

UMKC In the Plus Column

Two UMKC professors earn Fulbright Scholarships



Krause

Two UMKC professors earned prestigious Fulbright Scholar grants for the 2008-09 academic year. Associate Professors **Kathy Maria Krause** and **Sidne Gail Ward** are among the nearly 1,100 American faculty and professionals chosen by the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program to study abroad.

Krause, Director of Foreign Languages and Literature in the College of Arts and Sciences, will attend Catholic University in Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium. Her research will center on 13th and 14th century female lordship and literary production in Flanders, Belgium and Picardy, France.

From the Department of Finance, Information Management and Strategy at the Henry W. Bloch School of Business and Public Administration, Ward will study and lecture at Kathmandu University in Kathmandu, Nepal, on the global impact of information systems and distance learning.



Ward

University Achievements

Bloch School honors

UMKC's Henry W. Bloch School of Business and Public Administration is featured in the ***Princeton Review's Best Business Schools*** for the third consecutive year. *Best Business Schools* recognizes the Bloch School for its solid student preparation, particularly in the areas of teamwork and communication. Students find the distinguished faculty and program rigor appealing, as well as the

small class sizes and strong relationships between students and teachers. In addition, The Princeton Review's 2009 Best Colleges: Region by Region lists the school as among the "Best in the Midwest." These selections are based on strength of academic programs, institutional data such as student/faculty ratio, and students' opinions of the faculty and program.

Urban revitalization



A broad revitalization plan for Kansas City's Washington Wheatley neighborhood recently received the Best Project and Collaboration award from the American Planning Association's Missouri chapter. The plan, developed jointly by assistant professor **Jacob Wagner**, students from the Department of Architecture, Urban Planning and Design and the Washington Wheatley Neighborhood Association, addresses the area's environmental and educational needs, housing and transportation issues, and economic development needs. The neighborhood runs from 18th to 27th streets between Prospect Avenue and Watkins Drive.

Civic leadership

Several of this year's elected public servants are **UMKC alumni**.

- Yvonne S. Wilson (Education), Luann Ridgeway (Law), Robert Mayer (Law) and Jason Crowell (Law) were elected to the Missouri Senate.
- Trent Skaggs (Business and Public Administration), Tim Flook (Law), Mike Talboy (Law), Beth Low (UMKC Women's Council Board), John Burnett (Law), Michael Ricardo Brown (Arts and Sciences), Gary Dusenberg (Arts and Sciences), David Sater (Pharmacy), Bryan Stevenson (Law) and Sarah

Lampe, (Arts and Sciences) will serve the Missouri House of Representatives.

- Circuit Judges Ted House, William Syler, Ann Mesle, Michael Manners, Robert Schieber and John Torrence are all graduates of the Law School. The School is also the alma mater of Associate Circuit Judges Janet Sutton, Robert Beaird, Vernon Scoville and Robert Trout.
- Gene Rardin (Bloch), will serve as Kansas State Representative from the 16th District.

Health and Life Sciences

School of Medicine



Raghuv eer with School of Medicine students

According to a study led by **Dr. Geetha Raghuv eer**, a cardiologist and associate professor of pediatrics, carotid arteries in obese children and teenagers resemble those of an average 45-year-old. She used ultrasound technology to measure carotid artery wall thickness, which is an indicator of increased amounts of fatty plaque in the arteries leading to the heart and brain. If that plaque ruptures, clots can result and lead to heart attack or stroke. This is one of several studies looking at a link between childhood obesity and heart disease.

College of Arts and Sciences

UMKC Geosciences Associate Professor **Jimmy Adegoke** and Assistant Professor **Jejung Lee** are part of a study group looking at the eventual drying up of Lake Chad, in the Niger River delta, whose waters are the livelihood of 30 million farmers and fishermen. Should Nigeria fail to counteract destructive practices of oil companies, harmful environmental health and climate changes would affect neighboring countries and types of species found in this Northwest African region.



School of Nursing



Susan E. Carlson, Ph.D., earned the 2008 March of Dimes Agnes Higgins Award recognizing outstanding achievement in the field of maternal-fetal nutrition. Carlson, clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology at UMKC, is internationally recognized for her groundbreaking research on DHA (dietary docosahexaenoic acid), an omega-3 fatty acid essential to infant development, and was among the first to report that infants receiving breast milk have higher amounts of DHA than formula-fed infants.

Arts and Culture

Conservatory of Music and Dance



Wells

UMKC senior **Lauren Wells** won second place for her sonata for cello and piano at the 2008 Young Composers Competition, a national competition open to student composers hosted by Austin Peay State University's Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts. Wells, who is pursuing a Bachelor of Music in composition, has studied composition with Drs. James Mobberly, Chen Yi and Paul Rudy. Her work has been featured recently at the Electronic Music Midwest 2007 Conference and the April 2008 Composers' Guild concert at UMKC.

KCUR

The **Kansas City Association of Black Journalists** recognized KCUR, UMKC's affiliate, for its coverage of diverse Kansas City communities. KCUR swept the broadcast category with the following awards:

- Radio Feature: Steve Walker for "Acting Beyond Prejudice"
- Radio Feature: Steve Kraske, Stephen Steigman, Danie Alexander and Kara Caldwell for "Up to Date" body of work
- Radio Magazine: Susan B. Wilson, Sylvia Maria Gross and Alex Smith for "KC Currents" body of work
- Radio Community News: Walt Bodine, Suzanne Hogan and Gina Kaufmann for "The Walt Bodine Show"

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