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Opportunities knock in challenging climate

I am pleased and deeply honored to serve this year as Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at KU. As an alumnus, a faculty member, an administrator and now as the parent of a student in the College, I know from many perspectives the impact that the College has on people's lives.

It's a challenging year, as KU faces the same economic difficulties as all institutions. Nevertheless, we are not in retreat. Several initiatives begun last year, and several new ones, are actively being pursued. I hope that this issue of the KU Collegian will give you an idea of the excitement that I have for the College, its accomplishments, and its continued growth.

This year, we welcome the new School of the Arts into the College. The School consists of the departments of dance, film and media studies, theatre, and visual art. To introduce the school to the rest of KU and to Lawrence, we are holding a yearlong Celebration of the Arts, with performances and exhibits planned on and off campus. The School will bring the arts to a wider campus audience, and facilitate cooperation between the arts at KU and in the local and state communities.

Last year, we began two educational programs that take the expertise of College scholars to new audiences. CLAS Acts are interactive presentations by KU faculty held on campus or in the community, that are free to all. For example, in November, dance Professor Michelle Heffner-Hayes presented "Flamenco for Everyone" at the Lawrence Arts Center. In May, we will hold our second annual Mini College, a weeklong "learning vacation," with presentations by faculty, tours of campus, and a variety of other activities. Attendance at Mini College exceeded our expectations last year, and it was very well received by all who participated. We're anticipating an even larger turnout this year.

Several new initiatives will strengthen the College even further. Last year, the College formed a partnership with the School of Education to create UKanTeach, an innovative program that allows students to get a degree in science or mathematics and a teaching certificate in four years. We are now expanding this program in partnership with Johnson County Community College in a Degree Partnership Program, in which students may begin their education at JCCC, and transfer seamlessly to the UKanTeach Program at KU. We are also increasing our online offerings, and soon will be able to provide a KU education to students across the state. The College is more engaged in the life of the entire state than ever before, and I believe this engagement will become especially important as our society becomes increasingly global.

Please enjoy this issue of the Collegian. Reading of the many interesting and important activities of College faculty, I think you will understand my excitement for our future.

Gregory B. Simpson
Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences





MINI COLLEGE:

EDUCATIONAL GETAWAY MARKS NEW KU TRADITION

Mini College Schedule for Opening Day • MONDAY, MAY 24

8:00-9:00am	Open Check In
9:00-9:30am	Orientation
9:30-10:00am	Dean's Update
10:30-12:00pm	Clay and Fire: A Raku Workshop Ideas in Stone on Mount Oread: from Wescoe Beach to Spooner Hall (A Walking Tour) Sexual Selection and Courtship in Insects We Were Never Designed for This: The Psychological Toxicity of Modern Life (And What You Can Do About It) Memoir Writing
12:00-1:30pm	Lunch
1:30-2:00	Chancellor
2:00-2:15	Osher Lifelong Learning Update
2:15-3:00	Nicholas Eliopoulos 1969 Film Screening
3:30-5:00pm	Art on Campus: How, What, Why? Black Holes, Extra Dimensions and All That Ecological Research at the Prairie/Forest Ecotone, Including an Introduction to KU's Field Station Everything You Wanted to Know About GDP But Were Afraid to Ask

Sound interesting?

For a complete
Mini College schedule visit
www.minicollege.ku.edu

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"This was a perfect opportunity to spend more time on campus and engage in some interesting learning activities."

Those looking to make the most of their next vacation should consider spending a week at Mini College, a University of Kansas tradition in the making.

Any adult interested in rediscovering the student experience is invited to attend the second annual Mini College from May 24 to 28 at the KU campus in Lawrence. For just a \$225 registration fee, Mini Collegians are treated to a week of fascinating lectures delivered by top KU professors, exclusive extracurricular activities, tours and social events. For the full student experience, participants can stay in a KU residence hall.

Registration is open now at www.minicollege.ku.edu. The site also contains information about courses and activities offered during the week.

More than 70 courses and activities are being offered this year. Some of the courses include Everything You Wanted to Know About GDP but Were Afraid to Ask; The Promise of Personalized Medicine: How Genetic Testing Can Improve Health Care; Astroparticle Physics on the Kansas Prairie; Islam is a Thinking Chick's Religion: How Muslim Women Can Save Islam; Money Makes the World Go 'Round: Geographies of Global Finance; and Stuff Accumulates: Managing and Downsizing Possessions.

"All universities say they have world-class faculty," said John M. Loney, a 2009 Mini Collegian who received his medical degree from KU in 1974. "After attending Mini College, I was truly amazed at the world-class authorities KU has."

Nearly all Mini College courses are taught by the diverse faculty in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, which encompasses more than 55 departments, programs and centers and the new School of the Arts.

Of the 129 participants from 17 states with the distinction as serving as the first "graduates" of Mini College last June, all reported they would attend again and all would recommend the experience to a friend.

"I will return this year, and my wife, Pam, will be coming along with me," said George Pangburn, who earned a KU master's in geography in 1974. "This was a perfect opportunity to spend more time on campus and engage in some interesting learning activities."

The reasons for attending the inaugural Mini College were as diverse as the participants. Educators liked the opportunity to receive two continuing education units for \$25. Some came to relive their fond memories of Mount Oread and others came because they never had the opportunity to attend college.

"I love KU, I love going to school, and the Mini College curriculum was exciting," said Pat Roth, a Mini Collegian and 1949 KU graduate. "At age 81, I am a much more interested student than I was at 16. What's not to love about being there? I'll be seeing you in May 2010."

Registration for Mini College is open through April 30 for \$225. Late registrations will be accepted through May 16 for \$250. Mini College is sponsored by the College and co-hosted by the Commons.

Register now for "The Smartest Trip You'll Ever Take"

MINI COLLEGE

A learning vacation on the Lawrence campus featuring classes taught by KU faculty, tours and community events.

May 24-28, 2010

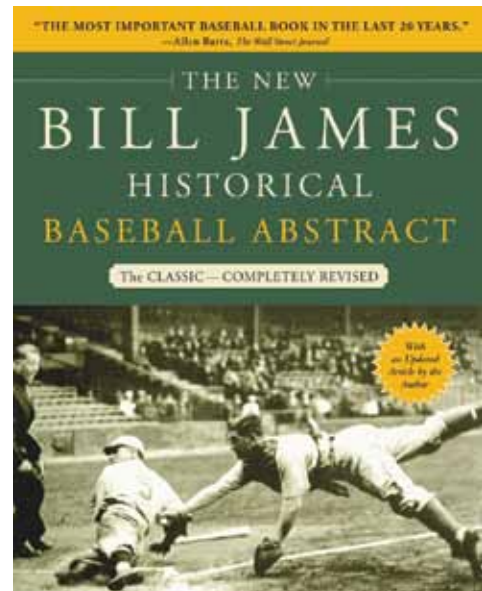
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STRENGTH OF LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION REFLECTED IN ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ALUMNI

An acclaimed artist, baseball consultant, television executive and U.S. cabinet secretary are the recipients of the prestigious Alumni Distinguished Achievement Awards, the highest honor bestowed by the College on its graduates. It is a testament to the quality of education offered in the College that extraordinarily accomplished alumni get discovered each year to honor with these awards.



ANN HAMILTON

Ann Hamilton is a visual artist internationally recognized for the sensory surrounds of her large-scale multimedia installations. Noted for a dense accumulation of materials, her environments create immersive experiences that respond to the architectural presence and social history of their sites. Hamilton received a bachelor's in textile design from KU in 1979 and a master's in sculpture from Yale University in 1985. She has been a recipient of the Heinz Award, MacArthur Fellowship, Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship, NEA Visual Arts Fellowship and United States Artists Fellowship. She is a professor of art at Ohio State University.

BILL JAMES

Through his innovative work with baseball research, Bill James has changed the way the sport is viewed, understood and managed. James is senior adviser to the Boston Red Sox, contributing to the team's two world championships. He was identified by Time magazine as one of the 100 most influential people in the world. James has published more than 20 books and dozens of articles focusing on the elements of a winning baseball team. "The Bill James Gold Mine 2009" is a groundbreaking collection of 17 original essays and statistical profiles. James received bachelor's degrees in English and economics from KU in 1973 and a bachelor's in education in 1975.

STEVE MILLS

Steve Mills, president and producer of New Vision Entertainment, has led a distinctive entertainment career, producing more than 600 television movies and mini series. His work on "The Incident" was honored with an Emmy Award. As senior vice president of programming for Qintex Entertainment, he was responsible for the lauded "Lonesome Dove." Mills has worked with such actors as Henry Fonda, Sidney Poitier, Burt Lancaster, Robert Duvall and Anthony Hopkins. He attributes much of his success to his "Kansas ethic of honesty and common sense." Mills graduated from KU in 1951 with a bachelor's in liberal arts and sciences.

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS

Kathleen Sebelius was sworn in as the 21st secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services in April 2009. As secretary, she's become a familiar face to Americans as a powerful advocate for reforming the nation's health insurance system and a leader of the administration's response to public health emergencies, including the H1N1 virus. Sebelius was elected governor of Kansas in 2002 and was reelected in 2006. In 2005, Time magazine named her one of America's five best governors for her leadership and record of bipartisanship. Sebelius graduated from KU with a master's in public administration in 1980.

Opposite page, clockwise: *Kaph glove* by Ann Hamilton, courtesy Ann Hamilton Studio; On the set of "Lonesome Dove," one of Steve Mills' extensive credits; "The Bill James Historical Baseball Abstract" is among James' two dozen books devoted to baseball; Generic influenza virion's ultrastructure, one of the public health emergencies Kathleen Sebelius responds to as HHS Secretary. This page, left to right: Ann Hamilton; Bill James; Steve Mills; Kathleen Sebelius

☆ For information on how to nominate a CLAS graduate, go to clas.ku.edu (follow the "Alumni and Friends" link) or contact cappel@ku.edu or 785.864.3516.

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

1997	1999	2001	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Nancy Kassebaum Baker	Martha Peterson	Fred Six	Jill S. Docking	Douglas D. Heckathorn	Elizabeth "Betsy" Broun	David Hillis	Thomas G. Burish	Mary Dawson	Sheila Bair
Clyde W. Toland	2000	2002	Paul R. Ehrlich	Terrence D. Jones	Irving Johnson	Sally Hoglund	B.H. "Pete" Fairchild	James Gunn	Jacqueline Z. Davis
1998	James E. Hesser	Jill Quadagno		Paul S. Keim	Mike Robe	Charley Oswald	Steven Hawley	Thomas Rudkin	Robert Hill
Arthur F. McClure				Edward F. Reilly, Jr.	Gary Sick	Sara Paretzky	Rosemary O'Leary	George Sheldon	Deanell Reece Tacha
							Randy Scott		

creating opportunities: SCHOOL OF THE ARTS INSPIRES NEW ENTHUSIASM AMONG STUDENTS

Each student in KU's new School of the Arts has a story to share through their unique forms of artistic expression. A year-long Celebration of the Arts is underway to help tell those stories with opportunities to inspire and increase participation in the arts. Created by a reorganization of KU's fine arts programs, the school housed within the College is training future artists in the departments of dance, film and media studies, theatre, and visual art. Here is a snapshot of students who will represent KU to the art world.

JOHN SEBELIUS, VISUAL ART

Why did you decide to attend KU?

"After graduating from the Rhode Island School of Design, I started my own company and wanted a market that was also cost-effective. I fell in love with Lawrence as a city and knew I really wanted to get involved in the art scene here. The lifeblood of this city is the university. It was a happy accident but a perfect fit."

ZACHARY INGLE, FILM

Is there a particular professor who has inspired you?

"The chair of our department, Tamara Falicov, has certainly had an impact on me. I loved her course in Latin American cinema. She serves as an ideal model of the teacher-scholar, as she performs both tasks to her fullest. Dr. Falicov encourages her students and sincerely cares that they learn the material."



KU students perform in the production *Eurydice*

CHANDRA O. HOPKINS, THEATRE

What's exciting about the new School of the Arts?

"There is a wonderful sense of energy that has come from putting together the four diverse, strong departments that make up the new School of the Arts. I have noticed a wonderful interest to find out how the new school can help in making arts students the successful, professional artists that they strive to be now."

NORA BURT, DANCE

How has a SOTA class made an impression on you?

"I really enjoyed improvisation. It's hard for dancers who have been in extremely structured technique classes to let loose. As that was my first non-technical dance class at KU, it brought me out of my shell right away. Michelle Heffner Hayes provided a really nurturing and fearless environment for us."



JAYHAWKS FLOCK TO WHITE HOUSE

While Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius may be the most prominent Jayhawk in the White House, she's not alone. College alumni serve the Obama Administration in a variety of roles, from trade representatives to attorneys. The following individuals highlight how a liberal arts and sciences education from KU prepared them for top positions in the executive branch.

Since receiving his MPA from KU, **Shaun McGrath**, deputy director in the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, has worked with the Western Governors' Association and served as a city council member and mayor of Boulder, Colo. John Nalbandian, KU professor of public administration, positively influenced McGrath's ability to work in partisan environments.

"There are many good opportunities for internships at all levels of government. Although these are not high-paying jobs, they can offer an opportunity to experience public policy and make contacts that can lead toward a career."

Stacy Elmer earned her MA in philosophy from KU before she was tapped to serve as special assistant to the assistant secretary of bioterrorism preparedness and emergency response where she responds to emergencies such as the H1N1 outbreak and Haiti earthquake. Elmer credits Professors Derrick Darby and Donald Marquis for helping her develop an understanding of philosophy's influence on policy.

"My job includes everything from tracking meeting notes in the Secretary's Operations Center to staffing meetings to working on policy memos to writing speeches. Every day is something new."

As special assistant and press lead in the Obama administration, **Johanna Maska** travels the world preparing the President's events. After graduating with degrees in history and journalism, Maska joined the Obama campaign and landed her current position in January 2009. The enthusiasm and life achievements of Professors Mohamed El-Hodiri and Bill Tuttle left a lasting impact on Maska.

"I'm privileged enough to have been at a great deal of the President's major events over the last two and a half years, so I've seen history in the making."



Chuck France
KU University Relations

SOLDIERS PREPARE FOR NEXT MISSIONS AT KU

KU recently was named to a select list of “military-friendly colleges and universities” by Military Advanced Education magazine. KU was one of only 20 cited for “particularly good academics” and one of 37 identified as having “notable veterans support programs.”

In recent years, KU has expanded its partnership with the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC) at nearby Ft. Leavenworth. The establishment of an Office of Professional Military Graduate Education facilitates the swap of knowledge between KU and the Armed Forces. The office oversees a new interdisciplinary doctoral program in special studies for military officers, offers a graduate program in interagency studies and runs the Wounded Warriors initiative, a pilot program that allows injured soldiers in the Army a chance to obtain graduate degrees.



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED: CLAS grads apply skills

Above:
Ari Jean-Baptiste
Courtesy of Bill Steele
Office of Professional
Military and
Graduate Education

Major Robin “Rob” Montgomery graduated with a master’s in public administration from KU while also attending the intermediate level education course at CGSC at Fort Leavenworth. Montgomery currently works in the Pentagon as aide-de-camp to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Michael Mullen.

“There were many parallels between my studies at CGSC and KU’s MPA program.”

Ari Jean-Baptiste is participating in the Army’s Wounded Warrior program. A chief warrant officer, Jean-Baptiste was the co-pilot of a Kiowa Warrior OH-58D helicopter that crashed in March 2007 in Iraq. Upon receiving his master’s in political science, Jean-Baptiste plans to continue as an instructor at CGSC at Ft. Leavenworth.

“Though it hasn’t been easy, the classes are always challenging and intellectually stimulating.”

Aaron Kirby received his undergraduate degree from KU with a specialized major in asymmetric conflict analysis. Kirby left academia to serve as a NCO with the 19th Special Forces Group. After being honorably discharged, Kirby returned to KU to complete his master’s in asymmetric conflict analysis.

“By allowing me the flexibility to learn from a diverse selection of disciplines, my education was tailored more to my professional needs.”

COLLEGE COLLECTS VAST KU INTERNATIONAL EXPERTISE IN NEW CENTER

The creation of a new Center for Global and International Studies that will harness, expand and share the University of Kansas’ immense worldwide knowledge promises to build upon a long tradition of international scholarship in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

With all this knowledge concentrated in one place, the Center for Global and International Studies aims to centralize KU’s international strengths, such as language and area studies programs and international research, encourage collaboration and improve available resources. The depth of global expertise at KU is evident in the number of faculty affiliated with the center: 325, which represents about 25 percent of all KU faculty. Most of those faculty come from the College.

The center will also provide a new home for the co-major in global and international studies and the graduate MA in global and international studies. A committee comprised of faculty, staff and students is developing a proposal to create a stand-alone major in global and international studies.



Terra Firma Imaging

Global domination

The activities of the College’s international area studies centers are a constant reminder of the depth and breadth of faculty’s worldwide expertise.

The Center for East Asian Studies celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2009 with a banquet and special guests.

The Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies will stage a conference on Russian language proficiency for educators.

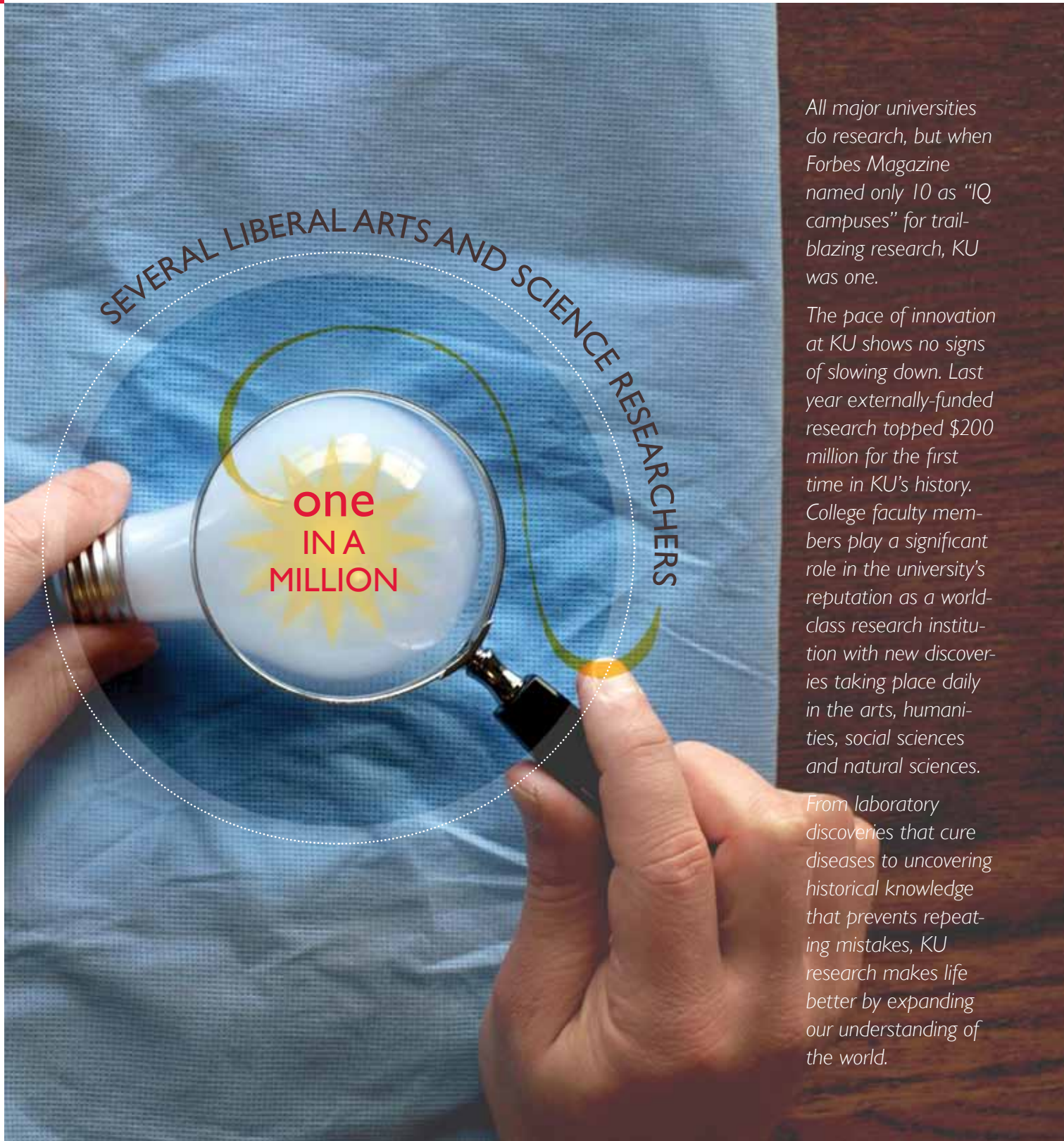
The Center for European Studies is offering courses in the spring that focus on major current issues, including the European Union and Islam in Europe.

The Kansas African Studies Center is working on an application to obtain National Resource Center status for 2010-’14.

The Center of Latin American Studies director, Professor Elizabeth Kuznesof, received the 2009 George and Eleanor Woodyard International Educator Award at KU.

A Native American college guide lists KU as a university that inspires students, noting close proximity to and exchanges with Haskell Indian Nations University. Global Indigenous Nations Studies Professor Devon Abbott Mihesuah is KU’s liaison to Haskell.

Above: Satellite view of the Plateau of Iran, in central Iran. “Rainbow Alluvium” courtesy of Mike Houts of Terra Firma Imaging, www.terrafirmaimaging.com. Houts received a bachelor’s degree in environmental studies and a master’s in geography, both from KU. His geo-art on canvas decorates the walls of the new Center for Global and International Studies.



All major universities do research, but when *Forbes Magazine* named only 10 as “IQ campuses” for trail-blazing research, KU was one.

The pace of innovation at KU shows no signs of slowing down. Last year externally-funded research topped \$200 million for the first time in KU’s history. College faculty members play a significant role in the university’s reputation as a world-class research institution with new discoveries taking place daily in the arts, humanities, social sciences and natural sciences.

From laboratory discoveries that cure diseases to uncovering historical knowledge that prevents repeating mistakes, KU research makes life better by expanding our understanding of the world.

College faculty engaged in million dollar research

Charles Greenwood, professor of applied behavioral science and director of Juniper Gardens
The U.S. Department of Education awarded a \$10 million grant to Juniper Gardens Children’s Project, a Kansas City, Kan.-based program of the Life Span Institute at KU, to fund a Center for Response to Intervention in Early Childhood. Judith Carta, professor of special education, is a co-recipient of the grant.

“Learning to read is one of the most important skills children need for success in later life,” said Greenwood. “Unfortunately, children with reading problems are often identified much too late.”

Townsend Peterson, University Distinguished Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and senior curator at the Biodiversity Institute
A \$1.12 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to KU’s Biodiversity Institute is funding research in several countries hit hard by viral diseases and places that are home to the H5NI strain of avian influenza. Leonard Krishtalka, director of the Biodiversity Institute, is a co-principal investigator for the grant.

“We want to know where these viruses are, why they are there and how they are most likely to spread to other areas,” Peterson said. “Are they there because of certain species of birds, or because several species share the same habitat?”

James Orr, professor of molecular biosciences and director of the 500 Nations/Bridges to Baccalaureate program, and Estela Gavosto, associate professor of mathematics and associate director of the Office for Diversity in Science Training

The National Institutes of Health renewed a \$1.14 million grant to a collaborative program between KU and Haskell Indian Nations University that provides research experiences for Haskell students at KU laboratories.

“It is only with NIH support that we can provide opportunities for these talented students who are planning careers in biomedical research and are underrepresented in their fields,” Orr said.

Donna Ginther, professor of economics
A \$1.2 million grant from the National Institutes of Health is funding research on the influences on women in biomedical sciences that contribute to a substantial number leaving the field before attaining academic careers.

“We found that the challenges for women are very different than those of other underrepresented minority researchers. We hope to soon be able to understand these challenges better,” Ginther said.

Yo Jackson, associate professor, applied behavioral science, clinical child psychology program, and psychology
A \$1.7 million grant from the National Institutes of Health and the National Institutes of Mental Health to test how children exposed to child maltreatment develop resilience. The results of the work will assist the field in developing treatments for youth exposed to trauma.

“We need to better understand why and how this suffering happens, what individual and environmental factors are actually helpful, and which are not really all that important,” Jackson said.

Kristin Bowman-James, University Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, Dietrich Earnhart, professor of economics, Judy Wu, University Distinguished Professor of Physics, Joane Nagel, University Distinguished Professor of Sociology
The National Science Foundation awarded \$20 million to Kansas NSF EPSCoR, a statewide program that includes major Kansas research universities, to provide a fresh integrative approach to address climate change and renewable energy challenges.

“We envision that this interdisciplinary research effort, bridging across the natural and social sciences and engineering, will ultimately allow Kansas to be a key leader in research that addresses serious global challenges,” said Bowman-James.

Joseph Heppert, Associate Vice Provost for Research & Graduate Studies, professor of chemistry and a co-director of UKanTeach

The National Math and Science Initiative awarded a \$2.4 million grant aimed at doubling the number of math and science teachers graduating annually. The grant benefits UKanTeach, a collaborative program in the College and School of Education that leads to a degree in science or math as well as a teaching license in four years. Other co-directors of the program are Steven Case, director of KU’s Center for Science Education, and Marc Mahlios, chairman of the Department of Curriculum and Teaching in the School of Education.

“UKanTeach has gained traction quickly due to the tremendous need for the teachers it will prepare,” said Heppert.

External grants provide essential funding for graduate research opportunities that allow students to work elbow-to-elbow with faculty.





NEWS FROM AROUND THE COLLEGE

AFRICAN & AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES

The Nigerian Ambassador to South Africa, Lesotho, and Swaziland, Dr. Mohammed Buba Marwa, visited KU and the department to attend the Marwa Africana Lecture Series in November. The 2009 lecture was delivered to a teeming audience by Amiri Baraka (formerly LeRoi Jones), an Obie Award poet, playwright, and social critic. The department also welcomed its newest faculty member, Anthony Bolden, an associate professor of African-American cultural studies with specialty in funk and blues.

AMERICAN STUDIES

Graduate students Hong Cai and Megan Williams were awarded Summer Research Fellowships from the Office of Graduate Studies. Ann Schofield spent the 2008-09 academic year as a Senior Research Fellow at the Rothermere American Institute. Ruben Flores, assistant professor, spent August 2008 to July 2009 in Austin, Texas, as part of a year-long fellowship that he received to study at UT Austin's Institute for Historical Studies.

ANTHROPOLOGY

Arienne Dwyer, associate professor of linguistic anthropology, was one of two KU professors to receive a prestigious Higuchi-KU Endowment Research Achievement Award for 2009. Donald D. Stull, professor of anthropology, received the Society of Applied Anthropology's Sol Tax Distinguished Service Award for 2009. Stull was also part of a three-member panel in January that discussed the

culture of food in the United States.

APPLIED BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Several graduate students received recognition at the meeting of the Mid-American Association for Behavior Analysis: Monica Francisco for the best basic research poster, Meg Stein for the best overall poster, and Jonny Miller for the best student paper. Greg Maden, associate professor, received this year's university-wide ING Excellence in Teaching Award. Assistant professors Claudia Dozier and Pam Neidert opened "Little Steps," a new on-campus program for children with severe challenging behavior.

BIOINFORMATICS

The Kansas Board of Regents approved a Ph.D. granting program in Bioinformatics. The program is based in the Center of Bioinformatics and involves faculty at KU's Lawrence campus, KU Medical Center and Stowers Institute. The Bioinformatics faculty members are recognized world-class leaders in bioinformatics, computational biology, information technology and life sciences.

CENTER FOR SCIENCE EDUCATION

The center awarded 10 Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarships that will provide funds to support scholarships, stipends and academic programs for undergraduate STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) majors and post-baccalaureate students holding STEM degrees who commit to teaching in high-needs K-12 school districts. The Univer-

sity of Kansas Center for Science Education has developed the UKanTeach STEM teacher development program.

CENTER FOR GLOBAL AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

The center hosted Reza Aslan, an internationally acclaimed writer and scholar of religions, who explored the intersection where faith, politics and international relationships meet in his lecture "How to Win a Cosmic War" on Feb. 17. Aslan is author of two books and has appeared on numerous news programs. Thomas Heilke, professor, begins his term this spring as the center's first director. The center aims to establish a stand-alone major in Global and International Studies for the fall of 2010.

CHEMISTRY

Professor Craig Lunte began his term as chair of the department in August. Joseph Heppert, professor, was named associate vice provost for research and graduate studies at KU. Distinguished Professor Kristen Bowman-James will receive a \$20 million grant from the National Science Foundation. Associate professors Heather Desaire and Cindy Berrie were selected to receive W.T. Kemper Fellowships for Teaching Excellence. Professor Robert Dunn has been selected as one of five 2009 Outstanding Educators by the KU Mortar Board Honors Society.

CHILD LANGUAGE

Steve Warren, vice provost for research and graduate studies and child language develop-

ment scientist, is lead author of a study employing the LENA (Language Environment Analysis) system, an automatic vocal analysis technology that allows researchers to measure precisely the impact of autism on several aspects of how children learn language.

scholarship was recognized and discussed on a panel at the recent annual convention of the National Communication Association.

CLASSICS

The department hosted the Fifth Annual Paul Rehak Memorial Symposium on Ancient Art, on March 10. The topic for the event was "Narrative in Greek and Roman Relief Sculpture." The invited scholars were: Peter J. Holliday of California State University, Long Beach, Elizabeth Marlowe of Colgate University, and David Petrain of Vanderbilt University.

CLINICAL CHILD PSYCHOLOGY

The program received the Richard Suinn Minority Achievement Award from the American Psychological Association for success in recruiting, retaining and graduating a diverse graduate student group. Yo Jackson, associate professor, and the University of Kansas were recently awarded a \$1.7 million dollar grant from the National Institutes of Health to study the pathways toward resilience in children exposed to child maltreatment.

COMMUNICATION STUDIES:

Dave Tell, associate professor, has been invited to present at a conference in March entitled "Rhetoric, Politics, and the Obama Phenomenon" hosted by Texas A&M University. Dorthy Pennington, associate professor, was one of five women scholars in communication whose

scholarship was recognized and discussed on a panel at the recent annual convention of the National Communication Association.

CENTER FOR RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN AND EURASIAN STUDIES

The center just completed a fun-filled semester full of events celebrating the fall of the wall in Berlin, the Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia, Solidarity in Poland, and the end of Soviet-style authoritarian rule in Central Europe. During the summer and fall of 2010 CREES will stage two notable events. One is a June conference on Russian language proficiency, "Clearing the Hurdle between Intermediate and Advanced Russian Proficiency." The department will also begin offering a new minor program.

CENTER FOR RESEARCH METHODS AND DATA ANALYSIS

At the beginning of the spring semester, the CRMDA will officially open its doors at its suite of offices in Watson 470. In this space, the center will have two Ph.D.-level statisticians in place along with numerous graduate students who can provide walk-in consultations and assistance.

DANCE

Alumnus Jun Kuribayashi performed with the Pilobolus Dance Theater at the Lied Center in February. The University Dance Company presents its spring concert April 22 and 23 at the Lied Center. Dance students will present works at the spring New Dance performances on April 29 and 30 at the Elizabeth Sherbon Theatre in Robinson Center. Michelle Heffner

Hayes, associate professor and flamenco expert, presented an interactive journey through the history and structures of flamenco at the Lawrence Arts Center in the fall.

EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES & CULTURES

Crispin Williams, assistant professor, spent the 2007-'09 academic years in China, continuing collaborative work on his research on the Wenxian Covenants. Faye Xiao joined the department as an assistant professor in August. Xiao will be teaching new courses for next year, including advanced Chinese and gender, marriage and family in modern China. Yan Li, assistant professor, will teach a new course, Language and Society in East Asia, in fall 2010.

CENTER FOR EAST ASIAN STUDIES

The center celebrated its 50th year in 2009 with a banquet featuring reminiscences of the early years by Professors Emeritus Grant Goodman from the Department of History and Felix Moos from the Department of Anthropology. Other activities in 2009 included the first Wallace Johnson Memorial Lecture, given by Peter Bol of Harvard University, and a conference on "The Opening of Western China" organized by associate professors John Kennedy from political science and Arienne Dwyer from anthropology.

ECOLOGY & EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY

Joy Ward, associate professor, was chosen to receive a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a young scientist or engineer in the United States. Deborah Smith,



Left to right: American Studies Professor Ann Schofield spent the 2008-09 academic year as a Senior Research Fellow at Oxford University; Anthony Bolden, new associate professor in African and African-American Studies; Nina Vyatkina, assistant professor of Germanic Languages and Literature, receives a Paul Pimsleur Award for Research in Foreign Language Education (in gray suit); Kelly Chong, associate professor of sociology, who is conducting field work in New York and Chicago; environmental studies Professor Karl Brooks is sworn in as regional administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency.

Left to right: Christopher Elles, new assistant professor in chemistry; Geetanjali Tiwari, lecturer in religious studies, teaches a Hindi language course; economics Professor Donna Ginther is studying factors that lead women to leave the sciences; the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, with generous donor support, has established a fund to recognize the outstanding lifetime achievement of Professor Emeritus George Woodyard; print by Mari Lacure, graduate student in visual art.

associate professor, received a W.T. Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence. Orley Taylor, professor, was part of a team that launched monarch butterfly larvae into space.

ECONOMICS

The department and William A. Barnett are co-authors of the world's fourth most influential economics blog, *Inside the Economist's Mind*. Nathan Berg (Ph.D., '01) created a music video set at a job fair. The video is concerned with the imbalance of negotiating power between employers and workers. Ronald Caldwell, assistant professor, has implemented a mentorship program for new graduate students.

ENGLISH

Maryemma Graham, professor, received a \$200,000 grant to conduct a two-week institute on "Native Son" author Richard Wright. Janet Sharistianian, associate professor, earned a \$139,654 grant for a five-week seminar on the United States and World War I. Faculty member Ann Rowland was honored as one of five KU faculty members to receive the Outstanding Educator Award from the Mortar Board National Honor Society.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Karl Brooks, associate professor, was nominated by President Barack Obama to be the regional administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. England Porter, May 2009 graduate, and Margaret Tran, senior from Derby, are featured as KU Women of

Distinction in the 2009-2010 calendar edition. Porter spearheaded the Potter Lake Project and Tran was instrumental in creating and planting the Rain Garden next to the Ambler Student Recreation Center.

EUROPEAN STUDIES

Highlighted offerings for the program in the spring include: *The European Union*; *European Civilization in World Context: Islam in Europe*; and *Opposition to the European Union*. The program co-sponsored the Peace and Conflict Studies lecture last spring at KU. David Cortright, president of the Fourth Freedom Foundation, spoke on "The Power of Nonviolence."

FILM AND MEDIA STUDIES

Kevin Willmott, KU associate professor of film and media studies, won best director for his latest film, "The Only Good Indian," at the 34th annual American Indian Film Festival. John Tibbetts, associate professor, was invited to Leipzig and Zwickau, Germany, in January to give a presentation on his research and current publications on the life and music of German Romantic composer Robert Schumann.

FRENCH AND ITALIAN

The department is offering a new course this spring, *Francophone Canada*, taught by Nicole Boudreau, lecturer. The department also awarded scholarships totaling \$29,700 for undergraduate study abroad in France and Italy. In fall, doctoral candidate in French Mary

Orieji Mba was named KU Woman of Distinction and in spring was named Outstanding International Woman Student.

GEOGRAPHY

Jerome Dobson, professor, has been selected to work in and advise the U.S. State Department during the 2009-10 academic year as a Jefferson Science Fellow. James R. (Pete) Shortridge, professor, was selected as a 2009 Chancellors Club award recipient. The award recognizes outstanding research and teaching. Johannes Feddema, professor, is acting chair of the department while chair Terry Slocum is on sabbatical. The department hosted another successful *Globe-O-Mania* contest in November.

GEOLOGY

Don Steeples, senior vice provost and McGee Distinguished Professor, was recently awarded honorary membership by the Society of Exploration Geophysicists. Associate Professor Luis Gonzalez began his term as chair of the department in August. Paul Selden, Gulf-Hedberg Distinguished Professor of Invertebrate Paleontology, and Daniel Stockli, associate professor, will lead a study tour this summer through the geology, scenery and natural history of the Swiss Alps.

GERMAN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

The American Turners New York recently donated their entire archives to the Max Kade Center for German-American Studies at KU. The New York society was instrumental

in forming a national Turner society in the 19th century and supported the Union cause during the Civil War. The New York archives add significantly to the Max Kade Center's research materials on the Turners.

GERONTOLOGY

Susan Kemper, distinguished professor, participated in the Science Leadership Conference on Enhancing the Nation's Health through Psychological Science. She then met with representatives of the Kansas congressional delegation to discuss the impact of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for KU and the KU Medical Center. David Johnson, assistant professor, published an article in the *Archives of Neurology* about early indicators of Alzheimer's disease.

GLOBAL INDIGENOUS NATIONS STUDIES

Native American college guide *Winds of Change* has listed KU as one of seven universities that inspire students, noting KU's close proximity to and exchanges with Haskell Indian Nations University. Professor Jay Johnson is conducting research on the Waitangi Treaty Grounds in New Zealand. John Hoopes, director and associate professor, has been studying the ruins of Nuevo Corinto, an ancient village in Costa Rica, which appears to have been the center of a chiefdom.

HISTORY

The department is pleased to announce the initiation of its "Pivotal Events in History Program." With this program, the department will host an annual event devoted to particular

historical turning points. The department will devote its first program in fall 2010 to the U.S. presidential race of 1860, in commemoration of the sesquicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's election. Professor Jonathan Earle is working on a book on this topic and will give a public talk on the subject.

HISTORY OF ART

Marsha Haufler, professor, traveled to Seoul, South Korea, in October, to give an invited presentation for the Korea Foundation's 11th Workshop for Korean Art Curators. Elizabeth Broun (Ph.D., '76), who since 1988 has been the director of the Smithsonian American Art Museum, was listed as one of "Washington's 100 Most Powerful Women" by the October 2009 *Washingtonian* magazine.

HUMANITIES & WESTERN CIVILIZATION

The program is sponsoring the Mid-America Humanities Conference, a regional forum for interdisciplinary student research, to be held April 3 on the theme "Downward Spirals? Thinking about 'Crisis' across the Disciplines." Undergraduate and graduate students at KU and other colleges and universities in the region are invited to submit paper proposals. The keynote speaker will be Tom Lutz, professor of creative writing at the University of California-Riverside.

JEWISH STUDIES

The program is hosting a screening of the Israeli documentary "Menachem and Fred: A Tale of Two Brothers." One of the documentary's two directors will be present for a Q&A

session after the screening. The film won the Berlin 2009 Cinema Peace Award for "Most Inspirational Movie of the Year" and "Audience Favorite for Best Documentary" in the Palm Beach Jewish Film Festival 2009.

KANSAS AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER

The center hopes to secure consecutive terms of National Resource Center status for the first time in its history. The center welcomes two new faculty colleagues to campus, Kathryn Rhine, assistant professor of anthropology, and Anthony Bolden, associate professor of African and African-American Studies. The center is hosting two major conferences – in the fall there was one on African Trade and Development; the spring conference will focus on health and development.

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

Elizabeth Kuznesof, professor and director, received the 2009 George and Eleanor Woodyard International Educator Award. Robert Rodriguez, associate director of KU's McNair Scholars Program and lecturer in the center, was part of the panel for the Heavyweight Boxing Symposium at KU featuring heavyweight champion George Foreman. Rodriguez is a boxing journalist.

LINGUISTICS

Joan Sereno, professor, recently obtained NSF funding for her research on lexical tone processing. Utako Minai joined the department as assistant professor. Alison Gabriele, assistant professor, received the Byron A. Alexander Graduate Mentor Award. Kelly



Left to Right: The Celebration of the Arts reception recognizing the new School of the Arts; Rebecca Rovit, new assistant professor in theatre; scene from "Right Now," a music video created by and starring Nathan Berg, who received his Ph.D. in economics from KU.

Left to Right: Andrew T. Tsubaki, professor of theatre and film and East Asian languages and cultures from 1968 to 2000, died in December 2009; assistant professor Nathan Wood, history, gives a talk at the Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies' fall workshop; Earl Holmes Brooks, senior in American studies, is among four students in the College competing for Rhodes, Marshall and Mitchell scholarships; KU alumni at Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan: Colonel Marilyn Jenkins, Major General Jeffrey Schloesser and Colonel John C. Burdett.

Berkson, graduate student, was selected as Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant. Al-lard Jongman, chair and professor, was elected Fellow of the Acoustical Society of America in recognition of his contributions to the nature of phonetic representations.

MATHEMATICS

Professor Satya Mandal began his term as chair of the department in August. Last spring, alumnus Shane Haas, who is now with Goldman Sachs in New York City, gave the Russell Bradt Memorial Undergraduate Colloquium. The lecture was titled "Carbon and Calculus: Is it Getting Hot in Here?" The lecture was part of the department's annual Math Awareness Month activities.

MOLECULAR BIOSCIENCES

The Department welcomes Dr. Mizuki Azuma as their newest faculty member. Dr. Matthew Buechner won this year's HOPE award, recognizing his teaching excellence. Dr. Audrey Lamb was honored with the prestigious Kemper award, and Jim Orr was honored with an outstanding mentoring award. This year the faculty has published 58 research articles and presented their work at meetings and universities around the world.

MUSEUM STUDIES PROGRAM

Graduate students recently hosted an event aimed at uncovering the secrets of the Underground Railroad. Graduate Bertram Lyons is KU's nominee for this year's Midwest Association of Graduate Studies (MAGS) Distinguished MA Thesis Award. Bert earned

his master's degree in May and now holds the position of Folklife Specialist/Digital Asset Manager at the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

PHILOSOPHY

Ben Eggleston, associate professor, became chair of the Philosophy Department on July 1. Ann Cudd, associate dean and professor, presented a paper, "Truly Humanitarian Intervention," at the XXIVth World Congress of Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy in Beijing. Director and professor James Woelfel's paper, "Descartes and the Existentialists: The Continuing Fruitfulness of the Cogito," has been accepted for publication in a forthcoming volume of essays.

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

John Beacom (B.S., '91) recently received the outstanding teaching award from The Ohio State alumni. Professor Adrian Melott, graduate student Drew Overholt, and Professor Martin Pohl of Iowa State University are re-examining claimed associations between our sun and planets traveling through spiral arms of our galaxy and cold periods on Earth led to research on effects of cosmic rays on climate. Astronomy students taking a new observational techniques class spent Halloween night using the Tombaugh telescope at its off-campus site west of Auburn, Kan.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Robert Rohrschneider began his appointment as the first Sir Robert Worcester Distinguished Professor in Public Opinion

and Survey Research this fall. He gave his inaugural lecture in October. In April, the department celebrated the 25th anniversary of its Washington Semester Intern Program, directed by Burdett Loomis, professor. Ryan Gibb, graduate student, has received a highly prestigious Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad award.

PSYCHOLOGY

For the first time, U.S. News and World Report ranked the department as one of the top graduate training programs in the country. The graduate program ranked 21st among public universities, and 40th among all universities. Professor James Juola is currently a Co-Principle Investigator I of a \$4,000,000 European Union Grant, divided among nine other people from five countries. He will be studying the design and usefulness of robot assistants for elderly people with disabilities causing them to be home-bound.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

John Nalbandian, professor, will receive the 2010 Charles Levine Award for outstanding teaching, service, and publication from the American Society for Public Administration. Heather Getha-Taylor and Chris Silvia have been appointed assistant professors.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES:

Student researchers from the department are scouring Kansas to record oral histories of everyday people with recollections of a host of faiths. They are taking part in a new class led by Professor Tim Miller, who hopes to collect

memories of older Kansans' experiences in churches, synagogues, mosques and temples before such stories are lost to time.

SLAVIC LANGUAGES & LITERATURE

The American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages honored William J. Comer, associate professor, as the 2009 recipient of the Distinguished Service award. Marc L. Greenberg, chair and professor, gave the plenary lecture "The Meaning of South Slavic Dialectology" at the opening of the 6th Congress of Dialectology and Geolinguistics in September at the University of Maribor, Slovenia.

SOCIOLOGY

Assistant Professor Kelly Chong is conducting field work in Chicago and New York for her new project on Asian-Americans, intermarriage, and the politics of race/gender. Assistant Professor Tanya Golash-Boza is conducting work on the transnational ties of deportees. Professor Shirley A. Hill, along with John Rury from the School of Education, is collecting oral history and archival data on the experiences of African-Americans who attended high school between 1940-1970.

SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE

The department, with the support of a generous donor, has established a fund to recognize the outstanding lifetime achievement of Professor Emeritus George Woodyard. The George Woodyard Fellowship will support graduate students as they study Latin

American literature and culture. The department has also launched project Acceso, an open-access digital curriculum for intermediate level Spanish.

SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING

Steven Barlow, professor, recently received the Dolph Simons Award in Biomedical Sciences, a Higuchi Research Achievement Award. Emily Zimmerman, doctoral student, recently received a prestigious \$10,000 scholarship from the American Speech Language Hearing Association Foundation. Diane Loeb, associate professor, and colleagues received the Editors award from the Journal of Speech-Language-Hearing.

THEATRE

During the 2009-10 academic year, the department is launching a series of courses designed to increase students' awareness of the diverse world in which we live. During the fall semester, the courses offered were Theatre and the Holocaust, taught by new assistant professor Rebecca Rovit, and Hip Hop and Popular Culture, led by new assistant professor Nicole Hodges Persley. This spring, Henry Bial, associate professor, is teaching Jewish-American Pop Culture.

UNDERGRADUATE BIOLOGY

Greg Burg began his term as director of the program this academic year. The program and the Biological Sciences Alumni Advisory Board sponsored a career night in the fall for students to inquire about biology careers.

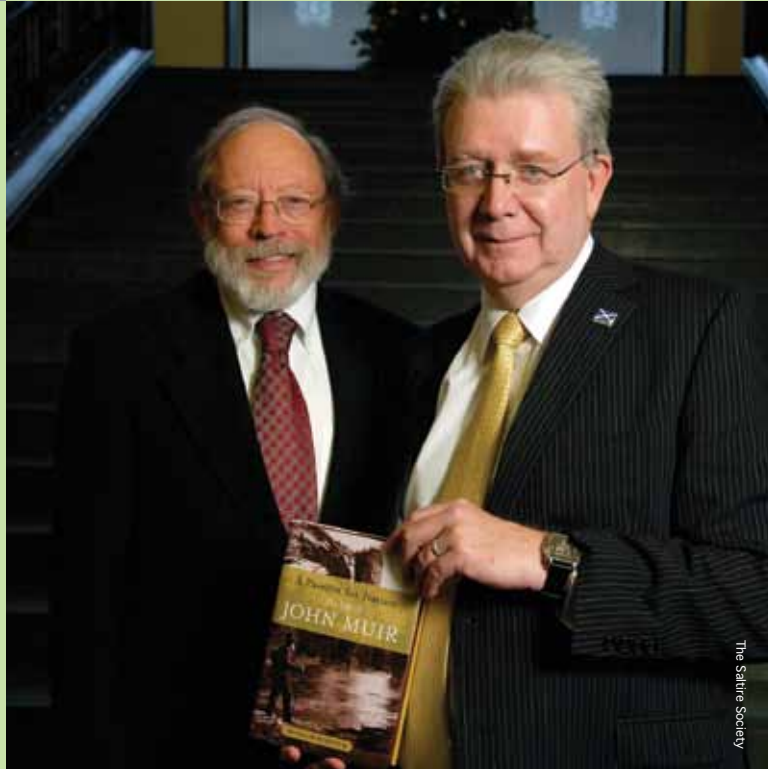
Participating organizations included Aerotek Scientific, IBT Laboratories, Clinical Laboratory Sciences (KU Med Center), School of Nursing (KU Med Center), Midwest Anatomic Pathology Laboratory, LLC, Peace Corps, UKanTeach, and the US Army Health Care Recruiting Team.

VISUAL ART

A show highlighting the works of 30 faculty members in the department opened in January at the Art and Design Gallery. The department now is part of the School of the Arts housed within the College. The faculty members represent the programs of ceramics, expanded media, metalsmithing and jewelry, painting, printmaking, sculpture, textiles and visual art education.

WOMEN, GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

The program presents several gender seminars in the spring: Ayu Saraswati, assistant professor, "Cosmopolitan Whiteness: The Effects and Affects of Skin-Whitening and Tanning Advertisements in Transnational Media;" Marietje Myburg of the Governance and AIDS Program, Idasa, South Africa, Institute for Democracy in Africa, "The Challenge of Building AIDS-Resilient Democratic Societies in Africa;" and Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka, associate professor, "Old Songs of the New Market Square: Senegalese Women in Global Times".



Donald Worster, Joyce and Elizabeth Hall Professor of U.S. History, received Scotland's Saltire Society homecoming literary award for his biography of John Muir. Pictured with Michael Russell MSP, Minister for Education, at the National Library of Scotland in Edinburgh.

green research: ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORIAN DONALD WORSTER

Donald Worster is the Joyce and Elizabeth Hall professor of U.S. History, a Professor of environmental studies and recently an elected member of the prestigious Academy of Arts and Sciences. His passion for conservation and the natural world are evident in his award-winning books, including his most recent work: "A Passion for Nature: The Life of John Muir" (Oxford University Press, 2008). Between his numerous academic and individual pursuits, he shared a few thoughts on his work and sources of inspiration.

You were recently elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, alongside Mario Capecchi, winner of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. What is your sense of being included in such a prestigious society?

It was thrilling to walk across the stage in Harvard Sanders Theatre to inscribe my name in the roster of Academicians. The list of current historians who have been elected to the Academy is not very long, so it is a rare honor to represent KU in that capacity.

What inspired you to conduct research and teach in the field of environmental history?

I would not have approached environmental history as I have without a long tradition of American writing by such people as biologist and ecologist Rachel Carson and conservationist and educator Aldo Leopold. In addition, my experiences living in New England and Hawaii have been an inspiration to me.

What environmental or conservation causes are you personally active in outside of academics?

For nearly 20 years I have served on the board of directors of the Land Institute, whose president is my friend and mentor Wes Jackson (MA in biology from KU in 1960). The Land Institute strives to bring an ecological perspective to agriculture.

What do you feel is the most important environmental issue our state is facing today?

The most pressing issue on the Great Plains is how we can continue to raise food without destroying the soil on which we depend and how we can generate energy without disturbing the climate on which our well-being depends.

white house worthy: PLANT SCIENTIST JOY WARD

In a field where women have traditionally been outnumbered, Joy Ward is making great strides as associate professor of ecology and evolutionary biology. Her work encompasses both humanitarian and scientific elements, from fostering the academic success of young researchers to helping raise awareness of human influence on the natural world. A scholar, wife and mother of two, Ward is a valuable and innovative faculty member. Recently she reflected on her decision to become a scientist and the academic facets of studying plant physiology.

The Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers from the White House is a prestigious award recognizing outstanding research and community service in numerous fields, including science. What was your reaction when you learned you were selected for this honor?

I was very excited to learn that my research was being recognized at the level of the White House. I was also honored and humbled as there are many excellent scientists in this country who are making major advancements in my field as well as others.

Your research addresses how plants have evolved in response to changing carbon dioxide levels over time. In the context of current climate change concerns, what might be the implications of your research?

Carbon dioxide is the primary source of carbon for photosynthesis. Changes in its availability can

affect plant growth and functioning. Therefore, climate change issues can have major effects on vegetation, animals and microbes. It is critical that we focus on these issues from both a scientific and humanitarian perspective. We may be entering an era of species extinctions that rivals major extinction events in the geologic past. This time, however, it is due to human influence.

Who has been influential in fostering your fascination with the study of plant physiology?

My parents always encouraged my pursuing science studies and my biology teachers gave me opportunities to do research and participate in teaching at a young age. My husband, Robert Ward, is a professor in the molecular biosciences department at KU and provides perspectives that significantly enhance my work. We discuss our research and learn a great deal from each other in new areas of science.



Professor Joy Ward in the Haworth Hall greenhouse with students Ellen Duffy and Taylor Leibbrandt who work in her lab. Ward researches plants that grew during the last ice age—about 18,000 years to 20,000 years ago—when low carbon dioxide levels may have been highly limiting for plant life.

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Chris Martin calls his mom to tell her he's won an Emmy.

HOLLYWOOD SUCCESS FIRMLY ROOTED IN KU EDUCATION

It's hard to top winning an Emmy I have to say. I graduated KU in 2003, so I've had a relatively short career, but it has been an amazing roller coaster ride.

My career in Los Angeles has been a classic case of being in the right place at the right time. The company I work for, Stargate Studios, was actually the first gig I landed after moving here from Lawrence. I was hired to be the key set production assistant for a two-week models and miniatures shoot. I clicked with the crew and the company, and after two weeks they offered me a full-time job.

My company works on a huge variety of projects. Currently we're working on the season finale of "Heroes," which is taking up most of my time these days. We also have ongoing work for "24," "Private Practice," "Grey's Anatomy" and other shows. My favorite film projects have been "Idiocracy," "Bobby" and most recently "High School Musical 3." Though "HSM3" was not my personal favorite film, it was exciting to do all the effects for a film that hit number one at the box office.

I learned a ton about film production and film theory at KU both through my classes and outside the classroom. KU's film production classes gave me a great chance to work with film

(not just video) and learn about cameras, lenses, exposure, depth of field, composition, lighting, etc. The theory and history classes also gave me a well-rounded background in the business and art of filmmaking. Outside the classroom I worked hard to get involved with as many film and video projects as I could. I was very active in "KU Filmworks," which provided many opportunities to work on movies. I also got my start in TV while I was at KU, creating "Out of Focus," a show on KUJH-TV that promoted the independent film scene in Kansas. All of these skills have served me extremely well in my career here in Los Angeles.

I also started learning about computer-generated visual effects while working on a project for the KU Libraries. "Library: Revolutions" and "Lord of the Libraries" were two informational videos I created for the KU Libraries that spoofed the "Matrix" and "Lord of the Rings" movies. In setting out to mimic those films, I was forced to learn a lot about visual effects. I give a lot of credit to the awesome people at the KU Libraries for giving us the opportunity to make something cool. I've obviously gotten a lot better since then, but I think my experience with visual effects in college really prepared me for a career in this field.

CHRIS MARTIN IS A 2003 FILM GRADUATE.

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CLAS ALUMNUS LEAVES \$2.5 MILLION ESTATE GIFT FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

KU alumnus Paul Brooker thought so much of his alma mater that he left an estate gift of \$2.5 million to KU Endowment for unrestricted scholarship support of KU students.

Paul Brooker and his wife, Mildred Hoffman, earned bachelor's degrees in KU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in 1931. They met and dated while in college and married three years after graduation. Mildred died in 1991, Paul in 2000. His estate gift to KU took effect in 2009 following the death of his second wife, Virginia Brooker.

Brooker and his first wife, who lived in Wichita, were long-time supporters of KU. In 1975, he established an unrestricted scholarship named for her. His recent estate gift created two additional scholarships, one named for him and the other in both their names.

Paul Brooker, who grew up in Marion, Kan., carried with him a lifelong passion for what he had learned at KU. In a letter he wrote to KU Endowment in 1989, Brooker stressed the importance of working hard in college. He was proud of having made the dean's honor roll and of his good student performance overall.

"I accomplished this by extremely hard work and religiously attending classes," Brooker said. "I do not have the IQ of many other people, but I have drive and ambition."

The Brookers' daughter, Diane Wingate, of Wichita, said four generations of her family graduated from KU. This included Diane and her husband, Garold, and their four sons, Timothy, Steven, Michael and the late Thomas Wingate. The Wingates' grandchildren also are attending or plan to attend KU.


Wingate described her father as a charismatic and dynamic businessman who devoted much of his career to his Wichita firm, Brooker Sales. The company helped retail stores throughout the U.S. and Canada manage special promotions and store closings. Today, Wingate and her husband own and operate the company, now named Wingate Sales.

In another letter Brooker wrote to KU Endowment in 1989, he expressed his fondness for the university. "I think the best four years of our lives were spent in Lawrence, Kansas, at the university," he wrote.



Above: Paul Brooker and his wife, Mildred Hoffman; First Snow Hall as shown in 1931 when the Brookers were KU students.

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