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1. Nikky Finney Becomes UK's First National Book Award Winner

University of Kentucky creative writing professor Nikky Finney won the highly prestigious 2011 National Book Award in Poetry for her recent work, "Head Off & Split." Finney, who is a Provost's Distinguished Service Professor in addition to being an English professor, is UK's first National Book Award winner. "Head Off & Split" was published in February of this year.

2. Psychology Professor Named Kentucky Professor of the Year

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education have named University of Kentucky psychology professor Jonathan Golding of the College of Arts and Sciences the 2011 Kentucky Professor of the Year. CASE and the Carnegie Foundation have been partners in offering the U.S. Professors of the Year awards program since 1981. This year, there are 27 state winners. Golding was selected from nearly 300 top professors in the United States.

3. CAER Breaks Ground for \$5.7 Million Liquid Fuel Unit

Congressmen Geoff Davis and Hal Rogers were at UK for the groundbreaking of a UK coal/biomass-to-liquids unit that could lead to development of vehicle fuels made from Kentucky coal and biomass. The \$5.7 million facility at the UK Center for Applied Energy Research (CAER) could produce transportation fuels from these indigenous resources, which could help guarantee the nation's energy future. The unit will also focus on state-of-the art technologies to improve efficiency and reduce the amount of carbon dioxide created when converting coal and biomass to liquid fuels. The gasification unit will be capable of producing one barrel of fuel per day.

4. UK Is Top Producer of Faculty Fulbright Scholars

UK was recognized by the Chronicle of Higher Education as a top producer of U.S. Fulbright Scholars for 2011-12. Recipients as of October 7 are as follows: economics professor William Ederington; political science professor Donald Gross; Harry LeVine, III, associate professor in the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry Department, Center for Structural Biology; economics professor Jenny Minier; and American studies professor Alan Nadel.

5. Marksbury Building Dedicated

The University of Kentucky's Davis Marksbury building, part of the UK College of Engineering's Digital Village, was officially dedicated October 20. The building, which houses the Department of Computer Science and Electrical and Computer Engineering and the Center for Visualization and Virtual Environments, was recently certified as a LEED Gold building by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), making it the first building at UK to receive a LEED certification.

6. NSF Selects UK Sustainability Project

The National Science Foundation has selected an innovative University of Kentucky course design project for funding in its "Transforming Undergraduate Education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math" program. The three-year project, "Systems Thinking for Sustainability" (STFS), will offer UK students a unique opportunity to develop projects as members of collaborative teams with colleagues from the Gatton College of Business and Economics and colleges of Engineering, Design, and Education. Together, these dynamic and interactive teams will tackle challenges involving complex systems where economic, social, and technical factors interact, ultimately producing innovative solutions at a variety of scales. Team-taught by faculty from the four colleges, STFS will be an essential preparation to the student's senior capstone projects and other research-based inquiry.

7. CAER Carbon-Capture Research Gains \$1.3 Million in State Funding

State officials joined UK representatives October 21 to announce funding to scale up the research the UK Center for Applied Energy Research is conducting by using algae to capture carbon dioxide from coal-burning power plants and convert it to biomass. The technology is so promising that the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet is committing nearly \$1.3 million over two years for CAER to demonstrate the process at East Kentucky Power Cooperative's Dale Power Station in Winchester, Ky. EKPC is contributing in-kind costs to the project estimated at \$75,000, and UK is providing a \$543,663 cost share.

8. Ovarian Cancer Screening Program Expands in Northeast Kentucky

First Lady Jane Beshear joined northeastern Kentucky officials and University of Kentucky representatives on October 19 to announce the expansion of an ovarian cancer screening program that will provide free services to women in northeastern Kentucky Appalachian counties. The UK Markey Cancer Center Ovarian Cancer Screening Project will establish a satellite facility for the program at the Greenup County Health Department.

9. Study Shows Link Between Smoking and Chronic Pain in Women

Women who smoke heavily may experience more chronic musculoskeletal pain, suggests a new study led by University of Kentucky researchers including Dr. Leslie Crofford and Dr. David Mannino. More than 6,000 Kentucky women over the age of 18 were surveyed on their smoking habits and symptoms of chronic pain for the study.

10. Pharmacy Extends Partnership with Norton Healthcare

The University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy and Norton Healthcare have agreed to a three-year extension of a partnership that was launched five years ago to deliver pharmacy education in Kentucky's largest city. UK's College of Pharmacy will be maintaining its Clinical Education Center (CEC) on Norton Healthcare's downtown campus. Norton Healthcare has pledged \$600,000 over the 2011 through 2014 period to continue funding for the CEC, which provides an opportunity for 25 fourth-year UK pharmacy students to complete their pharmacy education in Louisville each year.

11. Pharmacy Science Students Gain National Recognition

The University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy's American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) Student Chapter received the Outstanding Student Chapter of the Year Award. UK students received the honor at the AAPS Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington, D.C. October 23-27.

12. Center for Pharmaceutical Research and Innovation Launched

The University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy has created the Center for Pharmaceutical Research and Innovation (CPRI), recruiting Dr. Jon Thorson to the College to serve as CPRI's inaugural director. CPRI will serve as a catalyst for drug discovery and development research and accelerate the translation of these findings from the bench to bedside in communities across Kentucky. The center will work with researchers throughout the University community to create new synergies around drug discovery and development.

13. Home for the Holidays

During Homecoming weekend UK students honored the university's tradition of giving back by initiating a Habitat for Humanity home. Members of the Greek community along with the UK Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter have been working together to give UK employee DeShanda Player her first home by Christmas. The mother of four is looking forward to becoming the first homeowner in her family. The goal was to have 4,000 members of the Greek community contribute to the building of the Habitat house in some way, either by helping to build the house or by donating to the house supplies. Full home sponsorship and goal fundraising amount is \$42,500.

14. Alumni Association Membership Makes a Record

The UK Alumni Association's membership is higher than it has ever been; burgeoning with young, energetic alumni just out of school. In 2001, for example, membership stood at 30,427. Ten years later, that number is 38,438, an increase of more than 26 percent and the largest total in the school's history.

15. Dentistry Students Lead in Philanthropic Activity

In October, the UK chapter of the American Association of Women Dentists hosted their annual Fall Fashion Show, which raised over \$12,000 to provide dental care for women in the Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program. On November 18, the American Student Dental Association (ASDA) and Delta Sigma Delta (DSD) hosted their Third Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction Fundraiser benefiting Mission Lexington Dental Clinic.

16. Distinguished Medical Alumni Honored

University of Kentucky College of Medicine presented awards to notable graduates on Friday, October 28 as part of Alumni Reunion and Family Weekend. Dr. William H. Brooks, a 1969 UK College of Medicine graduate and a 1974 graduate of UK's neurosurgery residency training program, and Dr. Don Hayes Jr., a 1998 UK College of Medicine graduate, received Distinguished Alumni Awards for their outstanding professional accomplishments. Ruth Johnson received the Honorary Alumni Award.

17. UK HealthCare Surgeons are First to Perform Novel Procedures Prior to Transplant

Surgeons at UK HealthCare recently became the first ever to perform two specific procedures together as a bridge to lung transplantation. Wanda Craig, of Lexington, Ky., is the first patient in history to receive these procedures, and at the age of 68, she is also the oldest living human to be bridged to transplant using an artificial lung device, also known as an extracorporeal membrane oxygenation.

18. UK Emergency Medicine Department Recognized for Reducing Time for CAT Scans

Emergency medicine and radiology patient care providers at UK Albert B. Chandler Hospital have been recognized for using Lean-based management techniques to improve turnaround times for computed tomography (CT or CAT scan) patients by 36 percent leading to a potential savings of 10,000 patient care hours in the ED per year.

19. Watermelon Reduces Atherosclerosis in UK Study

In a recent study by UK researchers, watermelon was shown to reduce atherosclerosis in animals. The study was conducted by Dr. Siby Saha, UK Department of Surgery; Aruna Poduri, UK Saha Cardiovascular Research Center (UK Saha CRVC); Debra L. Rateri, UK Saha CVRC; Shubin Saha of Purdue Univ.; and Alan Daugherty, director, UK Saha CVRC.

20. Dr. Marc Randall Named UK HealthCare's Chief of Ambulatory Services

UK HealthCare announces the development of a new position — Chief of Ambulatory Services — to drive integration, coordination and performance improvement in ambulatory services. Dr. Marc Randall, University of Kentucky College of Medicine professor and the Markey Foundation Endowed Chair in Radiation Medicine, has accepted the invitation to serve in this new role.

21. UK Center for Excellence in Rural Health Marks Two Decades

UK's Center for Excellence in Rural Health (UK CERH) celebrated its 20th anniversary on November 10, with a ceremony honoring current and former faculty, staff, and students. Officials also announced the addition of a new academic program coming to the center in fall 2012.

22. UK Symphony Orchestra Joins Boston Pops at Rupp Arena

UK Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of John Nardolillo, joined the legendary Boston Pops, under the direction of Keith Lockhart, in concert at Rupp Arena on October 15. The tribute concert, "Post Time with the Pops," commemorated 75 years of racing at Keeneland and helped raise funds for the Lee T. Todd, Jr. and Patricia B. Todd Music Outreach Endowment. The endowment takes music into schools and communities across the Commonwealth.

23. Lorca Tribute Presented for Hispanic Heritage Month

For Hispanic Heritage Month, the School of Music and the Latin American Studies Program presented a tribute concert honoring Spanish poet and dramatist Federico García Lorca on September 30, at Niles Gallery. "Llanto por Federico García Lorca" featured performances by: Dieter Hennings, assistant professor of guitar; soprano Noemi Lugo, professor of voice; guitarist Stephen Mattingly, from University of Louisville; doctoral candidate and flautist Denis Santos; and composer and guitarist Frank Wallace, from Concord Community Music School.

24. Kentucky's First "Commonwealth Trombone Summit" Presented

UK Trombone Studio, under the direction of Bradley Kerns, presented Kentucky's first "Commonwealth Trombone Summit" on October 3, at the Singletary Center for the Arts. The summit featured master classes for the state's college trombone players followed by a recital featuring the quartet Equali.

25. Design Students Develop Proposals for Historic Louisville Water Tower

Under the direction of architect Freek Persyn, founder of 51N4E, College of Design students have engaged in a project with the Louisville Water Company. The students are developing ideas and proposals for a Water Education Center and Museum for the company's historic water tower property on Louisville's Zorn Avenue. During a workshop this fall, UK students worked with University of Louisville MBA students to develop a feasibility study to ensure the financial success of the Water Education Center and Museum.

26. "Monkey King" Opens UK Theatre Season

Department of Theatre opened its 2011-2012 season with "The Monkey King: Havoc in Heaven." The play is based on a beloved Chinese character, the Monkey King, known for his mischievous nature. The production ran October 6-16, in the Guignol Theatre. The play was also presented in conjunction with the Year of China and the Arts Asia Festival.

27. Gaines Center Presents Symposium on Religion

Gaines Center for the Humanities presented the 2011 Bale Boone Symposium in the Humanities from October 10-12 and covered the topic of religion. "Religion in the Twenty-First Century," gave the public an opportunity to explore the connections between religion and such topics as history, science, and politics.

28. "Precious Knowledge" Chronicles Social Justice Curriculum

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Center presented the local premiere of "Precious Knowledge" on November 9, then Lexington resident and filmmaker Eren Isabel McGinnis answered questions from the audience following the screening. McGinnis' film describes the Mexican American Studies Program at Tucson High School, an innovative social justice curriculum, and documents the transformative impact on students who become engaged, informed, and active in their communities. While 48 percent of Mexican-American students currently drop out of high school, Tucson High's Mexican American Studies Program has become a national model of educational success, with 93 percent of enrolled students graduating from high school and 85 percent going on to attend college.

29. Tuska Exhibit Highlights Juárez Atrocities

Tuska Center for Contemporary Art presented the exhibit "Wall of Memories: The Disappeared Señoritas of Ciudad Juárez," by local artist Diane Kahlo. The free public exhibit, which ran October 10 to November 4, addressed the femicide of women in Juárez, Mexico, and the implications of a society when it devalues and marginalizes the life of any of its members through classifications of race, class, sexuality, gender, and other labels.

30. Arts Administration Program Hosts Conference

The Arts Administration Program presented the 2011 Social Theory, Politics, and the Arts Conference on campus October 13-15. As part of the conference, the program presented a public talk on the boom in construction of arts and cultural facilities across the nation and how organizations can manage these projects successfully. "So You Think You Can Build? Inside the Cultural Construction Process" was presented by Peter Frumkin, director of the RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at University of Texas at Austin, and Joanna Woronkovicz, a research analyst at NORC at the University of Chicago.

31. Student Design Teams Take Awards at "Product Runway"

Two teams from the School of Interior Design took awards at "Product Runway," an annual event sponsored by the International Interior Design Association (IIDA). The UK teams took first place and the competition's Da Vinci award at the event on October 20, at Louisville's Henry Clay Beaux Arts Ballroom. The Da Vinci award-winning team was comprised of Cathy Johnson and Maria Bowling, of OM Workspace; Angie Clayton, of Teknion; and interior design students Jessica Brake, Meredith Jones, Carrie Marcum, Sabrina Mason, Taylor Moore, Veronica Polinedrio, Angela Russo, Shannon Senderling, and Olivia Steitz. The winning team consisted of Deborah Drury, UK alumna and owner of Deborah Drury Interior Design; Lori Gibson, of CDC Distributors Inc. representing manufacturer Johnsonite; and interior design students Rula Al-Obaidi, Lexie Foellger, Elizabeth Harr, Abby Hyland, McKenzie Jolly, and Gracie Vinyard.

32. Art Department Presents 2nd Annual PhotoDay

Department of Art presented its 2nd annual PhotoDay October 21 on campus. The day of festivities centered on all things photography and included lectures, workshops, a talk by world renowned photographer Eric Meola, Light-Up UK, and the debut of "Kentucky Next," an art exhibition displaying some of the finest art work from college students around Kentucky.

33. Design Awards Recognize Friend of the College, Alum of the Year

College of Design awarded their 2010-2011 Friend of the College and Alum of the Year Awards at the college's Scholarship and Awards Dinner on October 21. Eileen Jones received the Alum of the Year Award. Jones, a graduate of the UK School of Interior Design and principal and national discipline leader at Perkins+Will Branded Environments, serves on the School of Interior Design Advisory Board. Butch Branson was given the Friend of the College Award. The owner of Ohio Valley Marine Service in Henderson, Ky. has forged a strong relationship with the college, directly supporting the River Cities Project in Henderson and the students who participated in the projects.

34. Former White House Calligrapher Speaks at King Library Press Workshop

King Library Press presented a talk and workshop with Rick Paulus, former chief calligrapher of the White House and protocol officer for the U.S. Department of State and owner of Cape Lettering Arts, October 21-22, at the M. I. King Building.

35. Opera Presents "Roméo et Juliette"

UK Opera Theatre presented Charles Gounod's "Roméo et Juliette" at the Lexington Opera House October 22-29. The production was double-cast with an award-winning cast of three Alltech Vocal Scholarship Competition winners: Manuel Castillo, Julie LaDouceur, and Rachel Sterrenberg, and Metropolitan Opera tenor Gregory Turay, a UK alumnus and artist-in-residence at UK Opera Theatre. Director, coach, and acting teacher Stephanie Sundine from New York City served as guest director on the production.

36. Art Museum Showcases Collection's Shades of Blue

Art Museum at UK is currently presenting "see blue. art from the collection" featuring artwork from the museum's permanent collection that includes every shade of blue. The exhibition, which opened October 30, runs through January 22, 2012. "See blue." showcases everything from American 20th century abstract canvases to 19th century Japanese woodcuts, and from 13th century Iranian pottery to English 18th century portraits.

37. Art Hosts 19th Annual Iron Pour

Department of Art hosted its 19th annual Iron Pour on November 5, at the metal arts studio at Reynolds Building Number 2. The pour was the highlight of two weeks of festivities celebrating the metal arts program at UK. Other festivities scheduled in conjunction with the iron pour were mold-making and patina workshops, artist open slide night, an iron art exhibition and a lecture by sculptor Andrew Baxter.

38. Percussion Ensemble Presents Concert

UK Percussion Ensemble presented a concert of new works November 6, at the Singletary Center for the Arts Concert Hall. This special concert was a prelude to the ensemble's showcase concert presented during the Percussive Arts Society International Convention and 50th anniversary celebration at the Indiana Convention Center the following week. Under the direction of James Campbell, the UK Percussion Ensemble has won the prestigious society's International Collegiate Percussion Ensemble Contest four times, a record matched by no other institution.

39. UPK Author Selected for Historical Society Award

University Press of Kentucky author Estill Curtis Pennington was selected as the recipient of a 2011 Kentucky Historical Society's General Award for his book, "Lessons in Likeness: Portrait Painters in Kentucky and the Ohio River Valley, 1802-1920." The book identifies portrait artists who were active in Kentucky and the Ohio River Valley between 1802 and 1920.

40. Visiting Artists and Scholars Series Continues

Department of Art continued the 2011-2012 Visiting Artists and Scholars series. The series, now in its 10th year, brings locally and nationally recognized artists/scholars to the Commonwealth for residencies with UK's art faculty, students, and staff, as well as public lectures. To date, the department has presented free public lectures with photographer and installation artist Joy Christiansen Erb; potter David McDonald; painter, sculptor, and Kenyan Artist-in-Residence Allan Githuka; and sculptor Andrew Baxter.

41. Special Collections Launches Arnow Papers With Symposium, Exhibition

Special Collections Library unveiled the papers of Appalachian author Harriette Simpson Arnow with a symposium and exhibition November 17, at the M. I. King Building. The Arnow papers include materials that document her writing process, from first-draft manuscripts on dime store tablets, through various iterations and drafts, to printer page proofs. Also included are correspondence with family, editors, publishers and literary agents, mail from readers, photographs, speeches, and materials documenting Arnow's political interests. Book reviews, scholarly articles, and dissertations written about Arnow's work are also featured in the papers. The exhibition, curated by Kate Black, manuscripts archivist and curator of the Appalachian Collection, and library and information science graduate student Amber Head, will run through February 2012.

42. Kenyan Artist-in-Residence Program Marks 10th Anniversary

The Department of Art and Tuska Center for Contemporary Art celebrated the 10th year of the Kenyan Artist-in-Residence program, funded by the Ruth Hunt Wood Foundation. In honor of the anniversary, an exhibition of work by Kenyan painter and sculptor Allan Githuka was on display at TCCA from November 17 to December 2.

43. Phi Kappa Phi Welcomes New Honorees

On the heels of achieving Merit status in only its third year of existence, the University of Kentucky Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi recently welcomed a new class of honorees: UK Board of Trustees member and author, Dr. C. B. Akins, Sr.; UK Alumni Professor in the Colleges of Nursing and Public Health and faculty associate at the Markey Cancer Center Ellen J. Hahn; and, UK Associate Professor of English and Director of African American and Africana Studies Frank X. Walker. In addition, 64 UK undergraduate and graduate students were welcomed into Phi Kappa Phi.

44. UK Honors Veterans on Campus

Enrollment Management teamed with Student Affairs, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the UK Federal Credit Union to put on this year's Veterans Day observance. All university veterans were thanked and recognized for their service with a lapel pin and a free lunch. During the observance, the Veterans Resource Center Coordinator announced UK's participation in HB 425, allowing all Post 9/11 veterans and their families to be charged in-state tuition.

45. Enrollment Management Hosts Kentucky Collegians Day

The Office of Enrollment Management hosted the third annual Kentucky Collegians Day on November 8. Students invited to this event represented some of the most academically talented high school seniors throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky and around the country. Overall, of the 156 students who attended, the average GPA was a 3.9 and the average ACT was above a 31. The students represented 11 different states, including Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and West Virginia.

46. UK Mobile Launches New Applications for Smart Phones

UK Mobile was created in collaboration with Blackboard Mobile Central for iPhone, Android, and Blackberry devices. The application is specifically designed to run on the device's operating system and hardware. New applications are available through UK Mobile via the myUK icon. The team develops browser applications that can be accessed from a wide variety of Web-capable mobile devices such as Android, iOS, and RIM devices. The applications developed and currently available include: Course Catalog, My Classes, K Week, Summer Advising Conference, and Mobile Course Registration.

47. iWin Releases Report on Healthy Organizations

The University of Kentucky's Institute for Workplace Innovation (iWin) released the research report, "Creating Healthy Organizations: Promising Practices in Kentucky," in October. In this extensive report, iWin showcases the promising practices of 23 Kentucky organizations that contribute to a healthy workforce.

48. Debate Program Honors Longtime Director J. W. Patterson

On September 28, the UK Debate program awarded J. W. Patterson, veteran UK debate director, with the inaugural Award for Exemplary Service to Debate and Forensics. Patterson served at UK from 1960-2008. During that time the UK college debate team sent 21 first-round teams to the National Debate Tournament and had six top speakers at the tournament, the second-highest number of all time. Under Patterson's leadership, the team brought home a national championship in 1986, and a Copeland Award in 1994. Patterson was a longtime faculty member in the Department of Communication and an active contributor for many activities and organizations on the UK campus.

49. UK Debate Team Takes Varsity Championship Title in Vanderbilt Tournament

The University of Kentucky debate team took home the varsity division championship from the Vanderbilt Debate Tournament held October 14-16 at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. This was the first varsity win in over a decade for UK debate. The team of Billy Woika and Charlie Cavalier beat two teams from Georgia, a team from Emory, and a team from Wayne State in elimination rounds to win the tournament.

50. "Poisoning the Press" Author Presents State of First Amendment Address

Mark Feldstein, author of "Poisoning the Press," was the featured speaker at the annual First Amendment Celebration on November 15, sponsored by the Scripps Howard First Amendment Center and the UK School of Journalism and Telecommunications. Feldstein worked as an on-air investigative correspondent at CNN, ABC News, and several local television stations during a 20-year career. For his work, he won the Edward R. Murrow broadcasting prize and two George Foster Peabody medallions.

51. Adobe Executive Delivers Bowling Lecture

Miguel Salinas, program director for the Adobe Foundation and a senior manager in the Corporate Social Responsibility group at Adobe Systems Incorporated, delivered the 2011 James C. Bowling Executive-in-Residence lecture on November 3. Salinas' presentation, "Doing Well, Doing Good: Building Corporate Reputation Through Strategic Philanthropy," focused on the importance of corporate social responsibility programs and on Adobe's signature program, Adobe Youth Voices.

52. Late-night Dining Now Available on Campus

On November 8, UK Dining Services extended hours of service until midnight Sunday through Thursday at the Commons, Commons Starbucks, Ovid's Café, and Ovid's Starbucks. The change is a result of students pointing out that campus dining options were rather restrictive late at night, especially those near the south campus residence halls.

53. UK To Have Presence in China

UK will have the chance to tell America's story to the world through a newly created educational center in Shanghai. Funded by a \$100,000 grant from The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, UK signed an accord at the end of October with Shanghai University to pioneer one of 10 American Studies Centers in China on SU's campus.

54. Student Awards and Achievements

Robert Bosworth and Maris Deddens, Music, won divisions at the Kentucky Music Teachers Association Bluegrass Performance Competition held October 15, at Eastern Kentucky University. Bosworth was named the winner of the Young Artists Solo Competition. Bosworth and his partner, Deddens, were named the winners of the Bluegrass Collegiate Piano Ensemble Competition.

Lauren Conrad, a senior majoring in print journalism, is the editor and founder of the UK edition of the national "Her Campus" website.

Sarah Hahn, Art Studio, exhibited her ceramic sculptures in the juried exhibition "Social Justice" at Baltimore Clayworks in Baltimore, Maryland.

55. Faculty and Staff Awards and Achievements

Judit Baffi, Ophthalmology and Visual Science, received the Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Award by the National Eye Institute.

Anna Brzyski, Art History, has been invited to serve as the Guest Editor for Central and Eastern Europe by the Gove Art Online (published by Oxford University Press). Her review of the book "Fashion East: the Spectre that Haunted Socialism" by Djurdja Bartlett was published in the October issue of Design and Culture, and she has been invited by the Lexington Art League to serve as the juror for 2012 Body/Figure/Nude exhibition.

Nina J. Crimm, Law, presented the James and Mary Lassiter Distinguished Visiting Law Professor Conferences on the topics of "Politics, Taxes, and the Pulpit: Provocative First Amendment Conflicts" and "Helping and Hindering Disaster Relief: Law, Policies, and Politics Impact Aid."

Alison Davis, Agricultural Economics, is principal investigator, and Ronald Hustedde, Community and Leadership Development, is co-principal investigator on a project titled "Promoting entrepreneurship in distressed rural communities: integrating psychological and sociological perspectives," funded by a \$349,000 Agriculture and Food Research Initiative grant.

Lori Gooding was awarded a UK ADC/NIA Grant (\$25,000) in Music Therapy and also received the SER-AMTA Special Recognition Award for Excellence in Service.

Rae Goodwin, Art Studio, Dima Strakovsky, and Doreen Maloney announce the upcoming LexLakLou Performance Festival.

Ellen Hahn, Nursing and Public Health, was inducted as a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing.

Jane Kirschling and Suzanne Prevost, Nursing, were recipients of the prestigious State Awards for Excellence. The award is given annually to a dedicated nurse practitioner advocate who has made a significant contribution to the status of health care delivery and the practice of nurse practitioners.

Mark Kleinman, Ophthalmology and Visual Science, received the Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Award by the National Eye Institute and the Foundation for Fighting Blindness Career Development Award.

Lori Larusso, Art Studio, exhibited her work in the solo exhibition Spaces and Thick: Recent Works by Lori Larusso at the Parkland Art Gallery, Champaign, Illinois. The show ran from September 26-October 6.

Terry Lennie, Nursing, has received a \$1,596,473 grant from the National Institute of Nursing Research to study non-pharmacologic interventions to reduce symptoms of heart failure.

Doreen Maloney, Art Studio, had her performance and installation "Boys Room" listed in the Istanbul Biennial catalogue as a side exhibit.

David McNear, Plant and Soil Sciences, is principal investigator on a \$265,507 two-year grant from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture to study the influence of tall fescue cultivar and endophyte genotype combinations on root system architecture, exudate composition and soil biogeochemical makeup.

John Neill, director of UK's Psychopharmacology Clinic, is part of a program airing on Kentucky Education Television (KET) discussing stigma of severe and persistent mental illness.

Anthony Ogden, Education Abroad, launched the first meeting of the Kentucky Council on Education Abroad on October 26 at UK.

Celeste Phillips-Salimi, Nursing, received a two-year, \$40,000 grant from Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for Childhood Cancer for her study, "Development of a Connectedness with Health Care Providers Scale for Adolescents and Young Adults with Cancer."

Suzanne Prevost, Nursing, was inducted in November 2011 as the 29th president of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International.

Christopher Schardl, Plant Pathology, received a \$406,000 grant from Kentucky Science and Technology Center Inc. and the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education for KY EPSCOR: Transforming Kentucky's New Economy – Kentucky infrastructure in Ecological Genomics.

Bobby Scroggins, Art Studio, had his work featured in a juried exhibition titled "Social Justice" at Baltimore Clayworks in Baltimore, Maryland. The show featured the works of 10 other artists from across the United States.

Dmitry Strakovsky, Art Studio, organized the exhibition "Luminosity" by Shih Chieh Huang at Land of Tomorrow in October in Louisville.

Surendranath Suman, Animal and Food Sciences, was selected to receive the 2012 Southern Section American Society of Animal Science Outstanding Young Animals Scientist Award—Research.

George Szekely, Art Education, was named Kentucky's Higher Educator of the Year at the annual meeting of the Kentucky Art Education Association (KyAEA) held October 14-16, in Morehead, Ky.

Joseph Taraba, Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering, was awarded \$132,941 from Natural Resources Conservation Service to study compost bedded pack barn housing systems for dairy manure storage and treatment.

James Wade, Art Studio, has three works included in "Horizon: Contemporary Landscape" at the Danville Community Arts Center, juried by UK alumnus Chris Segre-Lewis.

Richard Warner, Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering, was awarded a \$383,533 five-year grant by Virginia Tech University as part of the Appalachian Research Initiative for Environmental Science.

Kathy Wheeler, Nursing, was one of 27 distinguished nurse leaders from across the globe to graduate from the International Council of Nurses Global Nursing Leadership Institute.

Benjamin Withers, Art History, reviewed manuscript submissions for publication by West Virginia University Press and the periodical *Modern Philology* (published at the University of Chicago).

56. Alumni Awards and Achievements

Cece Boateng, a May 2011 graduate of the College of Nursing's BSN Program, had a paper accepted for publication in *Kaleidoscope* titled, "An Examination of Maternal Stress, Inflammatory Markers, and Preterm Labor in Caucasians and African American Pregnant Women throughout Pregnancy."

Chris Segre-Lewis (MFA 2007; Asst. Prof at Asbury University) has juried the show "Horizon: Contemporary Landscape" at the Danville Community Arts Center.