

FACULTY FOCUS

Dear Faculty,

The uncertainty of the upcoming election season is affecting all of us. I hope you are finding ways to care for yourself and your loved ones as we prepare for the weeks ahead.

For many students, this will be their first opportunity to vote in a presidential election. As their instructors, you have the strongest relationships with students, and are likely thinking about how to support them during this particularly challenging election season. If you are looking for resources, [Election Imperatives 2020](#) from the Center for Democracy and Higher Education at Tufts University is a good place to start. It is my hope that we will approach our peers and students with extra care and compassion during the weeks ahead, understanding that for many of us, the results of this election will have deeply personal connotations.

I encourage everyone to vote. You can find more information about [voting](#) and same-day registration on the [Secretary of State](#) website.

Institutionally, MCAD will be a polling place, the Counseling Center will open additional one-on-one and group drop-in sessions, and Sanjit will host a [virtual conversation](#) on November 4, open to all. Students, along with faculty and staff, will receive communication about this tomorrow. It is also Advising Day and while there will be no classes, students, faculty, and staff will have normal access to the building.

Finally, I invite you to join our first **All-Faculty Meeting on Thursday, October 29 from noon-1pm**. This new meeting will happen once a term going forward and all faculty are encouraged to attend. Adjunct Faculty who attend will be compensated at the meeting rate (\$25.50). Join via [Zoom](#).

All my best,

Robert

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Announcements

The [MCAD Art Sale](#) is going virtual! November 19-21 As always, you will be able to browse original, affordable artwork by MCAD students and alumni. And as always, this event supports emerging artists: 80% of the sales go directly to their pockets, and proceeds fund student scholarships. The Art Sale Online is an opportunity to purchase one-of-a-kind artwork by up and coming creative talent at an accessible price point from the comfort of your own home. Rooted in our local community, this year's sale will be curbside pick-up only and for shoppers in Minnesota and Wisconsin. We're also adding a Digital Showcase to amplify the incredible work of our animation, film, multimedia, and installation students. Lead sponsors for this event include J.P. Morgan Private Bank and B.I. Worldwide.

Upcoming Events & Key Dates

All- Faculty Meeting with Sanjit Sethi and Robert Ransick

Join MCAD President Sanjit Sethi and Vice President of Academic Affairs Robert Ransick at noon on Thursday, October 29. Come with your questions, concerns, and musings. All Adjunct Faculty will be compensated for attending at the \$25.50 meeting rate. We look forward to seeing you on [Zoom](#).

Race And Design:

Addressing Race and Inequity Inside and Outside the Design World

Mark your calendar for the next panel in MCAD's [Race And Design](#) series. [Tuesday, November 10](#) at 1pm there will be an MCAD-exclusive panel with Joseph Kunkel, Director of the Sustainable Native Communicative Design Lab, and Liz Ogbu, Founder and Principal of Studio O. MCAD's own Greg Hoffman '92, former VP of Global Brand Creative & Marketing Innovation at Nike will serve as the moderator. Can't make it on the 10th? Join the panel for a public talk at 6pm on [Wednesday, November 11](#).

Rosalux Open Call

Rosalux Gallery's annual Open Door exhibition has an open call for 2D and 3D works. Juried by artist and writer Russ White, this year's exhibition will be part of the Home-Works Series. [Submissions](#) are free and due by November 5.

Visiting Artist Lecture: Everest Pipkin

Everest Pipkin is a drawing and software artist who produces intimate work with large data sets. They aim to reclaim the corporate internet as a space that can be gentle, ecological, and personal. Join them for their talk at 1pm on [Tuesday, October 27](#).

Walker Curator Conversations: Henriette Huldisch

MCAD and the Walker Art Center have teamed up to create exclusive discussions between students, faculty and staff, and Walker Curators. You're invited to join in these monthly noontime conversations and come with questions you may have about topics such as decolonizing efforts, appropriation in contemporary art, non-profit institutions and social justice initiatives, etc. The first conversation takes place at 12pm on Friday, October 20 via [Zoom](#) with Henriette Huldisch, Walker Art Center Chief Curator and Director of Curatorial Affairs, moderated by MCAD's own Kerry Morgan.

Midterm Grades Due Today

Be sure to submit midterm grades via myMCAD today. This is an important way to give students an idea of how they're doing in your class(es) with enough time to bump their grade up before the end of the semester. Feel free to post students' grades on Blackboard or Canvas, but know that you're not required to do so. First time entering grades in the myMCAD system? Don't fret; we have some [helpful instructions](#) on how to do it.

Advising Day: No Classes

Next Tuesday, November 3 is Advising and Registration for Spring 2021. All classes are cancelled so that advisors can support their students as they plan for the spring semester. [Here is where](#) you can find the degree audit sheets for the majors and minors to help you with advising your students.

Resources

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.

Open Access Course Materials

As you select your course readings for next semester, consider using open education textbooks. These free, high quality resources are created and distributed by scholarly institutions and cover a wide range of subject areas. Learn more at the Library's [Open Education Resources Topics](#) page.

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.

Library No-Contact Check Out

The Library has options to check out materials while reducing the risk of exposure. Staff will retrieve and hold material at the circulation desk, or offer curbside pickup if staffing permits. Email library@mcad.edu with your requests!

Things to Keep In Mind

How To Pay Guest Speakers

The Academic Affairs staff requires W-9 forms for guest speakers and other profession services from outside of MCAD. While working remotely, the W-9 form will be sent directly to the guest speakers by Academic Affairs through a secure online system. Please provide the email address of your guest speaker and the info about the event they will participate in the "Classroom Visiting Artists/Guest Speakers" section of the [Payment Request Form](#).

What About International Guest Speakers?

To ensure they can be paid, any international guest speaker must provide an F-8233, W-8BEN, *and* a Visiting Faculty Foreign national Payment Data form *before* the event date. This confirms if we can process their honorarium per IRS requirements.

It's Winter In October: Sign Up For Alerts With Campus Safety

In case of closure due to weather for the upcoming winter season, sign up for the free [MCAD Emergency Text Message Service](#) to get alerts about campus closures this winter. If that's not your style, you can still check local news outlets, the MCAD website, and keep an eye out on your email for messages from Public Safety.

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

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