

FACULTY FOCUS

Dear Faculty,

It has been a very busy couple of weeks with Junior Reviews, Advising Day, and the national election. Thank you all for your continued dedication and work supporting MCAD students. As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, I hope that you are all able to find a moment to pause and take a well deserved break to care for yourself and loved ones.

As has been MCAD's guidance since the release of our [Preparedness Plan](#) in August, *students who return home for Thanksgiving break are advised to not return to the MCAD campus for the final two weeks of the term.* In our collective effort to keep our community healthy and safe, I encourage us all to exercise an abundance of caution during the holiday break by maintaining physical distance, wearing masks, washing hands and remaining home if we show any COVID-19 symptoms. You've all done a tremendous job keeping our campus community safe this fall, and I am grateful for your efforts.

As a reminder, please join me for my **open forum for faculty to meet with me tomorrow, Wednesday, November 11th noon-1 pm via [Google Meet](#)**. I also encourage you to sign up for my open office hours [here](#).

All my best,
Robert

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Announcements

December Commencement

This December's Commencement will be virtual and to make it more personal, students have identified faculty/chairs/mentors/directors they would like to read their names during the ceremony. Student Affairs will reach out to you if a student has requested you to read their name and schedule a time to record the reading with videographer, Clint Bohaty, on Thursday, November 19 or Friday, November 20. All department chairs and program directors should also plan to be recorded.

Upcoming Events & Key Dates

Open Forum for Faculty with Robert Ransick, VPAA

Join Robert Ransick tomorrow from 12-1pm via [Google Meet](#). Bring your questions, comments, and ideas to share with him and your fellow faculty.

Race And Design:

Addressing Race and Inequity Inside and Outside the Design World

Be sure to join us for today's [exclusive panel](#) with Joseph Kunkel, Director of the Sustainable Native Communicative Design Lab, and Liz Ogbu, Founder and Principal of Studio at 1pm today via [Zoom](#). 6pm on Wednesday, November 11 via [Zoom](#). Can't make it today? Join the panel for a public talk at 6pm on [Wednesday, November 11](#).

MCAD Art Sale

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.

Visiting Artist Lecture: Lisa Krohn, sponsored by Target

[Lisa Krohn](#) is an award-winning product and experience design leader, strategist, thinker, and problem solver. Her approach to the design process is broad and reflects her belief that the best ideas are hybrids. Join her talk on Wednesday, November 18 at 1pm via [Zoom](#).

Visiting Artist Lecture: Kao Kalia Yang

[Kao Kalia Yang](#) is an award-winning Hmong-American writer whose works include literary nonfiction and children's books. Her newest title is *Somewhere in the Unknown World*, a collective memoir of refugee experiences. Join on [Zoom](#) on Wednesday, November 11 at 11:30am to hear her discuss her writings.

Walker Curator Conversations: Nisa Mackie

MCAD and the Walker Art Center are offering another exclusive conversation between students, faculty, staff, and Walker Curators. We hope you and your students will participate in a conversation with [Nisa Mackie](#), Walker Art Center Head of Public Engagement, Learning, and Impact on Friday, November 20 at 12pm. MCAD's own Genevieve DeLeon will serve as

the moderator. The discussion will be via [Zoom](#). Be sure to keep an eye out for Spring 2021 events as there will be three virtual Curator Conversations next semester!

Open Call for Student Submissions

The Library Gallery is accepting submissions for degree-seeking students for their Spring 2021 exhibition. The deadline for [submissions](#) is Sunday, November 29. Be sure to let your students know about this opportunity. Please contact the [library](#) with any questions.

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 Online Learning's [Priming the Canvas](#) workshop November 30-December 7. This is the last one this semester, so make sure to take advantage of this opportunity!

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.

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

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