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*All times listed in Central Time*

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## PRIORITY DEADLINES

### **Class Attendance Verification Forms Due Friday, September 6**

**This is a final reminder that Class Attendance Verification Forms are due on Friday, September 6.** Please fill out one form for each section you are teaching. These forms are not optional. Information should reflect attendance as of the first class meeting, and you should file these forms ASAP after your first class meeting with the attendance information from that session. These forms are important for Records to verify registrations and follow up promptly on any enrollment discrepancies. You can find the form on myMCAD on the Faculty Info tab.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

### **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Social, September 12th**

MCAD's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) committee is hosting a social for interested college staff and faculty to learn more about the current work and to chat about the future direction of the committee. This is an opportunity for you to hear about the DEIA committee's current work, for us to hear from you about what you'd like to see addressed in the future, and if interested, a chance to become part of the committee. Please join us on Thursday, September 12th from 12-1pm in the Emeritus Room. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you then!

### **VPAA/Faculty Open Dialogue Session, October 2nd**

This event has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 2nd from 12:10-1PM in the Emeritus Room.

### **Reserving MCAD Vans for Class Trips**

Instructions for how to reserve the MCAD vans for class-related trips has been posted to the Academic Affairs Intranet page. Please note that the motor vehicle background check takes at least two days to complete, so please plan ahead.

### **Faculty Biennial, August 26–November 2, 2024**

Throughout the fall, the gallery will spotlight the art and research undertaken by both full- and part-time faculty in the 2024 MCAD Faculty Biennial. Some fifty faculty members in the college's Creative Entrepreneurship, Design, Fine Arts, Media Arts, and Liberal Arts departments will be participating in an exhibition in the Main and Concourse Galleries. Participating faculty will also be presenting papers, film screenings, performances, and readings as part of a Faculty Forum Series in Auditorium 140. The wide variety of media and formats will showcase the breadth of the faculty's expertise and offer audience members multiple in-person and remote engagement opportunities. **Reception will be held Friday, September 6, 6:00–8:00 p.m.**

### **Faculty Biographies on MCAD.edu**

During the first few weeks of the Fall Semester, we will be updating the list of faculty teaching in the upcoming school year. We pull your biographies and update them from your syllabus form submission. If you have other adjustments you'd like to see on your profile, [please fill out this form](#). There is no need to email biographies into the Communications Department (or [webmaster@mcad.edu](mailto:webmaster@mcad.edu)).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

- **Class attendance verification forms deadline**
  - Friday, 9/6
- **VPAA/Faculty Open Dialogue Sessions**
  - Wednesday, October 2, 12:10-1:00 p.m., Emeritus conference room
  - Wednesday, November 6, 12:10-1:00 p.m., Emeritus conference room
- **All Faculty Meeting**
  - Wednesday, October 23, 12:10-1:00 p.m., Auditorium 150

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## RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES

## **[2024 Visual Arts Fund Application Open Now](#)**

In 2024 the Visual Arts Fund will award \$60,000 (six \$10,000 grants) to artist-organized projects in the Twin Cities metro region. The VAF supports the development of projects and initiatives that engage the public with visual art happening outside of established arts venues. **Submissions are due Saturday, September 28 by 5:00 pm CDT.**

## **[Rhizome Microgrant Open Call](#)**

The Rhizome microgrant awards \$500-\$1500 USD for the creation of internet-based art for the following topics: Desktop Performance, Lost Web Histories, Natural Cycles, and Money as Medium. A full description about the program and topics is available at the link above. **Apply by September 15th, 2024.**

## **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](mailto: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 regularly 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.

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## **FACULTY ACTIVITIES**

### **Leslie Grant**

**Join the East Side Freedom Library on Saturday, September 7th, to share food, drink, and music!**

Steeped in labor history and artifacts, each year brings a great opportunity for our sisters, brothers and kin to join in celebration of our past, present and future. This year's event will also premier a photography exhibit sponsored by the Amalgamated Transit Workers Union, Local 1105, "Archives in Motion: The ATU Workers of Metro Transit," with photographs by Leslie Grant, Jeffrey Skemp and Isabela Escalona. [Saturday, September 7, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. East Side Freedom Library, 1105 Greenbrier Street, Saint Paul, MN](#)

### **Michael Kareken**

**Upcoming solo exhibition "Shifting Visions" at [Groveland Gallery](#).** The opening reception is on Saturday, September 7th from 2-5 PM. The exhibition will show from Sept 7th- Oct 12, 2024.

### **Howard Quednau**

**Upcoming solo exhibition "A Child's Book of Hours" at [Viewpoint Gallery](#).** The opening reception is on Saturday, September 7th from 4-7PM. The exhibition will show from September 7th-16th, 2024.

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## **DEMOCRACY IN ACTION**

## Re/Designing Democracy - Resources for Discussing Democracy with Your Students

The American Association of Colleges and Universities invites you to watch “[Re/Designing Democracy](#),” a free webinar hosted by AAC&U’s Institute for Democracy & Higher Education (IDHE). The hour-long webinar is centered around Democracy Re/Designed, a national effort to encourage classroom and campus discussions about envisioning a democracy that works for everyone. IDHE Executive Director Nancy Thomas reviews how and why Democracy Re/Designed came to be and how the framework and this toolkit.

### Center for Artistic Activism

On Monday, May 13th, the Center for Artistic Activism presented [Creative Civic Learning: Faculty-Led Ideas to Strengthen Democracy in 2024](#), a special online event in partnership with Project Pericles. Featuring Faculty Fellows from the Unstoppable Voters program and Project Pericles, the event focused on how Fellows have overcome student apathy, partnered with community organizations, and implemented creative civic work in unexpected disciplines to have a huge impact on young voters’ lives.

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## FOR YOUR STUDENTS

### Ballot Information for Students

Share [this resource](#) with your students to help them make informed decisions for the upcoming election, read voter guides and sample ballots, research candidates via USA.gov, and connect with their local election offices.

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

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