FACULTY FOCUS

Dear Faculty,

As we approach the end of this academic year, I want to express my deepest gratitude for your ongoing dedication and care for our students and one another. Joining MCAD this past year has continuously reaffirmed for me the importance of being a member of a vital and creative community. As challenging as it has been for all of us, it has also been inspirational and I consider myself fortunate to be a part of MCAD.

To wrap up this most unusual year, we bid a fond farewell to Tom Schroeder and wish him the very best in his retirement. A [compilation](#) of recollections and well wishes for Tom is available for viewing. Tom's contributions to the college have been extensive and I'm not alone when I say that he will be missed.

With this being the final issue of Faculty Focus for the academic year, I also want to thank everyone for coming along on this journey. Together we streamlined our communications and turned down the volume on our emails. The Faculty Focus will pick up its bi-weekly distribution again during Faculty Preparation Week, August 16-20. In the meantime, please be on the lookout for emails from Academic Affairs in July regarding Faculty Preparation Week and information about the Fall 2021 semester.

Until then, thank you again for all of your hard work this past year. I look forward to finally seeing you all in person and wish you a relaxing, creative, and very enjoyable summer.

All my best,

Robert

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All times listed in Central Time

Priority Deadlines

Requests for Spring 2021 Incomplete Grades Due Wednesday, May 12 at 5:00 p.m.

Requests for incomplete grades in Spring 2021 courses are due to Records no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the semester, Wednesday, May 12. Please note that incomplete grades are only possible in certain circumstances, and that the incomplete grade policy has not changed in any way this academic year. Students who are currently on academic probation may not receive incomplete grades. See the Student Handbook for the full policy. Students must submit all incomplete work to faculty no later than Friday, September 24.

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. Forms are available on the Records Intranet page.

December 2021 Intents to Graduate Due Wednesday, May 12

Intent to Graduate Forms for students planning to graduate in December 2021 are due Wednesday, May 12. Please remind any of your students and/or advisees who are planning for a December 2021 graduation date that they need to complete their Intent to Graduate forms on myMCAD.

Final Grades:

Grades are submitted through myMCAD. Grades are due to the Records Office no later than NOON on Tuesday, May 18. No exceptions. (See "Midterm and Final Grades" in the Faculty Guide)

> ***IT IS MCAD'S POLICY THAT NO FACULTY COURSE EVALUATIONS WILL BE RELEASED FOR REVIEW UNTIL EVERYONE'S GRADES ARE IN***

Announcements & Reminders

Course Evaluations & Exit Surveys are Live!

Course evaluations are open for all students, and exit surveys are open to those eligible for graduation. Please encourage your students to complete these surveys. Students have until midnight on Monday, May 17 to complete their course evaluations and exit surveys.

Student Work Samples

For accreditation purposes, required samples of student work must be submitted for each class you teach. Check with your department chairs for details. (See "Archiving Student Work at the End of the Semester" in the Faculty Guide)

MCAD Vaccine Clinic - Online Appointments are now open

This event is open to the entire MCAD community and members of their household

Blackboard Sunsets Monday, May 24

With our transition to Canvas LMS nearing completion, we will be saying goodbye to Blackboard on Monday, May 24, 2021. What do I need to do?
Nothing! Online Learning will be archiving all courses on Blackboard at the end of the semester.

Submit your textbooks and materials via MyMCAD

A reminder to faculty teaching in Fall 2021 semester: Please post all required textbooks and materials to myMCAD.

The small effort of posting textbooks and materials costs prior to registration provides transparency for students and allows the maximum time for them to financially and logistically prepare for the upcoming semester. When selecting required textbooks and materials for a course, please select the best value materials for the lowest cost and work to eliminate any unnecessary course materials.

If necessary, please seek guidance from your department chair or director regarding selecting textbooks and materials for your courses. Department chairs and directors can also provide the required textbooks and materials from previous offerings of the course or help you in determining which educational materials are most appropriate for a given course.

Additionally, the MCAD Art Cellar can provide guidance for selecting and pricing materials for your courses. The Art Cellar is a non-profit, in-house resource for faculty, staff, and students. Please direct any questions about materials to Lindsay Smith, Manager of the Art Cellar, at mcadartcellar@mcad.edu.

All-College Payroll Transition

With the new fiscal year starting June 1, 2021, MCAD will move to a single cycle for payroll payments for the entire college. Employees who have been on the semi-monthly

payroll cycle will move to a biweekly (every two weeks) pay schedule. This change means that all faculty and Continuing Education instructors will move from being paid on the 15th and last day of the month to being paid every other Friday. Please see the [payroll calendar](#) and [FAQs](#) on the intranet.

Have questions? Please contact payroll@mcad.edu

Upcoming Events & Key Dates

Wednesday, May 12: Last day of spring semester

[Learn](#) important information about the end of the spring 2021 semester

[Commencement](#)

Saturday, May 15 3:00 p.m.
Join us for a virtual Spring 2021 Commencement!
The exhibition site goes live May 13 and catch a live stream of the ceremony May 15

FLEETING - Gallery 148

Through Saturday, May 15
We would like to welcome faculty, staff, and students to *Fleeting,* an exhibition on view in Gallery 148. *Fleeting* includes the work of the graduating photography majors' senior projects: Isabel Gloss, Kyra Nygard, Ky Page, Rylan Poldberg, and Cassidy Walker.

2021 MFA Thesis Exhibition

Through Sunday, May 16
The Master of Fine Arts 2021 graduates at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design invite you to our Thesis Exhibition. This is the culminating exhibition by our 2021 thesis candidates who have spent the past year on their research, making work and developing each of their unique ideas into a final gallery show.
Appointments are required – no drop-in visitors accepted.
[Learn more](#) and [book an appointment](#)

ProPrac Photo Show IRL, outdoors

Through Monday, May 17
Stop by the Covid-safe student-led Media Arts ProPrac Photography Show entitled *For the Exposure*, outdoors in the Sculpture Garden, along the 26th Avenue sidewalk.

Showcasing photos from these fine media artists:

Aaron Bury
Colleen Chan
Patrick Hutchison
Sijunbo Liu
Felix Ulrich

🙌 Support seeing MCAD work, in real life!

CUT ROPE

Friday, May 21, 7:00 p.m.-Sunday, May 23, 8:00 p.m.
Cut Rope is an eclectic exhibition of emerging artists and recent graduates from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design showcasing skilled talent and conceptual thoughtfulness, *Cut Rope* provides an installation space for those who've spent the last year of school online.

Organized by graduating students, this show is open to the public as a celebratory replacement for the MCAD Graduation gallery exhibition. Covid considerations are in place, please reserve a viewing time via this link. Learn more here.

Resources & Faculty Activities

No More Virtual Drop-in Consultation Time for Faculty this semester

However, faculty are welcome to email questions to Timothy Gardner, Director, Learning Center and Disability Services, and Beth Stockinger, Director of the Counseling and Wellness Center

Assessment Office Hours

Mondays at noon
Have questions about assessment at MCAD? Wondering how to make it work for you? Take advantage of Eleanor's office hours every Monday at noon! She's here to answer your questions, brainstorm ideas, or even just share musings. Schedule time with her via Calendly

Mobile Art Gallery Exhibit

ArtReach St. Croix, in partnership with guest curator William G. Franklin, will be opening the exhibit Rituals on July 1st as its summer's Mobile Art Gallery program. This atypical

exhibit will be centered on the thought-provoking stories on the oddities of Minnesota- and Wisconsin-based artists and what their daily routines have been like during this past year. Accompanying the stories, artists will showcase objects of ritualistic significance in their lives. Collaborating with the exhibit is photographer Lauren Bína. The exhibit will include work by artists from Stillwater, Scandia and Afton among others and will be on view at three St. Croix Valley parks allowing visitors out for a hike or bike ride to have an unexpected art experience.

July 1: Artist Reception on the side lawn at ArtReach St. Croix, Stillwater.

July 1-October 10: Exhibition will be on view at various state parks, regional parks, art events and other venues as opportunities arise (A full schedule will be provided to artists when it is finalized)

Learn [more](#)

For Your Students

Monday, May 17: Housing move out

Have something to contribute? [*Submit content for Faculty Focus.*](#)

(The next issue of Faculty Focus will be distributed during the week of August 16, 2021)

Looking to stay up-to-date on all events?
*Subscribe to the "What's Up at MCAD" Calendar
and customize your notifications to never miss a beat.*

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