ON THE RISE

Asiedu named one of 10 ‘Emerging Scholars’ by Diverse magazine

A KU economics professor has been recognized nationally for her work on Africa’s economic development. Elizabeth Asiedu is among a group of 10 researchers and educators chosen by Diverse magazine as Emerging Scholars for 2007. Scholars were nominated by department chairs, other scholars in their field and university public relations staff.

Asiedu caught the attention of the magazine, formerly called Black Issues in Higher Education, for her research into the role of foreign nations’ direct investments on Africa’s economy.

"Africa has received a lot of foreign aid," Asiedu said. "But it’s all well and good, but unlike foreign aid, foreign direct investment creates employment, fosters the transfer of technology and enhances productivity.”

Previous honorees have been recognized for their research influencing the Supreme Court decision on affirmative action at institutions of higher education; leading the development of an instrument for radio astrophysics; and leading research into plastic electronics, which in the future could mean wallpaper that changes at the flick of a switch or televisions that roll up and carry for travel.

Asiedu has advised policymakers in Africa on how to make an “entrepreneurial” investment climate to attract more foreign investment. She has also worked for several international organizations including the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, International Labor Organization and the International Monetary Fund.

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KU shows steady gains in female faculty

The number of female faculty members at KU is on the rise, as recent increases have put the university among the top in the Big 12 in the percentage of tenured and tenure-track female faculty members.

KU has the second highest percentage of tenured female faculty in the Big 12 and the third highest percentage of full professors, according to the American Association of University Professors. Female faculty members represented 33.3 percent of tenured and tenure-track faculty at the Lawrence campus in 2007, a 7.7 percent increase from just five years earlier. During the five-year span, 27 academic units posted increases in the percentage of tenured and tenure-track female faculty.

Environmental studies and American studies showed the largest increases at 33.3 and 31.4 percent, respectively. Humanities and western civilization, social welfare and pharmacy practice all increased at least 20 percent in the same period. All of KU’s colleges and schools showed increases, as did each division of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Women are also well represented among KU’s deans, with six female deans, including, Barbara Atkinson, KU Medical School; Ann Brill, journalism and mass communications; Gail Agnew, law; Diana Carlson, graduate school and international programs.

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WEB WORKS
NEW PROVOST, NEW SITE: The new Web site for the Office of the Provost is now live. The site contains information on Richard Lariviére as well as initiatives, policies, priorities, speeches, presentations, administration and staff of the office. The new look site also contains links to news items featuring the provost as well as information on resources available through the office to students, faculty and staff.
Study following the site www.provost.ku.edu

HEADLINERS
STUDYING WHAT IT TAKES: The landmark 1995 Resley-Hart study was cited in “What It Takes to Make a Student,” by Paul Tough, in the Nov. 26 issue of the New York Times Magazine. Tough credits Life Span Institute researchers Betty Hart, associate professor emerita, and former KU professor Todd Risley, with identifying a reason for the gap in school performance between lower and more privileged children.

CAMPUS ROUNDUP
KU MEDICAL CENTER
John A. Ferraro, chair of the hearing and speech depart- ment at the School of Allied Health, received the high- est honors of the American Speech-Language Hearing Association for his contribu- tion to the field of speech. KU SCHOOL OF NURSING Michael Blechle, associate dean for clinical and community affairs at the school of nursing, was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing on Nov. 11. He was nominated for the honor by two current academy fellows and selected by the academy’s 15-member Fellow Selection Committee.
EDWARDS CAMPUS
Lisa Lord, librarian at Edwards Campus, created a dissertation research blog that has been named one of “Top 100 Education Blogs” by Online Education Database. To view Lord’s blog, visit dissertationresearch.blogspot.com.
KU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE-WICHITA
Rick Kellerman, professor and chair of family and community medicine and president of the American Academy of Family Physicians, and 40 Kansas doc- tors joined about 2,000 physi- cians on Capitol Hill to urge increased federal support to help avoid potential family medicine shortages in rural states.

SNAPSHTS
E-mail photos for snapshots to oread@ku.edu. Be sure to include names of individuals in the photo.

CAMPUS CLOSEUP
Hong Chuong
Project coordinator, Math and Science Center

Years at current job: 1
Why current job: To pursue my career in teaching rather than in research or administrative positions. I hope to return to research in the future.

Hong Chuong works closely with students and oversees operations of the Math and Science Center.

Disproving 'hobbits' lands prof in top 100
A KU university professor arguing against the existence of a new species of human, or “hobbits,” has been named one of the top 100 sci- ence stories of 2006 by Discover magazine.

David Frayer, professor of anthropology, authored a paper published in August that disputed the claims of a team of Australian and Indonesian scien- tists from 2004 that a new species of human had been discovered in Indonesia. Discover rated the story No. 66.

Frayer’s story rated just ahead of “Complex organic molecules formed in outer space” at 67, and joined stories about facial trans- plants in France, Yellowstone’s “big brother,” “walking fish” and a sunburst detected on Saturn at No. 100.

Frayer’s work, published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, stated that remains found in Flores, Indonesia, in 2004 rep- resent a relative of pygmies on the island. Originally, scientists claimed the remains might be a new species of human, as the island was isolated and the indi- vidual was unusually short, with a small brain. They were from an individual who was about three feet tall with a skull roughly the size of a grapefruit. The remains were later labeled L.E.I and identified as Homo floresiensis. The supposed new species was informally referred to as “hobbits.”

Frayer and colleagues asserted the individual likely suffered from a form of microcephaly, a brain disorder associated with a small brain or skull and sometimes a short stature.
Research awards at KU soared 13 percent to a record $219 million in the past fiscal year, an increase of 50 percent in the past five years.

KU was propelled to the new record by a $36 million increase in research awards from the National Institutes of Health, to record levels. NIH is KU's largest single source of research funding, and awards for 87 percent of all NIH funding in the state of Kansas.

"Research is discovery," said Chancellor Robert Hemenway, "and it is education. That's why we do it, to keep expanding what we know so we can share it with others and improve the quality of life in Kansas and beyond.

"Robert's, vice president for research, noted, "Nationally, the budget for NIH funding has not kept pace with inflation. So the growth in NIH awards to KU last year is impressive." NIH awards grew by more than 21 percent at the KU Medical Center last year, said Paul Terranova, senior associate dean for research and graduate education at the Medical Center.

Roberts noted that the NIH success rate at the Lawrence campus--20 percent awarded vs. proposals submitted--was 23 percent in 2005, the most recent year available. The national rate was 18 percent.

Kudos

William Crowe, Spencer librarian, has been elected to a third term as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Online Computer Library Center, or OCLC, based in Dublin, Ohio, is the world's largest library cooperative, linking more than 40,000 libraries in 112 nations. He began his service on the board in 1996 and was chair from 1999 to 2003.

Nancy Brady, associate research professor at the Bureau of Child Research, has been appointed associate editor for the Journal of Speech Language and Hearing Research.

Judith Emde, electronic resources/technical services librarian, Jill Glasser, library services Web services coordinator; and Holly Mixon, coordinator of digital content development, presented "The OCLC, a Tool for Cataloging Web Resources" at the Brick and Click Libraries conference, held in Maryville, Mo.

Rhonda Houser, GIS and data specialist for the Center for Libraries, won second and third prize in the ArcLawens Challenge for her GIS project titled "Finding GIS Data on the Web and Mapping Your Data."

Elizabeth Pehok-Shields, voice systems manager for NTG, has been invited to serve on the International Alliance of Ayava Users Converged Networks Committee. The committee's focus is on the work infrastructure design and performance.

An article by Charles Marsh, associate professor of journalism, "Artistic Ethos and the New Online: Calculating for Media Literacy and Media Ethics," was published in the Journal of Mass Media Ethics.

Bob Basow, associate professor of journalism, served on the Fulbright National Senior Committee for student applications to South Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong on Nov. 30 in San Francisco. This was his third year on the three-person committee that reviews applications to the United States.

Mary E. Ryan, associate dean of academic affairs at the Edwards Campus, was a guest speaker Dec. 12 on "Empowering Our Children," an hour-long interactive radio program on KPR featuring useful information about today's youth. Ryan discussed the Pathway Partnership, a leadership program for middle-school students from James City, Kan., public schools.

So-Min Choong, assistant professor of biology, gave an invited talk, "Human-enviroment interactions in the Yellow Seas," on Sept. 22 at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. She was also a guest at the Gulf of the Institute of Ecotourism from Oct. 3-5 at the University of Vermont to participate in a week-long EcoSystems Service Conference funded by the Moore Foundation.

Shannon O'Leary, assistant professor of geography and environmental studies, and Steve Ephret, associate professor of geography, gave an invited talk, "Geography of Genocide: Preliminary Thoughts," on Nov. 15 for Geography Awareness Week at the Department of Geography/Geology at Northwest Missouri State University.

Barbara M. Timmermann, Distinguished Professor and Chair of Medicinal Chemistry, was honored Nov. 15 by the Department of Botany and Agricultural Chemistry and Forensics in Santiago, Chile, for her outstanding achievement in the field of natural products and medicinal chemistry and for her significant contribution to the development of the botanical and chemical sciences in Chile.

Rafe Brown, assistant professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, received notification that his NSF proposal, "Comparative biogeography of Sarawak: phylogenetic and coalescent analyses of diversification in frogs, lizards, and monkeys," was funded for nearly $260,000. Brown is the principal investigator for the KU portion of the budget.


Bill Woods, professor of geography, presented "Human Influences to Soils at Drakensberg Sites," at the Seminar on the Amazons 2006, and "Institutionalized Change in the Amazonia on Aug. 9 in Manaus, Brazil. He also participated in "Success or Collaps: Is It Still Our Choice?" at the Ecom University Forum in Lawrence on Sept. 6.

Garth Myers, associate professor of African and African American studies, presented "Stormy Geographies of Swahili Identity, Tumbatu Island and East Africa," at the Maritime Heritage of the Indian Ocean in Comparative Perspective conference, organized by the British Institute in East Africa, held July 11 in Zanzibar, Tanzania. He also presented "Representations of Mogadishu in Black Hawk Down and Narrurring Farah's Novels" at the Sept. 18 Fall Faculty Colloquium on Representing the Middle East.

Mikhail Viktorovich Medvedev, associate professor of physics and astronomy, and Adrian L. Melett, professor of physics and astronomy, worked with former KU student public relations in producing "Terrestrial Consequences, Organized by the British Institute in East Africa, held July 11 in Zanzibar, Tanzania. He also presented "Representations of Mogadishu in Black Hawk Down and Narrurring Farah's Novels" at the Sept. 18 Fall Faculty Colloquium on Representing the Middle East.

John Stobach, associate dean and professor of pharmacology, presented his work at the 2006 Annual National Research Conference for Minority Students, held Nov. 11 in Anchorage, Calif.

Rhonda Houser, GIS and data specialist for University Libraries, had her article, "Aligning a GIS: A Tool to Avoid the Ground Truths," published in the fall 2006 issue of Library Trends.
Robert Koenig, associate professor of piano and music education, has been nominated for a Grammy Award for his recording of "Viola Transcriptions" by William Primrose.

"Viola Transcriptions" includes music by Brahms, Schubert, Villa-Lobos, Wagner and others, transcribed by the British violist, for viola and piano. Koenig recorded this work with violinist, David Snyder, acclaimed violinist and president of the Curtis Institute of Music. They made the recording in Toronto in 2004 and released it in summer 2005 on the Navona label.

"The album will join four other nominees in the best instrument solo performance (without orchestra) category. "I’m humbled and honored to be nominated," Koenig said. "This project means so much to both Robert and me. Just prior to this recording, Robert had performed with the Inver Grove Orchestra in St. Paul, and we had a wonderful time."

And the winner is...
The 44th Annual Grammy Awards will be held on February 10, 2007, at the Shrine Auditorium in the Los Angeles Convention Center. The awards will be televised on CBS.

Bus service links Lawrence, Edwards campuses

Those who use K-10 to commute to and from the Lawrence and Edwards campuses and Johnson County Community College can get their wallets and vehicles a break. The K-10 Connector, a new transit service that complements the current bus system, launched Jan. 17. The new route will stop at sites along the campus and include the KU library, Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, and the KU Shuttle Bus on the Lawrence campus, the parking lot north of the stadium at Haskell Indian Nations University and the Edwards campus.

Tuition assistance granted to 165 staff

The tuition assistance program has granted 165 awards to KU staff members this spring. The program is available to all regular full-time KU employees with a minimum of six months service.

To apply, visit the Human Resources and Equal Opportunity Web page, log in and click on professional and organizational development. Deadline for applications for the summer 2007 semester is April 13. For more information, contact Evren George at 864-5658 or egeorge@ku.edu or Andrea McRae at 864-7491 or amcrae@ku.edu. Tuition assistance recipients are listed at www.oread.ku.edu.
**K HISTORICAL:** As World War I raged in Europe, there was talk in the states of instituting compulsory military training at universities. Campus Chancellors felt strongly opposed to the idea. In a Jan. 16, 1916, article in the University Daily Kansas, he said he was "strongly opposed to military training in our colleges and universities," adding it would be "highly impractical" and would undermine discipline. For more, see www.kuhistory.com.

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tion of the principle books of the Bible. Verses added by Egilids of Paris after Riga's death are vi-

able in the manuscript. Although the exhibit is "Vesper Hours" from Langres, France, circa 1450-1475. A Roek of Books, is a combination of prayers and devotional texts. It is strictly a work of private devotion owned by a layman, and was not a part of the public liturgy.

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**Study to focus on obesity among disabled adults**

Rates have risen sharply over last decade

Almost nothing is known about how the incidence of obesity in adults with developmental disabilities—until now. A collaboration between Life Span Institute and developmental disabilities scientists aims to develop a simple, effective and inexpensive diet plan that will overcome weight gain problems plaguing the group: People with the disabilities have moved out of institutions, they have the same decisional choices that have lead to America's soaring obesity rates—only everyone cannot make those same choices. With Richard Saunders, director of the three-year study: The last large scale study of people with disabilities was conducted in 1995, showed obesity rates at 8.8 percent for those who live semi-independently to 11.5 percent for those who live at home. "And we assume these rates have climbed just like the general population," Saunders said. In 2005, 21.9 percent of the total adult U.S. population was obese.


tests for the exhibit are on sale now. Call (800) 460-2020. The exhibit runs through May 13.

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**Researchers study difficulties for women in sciences**

Two KU researchers are studying why women choose or avoid a career in technology, engineering and mathematics advancement or basic research, scientists or educators but than dis-

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**Sixth annual conference on ethics in the sciences**

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**Bi-campus effort to boost neuroscience research**

The interdisciplinary field of neuroscience, which involves the study of the brain and nervous system, is one of the most rapidly developing and expanding areas of research in the biosciences. KU plans to fill this gap and expand its neuroscience research and education in Lawrence and at the MU campus.

Joseph Steinmetz, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, has been appointed to the position of laureate associate provost at the Lawrence campus. He will chair a coordinating committee consisting of researchers and administrators from the medical center and Lawrence campuses. The committee will coordinate department and program neuroscience efforts, define the vision of a bi-campus center in the field of neuroscience and work to develop collaborations inside and outside of KU.

"We are in an interna-
tionally renowned neuroscientist and bringing exciting new research capabilities to KU in addition to his exemplary administrative skills," Richard W. Lavoie, provost and executive vice chancellor, is an exciting time to be at KU as we begin the task of developing the next bi-
campus research thrust.

For the past 25 years, Steinmetz has studied how the brain is involved in learning and memory. He has two lines of NIH-funded research under way at KU. In one series of experiments, Steinmetz developed an animal model of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and studied how prenatal exposure to high levels of alcohol affects brain development and brain activity related to learning. In a second series of studies, he is exploring the neurocircircuitry of the smell of pheromones.

Three research laboratories and clinical trials, enhancement of the neuroscience research will provide new basic information about the functioning of the brain and nervous system and also contribute to treating and curing such disorders as Alzheimer's disease; stroke, mental illnesses, mental disabilities, mental retardation, mental retardation, and other disabilities due to disorders of the nervous system.

Also among the neuroscience research taking place at the Lawrence campus is research on such topics as cell biology, human development, molecular and integrative physiology, molecular biosciences, occupational therapy, oto-rhino-laryngology, neurochemistry, pharmacology and toxicology, experimental therapeutics, psychology and speech and language.
Opinion: KUMC vital to future of life science research in KC area

Editor’s note: The following opinion piece was writ- ten by Dr. Lisa Timmons, associate vice chancellor for Research and Technology at the KU Medical Center’s efforts to explore alliances with area health care facilities. It was originally published Dec. 20 in the Johnson County Sun.

The Stowers Institute for Medical Research has laid down the gauntlet. Now we shall see if the University of Kansas Medical Center will pick it up and return fire.

Jim and Virginia Stowers, both cancer survivors, founded the Stowers Institute six years ago with an endowment now valued at $2 billion. Their mission is clearly stated: “The Stowers Institute aspires to be one of the most innovative biomedical organizations in the world.”

In fact, Stowers decided to locate this institute in Kansas City is a bit baffling, but a miracle, nonetheless. The Stowers love their hometown Kansas City and believe in its future. The Stowers could have gone anywhere in America to create their institute and certainly to cities with far more advantages, par- ticularly where there are first-class research universi- ties near to complement their mission.

But, no, Stowers located across the street from UMCK, which does not meet the definition of a research university - an institution of higher educa- tion and research. There is minimal medical research conducted at UMCK.

In fact, there is only one university in the entire metropolitan area that conducts significant medical research, and that is the KU Medical Center, located primarily in the Country Club Plaza area. It has its hospital cancer center to the former Sprint headquarters in Kansas City is a bit baffling, but a miracle, nonetheless. The Stowers love their hometown Kansas City and believe in its future. The Stowers could have gone anywhere in America to create their institute and certainly to cities with far more advantages, par- ticularly where there are first-class research universi- ties near to complement their mission.

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Maria Orive, associate professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, began serving as the faculty ombuds Jan. 1. She succeeds Douglas Whitman, professor of Bioinformatics and Statistics, who has been in the Office of the Ombuds with full-time staff member, Kailie Harmon, interim university ombuds. The position is part-time for Orive, as active researcher and educator in her ninth year on the Boise faculty.

The responsibilities of the faculty ombuds, university ombudsmen include facilitating and coordinating communication when conflict arises among students, faculty, staff, administration, academic centers, and campuses. Orive’s office is located in the Office of Student Life and Academic Support, room 202. Contact Carlin for more information. Carlin can be reached by phone at 208-426-5172 or by email at carlin@uidaho.edu.

Carlin tapped for international group

Diana Carlin, dean of the Graduate School and International Programs, was appointed to the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, an international task force on the impact of transnational education in the European Union on U.S. universities. Task force activities during the next 12 to 18 months include a meeting in Brussels in March, presentations at the annual NASA regional meetings in June and workshops at the NASA regional meeting in November as well as updates and information on the NASA website.

Trubaki earns ‘Order of Sacred Treasure’

Andrew Trubaki, professor emeritus of theatre and film, has been awarded one of Japan’s highest cultural honors. On Nov. 3, Trubaki was granted the Order of the Sacred Treasure (Shokun Shosho) in recognition of his lifetime devotion to using education to pass along the traditions of Japanese culture. Trubaki taught and directed productions at KU from 1968 to 2000 in the Department of Theatre and Film and in Japanese language and culture. He was a driving force behind the annual Greater Kansas City Japan Festival and was executive director of the two-day event since 1997. Trubaki has also been active with the Lawrence Sister Cities organization for several years and is on the board’s advisory group. The award was presented Jan. 19 by the Consulate General of Japan at Chicago during the annual New Year’s gathering of the Greater Kansas City Japan America Society.

Smith chosen as librarians PR director

Rebecca Smith will join University Libraries as director of public relations and advancement on Jan. 16. Prior to relocating to Kansas with her family this summer, Smith spent six years at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, most recently as public relations director for the UW-Madison School of Business.

International faculty orientation held at KU

The Environmental Studies Program office moves

The Environmental Studies Program has moved to 252 More Hall. The office is two floors down from its previous location. All phone numbers and contact information will remain the same.

KU surpasses United Way fundraising goal

KU officially exceeded its United Way fundraising goal of $220,000. In all, 151 donors donated $221,288. The United Way financially supports area charitable organizations.

Benefits Confirmation Statements available

The 2007 Benefits Confirmation Statements are now available for Plan Year 2006 elections, which began Jan. 1. All actively employed, benefits-eligible faculty and staff are encouraged to print and keep copies of their Benefits Confirmation Statements.

International faculty orientation held at KU

KU’s national site for an orientation program for 60 junior faculty members from the Balkans and former Soviet republics from Jan. 13 to 14.

At the request of the State Department, the Office of International Programs coordinated the four-day Junior Faculty Development Program orientation. The program helps faculty from the United States and its higher education system better to go to their host institutions for the semester. Four fellows stayed at KU. Orientation activities include presentations about intercultural conflict, higher education and American society.

KU has hosted fellows since the program began in 1991, but this was KU’s second time to host the orientation. The Applied English Center hosted 20 of the fellows for a month before the orientation for language and culture instruction. This is the second year the center has provided that aspect of the program.

Luminaria walk to honor Martin Luther King Jr.

KU will celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. Monday with a luminaria walk on Jayhawk Boulevard.

The luminaria walk will begin at 6:30 p.m. front of Strong Hall. Participants will walk along Jayhawk Boulevard, ending at King’s Linwood Street. The event will end in Woodland Auditorium in the Kansas Union with a special performance by the Inspirational Gospel Voices and featured speaker Walter M. Kimbrough.

Kimbrough is president of Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Ark. Previously, he was vice president for student affairs at Albany State University in Albany, Ga. He was one of the youngest chief student affairs officers in Georgia and nationwide.

Kimbrough has a history of professional, community and civic involvement and a national reputation as an expert on historically black fraternities and sororities. He is the author of “Black Greek 101: Culture, Customs and Changes of Black Fraternities and Sororities.” Martin Luther King Jr. Day was Jan. 15, but the planning process did not begin until Jan. 19. KU’s events marking the holiday were moved to today.

IN MEMORY

Heinrich A. Stammler

Heinrich A. Stammler, 85, Nov. 9. He became an assistant professor in 1960 and the first chair of the newly created Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures in 1962. He is survived by his wife, Ursula Hoffman Stammler; daughter, son; and three grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to KU Endowment, sent to P.O. Box 208, Lawrence, 66044, or in care of the Warner-McClain Mortuary.

Antonio “Tony” Miller

Antonio “Tony” Miller, the Benefin professor of biochemistry, died Dec. 31. He was employed in a customer. Previously, he worked at KU for 28 years. Survivors include his parents, his grandmother, a brother, a sister, and nieces. The family suggests contributions to the Amerian Cancer Association, sent in care of Runyon-Vost Funeral Home.

Forest Elwood Jolly

Forest Elwood Jolly, 70, died Jan. 4. He worked in the Department of Student Services. He is survived by his wife and a sister. The family suggests memorials to Jefferson County Friends of Hospice, sent in care of Barnett-Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, P.O. Box 416, Oskaloosa, 66066.

Nell Christian Larsen

Nell Christian Larsen, 83, Jan. 6. He worked for Printing Services for 25 years as a composition operator. He is survived by two sons, a daughter and a sister. The family suggests memorials to First Christian Church, sent in care of Warner-McClain Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.warnerweb.com, subject: Larsen.

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