Speakers announced for humanities lecture series at KU

LAWRENCE — The Hall Center for the Humanities at the University of Kansas has announced speakers for the 2008-09 Humanities Lecture Series.

Each lecture is free, open to the public and begins at 7:30 p.m. Several speakers will take part in a public colloquium on the morning following their evening lectures. The series is partially supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Susan Estrich, one of the nation’s leading legal scholars, is the Robert Kingsley Professor of Law and Political Science at the University of Southern California. Known for her quick wit and humor as a commentator on Fox News, Estrich was one of the first women to run a national presidential campaign, the first female president of the Harvard Law Review and the youngest woman to be tenured at Harvard Law School. A senior adviser to four presidential campaigns, Estrich is a regular contributor to the Washington Post and Newsweek. She will speak Sept. 23 at Woodruff Auditorium in the Kansas Union.

Michael Chabon, celebrated author of The Mysteries of Pittsburgh and Wonder Boys, will speak Oct. 27 at the ballroom in the Kansas Union. In 2000, he published what the New York Review of Books called his magnum opus, The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay. The novel went on to win the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 2001. His novel The Yiddish Policemen’s Union was published in 2007 to enthusiastic reviews. Chabon studied at Carnegie-Mellon and the University of Pittsburgh and received a master’s degree in creative writing at the University of California-Irvine. He has lectured widely on topics including the art of writing, the tradition of Jewish fiction and Vladimir Nabokov. His lecture is supported by the Sosland Foundation of Kansas City.

Jeannette Walls is the award-winning author of the powerful memoir, The Glass Castle. The book details her life growing up in extreme poverty and describes the obstacles she faced in overcoming her past. From the desert Southwest to West Virginia, her account of an impoverished life is a powerful and moving first-person testament to what it means to be poor. Walls’ memoir has been a New York Times bestseller for more than 75 weeks, has sold more than 1.5 million copies, been translated into 16 languages and is currently being made into a movie by Paramount. Its numerous awards include the Christopher Award, the American Library Association’s Alex Award and the Books for Better Living Award. Walls will speak Nov. 18 at Woodruff Auditorium.

Anthony Corbeill, professor of classics at KU, will speak Feb. 5 at Alderson Auditorium in the Kansas Union. Corbeill has published two books, “Controlling Laughter: Political Humor in the Late Roman Republic” and “Nature Embodied: Gesture in Ancient Rome.” He also has published on ancient sexuality, education and Latin poetry. His current book-length project is titled “The Boundaries of Sex and Gender in Ancient Rome.” Corbeill received a bachelor’s degree from the University of Michigan and master’s and doctoral degrees in classical languages from the University of California-Berkeley. He has held the American Philological Association fellowship to the Thesaurus Linguae Latinae in Munich, Germany, a comprehensive dictionary of the Latin language (1990-91) and a postdoctoral fellowship at the American Academy in Rome (1994-95). This lecture is supported by the Friends of the Hall Center.

James McBride, who will speak Feb. 24 at Woodruff Auditorium, is an award-winning writer, composer and saxophonist. His landmark memoir, The Color of Water, was a New York Times bestseller for two years. The book is the moving account of his mother, a white Jewish woman from Poland who raised 12 black children in New York City and sent each to college. It has been translated into more than 17 languages. His second book, Miracle at St. Anna, the story of a black American soldier who befriends an Italian
boy during World War II, is being made into a film by Spike Lee. A graduate of the Columbia School of Journalism, McBride has written for the *Boston Globe*, *People* and the *Washington Post*.
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Students from Augusta making the honor roll: Kristin Abbey, Liberal Arts junior; Keegan Andrew Begley, Liberal Arts senior; Samantha Bindrum, Liberal Arts senior; Matthew Hirschfeld, Journalism senior; Kameron Kontour, Liberal Arts freshman; Caelei Martin, Liberal Arts junior; Adam Pierson, Engineering senior; Tiffany Relph, Nursing senior; Patricia Simons, Liberal Arts senior; Kelsey Taylor, Nursing senior; Logan Taylor, Allied Health senior; Laura Vest, Journalism senior.

From Douglass: Kasie Knoll, Allied Health, senior; Ivy Lovendahl, Liberal Arts sophomore.
Lo receives research grant

Thirty-five University of Kansas students have received undergraduate research awards for summer and fall 2008 semesters.

One area recipient is Rebecca Lo, a junior in biology, she is the daughter of Victor and Susan Lo of Coffeyville. Lo is working on a research project entitled: "The Pursuit of Beauty: The Rise of Eyelid Plastic Surgery Among Asian Americans." Her faculty advisor is Kelley Massoni, a lecturer in sociology.

The awards support original, independent research by undergraduates enrolled on the Lawrence campus. The University Honors Program administers the awards with funds from the offices of the provost and the vice provost for research and graduate studies and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Selection criteria included the quality of the proposal, the student's academic record and ability to complete the proposed research project, the project's potential contribution to knowledge and the educational value of the research to the student. Students applied either for grants up to $3,000 or up to $1,000, depending on the anticipated costs to conduct their research.
Hensley enrolls in KU program

Trevor W. Hensley, son of Rick and Paula Hensley of Coffeyville, enrolled this spring in the Principles of Advertising program at the University of Kansas. Hensley is a senior at KU with a major in strategic communications.

His project this year involved promoting KU’s Department of Student Housing to enhance occupancy in the KU housing facilities. His team worked on creating strategies based on findings from focus groups held at four of the university’s residence halls.

Through their research, they developed strategies such as early communication with potential first-year residents by targeting juniors and seniors in high school before they are accepted at KU; utilizing the web and promoting KU housing on Facebook.com; delivering information to students early and often; use of video; and launching a campaign to portray KU housing as more than “just a room.”

“The students’ presentations provided us with very good ideas and tangible strategies that we can implement to meet our objectives,” said Diana Robertson, director of the Dept. of Student Housing. The department is currently deciding which strategies to implement.
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Following is a list of those area students earning spring honor roll distinction:

Frank F Allbritten, son of Frank and Marcy Allbritten, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Senior 2008 Spring Honor Roll

Derek Michael Setter, son of Christopher Setter, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Junior 2008 Spring Honor Roll

Ian R Bowen, son of Allyson and Jaylene Bowen, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Senior 2008 Spring Honor Roll

Shayne Alexander Henry, son of Rick and Jaymi Henry, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Junior 2008 Spring Honor Roll

Kelsie Jo Langley, daughter of Dean and Linda Langley, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Sophomore 2008 Spring Honor Roll

Gala Lynn Banks, Female - Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Senior 2008 Spring Honor Roll

Casey Nicole Brown daughter of Stephen Brown Liberal Arts Undergraduate Junior 2008 Spring Honor Roll

Amanda Fea, daughter of Andrea Fea, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Senior 2008 Spring Honor Roll

Neil Bryan Goss, son of Lori Goss, Fine Arts Undergraduate, Freshman 2008 Spring Honor Roll

William Reid Gunnerson son of Charles and Mary Ann Gunnerson Liberal Arts Undergraduate Senior 2008 Spring Honor Roll

William Reid Gunnerson, son of Charles and Mary Ann Gunnerson, Journalism Undergraduate, Senior 2008 Spring Honor Roll

Kelli Lynn Martin, daughter of Denise and Kris Dover, Allied Health Undergraduate, Senior 2008 Spring Honor Roll

Megan Diane Jarmer Olson, daughter of Frank and Trish Jarmer, Pharmacy Professional Prof 1 2008 Spring Honor Roll

Kaci L Austin, daughter of Kyle and Cindy Austin, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Junior 2008 Spring Honor Roll
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Derby teachers recognized for dedication to Kansas schools

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Sixteen local educators were honored this week by the School of Education at the University of Kansas (KU).

These Derby teachers were among 797 Kansas teachers from 173 school districts statewide who were recognized for 25 years or more of service to education in Kansas.

Derby resident Mary Mattley, a middle school teacher with Mulvane USD 263, was honored for 38 years of service. There were only six Kansas teachers with more experience than Mattley.

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Those students from the area listed on the honor roll were:


Laura Anne Allison, Sedan, daughter of Everett and Mary Allison, Business Undergraduate, Senior, Sedan Senior High School.

Kathryn Elisabeth Presley, daughter of Erin Nix, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Sophomore, Sedan Senior High School.

Matthew Ryan Taliaferro, Severy, son of Christal and Dana Taliaferro, Pharmacy Professional, Prof 1, West Elk Jr-Sr High School.

Kathryn Elisabeth Presley, Sedan, daughter of James Presley, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Sophomore, Sedan Senior High School.

Heather Nicole Simmons, Howard, daughter of Patrick and Debra Simmons, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Junior, West Elk Jr-Sr High School.

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Hesston youth named to the honor roll include: Travis Hagen, son of Gregory and Susan Hagen, a Fine Arts Undergraduate Senior; Ryan Hostetler, son of Donald and Pamela Hostetler, a Liberal Arts Undergraduate Senior; and Kayla Schrag, daughter of Lee and Vernita Schrag, a Liberal Arts Undergraduate Sophomore.
The First United Methodist Church will begin its summer Sunday School lecture series Sunday and continuing through Aug. 10. The presentations will be held in Gault Hall at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings. The public is invited.

Brad Kemp, executive director of the Kansas Coalition for Lifesaving Cures will speak about stem cell research with special attention to concerns of faith communities regarding ethical and moral issues.

Kemp is a native Kansan who graduated from both the University of Kansas and Kansas State University with degrees in journalism and architecture. He has 20 years experience in marketing, public relations and grassroots organizing.

Before joining the coalition in 2005, he was a public relations officer of the University of Kansas and served as director of public programs at the KU Natural History Museum, where he oversaw the museum’s exhibits and education programs.
Wet weather brings infestation of ants and termites into Kansas

TOPEKA, Kan. — Mild weather allowed marginal ant and termite colonies to survive the winter, and persistent rainfall into the summer is helping them survive and invade homes in bigger numbers than in the past, experts say.

In Topeka, reports of ant infestations are up 10 percent to 15 percent, while termite infestations are up almost 50 percent from previous years, local exterminators said.

"It would be my assumption that because we had a wet winter that wasn't too cold and we've had a long, wet spring, most insects are able to reproduce and live better," said Zachary Falin, collection manager with the University of Kansas Division of Entomology.

"The conditions could allow marginal colonies to squeak by in the winter and then boom around now," he said. "Usually around this time, it's too hot to see this much activity."

Pete Lake, branch manager for Terminix in Topeka, said ants are expanding in homes to more locations than the typical kitchen and bathroom.

"The ants are flourishing, and they're also seeking food and shelter in people's homes," Lake said.

Jeff Bodine, co-owner of Bodine's Pest Control, said he's not as concerned about the ants as he is termites.

"The tiny little ants are what we've been seeing more of, and they're really just a nuisance," Bodine said. "The termites are a bigger concern for me."

People should wash ant trails with warm, soapy water, experts said, seal any cracks around doors and windows and keep food put away.

Keeping clutter away from the house is important in keeping termites out.

"Even branches that touch the house can lead to a termite problem," Bodine said.

Bugs will continue to be a problem as long as the weather remains wet and temperatures stay moderate, Falin said.

"They've had a run of good luck and as soon as it gets dry and hot, things will slow down for the insects and they'll start dying off," he said.