

CANDIDATE INFORMATION
UMKC Campus-Wide Faculty Election
February 17 – March 2

CHAIR-ELECT:

KATHLEEN KILWAY

Dr. Kathleen Kilway, Curators' Professor of Chemistry and Chair of the Department of Chemistry (Inter-Faculty Council). Dr. Kilway's research interests include conformational analysis; synthesis of twisted polycyclic aromatic compounds; molecular assembly of organonitriles and silver salts; synthesis and studies of cyclopropanes; experimental studies of dental-relevant monomers; bone cement, spacer, and antifungal/antibiotic materials development; theoretical modeling of carboxylates on copper surfaces; and theoretical and experimental measurements of hydrogen bonding.

IFC REPRESENTATIVE—one-year term:

YOTAM HABER

Haber is Associate Professor of Composition at UMKC Conservatory, and Artistic Director Emeritus of MATA, the non-profit organization founded by Philip Glass that has, since 1996, been dedicated to commissioning and presenting new works by young composers from around the world. His music is published by RAI Trade. Dr. Haber's music is hailed by *New Yorker* critic Alex Ross as "deeply haunting," and chosen as one of the "30 composers under 40" by Orpheus Chamber Orchestra's Project 440. Haber was born in Holland and grew up in Israel, Nigeria, and Milwaukee. He is the recipient of a 2017 Koussevitsky Commission, a 2013 Fromm Music Foundation commission, a 2013 NYFA award, the 2007 Rome Prize and a 2005 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship. Haber's first monographic album of chamber music, *Torus*, was hailed by New York's WQXR as "a snapshot of a soul in flux—moving from life to the afterlife..." Recent commissions include works for architect Peter Zumthor; New York-based Contemporaneous; the Venice Biennale; and the Tel Aviv-based Meitar Ensemble. Haber was Assistant Professor of Music at the University of New Orleans.

DEBRA LEITER

Dr. Debra Leiter is an associate professor with the Department of Political Science at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She received her BA from the University of California, San Diego, and her PhD from the University of California, Davis. An award-winning researcher and teacher, she studies comparative politics, primarily in Western Europe. Her research examines the intersection of elections, parties, and voting behavior, and how context shapes political decision-making. Her teaching focuses on cross-national institutions and political representation, with a strong emphasis on undergraduate research. At the University of Missouri-Kansas City, she has served as the Rules Committee chair for the College of Arts and Sciences, and sits on the Undergraduate Research Committee and Bachelor of Liberal Arts committee. Dr. Leiter is also on the executive committee of the Southwest Political Science

Association and the Political Forecasting Group. She also plays trumpet in Kansas City's own Mid-America Freedom Band.

Statement:

In running for the position of IFC representative, I thought it might be useful to reflect on the purpose of a University system. Beyond shared resources, a university system is an institution of incredible potential. A university system incentivizes cooperation and collaboration across the universities. It acts as an agent of student and faculty recruitment. It fosters the creation of recognition and reputation across and outside of the region. I view the IFC as an opportunity to help shape the University of Missouri system and ensure that the system is meeting the needs of the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Beyond that, I believe we can view this as an opportunity to help reinforce and build the connections across the universities, and create more opportunities for the types of collaboration and engagement that would serve not just our interests, but those of the Missouri community as a whole. I have had the opportunity to build effective relationships with faculty at the other University of Missouri system campuses, and I believe I am well suited to help foster this more widely. As I near a decade at UMKC, I am continually amazed with the dynamic, engaging, and effective faculty, staff, and students at UMKC, and I believe that strengthening our place in the system can only serve to help promote and protect the incredible community we have developed here. It is with the goal of ensuring UMKC's place at the center of the UM system, and of helping the UM system reach its potential as the premier academic system in the Midwest, that I ask for your consideration as the IFC representative.

IFC REPRESENTATIVE—two-year term:

ANTHONY SHIU

Anthony Shiu, Associate Professor, Department of English. Professor Shiu's previous research and publications dealt with a number of interrelated literary and cultural concerns: Asian American studies, ethnic studies, turntablism/hip-hop music, political/legal theory, international adoption, video games, and blackface/yellowface minstrelsy. His current research project deals with how Asian American science fiction—and "ethnofuturisms" more generally--imagines alternative futures and new foundations for an America "to come." Professor Shiu currently serve as President of the UMKC Chapter of the AAUP and is currently a member of UMKC Faculty Senate.

UNIVERSITY CAMPUS COMMITTEE ON TENURE—Alternate: two-year term:

KIMBERLY KRUST BRAY

Kimberly Krust Bray is currently a Professor in the Division of Dental Hygiene at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry. She currently teaches in three degree programs including 2 degrees with distance learning options. She also serves as the Course Director for Foundations of Teaching and Scientific Writing online in the advanced education programs. Professor Bray is the Course Director for Oral Health Behavior Change and

Principles of Periodontics in the undergraduate curriculum. She has 24 years clinical experience in both general and periodontal practice. She is also a candidate for a PhD in Applied Cognitive and Brain Sciences.

Statement:

I have experience on the University Campus Committee on Tenure serving in 2018-2019. During this time I participated in two dismissal for cause hearings. I think a few members with such experience benefit the work of this Committee. I presented numerous Continuing Education Programs nationally and abroad. I am Past-President of ADEA Dental Hygiene Education Section, Sigma Phi Alpha National Dental Hygiene Honor Society, and the UMKC Dental Hygienists' Alumni Association, and formerly served on the American Dental Hygienists' Association Oral Institute for Research Grant Review Committee. She received the 2002 UMKC Dental Hygiene Alumni Achievement Award and the 2015 Elmer Pierson Good Teaching Award. Current research interests include Motivational Interviewing, Autonomous Regulation, health behavior change, product efficacy and periodontics.

LARSON POWELL

Larson Powell taught at Texas A&M University, U Mass Amherst and Fordham University before coming to UMKC; he has also taught film at the university of Mainz (Germany). He specializes in 20th century film and literature (including Eastern European film, Scandinavian film, DEFA and film music). His first book was on modern German poetry (The Technological Unconscious, 2008); a second book, The Differentiation of Modernism, on post-1945 media art (electronic music, radio plays, film soundtracks) was published in 2013. He has co-edited (with Robert Shandley) the first book in English in German television and (with Kyle Frackman) a volume on classical music in East Germany. His fifth book, on East German filmmaker Konrad Wolf, is coming out in 2020. He has published and lectured in German, French and English, on film and literature as well as on musicology, psychoanalysis, systems theory and philosophical aesthetics. Among his recent articles are "The Rhetoric of Intermediality: Teaching Baudelaire's 'Invitation au Voyage,'" Teaching Baudelaire's Prose Poems, ed. Cheryl Krueger, NY: MLA 2017, 150-157 and "History and Subjectivity. The Evolution of DEFA Film Music," Re-Imagining DEFA, ed. Sean Allan/Sebastian Heiduschke (Berghahn 2016), 41-60. He recently served as a member of the University Campus Committee on Tenure, representing UMKC Faculty.