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## Ceremony Recognizes Four 2013 Higuchi Research Award Honorees



Family, friends and colleagues gathered on October 30 at the Lied Center Pavilion for the annual presentation of four Higuchi-KU Endowment Research Achievement Awards.

The 2013 honorees included William Barnett of KU's Department of Economics, left, shown with Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little and Steve Warren, vice chancellor research and graduate studies. Siyuan Han of KU's Department of Physics and Astronomy was cited *in absentia* because he is

on sabbatical in China. Hume Feldman accepted on his behalf, lower left.

Also recognized October 30 were William Groutas of the Department of Chemistry at Wichita State University and Mary Beth Kirkham of the Department of Agronomy at Kansas State University.

Information about the Higuchi-KU Endowment Research Achievement Awards is [available online](#). The nomination deadline for the 2014 awards is Friday, January 31, 2014.

## Steve Warren to Host KU Research Open Forum

KU faculty in the arts and humanities are invited to attend an open forum at noon at The Commons on Wednesday, November 13. Vice Chancellor Steve Warren will make a brief presentation about KU research challenges and opportunities, with the rest of the session devoted to questions and comments from faculty members.

This is the first in a series of informal sessions for different faculty groups during 2013-14. Lunch is provided. To attend, please RSVP by Friday, November 8 at [rgs@ku.edu](mailto:rgs@ku.edu), and note any dietary preferences. For more information, contact [kboatright@ku.edu](mailto:kboatright@ku.edu), 864-7240.

## Entrepreneur Roy Chin to Discuss Issues for Medical Device Inventors



Roy Chin, a 1988 KU electrical engineering graduate and serial entrepreneur, will lead a free workshop on Tuesday, November 26 on the topic of “Regulatory & Reimbursement: Issues You Need to Know Now.” The workshop is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon in the Apollo Room at Nichols Hall, followed by lunch for participants.

The workshop is sponsored by KU Innovation and Collaboration and is the third in a series of three “boot camp” presentations this fall on topics in research commercialization, innovation, and entrepreneurship. It is open to KU faculty, staff, students and the invited public. Please RSVP by November 22 to [Bethany Scothorn](#), 864-6457.

Chin is a Silicon Valley start-up veteran who holds more than 100 patents. He is a leader in the medical devices industry, having risen through positions with Stryker Endoscopy, Cardiothoracic Systems, AFx, and SpineView, where he served as CEO. He founded and was CEO of Intrepid Medical and is founder, chairman and CEO of Chest Innovations, Inc.

More than a hundred KU faculty and students heard Chin, left, speak last summer on “How to be a Successful Entrepreneur.” On the 26<sup>th</sup>, he will discuss intricacies of product development of medical devices and the regulatory path necessary to get the product to market. The willingness of insurance companies to reimburse the cost is also crucial to commercialization success. Chin will address these topics in depth.

## Finalists Named for Dean of Graduate Studies Position

Four KU faculty members have been announced as finalists for the position of dean of graduate studies. As part of the interview process, each finalist will make a public presentation to the KU community, scheduled as follows:

- **Michael Roberts**, Professor, Applied Behavioral Sciences  
Thursday, November 7, 4 p.m., Kansas Union, Big 12 Room
- **Doug Wright**, Professor, Anatomy and Cell Biology  
Tuesday, November 12, 4 p.m., Kansas Union, Malott Room
- **Joshua Rosenbloom**, Professor, Economics  
Thursday, November 14, 4 p.m., Kansas Union, Kansas Room
- **Marta Caminero-Santangelo**, Professor, English  
Monday, November 18, 4 p.m., Kansas Union, Kansas Room

The person chosen as dean will succeed Thomas Heilke effective January 1. Heilke is leaving KU in December for a new position at the University of British Columbia’s Okanagan Campus.

More information about the position, and the vita for each finalist, is [available online](#). A survey form for each candidate will be available online soon after each presentation is made. For more information, [contact Rodolfo Torres](#), associate vice chancellor research and graduate studies, chair of the search committee. Other members are Martin Bergee, Luis Corteguera, Claudia Dozier, Victor Frost, Kristine Latta, Karen Multon, Mabel Rice, Joy Ward, and Stacia West.

## November “TRT” Session to Address “Retroactive Funds Adjustments”

The Office of Research and Graduate Studies offers a monthly “Thursday Research Topics” program that’s open to all interested persons. The topic for the November 7 session (one week earlier than normal) is “Retroactive Funds Adjustments: Procedural Updates.” The presentation will be led by Karen Banning, Penny Kellum, Anita Abel, Connie Jordan, and Kristi Billinger. TRT begins at 11:10 a.m. and concludes at 11:50 a.m. in the auditorium at Simons Biosciences Labs. All TRT presentations are recorded and available online.



### The 2013 Kansas Economic Policy Conference

attracted more than 130 participants for an in-depth discussion of the impacts on communities brought about by the 2012 restructuring of the state tax code. At left is the luncheon session at the Kansas Union, which featured presentations by Carolyn Bourdeaux of the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University and Justin Ross of the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University. Sessions originated at KU

and in Ulysses at Pioneer Communications. The annual conference is presented by KU's Institute for Policy & Social Research, with support from the Office of the Provost and the Grant County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism.

## Call for Nominations: University Scholarly Achievement Award

Up to four mid-career KU faculty members are recognized annually by Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little with a University Scholarly Achievement Award. The award recognizes a significant scholarly or research contribution or a series of closely related contributions. To be eligible, the faculty member must be an associate professor or full professor; be within 10 years of appointment as an associate professor; have completed three years at KU; and have not received a prior major KU award for this body of work. Nominees' contributions will be evaluated using four criteria:

- Advances the field of scholarship;
- Exhibits novelty and originality;
- Promotes scholarly and research activity at KU; and
- Enhances the university's national and international reputation.

December 20 is the nomination deadline. Individuals may self-nominate or be nominated by others. A complete nomination includes a 750-word letter of nomination, the person's vita, documentation of the person's scholarly or research contribution, and two letters of reference (at least one from outside KU). The letters must be received by January 13, 2014. Nominations and letters should all be sent to: Office of the Chancellor, 1450 Jayhawk Boulevard, Room 230 Strong Hall, Lawrence, KS 66045, ATTN: Scholarly Achievement Award Committee, or sent electronically to [kuchancellor@ku.edu](mailto:kuchancellor@ku.edu), with "Scholarly Achievement Award" in the subject line.

A panel of eight persons will evaluate the nominations, with two members from each of these categories: arts and humanities; science, technology and mathematics; clinical science; and social science and professional programs. The panel will convey its recommendations to the Chancellor in March. The public announcement of up to four recipients, and the public awards ceremony, will take place in April.

## November 19-20 Summit in Overland Park to Focus on Contract Research



The **BioResearch Central Summit**, scheduled for November 19-20 at the Overland Park Marriott, is designed to bring together leaders in non-clinical, pre-clinical and clinical research – including contract research organizations and service providers, academic medical centers, clinical sites and pharmaceutical, biopharmaceutical, and medical device companies. They will discuss strategies for advancing clinical research throughout the region and address how to accelerate the development of innovative new products to improve human and animal health worldwide.

The all-day program is co-sponsored by the Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute, the Kansas Bioscience Organization, and the Missouri Biotechnology Association. Keynote speaker will be John Carroll, a biotechnology analyst and journalist and editor of **FierceBiotech**, an online industry publication.



## Humanities Lectures in November Feature Notable International Authors

November is an excellent month at KU for learning more about history, literature and the humanities.



On Wednesday, November 13, military historian and journalist **Sir Max Hastings** will speak on "Catastrophe 1914: Europe Goes to War." His free presentation is scheduled for 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Lied Center Pavilion. The lecture is co-sponsored by the Hall Center for the Humanities, European Studies Program, Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures, Center for Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies, and the Center for Global & International Studies. It is part of a campus-wide collaboration to commemorate the centennial of the First World War.

Hastings' 23 books include *All Hell Let Loose* (2011); *Finest Years: Churchill As Warlord 1940-45* (2009); *Armageddon: The Battle for Germany 1944-45* (2004) and *Nemesis: The Battle for Japan 1944-45* (2007). His lecture is based on his latest book, published this fall. He recreates the year when the war began, "from the diplomatic crisis to the fighting in Belgium and France on the western front, and Serbia and Galicia to the east. He gives vivid accounts of the battles and frank assessments of generals and political leaders, and shows why it was inevitable that the first war among modern industrial nations could not produce a decisive victory, resulting in a war of attrition."



On Thursday, November 14, novelist **Aminatta Forna** will speak on "Writing War: Civil Conflict and Memory." Her free presentation is the Frances & Floyd Horowitz Lecture and is scheduled for 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Hall Center for the Humanities. A book signing will follow.

Forna, the Sterling Brown Visiting Professor at Williams College, will discuss her new novel, *The Hired Man*, which takes place in a Croatian town deeply affected by the Yugoslav wars of the 1990s. "Grappling with war, memory, and identity rests at the center of the narrative. As Frances Perraudin in *The Guardian* notes, *The Hired Man* is an ingenious examination of the kind of ghosts that those with no experience of war are unable to see."

Forna was born in Glasgow and raised in Sierra Leone and Britain. She also spent periods of her childhood in Iran, Thailand, and Zambia. She is the award-winning author of two other novels, *The Memory of Love* and *Ancestor Stones*, and a memoir, *The Devil That Danced on the Water*, which was shortlisted for the Samuel Johnson Prize. *The Memory of Love* received the Commonwealth Writer's Prize for best book in 2011.



On Monday, November 18, Pulitzer Prize-winning author **Junot Diaz** will speak on "Literature, Diaspora, and Immigration." His free presentation is part of the Humanities Lecture Series and is scheduled for 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Woodruff Auditorium in the Kansas Union. His talk is sponsored by the Hall Center for the Humanities.

Diaz is the author of the genre-spanning, critically acclaimed novel *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* (2007) and short story collections *Drown* (1996) and *This Is How You Lose Her* (2012). He grew up in the Dominican Republic and emigrated to New Jersey as a child. This immigration experience serves as the thematic focus of most of his work.

Critics describe Diaz's work as "electrifying," "distinct," and "vulgar, brave and poetic," and he has received the Pulitzer Prize, National Book Critics Circle Award, and the MacArthur Genius Fellowship. Diaz is currently the Rudge and Nancy Allen Professor of Writing at MIT, and he is working on a science fiction novel entitled *Monstro*.

## KU to Host 12<sup>th</sup> Annual GIS Day November 20

**This free symposium** is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Alderson Auditorium in the Kansas Union. GIS Day takes place during Geography Awareness Week, November 18-23. Its goal is to promote awareness of geographic information systems and how we use this evolving tool to analyze our world. Research involving GIS or other geospatial technologies will be presented by students from KU and other area universities between 1:00 and 2:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded. Persons wishing to attend are asked to register at the web site.

## Multidisciplinary Panel to Discuss Four “Kansas Art Controversies”

On Thursday, November 14, the Spencer Museum of Art, the KU School of Law, the Kress Foundation Department of Art History, and the Department of Visual Art will host a panel discussion on four notable art controversies in Kansas and the legal precedents that resulted. The free presentation will take place at Green Hall from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.



The four presenters are:

**Charles Eldredge**, Art History, will discuss John Steuart Curry’s 1937 State Capitol mural, left, that depicts John Brown in a tornado-whipped fury, holding the Bible in one hand and a gun in the other. Since the mural’s inception, critics have questioned whether a painting of Brown belongs in such a prominent location.

**David Cateforis**, Art History, will explore ongoing efforts to remove Chinese artist Yu Chang’s “Accept or Reject” from the Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. The bronze sculpture was

installed in 2012 and some critics have called it obscene, or interpreted it as making a reference to “sexting.”

**Saralyn Reece Hardy**, Spencer Museum of Art, will discuss how museums work with artists who challenge societal conventions. She will share examples from her own experience at KU and the Salina Art Center involving controversies that resulted from political, social, and sexual exhibition content.

**Mike Kautsch**, Law, will explain the nature and scope of artists’ First Amendment protection against censorship. He will focus on issues that arise when citizens denounce “offensive” art displayed on public property. He will also explore how the First Amendment applies to officials responding to demands that such art be removed from view.

## KU Admitted to National Academy of Inventors

KU was admitted to membership in the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) in October, joining four other new members: Yale, LSU, Idaho State, and the Vaccine and Gene Therapy Institute of Florida.

**The NAI was established in 2010** “to recognize and encourage inventors with patents issued from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, enhance the visibility of academic technology and innovation, encourage the disclosure of intellectual property, educate and mentor innovative students, and translate the inventions of its members to benefit society.” NAI members now include more than 100 institutions and 2,000 individuals. It convenes an annual conference, recognizes NAI Fellows, and edits the journal *Technology and Innovation: Proceedings of the National Academy of Inventors*.

“It’s a great honor to be invited to join the National Academy of Inventors,” said Julie Goonewardene, president of KU Innovation & Collaboration and associate vice chancellor for innovation and entrepreneurship. “This recognition speaks volumes about the great work we’re doing in making discoveries at KU and translating them into real-world products, cures and solutions.” In FY 2013, KU received 82 invention disclosures, filed 143 patents and was issued 37 U.S. patents.

## Update: Setting Up Laboratory Service Agreements

There has been a recent change within Research and Graduate Studies as to who to work with to set up laboratory service agreements with industry and other external collaborators. Laura Irick with KU Innovation and Collaboration has been assigned to set up service agreements with industry partners. She can be reached at [indcontracts@ku.edu](mailto:indcontracts@ku.edu) or 864-7403. Bill Sharp will continue to set up service agreements with non-industry partners and with industry partners conducting service work with federal flow-through funds. Bill can be reached at [wsharp@ku.edu](mailto:wsharp@ku.edu) or 864-7430. These changes apply only to laboratory service agreements with KU laboratories that have established service rates through the Comptroller’s Office.

## Upcoming Events

News of interest to the research community. Additional details are available at the [KU Calendar](#).

### Through November 13

#### **Research Administration 101 Training**

Consecutive Wednesdays, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Auditorium, Simons Biosciences Labs

### November 7

#### **Thursday Research Topics:**

“Retroactive Funds Adjustments: Procedural Updates”

11:10 – 11:50 a.m.

Auditorium, Simons Biosciences Labs

#### **Richard L Schowen Lecture:** Jacqueline Barton,

“Signaling Through DNA Chemistry”

4 p.m.

3020 Pharmacy Building

### November 13-15

#### **Instructional Sensitivity Conference,** hosted

by KU Achievement & Assessment Institute

GCSAA, 1421 Research Park Drive, Lawrence

### November 13

#### **KU Research Open Forum for Arts and Humanities Faculty:**

Steve Warren, Vice Chancellor, Research and Graduate Studies

Noon – 1 p.m.

The Commons, Spooner Hall

#### **Lecture: Sir Max Hastings,**

“Catastrophe 1914: Europe Goes to War”

7:30 p.m.

Lied Center Pavilion

### November 14

#### **Frances and Floyd Horowitz Lecture:** Aminatta Forna,

“Writing War: Civil Conflict and Memory”

5 p.m.

Hall Center for the Humanities

#### **Art and the Law Lecture Series:**

“Kansas Art Controversies and the First Amendment”

5 – 6:30 p.m.

Green Hall

### November 15

#### **Red Hot Research No. 10:** Ebenezer Obadare, Jacob Dorman,

Margaret Pearce, Barbara Timmermann, and Matthew Burke

4 p.m.

The Commons, Spooner Hall

### November 18

#### **Humanities Lecture Series:** Junot Diaz,

“Literature, Diaspora, and Immigration”

7:30 p.m.

Woodruff Auditorium, Kansas Union

### November 20

#### **“GIS Day @ KU”** [*Geographic Information Systems*]

8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Alderson Auditorium, Kansas Union

### November 21

#### **Phi Beta Kappa Lecture: Alexander Field,** “A Great Leap

Forward: 1930s Depression and U.S. Economic Growth”

7 p.m.

Auditorium, Spencer Museum of Art

### November 22

#### **KU School of Business: Global Entrepreneurship Week**

9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lied Center Pavilion

### November 26

#### **KUIC Boot Camp: Roy Chin,** “Regulatory and Reimbursement: Issues You Need to Know Now”

9 a.m. – Noon

Apollo Room, Nichols Hall

### December 13

KUCR, Inc. Annual Meeting

3 p.m.

Lied Center Pavilion

### December 20

Deadline: University Scholarly Achievement Award

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