Communication among Older Americans."

Geana was interviewed by Lisa Gutierrez, a reporter with The Kansas City Star on Jan. 27. Geana talked about media coverage of the Zika epidemic and about his experience with promoting community engagement to control mosquito-borne infectious diseases. Geana worked with colleagues from the University of Costa Rica on a health communication project addressing dengue fever, which shares the same vector with the current Zika outbreak.

Associate Professor Carol 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.

Lecturer Mark Johnson was featured in Sunday's Kansas City Star with a Q&A about the effect of the Voting Rights Act 50 years after its passage. Read the article here: <http://bit.ly/1SClznZ>

Johnson will appear with Secretary of State Kris Kobach at 12:15 p.m. Sept. 10 at the KU School of Law to talk about voter identification issues. The event is sponsored by the law school's chapters of the Federalist Society and the Hispanic Law Students Association.

The Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome has invited Professor Chuck Marsh to speak on communication ethics at the 2016 International Church Communications Seminar in Rome.

Lisa McLendon, coordinator of the Bremner Editing Center, will have a national audience Thursday when she presents a grammar webinar for the Poynter Institute. Learn more and sign up: <http://bit.ly/1JbPMzC>

McLendon is this year's chair of the Kansas Notable Books committee. She served on the committee last year and previously in 2010-11. The committee reads nominated books by Kansas authors or about Kansas, then selects about 20 books to recommend to the state librarian as "notable" Kansas books. The list is announced in the summer and the authors are recognized at the Kansas Book Festival in the fall. The Notable Books program is run by the State Library of Kansas and the Kansas Center for the Book.

McLendon was the featured guest on the American Copy Editors Society Twitter chat, #ACESchat, on Jan. 6. The topic was "Tips for remembering tricky language points."

McLendon was a judge in the American Copy Editors Society headline contest, which recognizes outstanding work in headline writing. She judged the staff category for publications with circulation of 200,000 and up. Winners will be announced at the ACES national conference in late March.

Assistant Professor Jonathan Peters was the featured speaker last week during a national teletraining session for the Society of American Business Editors and Writers. The session, titled "The First Amendment in the Digital Age," explored the First Amendment's application across a changing media landscape and the importance of knowing the legal rights and responsibilities as a business journalist.

Peters spoke at the Frito-Lay plant in Topeka about digital security and privacy. He is also speaking Tuesday in Kansas City at the monthly meeting of the International Association of Business Communicators. Peters will discuss press freedom problems in Ferguson, Missouri. He also will discuss those problems in September at the Kansas City Press Club.

Peters has been quoted recently on First Amendment topics by several news outlets, including The Huffington Post, Editor & Publisher, Nieman Lab, and Litigation News (published by the American Bar Association).

Peters visited New York last week to train in media law the staffs of "This American Life" and "Serial."

Peters will speak at the Kansas City Press Club about press-freedom issues in Ferguson, Missouri, and how journalists can assert their rights while covering protests. Peters also will be in Orlando this weekend for "Excellence in Journalism 2015," the joint national convention of the Society of Professional Journalists, the National Association of Hispanic Journalists, and the Radio Television Digital News Association. Peters is part of a featured panel that will explore the rights and responsibilities of reporters who cover protests. The other panelists are Gilbert Bailon, editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch; Wesley Lowery, the Washington Post's national crime reporter; and Mike Lafferty, editor for breaking news at the Orlando Sentinel.

Steve Rottinghaus, career and outreach coordinator, returned to his roots on Nov. 13 when he covered the Wellsville-Sabetha Class 3A state football quarterfinal for the Topeka Capital-Journal. Rottinghaus began

his journalism career in 1985 with the Topeka Capital-Journal, where he worked for five years, including two years as its KU sports correspondent. Read the story here - <http://cjonline.com/sports/2015-11-13/wellsville-holds-sabetha-advance-3a-state-semifinals#>.

Rottinghaus judged business ethics on Monday morning at the Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference in Topeka. The J-School was a sponsor at the conference.

Assistant Professor Hyunjin Seo offered a digital media workshop Aug. 12 to military officers participating in the Army Strategic Broadening Program (Mount Oread Leadership Series). The workshop covered the role of social media in foreign affairs and social network analysis in related areas.

Seo also offered a workshop on social media and integrated communications on Aug. 14 for KU Ph.D. students holding the Madison and Lila Self Graduate Fellowship. The Self Fellowship is aimed at identifying, recruiting and providing development opportunities for exceptional Ph.D. students in different fields.

Seo participated in a review meeting for the Freedom House's annual Press Freedom Index in its New York office Feb. 8. Seo serves as an Asia-Pacific analyst for the Press Freedom Index, contributing to its reports and attending review meetings.

Seo was a panelist discussing the future of mass communication research during the Pamela Shoemaker Festschrift event April 8 at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, Syracuse University.

Associate Professor Doug Ward was a guest on the NPR program "AirTalk with Larry Mantle," which airs on KPCC in Los Angeles. He spoke during a segment on the high price of textbooks and a California State University-Fullerton professor's refusal to use a department-assigned book. Ward will speak in December as part of a panel at the Army University Education Symposium at Fort Leavenworth. The panel will focus on creating an innovative learning environment.

Ward led a two-day workshop on digital storytelling for 14 middle school students in the Duke TIP program. Chandler Boese, a J-School student, assisted Ward with the workshop. Watch a video of the workshop here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PtkQLWmixNI&feature=youtu.be>.

Ward represented KU last week at a steering committee meeting of the Bay View Alliance in Palo Alto, California. BVA is a consortium of North American research universities working to improve teaching and learning.

Ward and Johnson spoke to the Social Media Club of Lawrence on Jan. 6 about the new master's program in Digital Content Strategy.

Ward represented KU last week at the annual conference of Tools for Evidence-based Action in Davis, California. The organization, known as TEA, develops visualization tools for evaluating evidence-based teaching practices. It is an offshoot of the Bay View Alliance, a consortium of research universities working to improve the culture of teaching in higher education.

Ward represented KU at the Arizona State University Global Silicon Valley summit in San Diego. The summit brings together entrepreneurs, investors and educators to explore evolving technology and ways that technology can be used in teaching and learning. Ward also led a workshop for Edwards Campus faculty and staff on "How Active Learning Changes Your Classroom."