From the Chair...

Well, it’s happened again! It is the end of another incredibly productive and vibrant year in Film and Media Studies at KU!

Congratulations to those seniors who graduated this spring or summer—we will miss you but we are so proud you will be out in the world representing us!

As I said at SOTA graduation and at the Tensies: please do not be a stranger: we would love to know of your whereabouts and what film related projects you might be pursuing.

 Heck, if you are working on something and are in Lawrence or plan to be back, let us know and we’d love to schedule a screening or a classroom visit!

This year brought with it many highlights, and other changes: For one, we celebrated the retirement of our beloved staff person, Marilyn Heath.

She brought so much to this department and we are sad to see her go, though excited about this next phase in her life. Thank you, Marilyn!

This spring we welcomed Sarah Sahin into our ranks! Sarah will be working with us mainly mornings at Oldfather and has proven thus far to have an energetic spirit and a creative mind.

She will form part of our team to help ensure that our students and faculty get the support that they need to make this a great place to be (and learn!).

Sarah is our new in-house Facebook guru: she is posting news to our Department of Film and Media Studies page. Please check it out and “Like” us!! We will be keeping you informed of events this way, and on our soon to be revamped new website (to be launched officially soon). We are always looking for event and content to populate our website, so if you have ideas, or work you’d like to post, please let Che Butterfield know (cbutterfield@ku.edu).

And, another highlight of the spring is all of the hard work that was put into assigning student internships to many “go-getting” students, thanks to FMS alum SK Nguyen and Internship Coordinator extraordinaire, Professor Matt Jacobson. They worked together and placed many students in great positions, both locally and out of state. We offered a competitive internship stipend and the winners are listed below:

Dustan Boleski, interning at National Geographic Films in Washington, DC
Jordan Borel, interning for The Atlanta Hawks & Philips Arena in Atlanta, GA
Dominic Danzo, interning for Experiment Media in Los Angeles, CA
Olivia Graves, interning with the BlueCat Screenplay Competition in Los Angeles, CA
Alex Lamb, interning with Moss Garden Productions in Madison, WI
Hayley Laske, interning with Alyson Horn Casting in Los Angeles, CA
Evan McInnis, interning with the St. Louis Cardinals in St. Louis, MO
Bryant Mudd, interning with Kickstart Entertainment in Santa Monica, CA and at Don’t Let My Mother Know (TV show)

Brenda Quinones, interning with The Donners Company in Los Angeles, CA
Edward Raab, interning with Von Fiessbach Film in Berlin, Germany
Brandon Sieve, interning with Bluegrass Films in Universal City, CA

Others who are working in L.A. include the following:

Dylan Booth and Michael Engelken: internship at Pro Music recordings
Andrew Beets starts at The Donner Company and Highnoon
Andrew Gurnsey starts at Gosh! TV on The LOT

My hearty congratulations to you all—this level of commitment to professionalizing and complementing your studies and training at KU will only make you a stronger candidate after you graduate.

Have a great summer everyone!!!

Tamara Falicov, Chair

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Hey everyone, the Wild West is back this summer with our New Movie Trailers Event! The Wild West Film Festival is a 48-hour film competition in which teams of film makers are challenged to create a short Movie Preview, 4 minutes or less, with a given set of criteria. Teams sign up June 21st, 7:00 p.m., at Through A Glass Productions or online at http://wildwestfilmfest.org/category/online-sign-up/. After registering the $25 entry fee online, teams will automatically receive the secret criteria Friday at 7:00 p.m. via email and will have until Sunday at 10:00 p.m. to submit their film online or to a designated location. The top 25 films, First, Second, Third places, and a People’s Choice Award will be presented at The Lawrence Arts Center in Lawrence on June 29th at 7:00 p.m. A DVD featuring the screened films and t-shirts will be available for purchase.

Check out our Video Promo for this year’s event!
And, check out our Documentary, A 48 Hour Journey as we follow a team through the process.

This year we are proud to announce or involvement with Douglas County CASA, an organization that provides comprehensive advocacy for abused and neglected children in need of care and under the protection of the court system. Trained volunteers investigate, facilitate, monitor and mentor. Through compassion and commitment, they are dedicated to be the child’s voice through their journey to a safe, loving, permanent home. Our proceeds will go to assist this organization.

Keep a look out on www.wildwestfilmfest.org for updates on judges, prizes, and event details. For any questions or comments, please contact us at: wildwestfilmfest@yahoo.com

Have Fun and Good Luck!
-Wild West Staff
Recognitions and Accomplishments

Cathy Joritz has been researching the silhouette art and silhouette animation work of the internationally renowned German animator Lotte Reiniger (1899-1981) via the Stadtmuseum archives in Tübingen, Germany.

Indiewire’s blog “Cartoon Scoop,” run by animation historian Jerry Beck, recently published her article about the Stadtmuseum’s permanent Lotte Reiniger exhibit, entitled Lotte Reiniger’s World: A Stone’s Throw from the International Stuttgart Animation Festival.

Check it out:

Congratulations to FMS students Hayley Laske and Michael Engelken for winning the two Inspire Change PSA Runner-Up prizes and $100 each. The Inspire Change PSA video contest was created by KU’s Center for Civic and Social Responsibility with the goal to increase awareness about a social issue and inspire people to make a change.

Hayley’s entry, Intexticated Driving, can be viewed here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WNIkLxM7QfA

Michael’s entry, Clean the Kansas River, can be viewed here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AFPj_Dda-fI

Please view, comment, and thumbs up! Both productions were made in Professor Joritz’s Experimental Production class and incorporated either public domain footage or photos and experimental techniques.

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FMS “Wish List”

- The creation of a Study Abroad scholarship to enable students to get assistance with study abroad programs to study film
- Scholarships for recruiting graduate students to Film and Media Studies
- Funds for new equipment
- Unrestricted funds to put on additional events in the Department, such as more spring break programs, master classes, guest speakers, symposia for undergraduates

If you are interested in helping us move to the next level with any of these scholarships or funds, please contact Tamara Falicov at tfalicov@ku.edu. Gifts to the Department of Film and Media are considered tax deductible.

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MCs — Kevin Willmott and Matt Jacobson

Bob Hurst and Juli Stone Pitzer The Mike Gunter Distinguished Service Award in Film

Tamara Falicov and David Mucci Distinguished Service Award

Tamara Falicov, Spencer Harkness, and Laise do Nascimento (not pictured) Berg Family Film Studies Award

Matt Jacobson and Zachary Saltz Loren Dolezal Community Service Award

Matt Jacobson and Allen Reinhardt Ben Krout Grip Awareness Award

Matt Jacobson and Kevin Willmott Best Experimental Project: Mark Sidener Stroke of Thought

Matt Jacobson and Kevin Willmott Best Cinematography: Michael Powers Albatross

Matt Jacobson and Kevin Willmott Best Sound: Mark Sidener Stroke of Thought
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Kevin Willmott, Jeremy Hehl, and Jim Yonally
David Yonally Memorial Award

Matt Jacobson, Nancy Gilbert, and Mark Sidener
Bill Gilbert Award

Cathy Joritz and Travis Andregg
Chris Martin Visual Effects Award

Cathy Joritz and Alexis Coutts
Juanita B. Straight Scholarship

Cathy Joritz and Catherine Preston
Bernadette Robinson Scholarship
Mary Beth Woodson (not pictured)

Cathy Joritz and Catherine Preston
Best Animation:
Edward Schroer, Director (not pictured)
Dumb & Dumber: The Car Ride

Cathy Joritz and Catherine Preston
Best Comedy:
Mark Sidener, Director
The Mascot

Cathy Joritz and Catherine Preston
Best Documentary:
Paige Girard, Director
The Collective

Cathy Joritz and Catherine Preston
Best Editing:
Joshua Wille, Editor
Watchmen: Midnight
2013 Annual Student Recognition Ceremony and Tensie Awards

Catherine Preston, Kaitlyn Wade and Joshua Wille
Alexis and Craig Stevens Performing Arts Scholarship

Catherine Preston and Hayley Laske
Hayley Laske (not pictured)
Women in Film Scholarship

Catherine Preston, David Sutera, and Zachary Ingle
Adah Clark Hagan Scholarship for Film Students

Madison Davis Lacy, Hispano Duron, and Allen Reinhardt
Claire Reinhold Scholarship

Madison Davis Lacy and John Tibbetts
Best Music Video:
James Swartz, Director (not pictured)
I Don’t Like You
2013 Annual Student Recognition Ceremony and Tensie Awards

Madison Davis Lacy, John Tibbetts, and Zachary Saltz
*Donald and Betty Dixon Scholarship*

John Tibbetts and Nathanael Dinwiddie
*Donald and Betty Dixon Scholarship*

Madison Davis Lacy and John Tibbetts
**Best Visual Effects:**
Kristin Maul, Director
*A Christmas Animation*

Madison Davis Lacy and John Tibbetts
**Best Script:**
Hispano Durón, Director
*Memo’s Dream*

Madison Davis Lacy
**Best Drama:**
Jeremy Hehl, Director
*Goodnight Bogie*

John Tibbetts and Nathan Hammer
*Peter and Ann Thompson Undergraduate Film Scholarship*
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John Tibbetts and Chris P.J. Heimsoth
Christina Hodel (not pictured)
Mark Amin Scholarship

John Tibbetts, Juli Stone Pitzer, and Patrick Terry
Charles “Buddy” Rogers Scholarship

Michael Baskett and Eric Lackey
Herk Harvey Outstanding GTA in Film Award

Michael Baskett and Tamara Falicov
Best Director:
Jeremy Hehl, Director
Goodnight Bogie

Tamara Falicov
Best Body of Work:
Kristin Maul

Michael Baskett and Tamara Falicov
Best of Show:
Hispano Durón
2013 Annual Student Recognition Ceremony and Tensie Awards

Associate Dean Liz Kowalchuk and Catherine Preston distributed KU pens and Jayhawk pins to graduating seniors.

A few of the graduating seniors.

Fall 2012 Graduates
Travis Andregg, BGS
Holden Beier Green, BGS
Kyle Dockum, BGS
Jonathan Dudrey, BGS
Kalif Fuller, BGS
Joseph Knoll, BGS
Alexander Meisch, BGS
Katie Mulich, BGS
Andrew Pittel, BGS
Dange Sanders, BGS
Edward Schroer, BGS
Spencer Shoemaker, BGS
Matthew Steele, BGS
Joy Stewart, BGS
Daniel Suffield, BGS

Spring and Summer 2013 Candidates for Graduation
Marianne Anderson, BGS
Philip Benibo, BGS
Dylan Booth, BA
Kole Britton, BA
Morgan Bryant, BA
Alicia Carrera, BA
Robbie Chance, BGS
Andrew Childs, BA
Donald Cooper, BGS
Jonathan Cooper, BGS
Brian Costello, BGS
Isaiah Dover, BGS
Kyle Gibson, BA
Paige Girard, BA
Darci Goddard, BGS
Alex Haslett, BGS
Randall Heeren, BA
Jeremy Hehl, BA
Paige Hunter, BGS
Drew James, BA
Kevin Kitsis, BGS
Mattie Lewis, BA
Seth Macchi, BGS
Jareb Matney, BGS
Danielle McElhinney, BGS
Mesha Monteaux, BA
Katherine Morris, BGS
Bryant Mudd, BGS
Colin Murphy, BGS
Elsa Pageler, BGS
Laise Pereira do Nascimento, BA
Cory Peterson, BGS
Nicholas Peterson, BGS
Garrett Rathbone, BGS
Lukas Renard, BGS
Errick Schmidt, BGS
Chen Sha, BA
Mark Sidener, BGS
Brandon Sieve, BGS
James Swartz, BGS
Derek Terry, BGS
John Vick, Jr., BGS

Congratulations and Best Wishes!
Retirement Reception for Marilyn Heath

Friends, colleagues, family members, and Big Jay came out to wish Marilyn a happy retirement. A highlight of the event was when Chuck Berg sang a song he wrote, “Blues for Marilyn.”
**Attention Graduates!**

Your KU email address will expire soon after you graduate. We’d love to stay in touch with you. Send an email with your name and non-KU email address to kmconrad@ku.edu and ask to be included in the alumni mailing list.

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**Academic Calendar**

- **Tuesday, June 4** — First day of summer classes
- **Monday, July 15** — Undergraduate Application for Graduation deadline
- **Friday, July 26** — Graduate Application for Graduation deadline
- **Monday, August 26** — First day of fall semester classes

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**Equipment Check-out, Editing Rooms, and Computer Lab**

Check with your instructor or John McCluskey for summer hours.

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**Film Festivals, Contests, Local Film Jobs, Call-for-Papers**

Announcements of film festivals, contests, local jobs, call-for-papers, etc. are kept in a binder in the reception area at Oldfather Studios (room 204). Check it out!

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