Shedding new light

Higuchi awards honor visionary research

Three professors from KU and one from Kansas State University have been honored for groundbreaking research with Higuchi/KU Endowment Association Research Achievement Awards. This is the 25th year the awards have been presented. Winners will receive $10,000 to advance their research efforts.

The late Jakuru Higuchi, a distinguished professor at KU from 1967 to 1983, and his wife, Yaya, established the program to honor outstanding research accomplishments of faculty when Kansas Board of Regents institutions. The individual awards are named after four men who served in leadership roles at KU Endowment. They were instrumental in bringing Higuchi to KU, and their long-time support helped to enhance university research across the state of Kansas.

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New staff fellows to work to improve university

Eleven individuals have been selected to explore higher education administration as part of KU’s first Staff Fellows Program. The program is coordinated by the provost’s office and modeled after the Faculty Senior Administrative Fellows program, now in its 25th year. The fellows will work approximately four hours per month exploring various aspects of administration at KU. The majority of time will be spent working on small group or individual projects that will benefit the staff member’s unit.

The primary goal of the program is professional development. Staff fellows, their positions and projects are:

- Debra Bia, administrative assistant, provost’s office: Develop an electronic resource manual for provost’s office staff.
- Claudia Bode, education, outreach and diversity programs coordinator: Center for Environmentally Beneficial Catalysis; developing a workshop to train faculty on how to informally communicate scientific knowledge to the public and media.
- Linda Dixon, associate program director, Academic Achievement and Access Center: Teach a Learning Communities program designed to broaden students’ perspectives about world issues.
- Robin Gingerich, project coordinator, Center for Research on Learning: providing leadership and supervision through exercises and discussion during Division of Adult Studies administrative staff meetings.
- Curtis Marsh, program director, KU Info: Identify individuals at KU who provide general information to broad audiences and provide them with the training KU Info staff received.
- Kathy Moore, director, LAN support services, Information Technology: evaluate the support level for IT services and develop a “face and voice” of IT for the campus community.
- Kim O’Brien, administrative professional senior, registrar’s office: identify classes that

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Special Ed marks 50 years
Full year of events set for anniversary

The internationally acclaimed Department of Special Education is celebrating 50 years with an eye toward the future. Throughout the year, the department will honor its golden anniversary with lectures about current topics in the field, a new book, a digital reflection journal and a video chronicling the historic occasion.

The department has consistently been ranked among the best in the nation. The master’s and doctorate programs were rated No. 1 in U.S. News and World Report’s America’s Best Colleges 2008 issue.

The celebration will begin with the inaugural Edward L. Meyen Distinguished Lecture on Feb. 11 at Alderson Auditorium in the Kansas Union. Ross Whitehurst, director of the Institute of Education Sciences with the U.S. Department of Education, will address the campus community.

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This seal was commissioned for the Department of Special Education’s 50th anniversary.
A DESIGN FOR BETTER SERVICE: Keith Diaz Moore, associate professor and chair of architecture, has co-authored a book encouraging better design of centers for adult and dementia day care. "Designing a Better Day: Guidelines for Adult and Dementia Day Services Centers" was published last year and recently won the 2007 Joel B. Roberts AIA Award, given by the American Society of Interior Design educational foundation.

WEB WORKS

CAMPUS CLOSEUP

Tatyana Wilds
International outreach coordinator

Years at current job: Two in October
Job duties: Fifty percent of my job is managing outreach coordinator for the Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies and 50 percent is international outreach coordinator. I serve as a liaison among area studies educators and K-16 educators, business, government and community leaders and general public, as well as with the outreach programs of KU area studies centers: design and develop promotional materials, including the newsletter Global Sources and outreach activities on CREEES and area centers.

How did you become involved in Russian, East European and Eurasian studies at KU? I was born in Russia and lived in the former USSR for most of my life. I work with international organizations and always had great interest in global education. I know that KU has one of the best international studies programs in Kansas. I also met some KU professors and was impressed with their passion and knowledge about Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and other countries in that part of the world. Through my husband, Richard W. Wilds, student advisor of the Tsaritsyno 501 school district educator. I became involved with the KU Center for East Asian Studies programs and met the wonderful CEAS staff and faculty members. I lived in Tsaritsyno for nine years and became a citizen of the United States in 2002. Now my family and I have moved to Lawrence to facilitate activities at KU.

Have the changes in the past few decades in the former Soviet Union and Eastern European nations changed the work you do? The situation in these regions has been in a state of change for some time since 1990, Russia, neighboring countries of the former USSR and Eastern European countries experienced a series of transformational processes. Each nation had its own difficulties and achievements. I am glad that now, with the new democratic changes, there are many more opportunities in obtaining information, travel and public information that we had during the Cold War. Many nations there have a possibility to establish their own identity. Modern students and the general public have access to learn and experience closely a colorful variety of languages, cultures and arts and at the same time bring in fresh information about United States.

What are some aspects of your job others might not realize you're involved with? I am getting calls from people who are hosting international visitors from Russia and Eastern Europe. They are asking my advice on different things, such as what to give guests for breakfast and where they would like to go for entertainment. Some of the new immigrants seek advice concerning the immigration processes and job searches.

GOVERNANCE MATTERS

Online Courses: How should KU treat online courses offered for academic credit? This seemingly simple question raises a number of important issues that require close attention. Like other courses offered for academic credit, all online courses offered online must be approved by the academic unit, although they are offered through Continuing Education. Last academic year, Continuing Education proposed to Faculty Senate a change in the definition of resident study that would include online courses approved by academic units for academic credit.

Traditionally, the university has imposed a residency requirement for students pursuing undergraduate degrees, including a requirement that the last 30 credit hours before award of the degree must be "resident." Online courses do not meet the current definition of resident study. The ensuing discussion generated considerable debate over the meaning of residency in the age of cyberspace and the mechanisms for ensuring the academic quality of the courses offered. As a result of this discussion, University Senate has charged its standing committee on Academic Policies and Procedures to examine these issues this semester and report its findings and specific recommendations. The governance process is designed to encourage input from the KU community on such issues. The committee’s report will be posted on the governance web site at www.ku.edu/~uguin, for comment before any recommendations are considered by the Senate. For further information, contact the governance office at govern@ku.edu.

SNAPSHOTs

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

R. Diener/University Relations

Boy baby sits in on clarinet to the amusement of the Greenwood High School band at Band Day on Thursday. Sept. 8 at KU, despite the May tornado that damaged the school.

Daliat/McIntyre/University Relations

Chancellor’s Office-Communications

Mary Jane Bubnova, Director

From left, Crystal Lumpkin, assistant professor of journalism; Greece Jenkins, assistant professor of history; and To Jackson, associate professor of applied health sciences, talk and laugh at the Back of the Yard Faculty and Staff Council welcome event for new members.

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Research, graduate studies merge to advance KU’s mission

Two separate administrative units with a rich history of their own, KU, combined last summer to form the School of Engineering and Graduate Studies. As the name suggests, it’s an organization designed to promote three core missions of the university: education, research and scholarship.

“RGS doesn’t do research or teach graduate students,” said Steve Warren, who became interim vice provost in August. “Our goal is to facilitate and enhance the work of faculty, staff, and students so they can achieve their goals and be successful. That’s the bottom line here.”

The merger grew out of recommendations last spring from a committee headed by Don Steeples, provost for student support. The main RGS offices will relocate to Strong Hall from west campus later this year, but a practical move that’s also symbolic. “Our goal is to align graduate education with research,” said Warren, “placing both of them centrally where both naturally reside at the heart of the university.”

Warren regards this as a transition year for RGS, pending the appointment of a permanent vice provost. Even so, “we can’t just be here,” he said. “Growing research activity and strengthening the quality of graduate education are challenges we must address.”

At RGS, where interdepartmental collaboration is the norm, there was immediate interest in combining the two units.

“Research and graduate education go together like peas and carrots,” said Warren. “Our goal is to bring the two together in a way that will enhance research at KU.”

The merger cemented KU’s commitment to strengthen the university as a national research institution, and to offer a more seamless environment for graduate students.

In late June, Sara Rosen was named associate vice provost and dean of graduate studies. She is one of three associate vice provosts in RGS, joining Harriet Wilson and Joshua Rosenblum. Research is what graduate students do,” Rosen said. “The goal of undergraduate education is to attain knowledge. The goal of doctoral students is to contribute knowledge. They learn how to do that at KU. Faculty and students create knowledge together. To me, that’s research and graduate education.”

The RGS mission statement is “To facilitate the discovery, application, and dissemination of knowledge.” For Rosen, that means constantly asking, “How can we make this better?” That can involve assisting administrative departments with their recruiting efforts and helping raise major gifts for graduate fellowships and research faculty.

RGS Dean John Augustus, research training coordinator, helps departments generate graduate student training grants — a “perfect example of how RGS can be a catalyst between undergraduate and graduate education at KU,” said Augustus.

Advocates for research, graduate education

While KU conferred a record number of doctorates last year, Warren and Rosen agree that increasing the number of graduate students is not the primary goal.

“We need to recruit very strong applicants for all of our graduate programs and then provide with them rigorous, cutting-edge training. The fundamental focus needs to be on the quality and depth of the preparation they receive,” said Warren.

The integration of RGS is continuing, starting with decisions to combine a website and e-mail addresses. “It makes sense,” said Warren. “In one sense — the processing of graduate student applications in RGS — RGS wants to do its job invisibly. But it also has a high-profile task to perform: welcoming new faculty, deans and Others to help ensure KU’s role as one of the nation’s finest universities for both research and graduate education.”

Graduate studies task force named

A Graduate Studies Task Force is being formed to advise Rosen on the vision and function of this new group within RGS. The task force will report by Dec. 1. The goal is to evaluate the activities previously associated with the School of Graduate and Professional Education and graduate education at KU,” said Augustus.

KU alum, filmmaker LaButte to headline international conference

International scholars and an acclaimed filmmaker trained at KU will take to the 2003 Literature/Film Association Conference, “Stage and Page to Screen,” sponsored by the Department of Theatre and Film and the Hall Center for the Humanities. The conference takes place Oct. 11-14 at KU.

Director and KU alumus Neil LaButte will be the keynote speaker. Presenters from England, Canada, Turkey, Australia and the United States will discuss topics such as vaudeville on screen, American gangsters, drama and film, and documentary directors, reinventing the biopic, European adaptations and minorities, and adaptation and commerce.

“This is the first time this prestigious academic organization has held its annual conference in the Midwest,” said J. C. Tibbetts, associate professor of theatre and film and conference director. “Not only does it bring together students from the three campuses, but it also offers an opportunity to bring together connections and interactions of our own faculty and students of the Department of Theatre and Film. Our sponsors are the Department of Theatre and Film, the Hall Center for the Humanities and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, making this a truly campus-wide event.”

LaButte will give the keynote address at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at Woodruff Auditorium in the Kansas Union. Titled “Life Onstage and On Film,” his speech will include clips of films adapted from his plays, including “The Shape of Things” and “In the Company of Men.” The event is free for KU community members and $5 for the public.

A native of Detroit, LaButte also spent part of his youth in Spokane, Wash., and studied theatre at Brigham Young University. He earned a master’s in theatre and film history from KU and went on to work as a freelance scenarist. In 1999 he was named a Visiting Artist in the Department of Experimental Theatre. Last year he served as producer for the 1998 Sundance Film Festival. He was named a screenwriter in 2001 as “Nurse Betty,” “Possession” and “Wicker Man.”

“Vaudeville on Screen will be the focus at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at Woodruff Auditorium. A 20-minute screening of the 1953 biopic of Eva Tanguay, "The I Don't Care Girl," will be held. It will be introduced by Andrew Edman, author of "Blue Vaudeville: Sex, Morals and the Mass-Marketing of Amusement, 1895-1915" and of the forthcoming "The Queen of Vaudeville Eva Tanguay and the Rise of Modern Show Business." The event is free to the public and $5 for the general public.”

Kudos

Deb Unfert, assistant professor of English, has been invited to form a MacDowell Fellowship to pursue her writing at the MacDowell Colony in Peterborough, N.H. this November.

Gerald Sousa, professor of English, was accepted as a scholar for the 2003 International Congress of the Mediterranean Studies Association on May 31 at the University of Evora, Portugal. He also chaired a session of “Early Modern English Drama” at the Congress on June 2.

Adrian Melott, professor of physics and astronomy, and Mikhail Medvedev, associate professor of physics and astronomy, made a presentation at the April meeting of the American Physical Society. They discussed their theory of the solar system’s formation and the dynamics of the Milky Way, in an on-site analysis of cos- mic rays roughly every 60 million years being responsible for past mass extinctions.

Paul Mirecki, associate professor of religious studies, spent July and August translating newly acquired Middle Eastern hieroglyphic texts for the Nelson-Atkins Museum in Kansas City, Mo.

Elaine B. Sharp, professor and chair of political science, was awarded the NATO Long Career Achievement Award for a profound contribution to research on the history of urban politics from the Urban Politics Section of the American Political Science Association.
24 Monday
Seminar, New Staff Orientation. 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Room 106, Pearce Hall. Free. Sponsored by Human Resources. Call 864-4549.
Public event, Journalism Senior Day. Registration required. 8:15 a.m. Kansas City. 155. Sponsored by Office of Admissions and Scholarships. Call 864-5413.
Workshop, ISS: Getting Started. 1 p.m. Budig PC Lab. Sponsored by Departmental Services. Call 864-0410.
Social event, Faculty Food for Thought. 6 p.m. Room 105, Pearce. Sponsored by New Student Orientation.
Social event, Department of History. Call 864-4245.
Lecture, Hall Center for the Humanities. Spring Cribbs, Inter- im Director, 6 p.m. 319 Wescoe Hall. Sponsored by Department of Design. Call 864- 0740.
Degree of Special Education. An inaugural Lecture. The Supply Side Economics of Educational Research. 7 p.m. Auditorsium for Academic Admission. Reception to follow in the Making of a Human. Free. Sponsored by Department of Special Education. Call 864- 4962.
Public event, Business mock interviews. 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Summerfield Hall. Free. Sponsored by New Student Orientation. Call 864-4270.
25 Tuesday
Workshop, Photoshop: Intermediate. 8:30 a.m. Budig PC Lab. Sponsored by Instructional Services. Call 864- 0410.
Other Institute Seminar, Tales Under the Cover. Classics in the Bible. Barry Crawford. 2 p.m. Continuing Education. Call 864-0623.
Social event, Society for Food for Thought. 5 p.m. Gertrude C. Fordham Pearl Hall. Sponsored by New Student Orientation. Call 864-4270.
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Workshop, Doing the Interview. 7 p.m. 208 Spencer Museum of Art. Free. Sponsored by Department of Design. Call 864- 0740.
Workshop, Broadway. 10 a.m. 401 Wescoe Hall. Sponsored by Student Activities. Call 864-4270.
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3 Wednesday
Workshop. Blackboard Strategies and Tools. 9 a.m. 6 p.m. Workshop sponsored by Instructional Services. Call 864-0410.

Governance. USU executive meeting. 9:30 a.m. International Room, Kansas Union.

Art: MFA Thesis Show. 10 a.m. Student Union Center. Sponsored by Kansas Union Art Gallery.

Museum: Graduate Class. 2 p.m. Kansas Union.

Juggernaut Lecture Series. 11 a.m. Kansas City Science and Technology Center.

Summer Seminars: Project and Planner Workshop. 10 a.m. Women's Resource Center.

Endless Summer. 1-6 p.m. Juggernaut Museum.

Art. Graduate Show. 1-4 p.m. Kansas Union.

Students. Student Union. 5-8 p.m. Student Union Center.

3 Thursday
Public event. Workshop: Communication Skills. 9 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3 p.m. Kansas Union.

Art. Fine Arts Show. 10 a.m. Kansas Union.

TLC. 2 p.m. 6 p.m. 10 p.m. Student Union Center.

4 Friday
Public event. Volunteer Fair. 11 a.m. 6 p.m. Lobby, Kansas Union.

Workshop: Illustrator Software. 9 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3 p.m. 6 p.m. Workforce Auditorium.

Workshop: Working in Code View. 3 p.m. Library, Sponsored by Instructional Services.

TLC. 5 p.m. 7 p.m. 9 p.m. 11 p.m. Student Union Center.

4 Saturday
Public event. Fall Dancepalooza. 4 p.m. 7 p.m. Student Union Center.

5 Sunday
Public event. Workshop. 10 a.m. Juggernaut Museum.

Art. Final Show. 10 a.m. 1 p.m. Kansas Union.

TLC. 5 p.m. 7 p.m. 9 p.m. Student Union Center.

6 Monday
Workshop. Web Design. 10 a.m. 5 p.m. Library.

TLC. 5 p.m. 7 p.m. 9 p.m. Student Union Center.

7 Tuesday
Public event. Workshop. 10 a.m. Juggernaut Museum.

Art. Final Show. 7 p.m. Student Union Center.

TLC. 7 p.m. 9 p.m. Student Union Center.

Frost to step down from ITTC leadership, focus on teaching

Victor Frost, director of the Information and Telecommunication Technology Center since 1997, has announced that he will step down next August. Frost, the Dan E. Servutti Distinguished Professor in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, will continue his research and teaching duties in the fall of 2008.

ITTC is an exciting environment, and I look forward to continuing my research here,” said Frost. “But the faculty and staff have achieved a lot during the past 10 years. Their accomplishments have expanded the dynamic areas as charting the future of the Internet and developing the next generation of wireless communications technology. Expanding the capabilities of radio frequency identification, creating new radar processing techniques, and advancing the performance of wireless devices are among the significant contributions.”

During Frost’s tenure, faculty affiliated with ITTC have generated more than $55 million in research expenditures, including $41.1 million in 2005-06. Frost expressed his appreciation to the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation, as well as to the Kansas Board of Regents, for their financial support of ITTC research.

Calendar items... are submitted by each department's cal-endar administrator. To become an administrator, visit www.ku.edu and click “request an account.”

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will discuss steps the institute has taken to create a market for research needed by spe-
cial education practitioners and policy-
makers before they are aware such research is vital and needed.

The new lecture series is named for Edward L. Meyen, professor of special education and director of the e-Learning Design Lab at KU. He has served in several administrative roles including associate vice chancellor for research and graduate studies, dean of the School of Education, and executive vice chancellor of the Lawrence campus. Meyen has published extensively on special education topics related to curriculum development, instruction and e-learning with a focus on design, production, content management and assessment related to large-scale implementation. His current work is in the area of blending assessment with standards-based instruction and instructional technology. Since 1997, he has served as co-director of the e-Learning Design Lab and was awarded the John B. Judah Teaching Professorship of Special Education in 2003.

Chris Walther-Thomas, chair of the Department of Special Education, said the lecture series is a fitting tribute to Meyen.

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"Ed is truly a vision-
ary, collaborative and creative force who can
resist. For example, over the past decade he has brought together the talents of KU faculty from engineering, education and related fields to collaborate to develop new instructional designs, learning
environments and online instructional programs," she said.

As education is the foundation of the university, the anniversary celebrations were planned with an interdisciplinary intent. On Nov. 29, in the Frederickson, the Edwin O. Steen Distinguished Professor of Public Administration, will give a 50th Anniversary Invited Lecture. His presenta-
tion will be titled "Accountability and Performance: When Educational Quality Meets Educational Equality Answers."

On Feb. 11, C. Russell Maddox, the Takanu and Aya Higuchi Distinguished Professor of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, will deliver a second 50th Anniversary Invited Lecture, "Pharmaceutical Biotechnology: Drugs, Genes and Vaccines."

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BalRoul Jeffrey Award in Humanities and Social Sciences
Ann Turnbull, professor of special education at KU, is a cofounder of the Board of Directors on Disability, an internationally respected research enti-
yty that seeks to make sustainable differences in the quality of life for individuals and families with disabilities.
Her research has primarily focused on families of children and adults with disabilities. She studies ways to support families as they try to enhance the development of their special-needs family member and maintain a good quality of life for all members of the family.

Dr. Elizabeth MacGonagle, assistant professor of history, has received a check for the TRST ING Excellence in Teaching Award at the Sept. 15 KU football game as provost and executive vice chancellor Richard Larwearl announced.

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are offered but have no enrolled students to maximize use and efficiency of classroom space.

Joe Potts, director, International Student and Scholar Services; identify needs in areas related to international students and non-U.S. employees and identify the best comprehen-
sive solutions for them.

Mary Ryan, associate dean of academic affairs, Edwards Campus. Edwards Campus integrates their academic or student service pro-
gramming and to build cross-
campus collaboration and planning.

Cindy Secor, administrative assistant, Department of Psychology; create a depart-
ment calendar; coordinate meetings; maintain a calendar; announcements, fund-
ing and grants and general departmental information.

Omar Valdez, registered acade-
mic advisor, University Advising Center; expand the Haskell Mentor Program to provide academic mentoring to students who are undergraduates at Haskell Indian Nations University.

KU HISTORY
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And you think campus traffic and park-
ing is a hassle now. On Sept. 12, 1925, KU Chancellor Albert H. Lindley wrote a letter to parents, urging them to discourage students from bringing cars on campus. "The automobile "is a menace to the democratic spirit of the school."

For more, visit www.kuhistory.com.

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in MEMORY
John R. Carter
John R. Carter, 90, died Aug. 26. Carter was a pro-
fessor and chair of pathology and oncology at the KU Medical Center for 21 years, and also helped establish the National Autopsy Data Bank. Survivors include his wife, Adele; two dau-
grhters, and a granddaughter. The John R. Carter Award for Excellence in the Medical Laboratories and Antemortem Research was established in his honor.

Anita Elizabeth Younger Dixon
Anita Elizabeth Younger Dixon, 59, died Sept. 8, 2007. Dixon was an administrative assistant in the Office of Pulmonary Medicine. Survivors include her hus-
band, William D. Dixon; a sister, two nieces, and one nephew. memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association.

IT establishes new number for campus tech assistance
864-8080. That's the new all-pur-
pose telephone number for IT assis-
tance on the Lawrence campus. It is the IT help number for students, fac-
ulty or anyone who resides or works on campus. It's the number to call whatever you're hav-
ing a small, minor issue, or con-
necting to the Internet or logging on to a computer.

The 864-8080 number is answered by the newly formed IT Customer Service Center in the Computer Center by one of 10 full-time professional staff members or one of a dozen tech-savvy stu-
dent assistants. The Customer Service Center, which combines the former IT Help Desk (864-0200) and NTS Customer Assistance (864-
9000), is one tangible change from the recent integration of Information Technology and Telecommunications Services into one Customer Service Center.

"The intended outcome is a bet-
ter service experience for campus IT customers," said Dave B., the Battalion's tech support. "I use good service and con-
erve expertise from across the IT spec-
trum, and staff have been one of a kind, improving each person's range of expertise.

The former IT Help Desk and NTS Customer Assistance will continue to be operational through the first half of the fall semester though some people may call the new 864-8080 number, as well as the former IT Service Desk (864-0480). Additional information is available at helpdeskku.io/.
NOTABLE ALUMNI. Two graduates, business leaders Cynthia Carroll and Linda Zarda Cook, are among the world’s 150 most powerful women, according to Forbes magazine. Carroll, a 1982 grad, is seventh on the list and the first woman to become chief executive at Anglo American, the world’s largest integrated mining company. At 44th on the list is Linda Zarda Cook, a 1980 grad. Now the executive director of gas and power for Royal Dutch Shell, Cook is in the running to become CEO of the company in 2009.

Ralphodul El-Hodiri, n director of the Ludden Center on Aging and professor of molecular neurobiological physiology at the KU Medical Center, and 1980 grad El-Hodiri, professor of economics, have been selected as the 2007 recipients of the Chancellor’s Club awards for their research and teaching.

Nudo, who has taught at KU since 1997, will receive the Chancellors Club Research Award. He has pioneered research in the field of neural repair and rehabilitation after brain injury. His studies demonstrate that after an injury to the brain, such as that caused by a stroke, brain tissue plays a role in the recovery of the use of limbs. Nudo’s research has continuously been funded by the National Institutes of Health since 1990, and currently he is principal investigator of a $4 million multi-national NIH grant.

El-Hodiri, who has a 40-year career as an economics professor, will receive the Chancellors Club Career Teaching Award. He has taught 26 undergraduate courses and honors tutorials, primarily in economics, but also in western civilization, mathematics, philosophy, sociology and Russian and East European studies. On the international front, he’s taught 18 courses.

Nudo and El-Hodiri will be honored by Chancellor Robert Horvay and by members at the organization’s 35th annual gala Nov. 2 at the Kansas City Marriott. The Chancellors Club was established in 1972 by KU Endowment.

Eubanks to lead KUSM-W relations

Kristie Eubanks is the new director of the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita. "We are excited to make this announcement on the hiring of Ms. Eubanks. Following an extensive regional search we found she had the leadership experience and expertise to lead and advance the mission of the medical school as director of University Relations," said Jan Armbuckle, associate dean for administrative services.

Previously, Eubanks was market-

Tutsui honored for international efforts

Bill Tutsui, professor and chair of the Department of History and director of the Confucius Institute, received the 2007 George and Eleanor Worrell International Educator Award at the faculty/staff convocation held Sept. 6. The award, previously known as the Provost’s Award for Leadership in Inter-

KPR named station of year for ninth time

Kansas Public Radio recently was named Station of the Year in the non-commercial category by the Kansas Association of Broadcasters for the ninth time since 1996. Awards will be presented during the association’s annual convention Oct. 22 at Harrah’s Prairie Band Casino in Mayetta.

The awards were won by KPR Station Promotion Announcement, First place; "Kansas News Update," produced by Darrell Brogdon; Public Affairs Program, First place (tie); "Kansas Health, A Pioneering Change: Renewing the Food Stamp Program," reported by Bryan Thompson; First place (tie); "KPR’s Ethical Food," produced by Greg Eckl; Continuing Education will best Energize Climate and the Future: The Role of Kansas. The workshop will take place Oct. 10 at the Top of the Capital Plaza Hotel. For details regarding workshop registration and agenda, visit www.continuinged. ku.edu/programs/epoc or contact Doug Byers at 864-3227.

Dole Institute names fall 2007 fellows

The former chief of staff for a Kansas congressman and the president of a political consulting and marketing firm are among the fall 2007 fellows at the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics. Jennifer Schmidt, former chief of staff for Speaker of the Kansas House of Representatives Rep. Kent Clark; R- Manhattan; and Jayn Austin, president of Gerald J. Austin and Associates Inc., are leading weekly study groups throughout the fall.

For more information, visit www.dole- institute.org or call (785) 846-4900.

Lied Center launches ‘Tree of Life’ collaboration

The Lied Center has launched a two-year collaborative project that brings together faculty from several arts and humanities disciplines called Tree of Life: Creativity as Origins and Evolution. The project is funded by KU Endowment through a grant of Performing Arts Presenters’ Creative Cambridge Innovations.

The Lied Center’s project represents an interdisciplinary collaboration with its academic partners in the Hall Center for the Humanities, the Commons, University Dance Company, University Theatre, Kansas Space Grant Consortium and Center for Science Education and is supported by funding from the Office of Chancellor, Office of the Provost; KU Center for Research; Office of the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Office of the Dean of the School of Fine Arts.

For more information, visit lied.ku.edu/creative/.

‘Invention to Venture’ slated for Sept. 29

A one-day workshop designed to give faculty and students the tools to become technology entrepreneurs is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 13 at the Living Marion Kaufmann Foundation, 4801 Rockhill Rd., Kansas City, Mo.

The fee for "Invention to Venture" is $10 for students, $25 for faculty members and $75 for the business community. For more information and a full agenda, or to register, visit www.invention2 venture.org.

Invention to Venture is sponsored by the Office of Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property at KU and the Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, in conjunction with the National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance and The Lembold Foundation. Additional funding is provided by the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation and the Polsinelli law firm.

Tucker to study musical improv’s role in dialogue

Musical improvisation as a model for political, cultural and ethical dialogue and action is the focus of a million-dollar inter- national community/university research project that will involve Sherre Tucker, associate professor of American Studies. The project, "Improvisation, Community and Social Practice," involves researchers from 18 universities across Canada, the United States, England and Australia.

Tucker is the Improvisation Gender and the Body coordinator and a co-investigator with Arkansas-based Richard Larrivee from noon to 1 p.m. Oct. 2 at the Big 12 Room in the Kansas Union.

Edwards Campus wins several PRISM awards

The Greater Kansas City Public Relations Society of America awarded the Edwards Campus with the following awards in its annual PRISM awards competition.

The public relations office received a first place award in the category of Marketing Campaigns – Local and Regional for "I Went Back." a marketing/recruitment program targeting prospective students. In partnership with InTrends Communications Group of Kansas City, Mo., the 2006-04 KU Edwards Campus Progress Report won a first place award in the category of Annual Reports – Four Colors. The annual awards recognize the best in public relations and marketing in greater Kansas City.

Schools of business, fine arts add no majors

A pair of new majors are available this fall through the School of Business and the School of Fine Arts: supply chain management and photography.

The genesis of the supply chain management major was demand from regional businesses. Because most supply chains are nation-spanning, a global perspective of business will be incorporated into the major.

The Department of Design is offering a new undergraduate photography and digital media major called Photomedica. With the launch of the program, KU becomes the only school in Kansas to offer a comprehensive and production-based photography and media program.

Continuing Education to host energy workshop

In association with Kansas Science Foundation Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, KU Continuing Education will host Energy, Climate and the Future: The Role of Kansas. The workshop will take place Oct. 10 at the Top of the Capital Plaza Hotel. For details regarding workshop registration and agenda, visit www.continuinged. ku.edu/programs/energy or contact Doug Byers at 864-3227.

Dole Institute names two fall 2007 fellows

The former chief of staff for a Kansas congressman and the president of a political consulting and marketing firm are among the fall 2007 fellows at the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics. Jennifer Schmidt, former chief of staff for Speaker of the Kansas House of Representatives Rep. Kent Clark; R- Manhattan; and Jayn Austin, president of Gerald J. Austin and Associates Inc., are leading weekly study groups throughout the fall.

For more information, visit www.dole- institute.org or call (785) 846-4900.