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PRIORITY DEADLINES

Periodical Suggestions for the Library, by October 15th

We are currently reviewing our print periodical subscriptions and welcome any suggestions for titles to acquire. What magazines are you reading or excited about? At this time, we are not taking suggestions for exclusively online titles. Please email suggestions to meg_black@mcad.edu by October 15th.

Work the Art Sale! Sign up by October 18th

There are plenty of ways to get involved with the MCAD Art Sale, [apply by Friday, October 18th, 2024!](#)

Fall 2024 Midterm Grades, By October 22nd

Please submit Fall 2024 midterm grades in myMCAD before Tuesday, October 22nd at 9:00 p.m. Midterm grading in myMCAD is required, and midterm grades are valuable progress indicators for students, advisors, and support staff.

Visiting Artist Committee, Spring 2025 Nominations, by November 25th.

Nominations for Spring 2025 Visiting Artists, coordinated by the Visiting Artist Committee (VAC), should be reported to your department's Visiting Artist faculty and the VAC by November 25th, 2024. For more information on the Visiting Artist Committee and our annual theme "Weaving Together: Ecologies in Practice" see our [new landing page](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

All Faculty Meeting

Please join us for the All Faculty Meeting in Auditorium 150 on October 23rd, 12:10-1:00 p.m. This will be an in-person event. A link may be requested from Academic Affairs.

Twin Cities Art Week Activation: Winter Gear Fundraiser and Live Screen Printing

Join MCAD students, Professor Piotr Szyhalski, and Gallery Director Keisha Williams for a unique Twin Cities Art Week activation this Wednesday, October 16th, 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the Main Gallery. In partnership with MCAD's "Politprop: Art for the Broad Masses of the People" students, the Gallery will become an active community maker space and a winter gear fundraiser to support our unhoused neighbors. Custom posters designed by Politprop students will be available to guests.

Inspired by MCAD's unique positionality in our community, this event highlights the role of artist-activists who engage in their political and cultural landscape and make the events of contemporary life visible and tangible. Are you interested in donating? Please bring clean gloves/mittens, hats, scarves, socks, and hand/foot warmers in good condition. Items can be dropped in the donation bin in the Main Gallery or brought to the activation on Wednesday evening.

Welcome Charlie Douglas!

Charlie Douglas (he/him) is the new Printshop and Paper Studio Technician. Charlie has a Bachelor's Degree in Product Design from MCAD and graduated in the spring of 2024. Here is an introduction from Charlie about his new position: "I'm excited to be here in the Printshop. During my time as a student, I was able to explore papermaking by taking the class at MCAD, and I was also able to independently experiment with screenprinting and dimensional paper. These were all loads of fun. Tangential to my degree, I now specialize in tool and furniture design along with fabrication. This lends itself well to the upkeep and implementation of new things in the Printshop and Paper Studio at MCAD. Fabrication and design are relatively broad terms. For me, fabrication and furniture design look like ideation, sketching, CAD, welding, machining, woodworking, casting polymers, sourcing supplies, and most importantly, designing to the needs of people. As a designer, I love to problem solve, and I extend this to any student, faculty, or staff member. If you have any questions or need support in the Printshop or Paper Studio, feel free to ask, we'll get figured out!"

Covid and Flu Vaccine Sign Ups

MCAD and Homeland Health Specialists are offering two vaccine opportunities. The Flu Vaccine will be available on Friday, October 25th, from 9:15-11:15 a.m. in Emeritus Conference Room 201. The COVID Vaccine will be available on Tuesday, October 29th, 1:00-3:00 p.m. in E/Studio Conference Room 447. If you are underinsured or uninsured these vaccines will be available for purchase. See more information [here](#).

Fall 2024, Visiting Artist Lecture Schedule

The Visiting Artist Committee welcomes you and your students to attend the following Fall 2024 Visiting Artist Talks in AUD 150,

Nicola Lopez/William Morrow, Friday, October 25th from 1:00-2:15 p.m.

Diane Wilson, Tuesday, October 29th from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Pao Houa Her, Wednesday, October 30th from 1:00-2:15 p.m.

[Find out more about the Visiting Artist Committee Here](#)

Presidential Search Survey with Isaacson Miller

If you could not attend the meeting on September 25th, please share any additional recommendations you may have with Andy Marshall at amarshall@imsearch.com and complete the [Presidential Search Survey](#).

Faculty Biennial, August 26th–November 2nd, 2024

Throughout the fall, the Gallery will spotlight the art and research undertaken by 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 are participating in an exhibition in the Main and Concourse Galleries.

Participating faculty will also present 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.

Reserving MCAD Vans for Class Trips

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

UPCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

- **Periodical Suggestions for the Library**
 - Suggestions Due: Tuesday, October 15th, 2024
- **Twin Cities Art Week: Winter Gear Fundraiser and Screen Printing, Main Gallery**
 - Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
- **Work the Art Sale!**
 - Apply by Friday, October 18, 2024
- **Fall 2024 Midterm Grades Due**
 - Tuesday, October 22 at 9:00 p.m.
- **Using Your Canvas Repository Workshop, M101**
 - Thursday, October 17, 2024, 12:10-1:00 p.m.
- **Fall Educators Evening at Mia**
 - Thursday, October 17 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- **Visualizing Sustainable Futures Public Talk, Auditorium 150**
 - Friday, October 18, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- **All Faculty Meeting, Auditorium 150**
 - Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 12:10-1:00 p.m.
- **Vaccine Clinics**
 - Flu, Friday, October 25, 9:15-11:15 a.m, Emeritus Conference Room 201
 - Covid, Tuesday, October 29, 1:00-3:00 p.m E/Studio Conference Room 447
- **Fall Visiting Artist Lectures - Auditorium 150**
 - Nicola Lopez/William Morrow, Friday, October 25, 1:00-2:15 p.m.
 - Diane Wilson, Tuesday, October 29, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- **Faculty Forum Lectures, Auditorium 140**
 - Dr. Anna Chisholm, Tuesday, October 15, 12:15-12:50 p.m.
 - Dr. Jessica Dandona, Tuesday, October 22, 12:15-12:50 p.m.
 - Andrew Johnson, Thursday, October 24, 12:15-12:50 p.m.
- **MCAD Art Sale**
 - Thursday, November 21, 6:00–9:00 p.m. (First Access Night)
 - Friday, November 22, 6:00–9:00 p.m.* (General Admission Night)
 - Saturday, November 23, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. (Community Day)
- **Spring 2024 Visiting Artist Nominations Due**
 - Monday, November 25, 2024

On View:

- **Faculty Biennial**
 - Exhibition: August 26-November 2, 2024, Main and Concourse Galleries

RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES

Using Your Canvas Repository Workshop, October 17th, 2024

An introduction to your Canvas Repository. How can it help with course prep, sharing materials, and building a teaching portfolio? Presented by Online Learning. [Sign up here!](#)

Fall Educators Evening at Mia, October 17th, 2024

Join the Learning Team at Mia for their Fall Educators Evening. Join Mia's staff and your educator colleagues for an evening of art, including a talk by Galina Olmstead, Associate Curator of European Art, about the newly opened *At the Moulin Rouge* exhibition. Enjoy complimentary refreshments and a cash bar, visit the many current exhibitions, and stop by the Store where you will receive a 10% discount throughout the evening. You can enter a raffle to win great prizes, including Mia catalogs.

A ticket is required for this free event. [Reserve your ticket today!](#)

Visualizing Sustainable Futures Public Talk, October 18th, 2024

As part of this year's AICAD Partnership for Academic Leadership in Sustainability Conference, there will be a free public talk, "Visualizing Sustainable Futures", on Friday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m. in Auditorium 150. Although the event is free, [tickets are still required.](#)

Submitting Student Alert Notices

This is also a good time to submit Student Alert notices for any students experiencing attendance or performance issues in your courses. Student Alert notices may be submitted via the Faculty Info tab of myMCAD, under [Online Forms](#). There is no deadline for Student Alerts. Please continue to submit them as necessary throughout the rest of the semester.

Campus Safety Escort Boundary

Campus Safety Escorts are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week within the approved escort boundary and as department staffing levels permit. Escorts can only be used for rides between the MCAD Main campus and the person's residence, parked vehicle, or bus stop/HourCar within the boundary range. We do not provide rides to or from a person's place of work. Escorts will be completed on foot when the escort is on or near campus. Escorts will not be given to or from bars, restaurants, grocery stores, medical appointments, etc.

Walker Art Center Admission

MCAD students, staff, and faculty may visit the Walker Art Center for free with a presentation of MCAD student, staff, or faculty IDs. To arrange free tickets for a group, faculty must contact Walker staff in advance by emailing tours@walkerart.org or by calling (612) 375-7609 (tours line). Limited walk-up tickets are also available on the day of a visit.

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 assists with the developmental, situational, and adjustment concerns common to many undergraduate and graduate students, and with the 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.

DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

One Day Early Voting Pop-up at the MIA, October 24th, 2024

You do not have to live in the neighborhood to vote here - it is open to all Minneapolis residents eligible to vote. Registration on-site is available. Find more pop-ups at [City of Minneapolis](#).

C4AA Faculty Fellowship

The Center for Artistic Activism's [Unstoppable Voters Fellows](#) make voting joyful, vibrant, safe, powerful, accessible, inspiring, and irresistible across the United States.

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 this framework can help facilitate these discussions.

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.

ACADEMIC CABINET AND CURRICULUM MEETINGS

Curriculum 10-2-24

We began with a check-in around the room. Periodically, we will have presentations on academic program changes given the large number of curricular and program changes that have been undertaken by program leaders and faculty. To this end, we started with Creative Entrepreneurship. Olaf Kuhlke, Chair of Creative Entrepreneurship, presented how things have been going and also reminded everyone of the many learning opportunities, including studio electives, in Creative Entrepreneurship for all of our students. Jim reminded all program leaders to review current curriculum maps and to make updates for anything that has changed. We also discussed Institutional Learning Outcomes and Jim presented possible ways to assess them. The Target Advancing Design Diversity Mentorship program is moving forward and we asked that all leaders share this terrific opportunity for our students. The program will pair each student with a Target staff member for mentor once-a-month meetings from October to May.

Cabinet 10-9-24

We began with a check-in around the room, and then with some updates including gratitude to all program leaders for carefully reviewing the spring curriculum and the number of courses offered in each discipline. ELC has worked with the board to close the financial gap with no significant impact on programs. [AICAD PALS](#) is Oct. 17-19, with a public conversation, *Visualizing Sustainable Futures*, on Oct. 18 at 7:00 p.m. in Auditorium 150 and all are encouraged to attend. The Target Advancing Design Diversity Mentorship program received 26 applications and 15 students were awarded a seat in the program which runs from October to May and includes a \$950 stipend for each participant. There appears to be some confusion around the new attendance policy and all program leaders were encouraged to help clarify for faculty and students during meetings and/or town halls. We are beginning a process for departmental analysis so that we can align budgets with disciplinary needs. The remainder of the meeting was a presentation on AI, *The Artists' Control of Consent: Ethics and Solutions*, by Kurt Paulsen, MAGWD Faculty. Resources shared included <https://spawning.ai/> and their tool to determine if your creative work has been included in a national AI database: <https://haveibeentrained.com/>.

FOR YOUR STUDENTS

[Call for Submissions: Presidential Correspondence Award](#)

Sanjit will select three pieces to be featured on this year's Presidential Correspondence Cards. One winner will receive a \$500 prize and their piece will be featured on the MCAD New Year's card. Two more winners will each 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 5x7-inch card. The cards will feature the artists' statements and links to their portfolios. **Submission Deadline: November 10, 2024.**

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