

FACULTY FOCUS

Dear MCAD Faculty,

I hope this finds you and your loved ones healthy and well. I am grateful to you, our students and staff, for following our [Preparedness Plan](#) and keeping each other safe—because of our collective efforts, we have had no COVID-19 cases on campus or within our community to date. You can follow COVID-19 case information by visiting the [dashboard](#) on our website.

Each day, I join a COVID-19 briefing call at 8:00 am with the college's leadership to receive a status update on any COVID-19 related activity on campus. I am also a part of several other committees working on policy and protocols in relation to the pandemic, emergent conditions and MCAD. In each of these groups the focus is on the care for our community and ensuring that everyone remains safe and healthy. The college will continue to share information regarding COVID-19 with you as it arises.

Another note of thanks to those of you who filled out our brief survey regarding the spring semester start date and spring break. This feedback is valuable and will help to inform how we proceed with the spring semester. We will share details with regards to the spring term as soon as possible.

On October 7 from noon - 1:00 pm- 2:00 pm, I will hold another open forum for faculty to meet with me. You can join this conversation on [Google Meet](#). Finally, I hold office hours each week and you can sign up for a session with me [here](#).

If you need anything in support of your work in the classroom with our students, do not hesitate to reach out to me or the Academic Affairs team.

Thank you for teaching at MCAD.

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Announcements & Reminders

- [MCAD/Walker Partnership](#): *MCAD students, faculty, and staff can now get free admission to the Walker Art Center with presentation of their MCAD ID. Call ahead*

or go to the box office; online tickets won't be available. Stay tuned for virtual programs presented by Walker curators!

- **Mock Interview Day:** Students have the opportunity to practice their interview skills with professionals from the staffing/recruitment firm Creative Circle. Let your students know!
 - **Open Forum/Office Hours with Robert Ransick:** Have a question for our new VPAA that's just itching to be asked? Join Robert Ransick at the next [Open Forum for Faculty](#) on October 7 from noon-2pm. Can't make that? [Schedule time](#) with him during his weekly office hours.
 - **Calling Faculty Bios:** Be sure to put your bio on your syllabus. If it's wrong on mcad.edu/faculty, contact the [webmaster](#) with any changes.
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Events

Visiting Artist Lecture: Cheryl D. Miller

The MAGWD program is excited to host Cheryl D. Miller at 7pm on Tuesday, October 13. Their lecture entitled "[Designing in the Dark: The story of the Cheryl D. Miller Collection at Stanford University](#)" can be viewed via [Zoom](#).

Monroe Isenberg's Solo Exhibition

Check out "[Remnants](#)" at VisArts in Maryland. The show assembles cracking mud from Vermont and Pennsylvania, 400 lbs of water from the Delaware Estuary, a Pencil Pusher, Icelandic winter light, and music by Patsy Kline into sculpture, video, projection, and framed artwork. These elements merge into larger themes relating to complicity, absurdity, the myth of progress, cycle, silence, spirituality, and climate change.

Resources

Faculty Consultation Time

Not sure how to support students with learning, behavior, accommodations, or mental health challenges? Join the Counseling Center and Learning Center during their [Faculty Consultation Time](#), Fridays from 12-1pm to troubleshoot with the experts.

Online Learning's Priming the Canvas

Faculty, staff, and TA's are invited to learn the ins and outs of Canvas. Sign up for one of Online Learning's [Priming the Canvas](#) workshops, October 26-November 2 or November 30-December 7.

Decolonial School at CCA Presentation

Learn about the Decolonial School at CCA and how to apply their [guiding concepts](#) to your classroom by watching this [recording](#) of their presentation to AICAD institutions.

Miscellaneous

A few administrative reminders for this semester:

- To reserve Auditorium 140 or 150, contact [Donna Meyer](#) in Academic Services at least 1 week in advance. These rooms are NOT available on the Places and Spaces reservation system.
 - Guest speakers and other professional services from outside of MCAD are still required to submit their W9. Academic Affairs will contact them directly and have them use Adobe Sign, which protects their sensitive information. Use the [MCAD Payment Request Form](#) to submit their information and we'll take it from there!
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