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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

Update to the Media Center's Week Day Hours for Spring, 2024

The Media Center will be changing their hours of operation after the winter intersession period, and start on the first day of classes; Tuesday, January 16th. They will be closing at 7pm, Monday to Friday in the Spring 2024 semester.

This will be a trial period throughout Spring Semester. At the end of the semester faculty and staff can talk though how it went to see if the change should be made permanent. The Media Center's weekend hours will be unchanged (10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday).

[Graduate Teaching Assistant \(GTA\) Request](#)

If you would like to request an MFA Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) for one or more of your Spring courses, please fill out this [Google Form](#) by Friday, December 1st, 5:00 p.m. All MCAD full-time and adjunct faculty are welcomed to fill out this request form. This form must be filled out every semester in order to be considered to have a GTA for your course. For GTA Guidelines (including faculty benefits), please click this [link](#)

Faculty who have submitted a Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) Request will hear back from the MFA Director as soon as all student matches have been made. In collaboration with Financial Aid, they will work to assign teaching assistantships with faculty within their discipline, and within the student's education/career goals (although we cannot guarantee it).

Open Enrollment

Open enrollment will end tomorrow for benefits-eligible faculty and staff. Here are some resources from HR to help navigate you:

[Open Enrollment Presentation](#): This presentation reviews MCAD's benefits for 2024, as well as new rates.

[Benefits Guide](#): This guide gives a detailed deep dive into the benefits that MCAD offers.

Benefits Summary: The benefits summary for [staff](#) and summary for [faculty](#) give a short review of the benefits MCAD offers for 2024.

If you have any questions, please reach out to benefits@mcad.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

- **[Honey Sale](#)**
 - Monday, November 13-Thursday, November 30, Art Cellar
- **[Community Conversation - Behind the violence in Israel and Palestine](#)**
 - Tuesday, November 21, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Aud 150
- **Benefits Enrollment Deadline**
 - Wednesday, November 22, [Paylocity](#)
- **Fall Break - No Classes**
 - Wednesday, November 22-Friday, November 24
- **[Creative Entrepreneurship Pitch Fest](#)**
 - Monday, November 27, 7:00-8:00 p.m., Aud 150
- **[Conversations About Care at MCAD MFA](#)**
 - Tuesday, November 28, 6:00-8:00 p.m., MCAD MFA Studios
- **[Fall 2023 Commencement Ceremony](#)**
 - Friday, December 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Aud 150
- **[Fall 2023 Commencement Exhibition Reception](#)**
 - Friday, December 8, 7:30-8:30 p.m., MCAD Gallery
- **Fall Semester 2023 Grades Due**
 - Tuesday, December 12, 12:00 p.m., [myMCAD](#)

On view:

- **[Jody Williams - Library Artist's Books Memorial Exhibition](#)**

RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES

[Artist-in-Residence Program at the CBS Conservatory](#)

The College of Biological Sciences at the University of Minnesota, through the CBS Conservatory & Botanical Collection and Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve, offers a diversity of plant and animal communities and a wealth of long-term ecological and botanical research. In a new partnership, Cedar Creek and the Conservatory are teaming up to provide a unique opportunity for artists to investigate the intersection of science, nature, and humanity. We invite artists working in any genre (including but not limited to photography, painting, music, creative writing...) to bring their unique ideas and perspectives to Cedar Creek and/or the Conservatory to help us build a long-term, diverse body of work exploring these spaces and their science.

Artists in residence are provided with:

- Access to a world-renowned research site and/or botanical collection and the diverse habitats, biomes, and experiments they contains for up to one year
- Opportunities to interact with researchers and students working onsite, including formal meetings, opportunities to observe and/or participate in field work, horticulture, etc

- Space to promote your project on the Cedar Creek and/or CBS Conservatory website and social media platforms as well as in the Cedar Creek main visitors building or the Plant Growth Facilities in St. Paul
- Access to a private one-bedroom house on the property for overnight stays, if desired (for Cedar Creek residencies only)
- A one-time \$1000 honorarium, to be paid in two installments during the residency

Submit your proposal [here](#). Applications will be accepted until January 17, 2024. Applicants will be notified of their status by early February.

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 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

[MCAD Faculty Featured in Black and White Show Exhibition at Casket Arts Building](#)

MCAD Faculty Erik Brandt, Piotr Szyhalski, Rik Sferra, and George Mahoney are all featured in the ongoing show Black and White Show at the casket arts building.

Black and White Show features works from seven different artists. It includes paintings, furniture, screen prints, sculptures, and wall art all done in a monochromatic color scheme of black and white. The show is currently only available by appointment but will be open to the public on select days.

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ACADEMIC CABINET AND CURRICULUM MEETINGS

11-1-23

There was no meeting this week due to attending the annual [AICAD Symposium](#) in Cincinnati. The conference was quite rich and I am sharing a few presentations that might be of interest to you.

[How student-centered critiques enrich pedagogical freedom](#)

TeaYoun Kim-Kassor, Ottis College of Art and Design

[Navigating Generative AI in Art and Design Education: Policy, Pedagogy and Creative Practice](#)

Emilie Brancato, Manager, English Language Learning, Writing and Learning Centre

Lori Riva (she/her), Assistant Professor, Faculty of Arts and Science

Adam Tindale (he/him), Associate Professor, Digital Futures

OCAD University

[College of Creative Studies Process to a Responsible AI Policy](#)

Tim Flattery, Provost, College of Creative Studies

Cabinet 11-15-23

We had a follow-up session with Sara Wernick Schonwald and Tyrai Bronson from Listen to Lead reflecting on the cultural shifts we have made as a group in the last three months; defining the shifts we'd like to make in the next three

months; and continuing to build the core DEI leadership skills of co-creating shared meaning, making the implicit explicit and “receiving and believing”.

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For Your Students

[Library Gallery Call for Art for Spring 2024](#)

The Library is accepting Library Gallery exhibition submissions for the Spring Semester. The Library Gallery is a Library staff-run exhibition space available to students at MCAD.

The submission process for exhibiting in the Library Gallery is in the [Submission Form](#). Please encourage students to apply. The deadline is Friday, November 30. Please stop by or email the Library (library@mcad.edu) with any questions.

Click here to fill out the: [Submission Form](#)

[Spring 2024 Call for Art Suitcase Gallery](#)

The exhibition space is located next to Printshop at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. Run by the Printshop staff, the gallery will focus on exhibiting work by current students, alumni and faculty, and reinforcing the mission of the Printshop as a place for creativity and community-building.

Current students, alumni, faculty are eligible to submit an exhibition proposal. Priority will be given to Print Paper Book students, however, all students are strongly encouraged to [apply](#).

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

Refer to the [archive](#) of Faculty Focus

Find more resources on our [Intranet page](#)

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