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*All times listed in Central Time*

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## **PRIORITY DEADLINES**

### **Midterm Grades and Student Alert Reminder**

Please submit Fall 2023 midterm grades in [myMCAD](#) prior to Tuesday, October 24 at 9:00 p.m. Midterm grading in [myMCAD](#) is required, and midterm grades are valuable progress indicators for students, advisors, and support staff.

This is also a good time to submit Student Alert notices for any students experiencing attendance or performance issues in your courses. Student Alert forms may be submitted via the Faculty Info tab of [myMCAD](#), under Online Forms. Please email Records if you have any issues or questions ([records@mcad.edu](mailto:records@mcad.edu)).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

### Faculty Campus Mailboxes

This is a reminder that all faculty have on campus mailboxes located in Room 133. This is the southwest portion of the first floor behind the 3D shop where Exhibition and Studio Services used to be located. If you have any questions, please contact the Mail Room at [mailroom@mcad.edu](mailto:mailroom@mcad.edu).

### Accessing Institutionally Recognized Names on Class Rosters

This is a reminder to please use class lists with Institutionally Recognized Names from [MyMCAD](#).

There are two ways to access class lists in [MyMCAD](#):

- Faculty Info > Faculty Course Center - Class List
  - This report only shows student legal names. It does NOT show students institutionally recognized names and IT is unable to update that report.
- Faculty Info > Class List - Institutionally Recognized Names & Pronouns
  - This report DOES show students institutionally recognized names, as well as legal names, and is meant to be used in conjunction with the other list.

IT has made this second report much more noticeable, as a bright colored button, on the Faculty tab in [MyMCAD](#).

### [MCAD Faculty & Staff Book Club Selection for November 2023](#)

[Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland](#) by Patrick Radden Keefe.

Join the discussion on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

If you are not already on the list to receive a calendar invite and Zoom link for future discussions and you would be interested to join our November 8 2023 book discussion please [register here](#) by November 1. You may also use this form to signal your interest in joining future discussions. This is a new, highly anticipated novel.

Book Club Coordinator: MA Creative Leadership Director and Faculty Member, Diane Ragdale.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

- **Midterm**
  - Monday, October 9-Friday, October 13
- [Unveiling Nicollet/Kmart Site Installation](#)
  - Tuesday, October 10, 4:15-6:30 p.m., Former Kmart Site
- [Perspective - John Hallett Opening Reception](#)
  - Wednesday, October 11, 12:00 p.m., MCAD Library
- [Director of Online Teaching and Learning Public Presentation: Julie Doxsee](#)
  - Thursday, October 12, 12:10-1:00 p.m., Emeritus Conference Room and [Zoom](#)
- [Director of Online Teaching and Learning Public Presentation: Clare Forstie](#)
  - Friday, October 13, 2:10-1:10 p.m., Emeritus Conference Room and [Zoom](#)
- **Midterm Grades Due**
  - Tuesday, October 24, 9:00 p.m., [myMCAD](#)
- [Excursion: Community Offering](#)
  - Friday, October 27, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Main Gallery
- **Advising Day for Declared Undergraduates: No Classes**
  - Tuesday, October 31
- **Advising and Registration for Spring Semester 2024**

- Tuesday, October 31–Thursday, November 9
- [Design Panel with Penguin Random House - Virtual Event](#)
  - Tuesday, November 7, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Online (Register in advance)
- **MCAD Faculty & Staff Book Club for November 2023**
  - Wednesday, November 8, 5:00 p.m., [Register](#) by November 1st
- [MCAD Art Sale](#)
  - Thursday, November 16, 5:00 p.m.,–Saturday, November 18, 3:00 p.m., MCAD Main Building

### On view:

- [Silver Lining](#)
  - Thursday, September 21–Thursday, October 19, 4th Floor Suitcase Gallery
- [Perspective - John Hallett](#)
  - Friday, September 22–Monday, 23, MCAD Library
- [Young, Gifted, and Black](#)
  - Monday, August 28–Saturday, November 4, Concourse Gallery
- [Excursion: Visual and Sonic Galaxy](#)
  - Monday, August 28–Saturday, November 4, Main Gallery

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## RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES

### Fall 2023 Community Conversation

The featured speaker was MCAD Honorary Doctorate Recipient [Sean Sherman](#) who shared his unique experiences as a chef, mentor, and entrepreneur. A member of the Oglala Lakota tribe of South Dakota, Chef Sherman has been focused on the revitalization and evolution of Indigenous foods systems throughout North America for over 30 years, deepening his understanding of what is needed to showcase Native American cuisine in today's world.

If you missed it, you may view the [Community Conversation for Fall 2023](#).

### [Forecast Public Artist Grants](#)

Forecast grants support Minnesota-based individual early- and mid-career artists looking to advance their work in public art. They seek to fund a diverse group of artists working in all career stages and ranges of public art practices and media and place particular emphasis on supporting and amplifying the artistic work of BIPOC and Native artists, LGBTQIA+ artists, womxn artists, immigrant artists, artists from rural communities, and artists with disabilities.

It is their value that their applicants, panelists, and grantees reflect the racial, cultural, gender, artistic, physical ability, and geographic diversity of Minnesota and the 11 Native Nations that share the same geography, and the stories and perspectives of the artists and communities they serve.

The 2024 grant cycle application period is open through October 16, 2023.

### 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 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.

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## FACULTY ACTIVITIES

### [Jessica M. Dandona Gives Paper at Bodies on Display: Human, Animal, and Cryptid Bodies from Antiquity to the Present Symposium](#)

Dr. Dandona presented their paper, "Babies in Bottles: Personhood, Pregnancy, and Anatomical Preparations, 1880–1900," at the symposium Bodies on Display: Human, Animal, and Cryptid Bodies from Antiquity to the Present, held at the University of Glasgow on September 1, 2023.

### [Milkweed Presents: A Conversation on Difficult Joy Featuring Assistant Professor Kathryn Savage](#)

Kathryn Savage (Assistant Professor, Liberal Arts) will participate in a special panel discussion about searching for difficult joy, in life and in writing, hosted by Milkweed Editions at Milkweed Books. Poet Michael Bazzett will lead a talk featuring guest writers Savage, Danez Smith, and Mairead Small Staid. The event is free and open to the public. Wednesday, October 4, 2023 - 6:00 p.m., Milkweed Books. In addition, Savage was an invited featured author in the seventh biennial Luther College Writers Festival, that took place September 22-23, 2023 in Decorah, Iowa. The theme of the conference was writing about place and the environment.

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## ACADEMIC CABINET AND CURRICULUM MEETINGS

### **Curriculum 9-27-23**

We began with a check-in around the room. We discussed edits to the Academic-Year Appointment policy and finalized the draft for Cabinet approval. As we continue to prepare for the HLC Reaffirmation, Jim and Melissa shared details related to the need to have faculty credentials on file. This includes transcripts from the institution where they obtained their highest degree or, if faculty do not possess a terminal degree, the process for evaluating professional experiences for equivalency. We have a form to help with this process and Jim is available to provide support or answer questions. We continued our discussion of a process for co-teaching. The institutional assessment webpage appears to have old program learning outcomes and all program leaders need to review these, letting Jim know if updates need to be made. As a reminder, the course planning dates were shared again.

### **Cabinet 10-4-23**

We began with a check-in around the room. Jim reminded everyone again to review the program learning outcomes on the assessment webpage. Cabinet approved the Academic-Year Appointment policy. We discussed the Faculty Senate proposal for the creation of an Emeritus status for Adjunct Faculty. Further research will be completed and brought back to the group for discussion. A member of Cabinet asked the group how Gchat was being used institutionally - as they personally do not use Gchat and reference it infrequently, resulting in missed communication. Discord as a communication platform for class discussion was also raised. These subjects will be revisited. It was announced that MCAD was successful in securing an AICAD Arts & Wellbeing Micro-Grant for \$4,200 in support of an intergenerational creative project with MCAD's First Year Experience students and residents of the Pillars Senior Living Community in Minneapolis.

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# For Your Students

## Call for Submissions: Presidential Correspondence Award

This competition is a chance for students to have their work featured on MCAD notecards, which the President, Sanjit Sethi, uses throughout the year to stay in touch with colleagues, supporters, and partners. It is a great opportunity to have student work shared with a wide audience. The recipients appreciate receiving great examples of the creativity that takes place on campus.

Sanjit will be selecting two pieces to be featured. One winner will receive a \$500 prize, and their piece will be featured on the MCAD New Year's card. An additional winner will receive \$300, and their work will be featured on official MCAD notecards. The work can be any medium, but it must be documented to fit on a 5 x 7 inch card. The cards will feature the artists' statements and links to their portfolios.

Students can submit work using the following [Google form](#). Submissions are due November 3.

## [MPCC Announces Phillips Scholars Program](#)

[Phillips Scholars](#) create and test innovative ideas that address community problems by running their own summer projects. Students come together in their cohort to develop their leadership skills and prepare for their projects. Scholars receive more than \$9000 in scholarships and stipends. More information found [here](#). Applications are due February 23, 2024.

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