College of Arts & Sciences
Peter Morello (ex officio—A&S Faculty Chair)

Peter Morello, Associate Professor of Journalism, Department of Communications Studies. He specializes in broadcast and digital journalism, media ethics, cross-cultural journalism and international reporting. As a Fulbright Scholar and a Fulbright Senior Specialist, Peter taught at universities in Ethiopia (Addis Ababa Graduate School of Journalism,) Russia (Togliatti State University,) and Swaziland (University of Swaziland, southern Africa.) Peter also conducted US Embassy sponsored workshops for practicing journalists in those countries. As a contributing correspondent for Kansas City Public Television (KCPT) and regional PBS, Peter has produced several award-winning documentaries. They include: “The Missouri Senate Race: The Post 911 Contest,” “Cambio de Colores: The Changing Face of America’s Heartland,” “Profiles of Black Success: Kansas City’s Untold Stories,” and “Haiti & the Resurrection.”

MorelloP@umkc.edu

Erik Olsen (at-large member) (chair Faculty Senate Budget Committee)

Dr. Erik Olsen is an Associate professor, department chair and the MA Advisor in Economics. Academic credentials: Ph.D., University of Massachusetts, Amherst Research Interests: Political Economy, Microeconomics, Urban and Regional Economics, Economic Methodology.

olsenek@umkc.edu
Da Ming Zhu (Sciences)

Prof. Da-Ming Zhu, Professor, Department of Physics and Astronomy. One of Dr. Zhu’s areas of research is the study of the thermodynamic properties of glassy materials. In his lab he has been carrying out a systematic study of silica doped with different elements. Some of these systems are important materials for building fiber optic networks. He is also studying possible correlations between the low temperature thermal properties of those glasses and their properties when close to the glass transition temperatures. Another area of his research is in the field of interfacial phenomena. In particular, he focuses on interfacial melting and related phenomena such as frost heave. He is currently conducting a measurement of excess heat transfer associated with frost heave of ice in porous media, and the excess heat transfer of gases adsorbed on aerogel materials. The techniques he is using include thermal transport, dielectric response, electron microscopy, and atomic force microscopy.

ZhuD@umkc.edu

Brenda Bethman (Arts & Humanities)

Dr. Bethman has served as Director of the Women's Center since January 2007 and as Associate Teaching Professor in the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program (WGS) since August 2019. She has published two books: a co-edited volume, University and College Women's and Gender Equity Centers: The Changing Landscape, and a monograph, “Obscene Fantasies”: Generic Perversions in Elfriede Jelinek. Dr. Bethman teaches WGS courses in the Race, Ethnic, and Gender Studies department as well as a variety of general education courses and serves as co-director for UMKC's study abroad program in Senegal.

bethmanb@umkc.edu
Theresa Torres  (Social Sciences)

Dr. Theresa Torres, Associate Professor, Department of Race, Ethnic, and Gender Studies and Sociology Department. Dr. Torres’ areas of expertise are Latinx Studies, Gender Studies, Immigration Studies, Black and Ethnic Studies, Religious Studies, and Anthropology. She authored a book, The Paradox of Latina Leaders in the Catholic Church: Las Guadalupanas of Kansas City and is completing a book on Transformational Resistant Leaders based on the interviews of Latina leaders. Recently, she published several articles below listed below. She was co-curator of a major exhibit Kansas City’s Guadalupe Centers: 100 Years of Service in the Community at the Kansas City Central Public Library that received a national award and regional honorable mention.

torresth@umkc.edu

School of Biological and Chemical Sciences
David Van Horn (Chemistry)

J. David Van Horn, Associate Professor of Chemistry. Dr. Van Horn is currently working in the area of materials science and is leader of the Positron Science Laboratory (PSL) at UMKC. The lab studies all types of materials including biological minerals and materials, and bio-compatible materials, and have special interest in exploring the 3 interface between materials and their surface properties. A key research project is investigating the interactions of positrons (e+) with chiral (asymmetric) materials, and positron techniques are also used to investigate changes in the nano- and microstructures of polymers, hybrid materials, minerals, etc.

vanhornd@umkc.edu
Karyn Turla (Biological Sciences)

Karyn Turla: Teaching Professor of Biological Sciences; B.S. (Pennsylvania State University); Ph.D. (University of Michigan). Dr. Turla is a renal physiologist by training. She has studied the effects of dopamine on renal hemodynamics. She worked to develop the techniques that would allow the assessment of mRNA levels from very small amounts of tissue. Using this technique, she has studied the distribution and regulation of renal mineralocorticoid and glucocorticoid receptor mRNA in different nephron segments and cell types, CFTR expression in collecting duct cells, and endothelin 1 expression along the nephron. She also has a passion for the scholarship of teaching. She is constantly analyzing what she does and how it influences the students’ understanding and retention of the material being studied.

turlak@umkc.edu

Bloch School of Management
William Keeton

William R. Keeton, Ph.D. Assistant Teaching Professor, Finance Areas of expertise: Banking, payments. Prior to joining the Bloch School in 2012, Keeton served as an assistant vice president and economist for the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, where he provided policy advice to senior management and conducted research on banking, regional economics, and payments. During his last two years at the Bank, he headed the Bank’s Payment Systems Research Group and served as chair of the Federal Reserve System Research Committee on Financial Structure and Regulation. While at the Kansas City Fed, Keeton wrote over two dozen research articles for the Bank’s Economic Review. With a colleague at the Bank, he also developed the Kansas City Financial Stress Index, which continues to be published monthly. Earlier in his career, Keeton served in the Peace Corps in Colombia and taught undergraduate and graduate economics at Yale University. Since joining the Bloch School, he has published in the Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking and helped teams of undergraduates achieve top finishes in an annual banking competition sponsored by the Conference of State Bank Supervisors.

keetonw@umkc.edu
Bryan Boots

Bryan Boots, Assistant Teaching Professor, Henry W. Bloch School of Management is the Managing Director for Venture Creation, Regnier Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation. In his responsibilities with the Regnier Institute, Professor Boots leads the RIEI’s portfolio of programs aimed at helping rising entrepreneurs start new business ventures of all types. This portfolio includes the E-Scholars program, UMKC’s chapter of Entrepreneur Quest, pitch competitions, incubator space, mentorship opportunities, and more. He teaches undergraduate and graduate entrepreneurship courses in areas including product development, technology entrepreneurship & management, and others.

bootsbr@umkc.edu

Conservatory

DeeAnna Hiett

DeeAnna Hiett, Associate Professor of Dance. She began her training at the Dance Factory under the direction of Pamela Erwin. She has danced with Ailey II, Ballet Hysell, The Jamison Project, The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Wylliams/Henry Danse Theater, Deeply Rooted Productions, Quixotic, and performed as a special guest artist with several companies including the Kansas City Ballet. Ms. Hiett has participated in various commercial works such as videos with LL cool J and Cameo, American Express industrials, an Issey Miyake fashion show and Hanes Her Way. She has performed in the productions of "Carmen" and "The Merry Widow" with the Lyric Opera of Kansas City. Ms. Hiett has taught and choreographed for numerous universities and studios including Princeton, the University of Michigan, the University of California Berkeley, Ichibungi in Tokyo, Steps and Ailey Camp.

hiettd@umkc.edu
Alison DeSimone is Associate Professor of Musicology at the University of Missouri-Kansas City where she teaches courses in music of the Renaissance and the Baroque, opera history, and specializes in eighteenth-century topics. She has published a co-edited essay collection called *Music and the Benefit Performance in Eighteenth-Century Britain* (Cambridge University Press, 2019) and is currently working on a monograph entitled *The Power of Pastiche: Musical Miscellany and the Creation of Cultural Identity in Early Eighteenth-Century London* (forthcoming, Clemson University Press). This latter study considers how different types of musical miscellany (including early public concerts, pasticcio operas, published songbooks, compositional styles, and music criticism) helped the British shape their cultural and musical tastes as London grew into a cosmopolitan capital in the early eighteenth century. DeSimone holds a Ph.D. in Historical Musicology from the University of Michigan (2013). Her research has been supported by grants and fellowships from the American Musicological Society, the American Handel Society, the Handel Institute, and the University of Missouri Research Board, among others. She has also published widely, with articles in the *A-R Online Anthology, American Handel Society Newsletter, Händel-Jahrbuch,* and *Early Modern Women: An Interdisciplinary Journal.* Her article in *Early Modern Women,* “Equally Charming, Equally Too Great: Female Rivalry, Politics, and Opera in temprano Eighteenth-Century London,” won the 2018 Ruth Solie Prize for an Outstanding Article on British Music from the North American British Music Studies Association. She is also currently an Associate Editor of *The Eighteenth Century: Theory and Interpretation,* and is formerly the editor for the Society for Eighteenth-Century Music Newsletter (2015–18). She serves as treasurer of AMS Midwest and as a board member for the Society for Eighteenth-Century Music. The University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory recognized her in 2017, when she won the Faculty Excellence Award. She is also active as a harpsichordist in and around Kansas City.

desimonea@umkc.edu
Dr. Ball is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Restorative Clinical Sciences at the UMKC School of Dentistry since 2013. He teaches in both the clinical and preclinical laboratory settings, as well as serving as a director for two courses. Dr. Ball is a prosthodontic consultant for the Kansas City V.A. Dental Service. Dr. Ball retired in January 2013 after serving 37 years in the Department of Veterans Affairs-Department of Dentistry. He was the Director of both VA Central Dental Laboratory (CDL) locations (Dallas and Washington, D.C.). He also maintained a clinical practice as a prosthodontist in the Dallas VA Dental Service. Dr. Ball was an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Restorative Sciences at the Baylor College of Dentistry, working in the pre-doctoral Removable Prosthodontic clinic from 2005-2012. Dr. Ball was a former Director of the Prosthodontic Residency Program at the Houston VA Medical Center. Also, he was a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center- Houston Dental Branch. In 1977, Dr. Ball earned a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry and completed the General Practice Residency Program at the Kansas City VA Medical Center in 1978. He completed the Prosthodontic Residency training program at the Houston VA Medical Center in 1994 and became a diplomat of the American Board of Prosthodontics in 1997. He was re-certified in 2005 and 2013. Dr. Ball is a Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists and International College of Dentists. He is an ADA member and was a former V.A. delegate to the ADA House of Delegates. He was President of the American Prosthodontic Society in 2013-2014. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the American College of Prosthodontists.

balljd@umkc.edu

Eric Gottman

Eric Gottman, D.D.S., Clinical Professor, School of Dentistry, is a prosthodontist and Team Coordinator at the UMKC school of Dentistry. He received his Doctor of Dental Surgery in 2001 from UMKC and a Certificate in Prosthodontics in 2004 also from UMKC. He previously served as the director of the UMKC Oral Oncology clinic and continues to treat oral oncology patients in the faculty practice. He is a member of the American Dental
Education Association and serves as the UMKC Faculty Representative on the ADEA Council of Faculties. He has received multiple distinguished teaching awards and was presented the 2020 Elmer F. Pierson Good Teaching Award for the School of Dentistry.

gottmane@umkc.edu

School of Computer Science and Engineering
Deb Chatterjee

Deb Chatterjee, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering. Research areas include computational electromagnetics, ultrawideband arrays for application to radar and biomedical imaging, RF propagation path loss modeling for wireless communications, signal integrity, EMI/EMC analysis of high-speed interconnects, integration of sensor and platform — antenna placement analysis and applications of graphene and carbon nanotube antennas.

ChatD@umkc.edu

Travis Fields

Travis Fields, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering. He joined the UMKC faculty in 2013, teaches a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses in the robotics and experimentation areas, and conducts research focused on improving unmanned aircraft and parachute systems. As director of the Parachute and Aerial Vehicle Systems (PAVS) laboratory, Instruments and Measurements Lab (IML), and the Drone Research and Teaching (DRAT) laboratory, Dr. Fields research group conducts cutting edge research on parachute, parafoil, and unmanned aircraft systems. Research spans design, construction, simulation, and experimental validation of aerospace and mechatronic systems. Research has been (or is currently) funded by the Office of Naval Research, Air Force, Natick Soldier Research Development Engineering Center, Naval Postgraduate School, NASA, University of Missouri System, and the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

fieldstd@umkc.edu
**School of Education**

**Rita Barger**

Rita Barger taught middle school and high school mathematics, as well as gifted students in the Hickman Mills School District before coming to UMKC as a professor in mathematics education. She earned her PhD from the University of Missouri-Columbia where she played drums in Marching Mizzou. She earned a B.S. in Education with a dual major of mathematics and instrumental music. She has an M.A. in Mathematics, and an M.S. in Gifted Education. She was a state finalist for the Teacher in Space Program – the one that ended with the Challenger disaster in 1986, has been recognized as the Outstanding Post-Secondary Mathematics Teacher in the State of Missouri, and has been recognized with the Kansas City Spirit Award. bargerr@umkc.edu

**Tiffany Riggers-Piehl**

Dr. Tiffani Riggers-Piehl is an Assistant Professor of Higher Education and Program Coordinator for the Higher Education Masters and Doctorate (EDD) programs. Having previously served across multiple functional areas in academic and student affairs at Baylor (TX), UCLA, and Greenville University (IL), Dr. Riggers-Piehl focuses her efforts to help and understand students in three ways. First, Dr. RP advises doctoral and masters students in their academic and career endeavors, drawing upon her varied experience in higher education administration and faculty development. She also advises the Higher Education Student Association (HESA), a student-led organization that provides professional development and community building for students in the HEA programs. Second, Dr. RP researches the ways that students develop meaning and purpose in college across multiple identity dimensions. While earning her Ph.D. at UCLA, she studied college student spirituality and student-faculty interactions. Her dissertation, “Enhancing Classrooms and Conversations: How Interactions with Faculty Predict Change in Students’ Spirituality in College” identifies ways that faculty can be more involved in students’ meaning-making and spiritual development. Since then she has focused her research on topics including spiritual and moral development, research and teaching, and gender differences in education. Third, Dr. RP teaches future higher education and student affairs professionals using innovative and collaborative pedagogies that help them apply their learning to their professional experience. riggers-piehlt@umkc.edu
Timothy Lynch, Associate Professor of Law. A struggling Spanish guitar and didgeridoo playing former naval officer, he joined the faculty as an associate professor in summer 2011. Prior to joining the faculty, Professor Lynch taught as a visiting assistant professor at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law. His scholarship is principally in the areas of global migration, financial derivatives, and international capital markets. He teaches eight courses: Contracts, International Law, Immigration Law, International Business Transactions, International Trade Law, and Conflicts of Law.

lynchte@umkc.edu

Kenneth Ferguson

Kenneth D. Ferguson is a Professor of Law at UMKC School of Law. He is recognized nationally for his bankruptcy law and sports law scholarship. His bankruptcy law scholarship has evolved from preferential transfers and applying linguistic theory to bankruptcy law to proposing an innovative two-part business in-fact and business in-law analytical process that courts should consider in determining whether a debtor can avoid the reorganization process of Chapter 11 bankruptcy by instead selling their business under Bankruptcy Code § 363. Ferguson’s sports law scholarship considers application of assumption of risk theory to distinguish liability for injuries to athletes in amateur and professional sports. His sports law scholarship also focuses on achieving gender equity under Title IX for girls from economically disadvantaged, rural, urban, and minority communities. Ferguson has served as the Chair of the Sports & Law and the Debtors’ & Creditors sections of the American Association of Law Schools. Professor Ferguson has employed his sports law expertise in shaping national athletic policy while serving as a member of the Board of Directors USA Track & Field – the National Governing Body for the United States Olympic Track & Field Program and on various national committees for the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Before joining the faculty of UMKC’s Law School, Professor Ferguson was a member of the Corporate and Bankruptcy division of the law
firm of Shughart Thomson & Kilroy PC (now Polsinelli). Before entering the private practice of law, Professor Ferguson served as the Law Clerk for the Honorable Dennis Stewart, Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the US Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Missouri.

FergusonK@umkc.edu

**University Libraries**

Marie Thompson

Marie Thompson serves on the team of Teaching and Learning Librarians at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC). From 2010 to 2018 she managed the Dental Library at UMKC and now works in the Health Sciences Library, UMKC. Throughout her career she has worked in the Clinical Medical Library at St. Luke's Hospital System, Kansas City, the UMKC School of Education Library, and the Kansas University School of Business and Economics Library, Lawrence, Kansas. She has served six years on the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) for UMKC research.

thompsonmarie@umkc.edu

Dani Wellemeyer

Dani Wellemeyer, Librarian II, Head of Outreach & Engagement, UMKC University Libraries. Dani has been on the library team since 2011 when she started as a graduate assistant, and in her faculty role since 2014. In that time, she has focused on information literacy instruction, library curriculum development for the university General Education program, instructional design, the Fellowship Program at UMKC Libraries, and now outreach and engagement. Dani oversees the libraries’ external communication and programming and creates opportunities for students to interact with the Libraries. Dani volunteers on conference planning committees for Educate-Organize-Advocate, the UMKC conference for social justice and advocacy, and the Library Collective, an academic library conference. She writes and presents about her student engagement work, training and onboarding library employees, and instructional and visual design in libraries.

WellemeyerDM@umkc.edu
School of Medicine
James Wooten

James Wooten, Professor, Department of Internal Medicine. Dr. Wooten is in the section of clinical pharmacology for the UMKC School of Medicine. His responsibilities include teaching pharmacology to medical students, as well as students in both the Anesthesia Assistant and Physician Assistant Programs. Dr. Wooten has been a faculty member with the UMKC School of Medicine since 1998. His professional interests include all aspects of internal medicine and medication use in the elderly.
WootenJ@umkc.edu

Karl Kador

Dr. Karl Kador, Assistant Professor, Department(s) of Biomedical Sciences, Ophthalmology. Dr. Kador’s research focuses on injuries and diseases of the retina and optic nerve. His laboratory is developing novel tissue engineered models for studying glaucoma and 10 methods for transplanting new cells to restore vision in patients suffering from end stage diseases related to retinal ganglion cells.
kadork@umkc.edu

School of Nursing and Health Sciences

Jamie Hunt

Jamie Hunt, Teaching Assistant Professor, UMKC School of Nursing and Health Studies. Jamie Hunt has been a faculty member at UMKC since August 2012 in the Bachelor of Health Sciences program. She has served as the BHS program director and
internship coordinator since 2015. In her previous work, Dr. Hunt conducted research area in cancer prevention and control, with a focus on nicotine dependence and smoking cessation. Specific projects included direct observation of substance abuse treatment facilities to identify what they do (and don’t do) to help clients quit smoking, investigating telemedicine as a vehicle for tobacco treatment in rural primary care, and comparing methods to refer hospitalized patients to the state quitline for tobacco treatment. She is particularly interested in efforts to improve smoking cessation treatment and adolescent/young adult sexual health.

huntja@umkc.edu

Amanda Grimes

Amanda Grimes, Assistant Professor, UMKC School of Nursing, joined SONHS faculty in 2013 teaching in the Bachelor of Health Sciences program and began a tenure-track position in 2018. Dr. Grimes’s area of focus is on the health and social factors associated with bicycling throughout the lifespan as well as the promotion of active transportation. She has conducted research on several bicycle-focused research projects that engage diverse rider populations; an assessment of the barriers and motivators for middle to older-aged cyclists in the Kansas City metropolitan area, an in-depth exploration of the impacts of earn-a-bike programs among homeless men in Kansas City, and impacts of earn-a-bike programs among low-income South African citizens. Dr. Grimes serves on the board of BikeWalkKC since 2014 and is currently the Board President for Bike Share KC – both are nonprofits active in this arena. Other research interests include social isolation and fall prevention in older adults. She is an active member of the UMKC Aging Consortium.

GrimesA@umkc.edu

School of Pharmacy

Hari Bhat (chair, Faculty Senate Academic Issues Committee)

Hari K. Bhat, Ph.D. Professor: Pharmacology and Pharmaceutical Sciences Fellow: Royal Society of Medicine. Editor-in-Chief: Journal of Biochemical and Molecular Toxicology. Research interests include: a) elucidating biochemical and molecular mechanisms of breast cancer, b) understanding the role of oxidative stress in breast cancer progression, c) developing new chemotherapeutic agents for prevention/inhibition of breast and other cancers, and d)
therapeutic use of antioxidants in prevention of other diseases including HIV/neurodegenerative diseases.

bhath@umkc.edu

Mark Patterson

Mark Patterson, Associate Professor, School of Pharmacy. Dr. Patterson’s specialization areas include 1) exploring the role of health information technology to improve communication, prescribing patterns, and medication reconciliation within post-acute care settings; 2) managing and building large datasets that are used to build predictive models for health outcomes studies, and 3) facilitating focus groups and conducting qualitative analysis on focus groups transcripts. Dr. Patterson was a recent recipient of a 2016 New Investigator Award from the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) on a project entitled “Workflow impact on medication errors occurring during transitions of care between rural facilities”. Mark was recently named as an implementation co-lead for a recently established and unique Kansas City regional collaborative—the Kansas City Quality & Value Innovation Consortium (QVIC) – focusing on heart failure readmissions and opioid management. Dr. Patterson works with on QVIC heart failure readmissions project team.
pattersonmar@umkc.edu

Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Anthony Shiu (IFC)

Anthony Shiu, 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.”

shiua@umkc.edu

Debra Leiter (IFC)
Dr. Debra Leiter is an associate professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Her research focuses on the intersection of elections, voters and political parties, with an emphasis on Western European electorates. She is a native Californian.
leiterd@umkc.edu

Kathleen Kilway (Chair-Elect)

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.
kilwayk@umkc.edu

Viviana Grieco (Chair)

Dr. Viviana Grieco is Associate Professor of History & Latin American and Latinx Studies (Chair-Elect of Faculty Senate). Dr. Grieco studies the political economy and political culture of the Spanish Empire. Her research focuses on the Viceroyalty of Rio de la Plata in the eighteenth century. She is the author of The Politics of Giving in the Viceroyalty of Rio de la Plata. Donors, Lenders, Subjects and Citizens (The University of New Mexico Press, 2014), translated into Spanish in 2018 by Prometeo Editorial (La Política de Dar en el Virreinato del Río
de la Plata. Donantes Prestamistas, Subditos y Ciudadanos). Dr. Grieco is currently working on a second monograph, tentatively titled Conflict and Voice. Additionally, she has started a new research project on the global commerce of ephedrine, a commodity traded in both legal and illegal networks. In 2018, in partnership with Dr. Praveen Rao (MU & UMKC-SCE), Dr. Grieco started the development of a software tool for managing and analyzing Spanish American notary records. This project was funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and will be developed under the UM-System NextGen Data Science and Innovation Center.

griecov@umkc.edu

Tom Mardikes (Past-Chair)

Tom Mardikes, Professor of Theatre Sound, UMKC Conservatory. (Chair, Faculty Senate). Professor Mardikes has worked on over 250 professional productions nationwide as Sound Designer for Kansas City Repertory Theatre, the Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, the Dallas Theatre Center, Syracuse Stage, Coconut Grove, the Roundabout, the Alley Theatre, Great Lakes Theatre Festival, Idaho Shakespeare Festival, and Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park. Since 2004 he has created over six hours of audio tours for the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. Mardikes served as chair of UMKC Theatre from 2001-2017. He co-founded Kansas City Actors Theatre in 2004, an artist-led, artist-driven professional theatre company performing in Kansas City’s Union Station. In 2011, he led a group of eight member-schools to create the National Design Portfolio Review, where graduating M.F.A. designers are introduced to the New York theatre profession. His research project is the Sound Mandala, where he works with colleagues and graduate students programming the amazing motion of sounds through loudspeakers systems that vary in size from 36 up to 192 speaker channels.

MardikesT@umkc.edu

Senate Grad Assist    Thomas Newby    tdnkwy@mail.umkc.edu
Staff Council        Julie Myer (ex officio) myerj@umkc.edu
Student Government  Tim Nguyen (president; ex officio) timnguyen@mail.umkc.edu