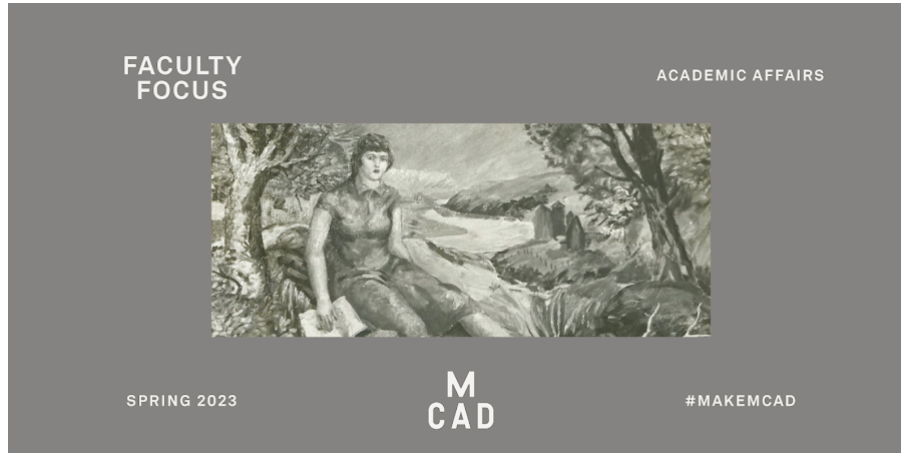

Faculty Focus 5.2.23



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Dear MCAD Faculty,

As the weather warms and our school year nears the end, I wanted to express my deep gratitude for all of your many contributions to MCAD this year. It has been an especially inspiring time these past weeks seeing student work installed throughout our buildings and feel the excitement of installing the Commencement and Thesis exhibitions. This is a testament to the incredible work you do supporting our students in the classrooms and studios of MCAD.

As noted below, MCAD welcomes Dr. Yoav Friedman as Fulbright Scholar in Residence through June 9, 2023. Dr. Friedman was the Head of the Research and Development Authority at the [Bezalel Academy of Art and Design](#) in Jerusalem. During his residency, Yoav will be working on various academic initiatives, researching international academic partnership opportunities, and establishing connections with various arts and creative economy organizations in the Twin Cities.

Please join us in celebrating the MFA candidates by attending the **Thesis Exhibition opening on Friday, May 12 from 6:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.** across three buildings including the MFA Gallery, the main MCAD campus in Morrison Hall and in Gallery 148 in the Main building.

MCAD's **Commencement ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 13, from 3:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m.** at the Children's Theater. The ceremony will be followed by the **Spring 2023 Commencement Exhibition reception: 5:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.**

This will be the final Faculty Focus for the academic year. Whatever your plans may be this summer, I hope they include rest, relaxation, and lots of creativity.

Wishing you the very best,
Robert

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PRIORITY DEADLINES

Spring 2023 Requests for Incomplete Grades Due Tuesday, May 9 at 5:00 p.m.

This is a reminder that any Spring Semester 2023 requests for incomplete grades must be submitted to Records no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9. Requests for incomplete grades are always due on the final day of classes for the semester. Please note that incomplete grades are only possible in certain circumstances. See the [Student Handbook](#) for the full policy. Students who are currently on academic probation may not receive incomplete grades. Students who are planning to request an incomplete but have not yet done so should contact their department chair or program director now to begin the approval process. Department chairs/program directors must approve any requests, and then the section faculty must do the same, before the approval is routed to [Records](#).

Final Spring 2023 Grades Due Tuesday, May 16 at 12:00 p.m.

Spring Semester 2023 grades are due Tuesday, May 16 at 12:00 p.m. This deadline is firm and there are no exceptions. Please plan ahead so that your grades are submitted on time. Grading on [myMCAD](#) is open for faculty as of May 1. Be sure that in [myMCAD](#), in My Faculty Course Center, under View Details, the Term menu is set to 2022-23 - Spring. Additional instructions for submitting grades on myMCAD can be found in this [Knowledge Base article](#) (login required). Please contact Records (records@mcad.edu) if you have any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

Please Remind Your Students to Complete Course Evaluations!

Please remind students to complete course evaluations for their courses via [MyMCAD](#). Course evaluations will remain open until May 15. If students have questions about course evaluations, please have them reach out to academic_affairs@mcad.edu.

MCAD Welcomes Yoav Friedman as Fulbright Scholar in Residence

MCAD welcomes Dr. Yoav Friedman as part of his Fulbright residency in the United States. He will be on campus April 28 through June 9, 2023.

Dr. Friedman is a researcher in the field of European Studies and a seasoned higher education administrator. He specializes in aligning institutional objectives with organizational structures and processes and forming international cross-disciplinary collaborations promoting creative leadership and innovation. He is an expert in initiating and coordinating multinational European-funded projects in the fields of internationalization, academic social responsibility, pedagogical development, and creative entrepreneurship.

Prior to his Fulbright in the United States, Dr. Friedman was the Head of the Research and Development Authority at the [Bezalel Academy of Art and Design in Jerusalem](#). Under the Authority, he developed several institutional initiatives, including a design-driven innovation lab ([LAB 212](#)), and an inter-institutional entrepreneurship center in Jerusalem ([JLM-IMPACT](#)) together with the Hebrew University.

During his Minneapolis residency, Dr. Friedman will be working with Diane Ragsdale and Dr. Olaf Kuhlke on academic initiatives, including research on the role of art and design schools in an environment of democratic deficit. He will assist MCAD in initiating international academic partnerships, and establish connections with various arts and creative economy organizations in the Twin Cities.

Alicia Kuri Alamillo Transitions to New Role as Student Life Specialist in Student Affairs

We are pleased to announce that Alicia Kuri Alamillo will be taking on the role of Student Life Specialist in Student Affairs as of May 22, 2023.

In her new role in Student Affairs, Alicia will oversee the support of international and exchange students, as well as advise MCAD students who hope to study off-campus. In this position, Alicia will also assist Student Housing and Student Activities in strengthening the student life experience for all students. With the addition of residential students, Alicia's role will be to help to promote student retention and persistence efforts.

With this move, she will be departing her role as Manager of Exhibition and Studio Services (ESS) as of May 19. Please join us in expressing sincere appreciation for Alicia's skilled management in ESS. We have no doubt she'll bring that same level of professionalism to her position in Student Affairs.

A search is currently underway for Alicia's replacement in ESS.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

- [Art Cellar Sale](#)
 - Monday, April 24–Friday, May 12
- [New Works in the MCAD Sculpture Garden Reception](#)
 - Thursday, May 4, 4:00-6:00 p.m., MCAD Sculpture Garden
- [MARIGOLDS Reception and Artist Talk](#)
 - Saturday, May 6, 5:00-7:00 p.m., MFA and Morrison Buildings; Artist talk: 7:15, Aud 150
- **Kerry Richardson's Visiting Faculty Candidacy Public Presentation**
 - Monday, May 8th, 12:10-1:00 p.m., Aud 150 and via [Zoom](#)
- **Michael Kareken Retirement Celebration**
 - Thursday, May 11, 4:30-6:30 p.m., MCAD Cafe Terrace (Please [RSVP](#) by Thursday, May 4)
- [No Strings on Me: MCAD meets NAL - A Student Exhibition Opening Reception](#)
 - Saturday, May 6, 7:00-9:00 p.m., [Northside Artspace Lofts](#)
- **Last Day of Spring Semester 2023**
 - Tuesday, May 9
- **Requests for Incomplete Grades Due**
 - Tuesday, May 9, 5:00 p.m.
- [Spring 2023 Commencement Ceremony](#)
 - Saturday, May 13, 3:00-5:00 p.m., [Children's Theater Company](#)
- [Spring 2023 Commencement Exhibition Reception](#)
 - Saturday, May 13, 5:00-6:30 p.m., MCAD Gallery
- **Spring Semester 2023 Grades Due by Noon**
 - Tuesday, May 16, 12:00 p.m., [myMCAD](#)
- [The Auction at MCAD](#)
 - Friday, May 19, 7:00-9:30 p.m., MCAD Gallery ([tickets](#) to attend)

On view:

- [Once Upon A Time: An Exhibition By and For MCAD Students](#)
 - Saturday, April 15–Wednesday, May 17, MCAD Library Gallery
- [Spring 2023 Commencement Exhibition](#)
 - Wednesday, May 3–Saturday, May 13, MCAD Mail Building
- [No Strings on Me: MCAD meets NAL - A Student Exhibition](#)
 - Saturday, May 6–Friday, May 12, [Northside Artspace Lofts](#)

RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES

[Free at Home COVID-19 Tests from MN.gov](#)

Testing continues to be important for preventing the spread of COVID-19. It is especially important to get tested if you have symptoms of the virus or had close contact with someone who has COVID-19. Minnesotans can order free at-home tests through the State of Minnesota.

Click [here](#) to receive a free at home test.

“ChatGPT: Hype, Threat or Something Else?” Panel Recording

This was a panel discussion webinar for faculty and staff at **Minnesota Private College Council members**. Three faculty members that have been thinking about the issues raised by ChatGPT spoke to the group and then there will be a facilitated conversation, one where questions will be addressed.

Topics covered:

- How are ChatGPT’s capabilities any different than extant AI tools available with less nefarious names?
- What are its limits? How does this change the way we assign writing if at all? How can we see it?
- How do we respond to this tool overall? Is it a threat? Is it just hype? Does it even matter how we respond?

To access the recording, use this [link](#) and the password: !8Ch@T-23gPt.Ai4 Here is a [resource compilation](#) from the panel.

[Inclusive Pedagogy Toolkit: Assessment](#)

This resource from Georgetown University offers concrete suggestions for designing inclusive, antiracist learning environments. Topics include pedagogy, assessment, climate, power and mentorship.

The complete toolkit is useful, and the Assessment chapter provides actionable tips on how to more equitably assess students in your courses.

Inclusive assessment includes considerations of purpose and intent of the practice; clear criteria; motivation and retention; and formative, low-stakes opportunities that allow students to monitor their own progress.

[Pedagogy and Practice Spring 2023](#)

Pedagogy and Practice is a series from Online Teaching and Learning to help you design quality learning experiences and facilitate an engaging learning environment for all your students. This Spring, we will be focusing on ways you can create an engaging, and student-centered learning environment.

[Access to CMOS Online](#)

This is a reminder that students, faculty, and staff have access to Chicago Manual of Style's Online (CMOS Online) for academic writing, research, and citation needs. MCAD students, faculty, and staff can access CMOS Online both on-campus and off-campus!

To access CMOS Online, please visit the following [link](#).

Students, faculty, and staff can also find the CMOS Online link on the [Learning Center's Intranet page](#).

Continuing Education Teaching Opportunities

Interested in additional teaching opportunities? MCAD's Continuing Education program welcomes applications and course proposals for teaching youth and adults, both in person and online, on a range of topics throughout the year. Email continuing_education@mcad.edu for more information.

Resources from Student Counseling and Wellness Services

The MCAD Student Counseling and Wellness Service provides assistance with the developmental, situational, and adjustment concerns common to many undergraduate and graduate students, as well as with mental health issues students may struggle with. As faculty, you often come into contact with students on a regular basis and thus are in an excellent position to help point students to resources that MCAD provides. Your attention and support as a faculty member will often be enough, but at other times a student may benefit from more specific professional help that is beyond the scope of your role. In these cases, students should be referred to the services provided by the MCAD Counseling and Wellness Staff.

For more information on the [Counseling and Wellness office](#), [referral process](#), mental health [responses](#), and resources, visit the office's [Intranet](#) page in addition to some useful faculty-specific resources.

FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Karen Wirth's Upcoming Installation at [Traffic Zone Center for Visual Art in Minneapolis](#)

Karen Wirth will have a new installation included in the upcoming invitational exhibition, Banned, at the Traffic Zone Center for Visual Art in Minneapolis, August 12-September 8, 2023, with a reception on August 12. The show features books that have been banned and altered by each of the 12 nationally known book artists.

FOR YOUR STUDENTS

[Intent to Graduate Forms for August and December 2023 Available Now!](#)

Intent to Graduate Forms are available to be submitted now for students who plan to complete their degrees in December 2023, plus Master of Arts students who are planning to complete their degrees in August 2023. Students can find the form on [myMCAD](#) on the Records Office tab under Online Forms.

The advising period is an excellent time to submit these forms, as you look ahead and plan your final degree requirements.

Submitting an Intent to Graduate Form is a required step in the graduation process. Please plan ahead and submit your form promptly. The deadline to submit August and December 2023 Intent to Graduate Forms will be Tuesday, May 9.

Please contact the [Records Office](#) with any questions.

[Student Guide for Learning Online at MCAD](#)

Online Teaching and Learning has created this document to help orient students to new virtual spaces. Here, they will find tips for getting started with Canvas and Google Meet, as well as strategies to help keep on track in online courses.

Counseling Workshops

Mindfulness is the act of being present; choosing to be in this moment nonjudgmentally. Learn how to practice mindfulness, what it means to be nonjudgmental, and why it's so valuable.

Counseling & Wellness has created a 4-part workshop series intended to greet the new year with new skills! Each week they will take on a different topic, providing education and techniques on how to introduce the skills into one's life or, if you already practice them, hone them even further. Each part of the series can be experienced alone, however, they are intended to build off of each other so participation in all workshops is encouraged but not required. Workshops will be held Mondays starting Monday, January 30th, 11am-12pm, in Main Building Room 230. Students can fill out this [interest form](#).

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