‘All options on the table’
Chancellor outlines possibilities in tough budget year

Chancellor Robert Hemenway today told 125 faculty and staff attending a budget forum that economies and cooperation universitywide will be necessary to protect academic and research functions in the face of a $8.4 million cut in state funding this year and an anticipated $19.2 million cut next fiscal year.

“We’ve relied on faculty and staff across the university to step up and help out when positions have not been filled,” Hemenway said. “These cuts do create challenges and it will force painful decisions, but KU will endure. I have every confidence in the men and women of this university and their ability to maintain the
quality of our institution.”

KU earlier this week reported more reductions to absorb its share of a projected 3 percent cut in the university’s state general fund appropriation for the current 2009 budget and a projected 7 percent cut for coming fiscal year, which begins July 1.

For the Lawrence campus, this has meant laying off 11 employees (effective June 30), cutting 110 vacant positions, delaying hires and trimming funds for student jobs. The KU Medical Center put in place a 90-day-hiring delay earlier in the budget year and has continued to hold some positions vacant.

Cuts to operating budgets include cutting hours at the Spencer Museum of Art and Natural History Museum; turning down thermostats and instituting other energy efficiencies; eliminating printing budgets; and using the Internet to distribute information.

Faculty and staff at the KU Medical Center, Edwards Campus and School of Medicine branch in Wichita observed the forum online. Hemenway and several other KU officials answered questions from employees attending in person as well as several e-mailed from across the campuses.

A video of the forum will be posted online on KU’s channel at youtube.com/ku.

Final phase of Wescoe renovations under way

The final phase of renovations to Wescoe Hall’s heating, ventilation and air conditioning system is under way. The work, which is the third phase of a $4.9 million deferred maintenance project, is scheduled to be completed by July 9.

Work to replace heaving slabs on the first floor and ventilation and mechanical replacements on the building’s first and third floors has been completed. Sam Trang, project manager with Design and Construction Management, said access to the second floor will be limited to construction crews until the work is completed. The crews will work between 4 p.m. and 3 a.m. to minimize distractions to the building’s occupants.

As part of the project, two handicapped-accessible parking spaces have been relocated from Wescoe’s northeast corner to the southwest corner. Handicapped-accessible entrances are located at the south side of the first level and third level.
Various faculty and staff have moved offices during the project. Graduate teaching assistants and lecturers have moved to offices throughout the building departments moved from the second floor to permanent locations on the third floor. Upon completion of the work this summer, the temporary third-floor offices and outside Wescoe.

During winter break, faculty and staff from the Germanic languages and literatures, Slavic languages and literatures, French and residents will return to the second floor, and GTAs and lecturers will return to their offices throughout the building.

Italian and East Asian languages and cultures departments moved from the second floor to temporary offices on the third floor. The English and philosophy upgrades to the fire alarm system on the fourth floor are under way in addition to the renovation work.

Work begins to implement Initiative 2015 recommendations

The task forces have made their recommendations, but the work on Initiative 2015 is just beginning.

Three teams are working to best determine how to implement the recommendations made in the strategic plan. Chancellor Robert Hemenway initiated the plan in January 2008 as a document that would guide KU over the next several years in the ongoing quest to maintain and improve a world-class university.

The plan made recommendations in three areas: teaching and learning, discovering and innovating and working for Kansas.


TEACHING AND LEARNING

“It is very important for the KU community to have a direct input,” Danny Anderson, vice provost for academic affairs, said. “A strategic plan is something we all need to take part in if we want it to be effective.”

After the most recent All-University Teaching Summit, a session was held to discuss the best ways to implement the plan’s recommendations and to raise awareness of the initiative. Anderson said his group will produce a report for the chancellor based on feedback it receives and work with implementation teams before the end of the semester.

DISCOVERING AND INNOVATING
Steve Warren, vice provost for research and graduate studies, and Paul Terranova, vice chancellor for research at the KU Medical Center, are directing the Discovering and Innovating team. Warren said his group has formed six inter-campus committees to directly address the recommendations. The committees have been charged with developing implementation plans for each of the recommendations by the end of March.

Warren said his goal was to accomplish each of the six recommendations and make improvements that people will be able to recognize as a result of Initiative 2015. The challenge will be difficult, he said, but is necessary.

“This is a challenging time, but you have to keep moving forward. With our search for a new chancellor, I think whoever comes into that role will find a great plan in place to move our university forward. I think our timing is good.”

WORKING FOR KANSAS

Lynn Bretz, director of University Communications, is leading efforts for the Working for Kansas recommendations. The team reviewed the two recommendations and produced a report for Hemenway last fall.

For the first recommendation — expand reward systems for service to Kansas — the team proposed creating a service award equivalent to the Kemper teaching awards and creating a chancellor’s outreach initiative. For the initiative’s second recommendation — Identify and support an outreach and partnership individual or organizational entity — they suggested undertaking a survey of Kansans and/or policymakers to identify what KU efforts they would recognize as significant and helpful, creating several high-profile initiatives in these priority areas, making KU leadership more visible around the state and making outreach’s importance more visible on campus, devote appropriate resources to strategically promote outreach projects for KU and post outreach representatives in communities for long-term effects.

The entire Initiative 2015 plan, a narrative summary and contact information for providing feedback can all be found at www.chancellor.ku.edu/2015/.
Drew Rosdahl, information specialist at the Bureau for Child Research, was among several KU faculty and staff attending Barack Obama's inauguration. Above, he is pictured at the capitol a few days before thousands of revelers overtook the mall.

Faculty, staff take in historic Obama inauguration

Freezing cold and a mass of humanity may not sound appealing, but they weren’t about to keep a handful of Jayhawks from attending the inauguration of President Barack Obama. For the dozen or so KU faculty, staff and students in attendance it was all part of the experience of the historic day.

Among those from KU known to attend were:

* Barbara Ballard, associate director of the Dole Institute of Politics and a Democratic state representative from Lawrence’s 44th district

* Maryemma Graham, professor of English

* Jonathan Earle, associate director of the Dole Institute of Politics and an associate professor of history

* Teresa Leslie-Canty, lecturer in African and African-American studies

* Andrew Torrance, associate professor of law

* Bud Stallworth, business manager for Design and Construction Management and KU alumnus

* Frances Gorman, communications coordinator for the School of Business and KU alumna

* Leslie Tuttle, assistant professor of history

Torrance had a relatively close spot to watch the new president take the oath of office.

“It was wonderful,” he said of the experience. “I had a really nice ticket relatively close to the proceedings. I could see the president and those around him. The atmosphere was truly amazing, there were a lot of tears of joy when he took the oath.”

Torrance was invited to attend the inauguration after serving on an advisory committee during the president’s campaign. The
committee advised then-candidate Obama on issues regarding technology, the media and telecommunications. Torrance was invited to advise on intellectual property law.

While his trip was short — he flew to Washington, D.C., the day before the inauguration and returned the evening after the ceremony — Torrance said he wasn’t about to miss his first chance to see a president take office. He was left with a strong impression of a president with a chance to accomplish great things.

“I think this marks a sea change in who Americans believe they can choose to lead them,” Torrance said. “This election shows there’s a thirst in the U.S. for change, and not just cosmetic change, but real change in the way Americans choose their leaders.”

Torrance added that he’s encouraged by early actions of President Obama. In his inaugural address, Obama emphasized “restoring science and technology to their rightful place.”

He has mentioned the need to address climate change and has indicated he will address innovation, the patent system, food and drug regulations and technology policy, all topics Torrance says he will continue to cover in his classes and scholarship.

Marianne Berry was also among the crowd, but she got her ticket through good old-fashioned lobbying. Berry, president of University Senate, learned that Student Body President Adam McGonigle and his fellow senators were contacting Kansas’ congressional delegation to find any available tickets. Berry tried the tactic as well, e-mailing representatives from across the state. She felt good enough about Obama’s odds to win that she booked a flight to Washington in October.

While none of the representatives were able to help her, she got a last minute e-mail that ensured she didn’t buy the airfare in vain. McGonigle secured an extra ticket from one of the representatives he had contacted.

Berry had a ticket, but was considerably farther away than Torrance was. After spending the day on the Mall soaking up the history and socializing with people from across the country the day prior, she made the trek from her sister’s D.C. home to her ticketed area nearly four blocks from the Capitol. She may not have been close, but she was happy.

“I actually had breathing room around me,” she said. “I had my binoculars and we had a jumbotron in our area, so I could go back and forth between the two.”

She settled in with a church group that had driven all night from North Carolina to attend the ceremonies. Berry said she was struck by the joy the group, and everyone else around her, displayed.

“This was the inaugural ball for so many,” Berry said. “Just to be there with the people was amazing, I don’t even have words for it.”
The inauguration was not just a memorable experience, but one the professor of social welfare can use in the classroom as well. The election of the nation’s first African-American president is an example of her area of expertise looming large.

“Social welfare is all about giving the underrepresented and underserved a voice,” Berry said. “I’ll be bringing every minute of my week in D.C. back to the classroom in a variety of ways. Obama’s speech and the entire event are completely pertinent to social work and social justice.”

Numerous events to mark Black History Month

Numerous events have been scheduled at KU to celebrate Black History Month. Beginning Feb. 3 and continuing until March, the month will be marked by speakers, celebrations and events.

Max Sherman, professor emeritus and former dean of the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas, will be at the Dole Institute of Politics to discuss the life of his friend and colleague Barbara Jordan, the first African-American elected to a Senate seat in the state of Texas since 1883. The program will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, at the Dole Institute. A book signing will follow.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs has scheduled a slate of events under the theme “Our Legacy: Celebrating 100 Years of the NAACP.” Events, times, locations, sponsors and contacts, when available, are below.

### Eat Your Heart Out: Part 1

- **7:30 p.m., Feb. 5, location TBA**
  - Women from Black Student Union will bring in dishes for the men to taste. The men will get to vote on the best dish.
  - Contact: Brandy Fogg, brandy88@ku.edu.
  - Sponsor: Black Student Union

### Brown Bag: Mighty Times: The Legacy of Rosa Parks

- **Noon, Feb. 6, Sabatini Multicultural Resource Center**
  - Video and discussion on the legacy of Rosa Parks. The history of Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott are infused with the familiar story of the boycott with first person accounts, stirring dramatizations and narration by young people.
  - Contact: Sabatini Multicultural Resource Center, 864-4350

### Jayhawk Next

- **7 p.m., Feb. 10, Hash Theater**
Speed dating event.

Contact: Kameron Mack, kmack@ku.edu.
Sponsor: Black Student Union

**Diversity Dialogue:**
**Black in America:**
**How Race Affects Your College Experience**

6 p.m., Feb. 12, Sabatini Multicultural Resource Center

Using clips from CNN’s hit documentary, participants will discuss how race affects today’s college students.

Contact: Sabatini Multicultural Resource Center, 864-4350

**Eat Your Heart Out: Part 2**

7:30 p.m., Feb. 12, Location TBA

Men from Black Student Union will bring in dishes for the women to taste. The women will get to vote on the best dish.

Contact: Brandy Fogg, brandy88@ku.edu.
Sponsor: Black Student Union

**Fight For Freedom: A Century of the NAACP and the Struggle for Racial Equality**

8 a.m.-5 p.m., Feb. 13, Kansas Union

Marking the centennial of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and honoring Langston Hughes’ 1962 history of the organization, this symposium (re)investigates the NAACP and its various legacies for a dawning new century. The commemoration will also provide a powerful entry for larger conversations on race and racism in America today.

Contact: Langston Hughes Center, 864-5044
Sponsor: Black Student Union

**Black Achievement and Awareness Day**

6 p.m., Feb 16, Sabatini Multicultural Resource Center

The program will acknowledge the accomplishments of blacks in the U.S. and the struggles they still face today. It will have a panel of successful blacks on campus that will discuss the paths they took to get to where they are today. The program will also include an awareness component. “Represent” T-shirts will show the percentage of African-American students enrolled at KU. The shirts will be given to African-American students on campus prior to the event with encouragement to wear them on Feb. 16, the day of the event and President’s Day.

Contact: Ali Ayanaw, 864-1571.
Sponsor: Black Graduate and Professional Student Association

**Brown Bag: The Children’s March**

Noon, Feb. 20, Sabatini Multicultural Resource Center

“The Children's March” tells the story of how the young people of Birmingham, Ala., braved fire hoses and police dogs in 1963 and brought segregation to its knees. Their heroism complements discussions about the ability of today’s young people to be catalysts for positive social change.
Celebration of African-American Music

7:30 p.m., Feb. 20, Swarthout Recital Hall, Murphy Hall

A musical night full of songs inspired by and about great African-Americans. A broad, tasteful representation of African-American music of all styles.

Contact: Chris McBride, (678) 622-6881

For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow is Enuf by Ntozake Shange

7:30 p.m., Feb. 20-21 and 2:30 p.m., Feb. 22, Lawrence Arts Center, 940 New Hampshire St.

A play illuminating the identity of women in America, as they reveal themselves, their lives, triumphs, hardships and ultimately their discovery of inner strength and love. A play that shows a connection that women, from all walks of life, can relate to and that men can respect and admire. Rated “mature.” $5 suggested donation.

Contact: Tosin Morohunfola, Tobam88@sbcglobal.net. Sponsors: Multicultural Theatre Initiative, Student Senate, Multicultural Education Fund and Coca-Cola

Basketball Throwdown

Time TBA, Feb. 21, Location TBA

Basketball tournament for teams of five. There will be sponsors and for a set amount of points a team makes, the sponsor will donate Monday to an organization of the team’s choosing.

Contact: LeAndrea Wilson, lwilson@ku.edu. Sponsor: Black Student Union

Big 12 Conference on Black Student Government

February 26-28, Kansas Union

The goal of the conference is to discuss and share issues, strategies and programs that support African-American student organizations. The program will provide students with leadership development and motivation as they govern on their respective campuses. Registration is required to attend all events.

Contact: Pamela Scott, 864-4351

St. Luke AME Black History Month Musical

3:30 p.m., Feb. 22, St. Luke AME, 900 New York St.

Local and area choirs, singing groups, instrumentalist and soloists will perform to celebrate Black History Month.

Contact: Joyce McCray Pearson, 865-1480 or the Rev. Verdell Taylor, 865-1589
Six faculty members named Keeler professors

Awards allow inter-disciplinary study

Six faculty members have been named Keeler Family Intra-University Professors for the 2009-10 academic year: Byron Caminero-Santangelo, the Conger-Gabel Teaching Professor of English; Christopher Forth, the Howard Professor of Humanities and Western Civilization and courtesy professor of history; Mary Fry, associate professor of health, sport and exercise science; Tanya Hartman, associate professor of art; Joane Nagel, University Distinguished Professor of Sociology; and Anna Neill, associate professor of English.

The professorships give faculty members an opportunity to enhance their knowledge of an academic specialty, broaden the depth of a defined field of study or start a new academic endeavor and promote collaboration across disciplines. Keeler professors are granted one semester free of departmental responsibilities to engage in exchange with faculty from other disciplines, take courses, develop cross-disciplinary projects and/or team-teach in one or two courses in another department or school at KU.

Caminero-Santangelo will work with environmental studies. His research areas include 20th century British and African literature, postcolonial theory and literature, critical theory and ecocriticism.

Forth will work with the classics department. His research interests include the cultural history of gender, sexuality and the body, with a focus on modern French, American and British culture.

Fry will complete an exchange with the Department of Psychology and Research in Education. Her research examines the benefits of creating a positive and caring motivational environment in physical activity settings. She also conducts research on programs that combine physical activity and life skills for children.

Hartman’s professorship will team her with the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. Hartman has shown her work in venues and galleries throughout the country and has taught at Housatonic Community Technical College, Kingsborough Community College of the City University of New York, New York University’s Gallatin Division, Norwalk Community Technical College and the Snug Harbor Cultural Center.

Nagel will partner with the geography department. Her research specialties include ethnicities, gender and sexuality in the U.S. and around the
Byron Caminero-Santangelo  
Mary Fry 

Mary Fry 

Tanya Hartman 

Regents approve School of Fine Arts reorganization 

The Kansas Board of Regents has approved KU’s proposed reorganization of fine arts programs. 

The proposal includes closing the School of Fine Arts and creating a School of Music. The school will continue the existing programs and administer the undergraduate and graduate programs in music under the direction of a dean of music. 

The plan also includes creation of a School of the Arts under the umbrella of the College of Liberal Arts and
Sciences. The School of the Arts will house the Department of Art, the Department of Dance and the Department of Theatre and Film. The Department of Art will offer the same undergraduate and graduate degrees as in the School of Fine Arts, as will the programs that are currently in the Department of Design: metalsmishing/jewelry design, visual arts education, ceramics, scenography, textiles and theatre design. The dance degree programs and faculty currently within the Department of Music and Dance will form the new Department of Dance.

The Department of Design will join the School of Architecture and Urban Planning. The department will offer the undergraduate and graduate degrees associated with interior design, industrial design, visual communication, photomedia and design management.

The requirements and coursework for the degree programs will not change. Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Richard Lariviere stressed that the changes will not cost the state of Kansas any additional money.

For more information, contact the School of Fine Arts dean’s office at 864-3421.

2009-10 faculty sabbaticals approved

The following Lawrence campus faculty members have been approved for sabbatical leaves during the 2009-10 academic year by the Kansas Board of Regents. They are listed by time (semester or academic year), topic and location.

**Raj Bhala**, the Raymond F. Rice Distinguished Professor of Law; spring semester; write a book, “Understanding Islamic Law”; Lawrence, India, Middle East.

**Kyle Camarda**, associate professor of chemical and petroleum engineering; spring semester; develop a collaborative research program between KU and the Technical University of Denmark to develop a new methodology for the molecular design of ionic liquids; Copenhagen, Denmark.

**Xue-Wen Chen**, associate professor of electrical engineering and computer science; spring semester; develop a novel approach using bioinformatics models and gene-pathway analysis for unraveling the function of non-coding RNAs in the etiology of Autism; Kansas City, Mo.

**Tailan Chi**, associate professor of business; fall semester; conduct research on product and international diversification of business groups in China and further the exchanges between KU and two partner schools.
in China; Beijing and Guangzhou, China.

**Allan Cigler**, professor of political science; academic year; conduct research and write a book-length manuscript on the strategies of organized interests that use their financial resources to influence elections in ways that go well beyond the intent of the campaign finance laws; Washington, D.C., and Lawrence.

**Jonathan Clark**, Hall Center Professor of History; fall semester; conduct research for a monograph on the nature of the Empire comparing Britain and the United States after 1783; Oxford, England.


**Anthony Corbeill**, professor of classics; fall semester; conduct research for a book that will provide a diachronic narrative of the changing ways the Romans conceived of gender distinctions, particularly in places where the normally clearly delineated boundaries between sexes appear fluid and unfixed; Munich, Germany, Rome, Italy, Oxford, England, and Lawrence.

**Thomas Cravens**, professor of physics and astronomy; spring semester; analyze and interpret data from multiple sources on the neutral and plasma environments of Saturn’s satellites, and on X-ray emission from Jupiter’s aurora; San Antonio, Texas.

**Dorothy Daley**, associate professor of political science and environmental studies; fall semester; conduct research exploring priorities and tradeoffs in state and local public health departments as they work to meet the demands of their constituents; Lawrence.

**Heather Desaire**, associate professor of chemistry; fall semester; develop expertise in computer programming to direct the development of software that will analyze data of glycopeptides and develop a stronger working knowledge of the immunological tools used to analyze HIV-vaccine candidates; Durham, N.C., and Lawrence.

**Stephen Dickey**, associate professor of Slavic languages and literatures; spring semester; complete the writing of the six remaining main chapters of a book on the evolution of Slavic aspect and synthesize all materials into a full book-length manuscript; Lawrence.

**Jerome Dobson**, professor of geography; academic year; conduct research on populations-at-risk, humanitarian relief and innovative ways to improve geographic understanding of foreign peoples and places to reduce risks of all sorts; Washington, D.C.

**Patrick Dooley**, professor of design; spring semester; work as graphic designer on two substantial art exhibition
publications; Wichita State University and Lawrence.

Ronald Dougherty, chair and professor of mechanical engineering; fall semester; enhance analytical and experimental skills in the use of laser light to non-intrusively characterize nano- and micro-sized particles suspended in flowing bio-fluids; Christchurch, New Zealand.

Arienne Dwyer, associate professor of anthropology; academic year; create interactive maps by melding linguistics and geography to visualize and analyze the dramatic grammatical changes in a variety of Mandarin Chinese over the last few centuries; Eastern Michigan University and Lawrence.

Hume Feldman, associate professor of physics and astronomy; academic year; develop methods to analyze peculiar velocity observational samples to study various aspects of the large-scale structure of the universe, neutrino mass estimation and matter content in the universe; London, England.

Iris Smith Fischer, associate professor of English; fall semester; complete two chapters of a book examining the phenomenological theory of signs development by U.S. philosopher Charles Sanders Peirce and its application to theatre and performance; Indianapolis, Ind., Milford, Pa., Hanover, N.H., and Lawrence.

Daniel Gailey, associate professor of music and dance; fall semester; create and record three new compositions for large jazz ensemble, and record these works along with three existing works and one work in progress; Greeley, Colo., and Lawrence.

Anthony Genova, professor of philosophy; fall semester; complete two or three substantial journal articles on the latest and controversial development of a new theory of meaning, “two dimensional semantics”; Lawrence.

Donna Ginther, associate professor of economics; academic year; investigate the economic explanations for gender differences in salary, promotion and attrition for academics in science, social science and engineering using data from the 1973-2006 waves of the Survey of Doctorate Recipients; Lawrence.

Nils Gore, associate professor of architecture and urban planning; fall semester; conduct research and write two articles on community-based design/build projects in New Orleans referred to as guerrilla architecture--develop from grass roots rather than being imposed on the community from the “top”; Lawrence.

Sandra Gray, associate professor of anthropology; academic year; conduct research and complete a draft of a manuscript that examines the human costs of 30 years of low-level armed conflict in Karamajoa, Uganda; Uganda and Lawrence.

Richard Hale, associate professor of aerospace engineering; spring semester; extended Antarctic field trials of the Meridian uninhabited aircraft system and pursuit of
expanded research partnerships in collaborative incubation, vehicle prototyping, transportation systems and uninhabited aircraft systems; Antarctica and Lawrence.

**Stephen Hasiotis**, associate professor of geology; academic year; complete two technical books on comparative ichnology of modern and ancient organisms to educate others about this transformative science that will take the understanding of continental ichnology to new levels in academia and in the petroleum industry; Houston, Texas, or Perth, Australia, and Lawrence.

**Patricia Hawley**, associate professor of psychology; spring semester; study and train with top scholars of life history theory and strategic differentiation for the purposes of strengthening and disseminating further the Resource Control Theory (Hawley, 1999); University of Binghamton and University of Arizona.

**Thomas Heilke**, professor of political science; fall semester; conduct research for a book project that examines conceptions of civic friendship during the Protestant Reformation; Lawrence.

**Thomas Huang**, associate professor of design; fall semester; continue creative research by developing a body of furniture and sculpture works that utilize boat forms to better explore and understand the immigrant experience; Rockport, Maine.

**Alice Lieberman**, professor of social welfare; spring semester; write a book on U.S. political engagement that will present an overview of social change/advocacy efforts over the last 30 years and the contributions of the social work profession to this enterprise; Lawrence.

**Todd Little**, professor of psychology and senior scientist, Life Span Institute; spring semester; conduct research and prepare a course on modern measurement theory in the behavioral and social sciences and complete a current book project on longitudinal structural equation modeling; various locations including Lawrence.

**Stanley Lombardo**, professor of classics; fall semester; write a verse translation of Dante’s Purgatorio based on the standard Petrocchi Italian edition and reflect the formal structure of the original while bringing over into contemporary English the complex tone of Dante’s poetic voice; Lawrence.

**Lorin Maletsky**, associate professor of mechanical engineering; fall semester; develop new analysis and experimental techniques to improve knee biomechanics research at KU; Dublin, Ireland, and Southampton, England.

**Mikhail Medvedev**, associate professor of physics and astronomy; academic year; conduct research on gamma-ray bursts, the largest explosions in the universe after the Big Bang, to determine their enigmatic nature, and create state-of-the-art computer simulations complemented with
strong theoretical analyses; Niels Bohr Institute, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Paul E. Meier, professor of theatre and film; academic year; conduct research into "Original Pronunciation," the dialect in which Shakespeare’s plays were first spoken, by fusing the two areas of accents and dialects and the speaking of Shakespeare’s texts; England and Lawrence.

Karen Multon, chair and professor, psychology and research in education; fall semester; conduct research in vocational psychology for a book that examines current theoretical and empirical literature on work and how it affects well-being; Lawrence.

Scott Murphy, associate professor of music and dance; fall semester; conduct research into the nature of the link between a musical idea’s structure "in of itself" and its associations with certain entities “outside music,” such as objects, emotions, actions, physical sensations and mental conceptions; Santa Barbara, Calif., Austin, Texas, and Lawrence.


John Ralston, professor of physics and astronomy; fall semester; conduct experiments to establish the existence of radio surface waves that will contribute to the development of radio neutrino telescopes, which have been pioneered by a group at KU and the RICE collaboration; Black Rock Desert, Nev., and Lawrence.

Mark Reaney, professor of theatre and film; fall semester; create a new production of Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Nights Dream,” using new digital technologies as the scenographic medium to establish the fantastical nature of the “fairie world” and the mundane; Lawrence.

Michael Roberts, professor of applied behavioral science and director of child psychology program; fall semester; assist the World Health Organization in the revision of the international classification of diseases by developing the “alpha” version of the codes for the child and adolescent mental and behavioral health disorders; Geneva, Switzerland, Washington, D.C., and Lawrence.

Robert Rowland, professor and chair, communication studies; fall semester; conduct research on the rhetorical trajectory of the Obama presidential campaign examining how Obama inspired a large political movement and how his rhetoric can add to our understanding of the role of race in American discourse; Washington, D.C., and Lawrence.

Janet Sharistanian, associate professor of English; fall semester,; conduct research and write two chapters of a
Donita Massengill-Shaw, associate professor of curriculum and teaching; spring semester; investigate how a phonics, spelling and vocabulary approach impacts the learning of adults who are studying English as their second language; Tennessee, Florida and Kansas.

Surendra Singh, professor of business; fall semester; develop and test a comprehensive model of webpage/website perception, integrating constructs from multiple disciplines; India and Lawrence.

Linda Stone-Ferrier, professor and chair, history of art; spring semester; finish a book-length manuscript in which it is argued that art historians have completely ignored the existence of and significant role played by neighborhoods as the liminal space between home and the city/nation in 17th century Dutch art and culture; Lawrence.

Ray Taghavi, professor of aerospace engineering; spring semester; create a textbook on advanced propulsion systems for general aviation aircraft. No textbook of this nature is currently in the market; Lawrence.

George Tsoulias, assistant professor of geology; academic year; conduct research into solving the inverse problem of relating ground-penetrating radar response to fracture hydrologic parameters and to expand this method to integrated geophysical studies; University of Lausanne, Switzerland, and Technical University of Crete, Greece.

Sherrie Tucker, associate professor of American studies; fall semester; complete a monograph that examines the memories of interviewees who narrate competing national visions as they converged on the dance floor of the Hollywood Canteen during World War II; Lawrence.

Stephen Ware, professor of law; spring semester; write a book titled “Principles of Arbitration Law”; Lawrence.

Gina Westergard, associate professor of design; spring semester; expand formalistic creative process to include narrative depiction and to investigate fabrication techniques that will enable full expression of the narrative content; California and Lawrence.

Glen White, professor of applied behavioral sciences and senior scientist, Life Span Institute; spring semester; develop manuscripts that measure the participation of people with disabilities living in the community that will serve as part of the foundation for a national State of the Science Conference on Measurement and Participation; Lima, Peru, and Lawrence.

Shu Wu, associate professor of economics; fall semester; study the macroeconomics effects of global finance integration on small,
developing economies and produce a book chapter for the “Handbook of Quantitative Finance”; Tamkang University, Taiwan.

Wheat State Whirlwind Tour participants selected

Faculty and staff from across the university have been chosen as participants for the 2009 Wheat State Whirlwind Tour. Now in its 12th year, the tour will take place May 18-22. The participants will travel more than 1,000 miles, introducing them to the unique locations, landscapes, history and people of Kansas.

Participants are listed below with their departments:

* Danny Anderson, vice provost for academic affairs
* Santa Arias, Spanish and Portuguese
* Mahasweta Banerjee, social welfare
* Robin Bedenbaugh, University Relations
* Cydney Boler, KU Medical Center Research Institute
* Douglas Bradham, preventive medicine and public health

* Julie, Buchsbum, KU Libraries
* Raymond Cheung, Life Span Institute
* Rosita Elizalde-McCoy, KU Endowment
* Sara Gillham, Office of Admissions and Scholarships
* Douglas Girod, otalaryngology — head and neck surgery
* Luis Gonzalez, geology
* Dilawar Grewal, Information Services
* Lisa Hallberg, Kansas Geological Survey
* Justine Hamilton, Office of Study Abroad
* Kathy Hamilton, teaching and learning technologies
* Jill Hofmeister, University Advising Center
* Laura Isdell, student housing
* Lydia McKay, Student Involvement and Leadership Center

* Donald McMullen, research and graduate studies
* Holly Mercer, KU Libraries
* Amalia Monroe, KU Libraries
* Sara Morris, KU Libraries
* David Naylor, internal medicine
* Patty Quinlan, Student Health Services
* Judith Reagan, International Programs
* Priscilla Reckling, Office of Grants and Research, School of Nursing
* Kamran Reihani, mathematics
* Linda Sadler, research and graduate studies
* J., Schafer, Kansas Public Radio
* P. Simran Sethi, William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications
* Janet Sharistanian, English
* Jeremy Shella, design
New funding available for unclassified staff professional development

KU’s Unclassified Senate is offering funding to unclassified staff for professional development. The funding is intended for both full time and part time staff who have been employed by KU for six months or longer. Individuals with temporary appointments are not eligible.

Funding will be distributed in the spring of 2009. The maximum awarded to a staff member will be $500. Recipients will be required to complete necessary KU travel forms prior to travel, and all funds will be distributed as reimbursements. Awarded funds will be transferred to staff members’ departments, and departmental accounting/budget staff will reimburse awardees. All travel must occur between Feb 27 and June 30, 2009. The application deadline is February 6, 2009.

The funding is meant to serve as a complement to departmental funding. All applicants must ask their respective departments for funds, but are not required to secure them to be considered for Unclassified Senate reimbursement. Graduate students must also note whether they are eligible to receive funding from Graduate Studies’ Graduate Student Paper Presentation Fund.

All applications must include a detailed budget, including departmental and personal contributions, and supporting documents, such as a conference brochure, timeline of travel, information on registration fees, airfare, hotel rates, shuttle service and taxi service, parking and meals.

Applicants receiving funding are required to submit a brief written report summarizing the activity/program within 30 days of completing the activity/program. After submitting the report, the funding recipient may be invited to present at an Unclassified Senate meeting regarding what he or she learned from the activity/program.

The application is available at
5,000th online gift to honor the late Jay Turnbull

With a click of a mouse, online giving to KU reached a milestone: 5,000 gifts. KU Endowment will match the gift to commemorate reaching this record.

The 5,000th gift — made at kuendowment.org — was a $250 donation to the Jay Turnbull Fellowship at the Beach Center on Disability from Steve Warren, vice provost for research and graduate studies, and his wife, Eva Horn, professor of special education. Their gift was in memory of Jay Turnbull, who died of natural causes Jan. 7.

The Jay Turnbull Fellowship was established in 2008 by Jay Turnbull’s parents, Rud and Ann Turnbull, to honor their son. He was diagnosed as a child with intellectual disabilities and autism. He achieved considerable independence, and from the age of 22, lived on his own with support from family and friends. He worked at KU for 20 years, most recently as an office and clerical assistant at the Beach Center. The Turnbulls, both distinguished professors at KU, founded the center.

Warren formerly directed the Life Span Institute, where the Beach Center is located. He knew Jay Turnbull for more than 25 years.

“With the extraordinary support of his family, Jay became a pioneer of sorts and in many ways a symbol of ‘what is possible’ for individuals with severe cognitive disabilities,” Warren said. “His success, despite great challenges, was, is, and will continue to be inspirational to people like him and their loved ones throughout the world. That is a pretty impressive legacy, if you ask me.”

Donors have been giving gifts to KU online since 2001. The first online gift, made in January that year, was $50 for the School of Law. Since then, gifts have been made to hundreds of departments and programs throughout the university. In the 2008 fiscal year, more than $400,000 was donated to KU online. The average online gift is $258.
Two KU-edited geology journals ranked among top five scientific journals in the field

Two sedimentary geology journals edited at KU have been ranked in the top five of the 40 best scientific publications in the field. Additionally, faculty and students in the geology department have earned a host of awards in recent months.

The Journal of Citation Reports recently ranked Palaios and the Journal of Sedimentary Research fourth and fifth, respectively. The rankings are just the most recent recognition of KU’s work in geology, a field that has important real-world applications.

“We have been fortunate to receive quite a bit of acknowledgment of our stature in sedimentary geology in recent weeks,” said Robert Goldstein, chair of the geology department.

“This is the field that trains the largest number of students how to find oil and gas resources for the nation and provides important research results on how life on Earth reacts to climate and environmental change. KU has a great reputation in this area. In years in which graduate programs are subdivided by the U.S. News and World Report ranking system, all of KU’s sedimentary geology programs appear in the top 10.”

Steve Hasiotis, associate professor of geology, and Edith Taylor, professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, edit Palaios, which was ranked fourth. The journal emphasizes the impact of life on Earth’s history as recorded in the paleontological and sedimentological records. It disseminates scholarly works on biogeochemistry, ichnology, sedimentology, stratigraphy, paleoecology, paleoclimatology and paleoceanography. Hasiotis also won honorable mention for outstanding paper from the Society for Sedimentary Geology for a publication in the journal showing how tracks and trails of ancient soil-dwelling organisms provide a record of biodiversity during climate change.

Eugene Rankey, assistant professor of geology, co-edits the Journal of Sedimentary Research, which was ranked fifth by the Journal of Citation Reports. The journal publishes the most recent advances in basic research in the study of sediments. First
published in 1931, it is the oldest earth science journal dedicated to sedimentology. Rankey was also recently awarded a distinguished lectureship by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, the world’s largest professional society for geologists. He recently completed the first half of his lecture tour, in which he spoke on oceanographic controls of modern sediments and how they can be used to find oil and gas reservoirs.

While the journals received top five status, another KU record has long been recognized as one of the most important sedimentary geology publications in the world. The Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology is widely recognized as the most complete record available on invertebrate fossils. Paul Selden, the

Gulf-Hedberg Distinguished Professor of Geology, edits the Treatise.

The honors haven’t been limited to faculty. Celina Suarez, a geology doctoral student from San Antonio, Texas, recently won the 2008 Most Outstanding Graduate Oral Presentation in the Geosciences from the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science. Her research showed how the chemical composition of dinosaur bones and teeth can be used to reconstruct aspects of the climate that led to dinosaur evolution and extinction.

Suarez is the daughter of Arturo and Sylvia Suarez of San Antonio and a graduate of John Marshall High School in San Antonio. She earned a bachelor’s degree in 2003 from Trinity University, San Antonio, and a master’s degree in 2005 from Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa.

Goldstein said the honors are recognition of research that has a profound effect on society.

“The environmental implications of sedimentary geology and the evolution of organisms is very important, but there is also a very practical aspect to this field that everyone can relate to,” Goldstein said. “By aiding in the exploration of fossil fuels, it helps us heat our houses and fill up our gas tanks. Oil and gas is found in sedimentary rocks, so understanding the sedimentary rock characteristics at the end of a drill bit is of prime importance to us all.”

Lectures to examine creativity, human condition

The topic for this spring’s University Lecture Series at the Commons is “Creativity and the Human Condition.” The lecture series is designed to explore a topic with particular
relevance to today’s society in a cross-disciplinary academic environment. The lecture series is sponsored by the University Honors Program and the Commons, a partnership between KU’s Biodiversity Institute, Hall Center for the Humanities and Spencer Museum of Art. All talks are free and open to the public.

“Creativity is an excellent topic to explore as we face economic and other uncertainties,” said Sarah Crawford-Parker, associate director of the University Honors Program. “Examining the creative process might help us to realize new solutions to contemporary problems, as well as to encourage collaboration across disciplines.”

The University Lecture Series at the Commons augments a three-credit-hour honors course, “Creativity and the Human Condition,” taught by Beverly Mack, professor of African and African-American studies. The goal of the lecture series is to encourage members of the KU and Lawrence communities to explore the topic of creativity from a variety of perspectives and academic fields.

Schedule of lectures:

“When Does the Fun Begin: Overview,”
Chakaia Booker, independent artist; 7:30 p.m. Feb. 3, Spooner Hall.

“When Creativity: First Places, Second Thoughts, Third Places,”
Janetta McCoy, associate professor of interior design at Washington State University; 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25, Spooner Hall.

“Transforming the Scholarly Imagination,”
Tara McPherson, associate professor, School of Cinematic Arts at the University of Southern California; 7:30 p.m. March 9, Spooner Hall.

“Massive Change: The Future of Design and Life on Earth,” Bruce Mau, designer, the Kenneth A. Spencer Memorial Lecture sponsored by the Commons; 7:30 p.m. April 8, Woodruff Auditorium, Kansas Union.

“Group Genius: The Creative Power of Collaboration,” R. Keith Sawyer, associate professor of education at Washington University; 7:30 p.m. April 23, Spooner Hall.