



# 14th Annual Convocation

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**KANSAS CITY ART INSTITUTE**  
A four-year college of art and design

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11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011, Community Christian Church

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## *Welcome and introductions*

**Bill Zahner**, chair, board of trustees

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## *Student speaker*

**Madeline Gallucci**, senior, printmaking

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## *Introduction of President Jacqueline Chanda, Ph.D.*

**Mary Lou Brous** ('82 design), vice chair, board of trustees

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## *Inauguration of President Chanda*

### **Bill Zahner**

Bill Zahner will present Dr. Chanda with a presidential sash created by Pauline Verbeek-Cowart, professor and chair of fiber, to formally signify Dr. Chanda's installation as the 23rd president of KCAI. The undyed felt lace fabric of the sash is dobby woven of merino wool, hand finished using a fulling process that lightly felts the wool. The Smithsonian Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum in New York recently purchased some of this fabric for its collection.

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## *Inaugural address*

### **President Chanda**

Prior to Jacqueline Chanda's appointment as president of KCAI in 2011, she was the academic dean of the Institute for American Universities and director of the Aix Center in Aix-en-Provence in France. She has taught undergraduate and graduate courses in a variety of art-related topics and, as a researcher, has explored cognitive and pedagogical issues related to art history instruction in art education, cultural influences of African art and technology and learning. She has received numerous travel and research grants from the institutions on whose faculty she has served and from other entities, including the U.S. Department of Education, and her articles have been widely published. She is a member of the International Council of Fine Arts Deans, the National Art Education Association and the College Art Association, among other organizations.

## *Presentation of awards*

**The Excellence in Visual Art and Education Award**, presented by President Chanda, is given in recognition of significant individual, organizational or corporate contributions to the visual arts or visual arts education in the Kansas City region and beyond. This award recognizes the recipient's influence in the field of visual art and outstanding work in advancing art and art education. The award this year is presented to:

**Linda Lighton** ('89 sculpture), artist

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**Faculty awards**, presented by Mark Salmon, Ph.D., vice president for academic affairs, were established by the board of trustees in 1989 to be given biennially. Each award has a monetary value of \$5,000.

The awards this year are presented to:

**Karen McCoy**, associate professor, sculpture, for Distinguished Achievement

**Phyllis Moore**, Ph.D., associate professor and director of the School of Liberal Arts, for Excellence in Teaching

**Gary Sutton**, professor, photography and digital filmmaking, for Outstanding Special Project

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**Outstanding Foundation Student Achievement Award**, presented by Russell Ferguson, director of the School of the Foundation Year, is an honor given annually to four students who demonstrated excellence, achievement and leadership in the foundation program last year. The qualities are at the core of the value system in the foundation program. The foundation faculty determine selection. Recipients maintained a minimum 3.0 GPA in both studio and liberal arts courses during the first semester of their freshman year. Each recipient receives a \$500 scholarship. The awards this year are presented to:

**Katie Lyons, Evan Pardue, Issey Howe, Oliver Clark**

**Lester Goldman Annual Competitive Drawing Award**, presented by Jessie Fisher, assistant professor of painting, is dedicated to the memory of Professor Lester Goldman, who taught painting at KCAI for nearly 40 years. In addition to being a beloved instructor, Goldman was an accomplished artist who participated in more than 20 solo exhibitions along with numerous group shows, displaying works in painting, sculpture, multimedia installations and others. Drawing was one of his most loved disciplines. His drawing courses were always filled with students from painting and other departments throughout campus.

**Molly Kaderka** ('11 painting and art history)

**Andrew Davis** ('11 painting)

Honorable mentions:

**Todd Christiansen** ('11 painting)

**Lindsay Fernandez** (junior, painting)

**Polly Wilson** (junior painting)

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**President's Award for Community Service**, presented by President Chanda, is given annually to recognize contributions to the community made by students or faculty.

**Tyler Galloway**, associate professor and acting chair, graphic design

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*Closing remarks*

**Bill Zahner**

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*Music*

**Goat's Ear**

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*Picnic, games and music to follow.*  
*Classes resume at 1:30 p.m.*

*About this year's award recipients*

**Linda Lighton, artist**

Linda Lighton ('89 sculpture) has had 46 solo shows since 1974 and participated in more than 117 group exhibitions. She is a member of the International Academy of Ceramics. She has had the opportunity to represent the United States at numerous symposia and residencies. Lighton is a fervent arts advocate and activist and helped launch the One Percent for Art program in Kansas City, Mo. She currently serves on the Kansas City Jewish Museum Board and the National Committee at the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art. She also administers the Lighton International Artists Exchange Program at the Kansas City Artists Coalition.

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**Karen McCoy, associate professor, sculpture**

Karen McCoy's primary work for the last two decades has been large-scale, sited environmental sculpture. McCoy focuses on the relationship between nature and culture, creating work based on extensive research into the geological, cultural and social histories of each site. She also works in video and photography and makes drawings and prints. Her most recent installations have been for the Spencer Museum at the University of Kansas; Sculpture Key West; and Guandu Nature Park in Taipei, Taiwan. Other grants and commissions have allowed her to create work in Japan, France, Denmark, Lithuania and in the United States in California, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Wyoming. McCoy has taught at the Kansas City Art Institute since 1994, serving as chair of the department from 1994 to 2003 and as acting chair in 2010-11. McCoy earned an M.F.A. degree at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 1978.

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**Phyllis Moore, Ph.D., associate professor and director of the School of Liberal Arts**

Phyllis Moore is an award-winning teacher and writer. Her poems and short stories have appeared in *The Georgia Review*, *The Michigan Quarterly Review*, *The Mississippi Review*, *Redbook* and others. Her work has been listed in both "The Best American Short Stories" and *The Pushcart Prize* anthologies. Her collection of short stories, "A Compendium of Skirts," received endorsements from authors Jane

Hamilton, James McManus, Rosellen Brown and Padgett Powell, among others, and was praised by critics across the country. Moore holds a Ph.D. degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

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**Gary Sutton, professor, photography and digital filmmaking**

Gary Sutton joined KCAI in 1975. From 2001 to 2007 he was dean of faculty at the college. He has shown his work regionally and nationally. He received a Fulbright-Hayes Fellowship to photograph in Hungary and an MIAA/NEA Photography Fellowship and a Mellon Grant to support his photographic pursuits. His work is in many collections, including the Denver Art Museum, the Albrecht-Kemper Museum and the American Century collection. Sutton is receiving the Outstanding Special Project award to create a photographic living history of the Santa Fe Trail through the use of photomontage. He holds an M.F.A. degree from Ohio University.

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**Tyler Galloway, associate professor and acting chair, graphic design**

Tyler Galloway is interested in activist uses of design as a catalyst for individual, social and political change. He and his students have been active participants in Design Ignites Change, a national initiative that challenges students to use design to explore and create solutions for pressing social problems. His students also have teamed up with seniors at Paseo Academy to produce Design Ignites Change billboards promoting tolerance for the “Create! Don’t Hate” initiative. He collaborated with other KCAI faculty members in the creation of the Brush Creek Community Rain Garden, served on the Rain Garden Steering Committee and designed an informational brochure and volunteer information packet. He also has volunteered at the Cherith Brook Catholic Worker House in Kansas City and redesigned that organization’s newsletter template. On a volunteer basis, he has served as faculty liaison for KCAI’s work-study design team, a concept he introduced to KCAI in 2003. Galloway holds a master’s degree in graphic design from North Carolina State University and a B.F.A. degree in graphic design from Southwest Missouri State University.

The incoming foundation class and transfer students\*, in whose honor the Kansas City Art Institute holds the annual tree planting:\*\*

**Foundation and transfer students:**

|                            |                          |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Jennifer Abate             | Daniel Castillo          | Joseph Essi        |
| Daniel Ackermann           | Amanda Castro            | Jenna Evans        |
| Logan Acton                | Emily Chambers           | Jacob Fielder      |
| Lamy Al-Douri              | Yoo Jin Cheong           | Ellian Fitzsimmons |
| Cassandra Allen            | Daniel Spencer Childress | Alexis Flores      |
| Carie Allman               | Melanie Christiansen     | Muriel Fogarty     |
| Heather Andrews            | Blaze Christopher        | Zachariah Folken   |
| Francesca Angeloni         | James Clark              | Juan Carlos Franco |
| Andrew Armistead           | Victoria Clark           | Tracey Frye        |
| Addison Asbury             | Laura Cobb               | Timothy Gelvin     |
| Zachary Ast                | Anne Coene               | Katelyn Gettner    |
| Joseph Bacon               | Elizabeth Coker          | Zachary Giering    |
| Taylor Baker               | Joshua Collison          | Mariah Gillespie   |
| Kenneth Ball, Jr.          | Chloe Compton            | Austin Gober       |
| Kaylan Ballard             | Terra Conner             | Luna Goldberg      |
| Nicholas Balliett          | Megan Cooper             | Karly Goll         |
| Evan Bech                  | Jessica Cornelison       | Evin Goodman       |
| Max Belanger               | Shannon Coronado         | Benjamin Gould     |
| Kyle Belcher               | Richard Coryell          | Luna Green         |
| Brittnei Belk              | Cheyenne Craig           | Lea Griggs         |
| Paige Beltowski            | Celina Curry             | Travis Gunn        |
| Jonathan Bennett           | Christian Dahl           | Cameron Guthrie    |
| Sara Berry                 | Benjamin Davis           | Morgan Hageman     |
| Leto Blackman              | Anna De Sando            | Kerry Hagins       |
| Emilee Blansit             | Michelle Dean            | Pierce Haley       |
| Richard Boling             | Sierra Dehghan           | Chloe Harrison     |
| Hayley Books               | Rachel Dela Gardelle     | Emily Harrison     |
| Kelsey Borcharding         | Amaad Delmar             | Megan Henderson    |
| Patricia Bordallo Dibildox | Wesley Derstine          | Nicole Henderson   |
| Blake Braden               | Florentino Diaz          | Nathan Henry       |
| Mary Braun                 | Molly Dillon             | Isaiah Hernandez   |
| Jodi Brewer                | Janelle Dimmett          | Karla Hernandez    |
| Rochelle Brickner          | Steven Diveley           | Anita Hodge        |
| Michael Bridge             | Samantha Dodge           | Kaitlyn Hoines     |
| Shenequa Brooks            | Victor Dominguez         | Clara Hooper       |
| Devyn Brown                | Jasmine Dorau            | Amanda Horned      |
| Kendall Brush              | Courtney Dozier          | Autumn Howe        |
| David Burton               | Kara Dunbar              | Seth Jantz         |
| Brent Calder               | Tyler Dutton             | Katherine Jett     |
| Brianna Campbell           | Andrew Dwyer             | Leon Jones         |
| Marshall Cargle            | Brandon Eckert           | William Jordan     |
| Shelly Cascio              | Ashley Einspahr          | Jacob Joslyn       |
| Madeline Cass              | Emily Elhoffer           | Bryan Juarez       |
| Marissa Castellano         | Haley Elkins             | Shellie Kacillas   |

\*List includes names of foundation and transfer students enrolled as of Aug. 19, 2011.

\*\*This year’s tree, planted on the west side of Vanderslice Hall, is a Brandywine maple.

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|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Johanna Kelly        | Michelle Miller         | Teal Sather           |
| Madeline Kennedy     | Brandis Moody           | Dia Saunders          |
| Dustin Kessler       | Sharon Moore            | Austin Schaeffer      |
| Janelle Ketcher      | Madeline Moore-Porter   | Margaret Schermerhorn |
| Samantha Kilgore     | Desiree Morales         | Brandon Schnur        |
| Allison King         | Sydney Mortara          | Kevin Schuette        |
| Dylan King           | Erlson Neba             | Jose Serrano          |
| Brandon Kintzer      | Doryan Nelson           | Aaron Shaefer         |
| Carolyn Klinsport    | Suzanne Nelson          | Aneesa Shami          |
| Madison Kludy        | Nathan Neufeld          | Raquel Shaw           |
| Courtney Knight      | Christina Nobiling      | Hailey Shepard        |
| Emily Knight         | Katherine Nugent        | Taylor Sifford        |
| Jonathan Knoffer     | Adrianna O'Shea         | Crista Siglin         |
| Jessica Kory         | Augustus Oberg          | Ryan Simpson          |
| Katherine Krug       | Jason Oliver            | Jennifer Sleeth       |
| Elena Kunz           | Daiana Oneto            | Samuel Small          |
| Brianna Lamarche     | Austen Ortiz            | Emily Smith           |
| Katerina Landwehr    | Hayley Ostronic         | Robert Smith          |
| Daisy Latta          | Spencer Owen            | Grady Sosbee          |
| Annabell Lee         | Adam Palmer             | Coleman Stampley      |
| Nicole Leth          | Brittany Parent         | Brittany Stanton      |
| Ivan Levko           | Christopher Patterson   | Amanda Steuck         |
| Charles Loffler      | Ericka Patterson        | Morgan Stockton       |
| Ashley Lucas         | Sebastian Pechstein     | Hillary Strunk        |
| Hennessey Luther     | Kyle Peppers            | Ka'ionna Stubblefield |
| Brooke Lynn          | Peyton Pitts            | Jordyn Swartz         |
| Cassandra Lyons      | Tanapon Piyajessadakul  | TyRon Terry           |
| Kelly Major          | Alexander Prestrelski   | Spencer Tetik         |
| Lena Marney          | Spencer Pullen          | Stacy Thatlor         |
| Chandler Martin      | Chalerie Rand           | Jacob Theis           |
| Eliezer Martinez     | Mariah Randell          | Amber Thomas          |
| Juanita Martinez     | Tara Raweewonrungjumrus | Bennie Thompson, Jr.  |
| Monique Martinez     | Caitlin Reinhart        | Chase Travaille       |
| Zulian Martinez      | Kristopher Rimpson      | Mallory Trent         |
| Stephanie Maximovich | Christopher Ritter      | Monica Turner         |
| Kelsea McCall        | Alejandro Rivera        | Stacy Vardsveen       |
| Jacob McCaw          | Trent Roach             | Lauren Ventura        |
| Zophia McDougal      | Eric Robertson          | Zachary Voss          |
| Crystal McKee        | Anna Robinson           | Thomas Wagner         |
| Nathan McKinney      | Jacob Robinson          | Ashley Walter         |
| Amelia McKnight      | Lisa Robinson           | Jacoby Warlick        |
| Francis McPartlon    | Jane Rock               | Taylor West           |
| Alysia Medlin        | Monica Roesner          | Kristen Whitaker      |
| Alyce Mendoza        | Michael Rose            | Corinne Wilger        |
| Emmett Merrill       | Rosemarie Ruzicka       | Cooper Williams       |
| Joseph Meyers        | Alyssa Sams             | Austin Woltz          |
| Brent Miller         | Ksenya Samsonova        | Margaret Zimmerman    |
| Madison Miller       | Kelsey Sanchez          |                       |