

**MINNEAPOLIS
COLLEGE of ART and DESIGN****Faculty Focus**

Dear MCAD Faculty,

Wishing you and your families a restful Fall Break.

Thank you for those of you who were able to join the faculty conversation on November 16th. These two documents were shared for your reference:

- [Suggestions for Distressed Students in Class](#)
- [Shared Resources and References](#) - I invite you to add items to this shared document

In addition to the searches for [Assistant/Associate Professor-Creative Writing, Liberal Arts](#) and [Visiting Faculty-Master of Fine Arts](#), searches are underway for [Chair of Arts Entrepreneurship](#) and [Assistant/Associate/Professor of Media Arts \(Animation\)](#). Please share these opportunities with your networks!

Warmly,

Robert

Vice President of Academic Affairs

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PRIORITY DEADLINES

Reminder: Support student preparedness by submitting your Spring 2022 required textbooks and materials to MyMCAD!

All full-time faculty must complete the Textbook and Materials form in MyMCAD for

every class they are teaching in Spring 2022 (adjunct faculty can wait to do so until their spring 2022 courses have been assigned), **even if no textbooks and/or materials are required you must opt-out with the checkbox in the form.**

Additionally, faculty should include all required materials and the total estimated cost. A range for the estimate (e.g. \$50 - \$100) is fine. Staff in the Art Cellar are available to help with calculating costs anytime between 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Because of continuing shipping & manufacturing shortages the Art Cellar is planning to start to order materials for spring the week of November 29th.

Please direct any questions about materials to Lindsay Smith, Manager of the Art Cellar, at mcadartcellar@mcad.edu.

Please review the current draft of the Institutional Learning Outcomes by Tuesday, November 30

We're inviting faculty to review the current draft institutional learning outcomes. Each outcome includes a definition, list of MCAD Capacities, possible evidence that would reveal the learning, and questions.

The linked [document](#) is in comment mode for faculty to add suggested changes by November 30.

Your feedback will be integrated into a final draft that will then be reviewed by Curriculum Committee, VPAA, ELC and finally Sanjit. Once approved, these will be integrated into the curriculum maps you worked on last spring and added to the assessment page on the website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

myMCAD Registration Reopens Monday, November 22 - Friday, December 17

myMCAD registration will reopen for students to make schedule changes between Monday, November 22 and Friday, December 17. Students may be approaching their advisors with questions about course choices and degree plans. Note that waitlists for all courses were created temporarily during registration, have now been deleted, and at this point, students may not waitlist for full courses. Instead, they should add themselves to open courses.

Students will have a final opportunity to resolve any remaining schedule issues as usual during Add/Drop; for Spring Semester 2022 this will be January 18 - January 24, 2022.

Learn more [here](#).



Faculty
Open
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With The
Media
Center

Media Center Cider and Open House Sessions!

Want to know how we support you and your students? Have suggestions for what new gear would better support your curriculum? On Wednesday, November 24, stop by Room 304 in-person 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or use this [link](#) to stop by virtually 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. for answers, a survey, and some hot cider!

Welcome to Bob Caldarale

The Media Center would like to give a warm welcome to Bob Caldarale, our new AV Specialist! Bob comes from an audio/visual background with experience in

webcasting, production of live and streamed events, and AV consulting.

We're excited to have him on board in the Media Center and working with our AV team in the coming weeks! As always, feel free to email av_support@mcad.edu or media_center@mcad.edu with any questions or concerns.

Please stop by to give Bob a warm MCAD welcome and introduce yourself!

Welcome Paul Bauknight as MCAD's first Civic Scholar in Residence

President Sethi [announced](#) the one-year term to begin this Fall.

Covid Rapid Testing Option Now Available At MCAD

Learn more [here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS & KEY DATES

- Fall Break: Wednesday, November 24-Friday, November 26 - no classes
 - [Fall Break Safety Precautions](#)
 - [Modified Fall Break hours](#)
 - [MFA Fall 2021 Professional Practices Series: Roadmap to Success](#)
 - Wednesday, December 1, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 - Register [here](#)
 - [Invisible Obstacles, by May Ling Kopecky](#), Library Gallery
 - On view through Friday, December 10
 - Faculty and Staff Holiday Potluck Lunch, College Center
 - Tuesday, December 14, 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. - details forthcoming!
 - Conversations with the VPAA, faculty and staff during the semester
 - For faculty: Noon-1:00 p.m. December 8 (*Please note the December date is in place of the previously scheduled October 27 date*)
 - Please email [Naomi Sack](#) to confirm your attendance.
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RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES

Disability Design: Summary Report from a Field Scan

To better understand current trends in the disability design field, the NEA commissioned a field scan, which included a review of recent research and news articles as well as interviews with key subject matter experts. This report provides a summary of the field scan, sharing current trends and making recommendations for disability design in public spaces and for the human body and mind.

Learn more and download the report [here](#)

Training Video for Evaluation Kit

The college has implemented a new course evaluation software called EvaluationKit (EvalKit). This new system integrates with Canvas, providing notifications directly in the College's learning management system (LMS), streamlining the course eval development process, and opening opportunities for more flexible evaluations in the future.

One key change is that faculty and chairs/directors will have direct access to reports that they can customize based on the information they want. Here's a [video](#) of how to access your course evaluation reports in the new system. Any hiccups or questions should be directed to [Eleanor Fuchs](#), Director of Accreditation & Assessment.

Assessment Office Hours

Have questions about assessment at MCAD? Wondering how to make it work for you? Take advantage of Eleanor's office hours every Friday at 11! She's here to answer your questions, brainstorm ideas, or even just share musings. Schedule time with her via [Calendly](#).

RESOURCES FROM STUDENT COUNSELING AND WELLNESS

[Calming and De-escalation Strategies](#) from [Dartmouth Trauma Interventions Research Center](#)

FOR YOUR STUDENTS

Student Success Coaching Appointments

Students can make success coaching appointments for help with time management and organization through the Learning Center [Appointments Page](#). Virtual or in-person appointments can be weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or less frequently if they wish. Success coaching appointments are a good way for a student to stay on track with school and have a steady contact to reach out to in the Learning Center.

The Library Gallery and Gallery 148 are accepting applications for the Spring 2022 Semester

The deadline is Monday, November 29. Students can learn more about the Library Gallery [here](#) and Gallery 148 [here](#).

Finals and End-of-Semester Printing Needs

There are only a few weeks left in the semester! Students need to [plan](#) accordingly.

Opportunity: Yale Norfolk Summer Program

Located in Norfolk, Connecticut, The Yale Norfolk School of Art is an intensive six-week fine arts program (May 21 – July 2, 2022) for juniors and first semester seniors (you must be returning to MCAD in the fall). Students follow a curriculum of Yale College art courses including Critical Studies, Advanced Image Making, and Senior Studio. Students are given individual studio spaces as well as access to digital printers, computers and some basic traditional printmaking facilities. Accepted students attend the school tuition-free, and housing and meals are provided. Students receive course credit.

Students may not apply directly to the Norfolk program, but must first be nominated by MCAD to apply. MCAD may nominate up to three students to apply to the program.

If a student is interested in being considered for this opportunity, they may submit an application to the Office of Academic Affairs. Once MCAD has selected its nominees, those students make individual applications to the program. Details on how to submit a nominee application may be accessed [here](#).

Applications must be submitted via Google Drive by Monday, November 29 by 1:00 p.m. Applications will be reviewed and the nominees will be announced by Friday, December 3.

For more information about the program or the application process, contact [Howard Quednau](#).

Skowhegan Summer Program / MCAD Matching Scholarships

After a 2-year hiatus due to Covid, Skowhegan is accepting applications for the 2022 summer session. Skowhegan is a fine arts residency program (June 11- August 13, 2022) for advanced undergraduate and graduate students located in Maine. MCAD offers two matching scholarships to accepted students which cover the cost of tuition and room & board.

Admission to the program is highly competitive and is oriented toward advanced students who are able to work independently. Applicants must be 21 years old to attend. Students are provided with studio space, room and board and the opportunity to meet with resident and visiting faculty. Skowhegan also offers the rare opportunity to learn traditional fresco technique.

Students should make an application directly to Skowhegan (details [here](#)). For more information about their program, check out their [website](#).

Application Deadline: January 10, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. EST (UTC -5:00)

Feel free to contact [Mike Kareken](#) if you have any questions.

In-person and virtual workshops for returning students

Various academic support areas (3D Shop, Printshop, Library, Media Center, Service Bureau) will be offering in-person and virtual workshops and demonstrations for students that missed instructions on various tools, processes, and techniques during remote learning. Class demos and presentations are available upon request. Please see the listings [here](#) or reach out to the academic support areas directly for more information.

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

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