

# ANNOTATIONS<sup>1</sup>

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## *From the dean*

The University of Kansas was the first public university in the nation to share faculty research with audiences beyond those with academic journal subscriptions. I'm pleased to report that KU has once again taken the lead in forming a coalition with 21 other universities and colleges with established faculty open access policies in North America — such as Harvard University, Stanford University, Duke University and Concordia University in Montreal — to establish the new Coalition of Open Access Policy Institutions. Known as COAPI, the group will collaborate and share implementation strategies and advocate on a national level for institutions with open access policies.

In July, deans and directors at universities and colleges with established open access policies participated in a teleconference to discuss the possibility of organizing. During the July 19 teleconference, the group resolved to formalize as COAPI. Our next steps will include a pre-conference meeting at the Berlin 9 Open Access Conference in November in Washington, D.C.

Society depends on universities for the creation of new knowledge; we at KU understand well our responsibility to disseminate and share that knowledge to gain the most benefit for science and society.

It's my hope that this new coalition will offer academic institutions an opportunity to stand together and establish open access to knowledge in the sciences and humanities as a broad societal norm.



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## LIBRARIANS IN ACTION

*Ada Emmett, scholarly communications librarian, and Dr. Marc L. Greenberg, professor and chair of the Slavic languages & literatures department at KU, discuss the structure of digital communities and collections within KU ScholarWorks, the institutional repository for research published at the University of Kansas. Photo by David McKinney, KU University Relations.*

## Faculty, students gain access to growing collection of online books

KU faculty, students and staff now have greater access to full-text, online books, thanks to the addition of Ebrary Academic Complete. Lea Currie, KU Libraries head of collection development, reports:

"This collection contains more than 70,000 electronic books from 500 of the most trusted publishers in academia, and has strong coverage in many subject areas including language and literature;

social, life and physical sciences; medicine and technology. Books from Ebrary can be linked in Blackboard and can be read by unlimited simultaneous users, so an entire class can access them electronically, 24/7."

Books from the collection can be found via the KU library catalog ([catalog.lib.ku.edu](http://catalog.lib.ku.edu)), or by searching the database itself ([www.lib.ku.edu/databases](http://www.lib.ku.edu/databases)).

## Institute for Digital Research in the Humanities hosts forum Sept. 22-24

KU's Fall 2011 Digital Humanities Forum, sponsored by the Institute for Digital Research in the Humanities, will feature in-depth, hands-on workshops; an "unconference" for technologists and humanists and panels and posters sessions exploring the theory and practice of digital humanities scholarship. All events are free and open to the public, but seating is limited, so register soon. Learn more at [lib.ku.edu/460](http://lib.ku.edu/460).

## KU Celebrates Open Access Week Oct. 24-28

KU Libraries will host a week of events for KU faculty, graduate students and others who want to learn how open access affects them as authors and scholars. Sessions will cover the benefits of open access to scholarship, publication agreements, and the future of scholarly publishing. Attendees also will learn about related resources and consultation services available to the KU community. Learn more at [openaccess.ku.edu](http://openaccess.ku.edu).

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## KU Libraries, Writing Center team up for research-oriented events for undergrad & graduate students

This fall, librarians and writing center consultants will team up to offer a series of special “Research and Write-In” events to help graduate and undergraduate students succeed in their coursework at KU.

The two graduate student events will be held on September 24 and October 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Watson Library, room 455. Registration is encouraged ([www.writing.ku.edu/graduate](http://www.writing.ku.edu/graduate)).

The four undergraduate events

will be held on November 7 and 28 in Watson Library, and November 9 and 30 in Anschutz Library, from 7 to 11 p.m.

Attendees at both events can work one-on-one with writing consultants and librarians specializing in their subject areas, or simply spend the time in a supportive environment working on any research or writing project. Refreshments will be provided at all events. Please share the dates with KU students.

## New instructional design librarian brings library research instruction to digital and distance learning

Kim Glover, KU Libraries’ new instructional design librarian, is already familiar to the many KU faculty and graduate students with whom she has worked as an instructor and colleague, helping them through the electronic submission process for KU theses and dissertations, advising them on tools they can use to streamline citation and reference management in their articles and papers, and more.

Now Glover has taken on a new role, providing instructional design resources to KU teaching faculty and helping them select instructional technologies that best support their instruction, whether face-to-face or online. In this work, Glover will develop, adapt and revise research-related instructional materials, tutorials



Kim Glover at Anschutz Library. Photo by Courtney Foat.

and other digital learning objects for an array of disciplines, and will work with other library colleagues to design, develop, deliver and assess instructional services to faculty, graduate and undergraduate students. To learn more or set up a consultation, contact Kim Glover ([gloverk@ku.edu](mailto:gloverk@ku.edu) or 785-864-1975).

## Librarians build online resource and course guides to highlight subject- and course-specific resources

Launched in 2009, the collection of resource and course guides ([guides.lib.ku.edu](http://guides.lib.ku.edu)) has grown to 183 guides in 93 different subject areas. Currently, the most popular guide is “Library Research Tutorials and Help” ([guides.lib.ku.edu/guidestutorials](http://guides.lib.ku.edu/guidestutorials)), a series of videos on finding and evaluating online

resources, interlibrary loan, submitting theses and dissertations at KU, using equipment such as microform readers and express scanning stations, and more.

Want a custom guide for your course? Contact Kim Glover ([gloverk@ku.edu](mailto:gloverk@ku.edu) or 785-864-1975) or your subject librarian.

## New online registration and request system saves scholars time at Spencer Research Library

This fall, researchers using the Kenneth Spencer Research Library will find a more convenient user registration and item request system, available online for the first time.

The vendor-supplied system, Aeon, enables researchers to sign in and request materials via the web prior to their visit, and it streamlines the process of checking in and retrieving their requested items once they arrive.

Behind the scenes, Aeon will greatly reduce the amount of paper used in record-keeping, while offering sophisticated analytical tools and statistical reports to library staff.

The Aeon system is integrated with the KU library catalog; to use it, you can log in directly ([aeon.lib.ku.edu/aeon](http://aeon.lib.ku.edu/aeon)) and request an item, or click “Get at Spencer” in the library catalog record for items located at Spencer. For more information, call 785-864-4334.

## Spencer launches new site

In addition to the new online registration and request system, the Kenneth Spencer Research Library website ([spencer.lib.ku.edu](http://spencer.lib.ku.edu)) now has a new look, improved navigation and updated content. The new site launched September 12.

## Fall Events

For additional details or to RSVP, visit [www.lib.ku.edu/events](http://www.lib.ku.edu/events).

### Reception honoring Charley Stansifer

Thursday, September 22 | Watson Library, Three West 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

### Fifth annual Homecoming reception

Saturday, October 1 | Spencer Research Library, North Terrace | 90 minutes prior to game time

### KU Libraries Celebration of Excellence

Friday, October 14 | Carnegie Library (downtown) 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

### An evening with librarian Nancy Pearl

Wednesday, November 2 | Lawrence Public Library 7 p.m.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Visit [www.libraries.ku.edu/events](http://www.libraries.ku.edu/events) to learn more about upcoming library events. Whether you’re interested in a lecture, social event or informative tour highlighting library resources, there’s something for everyone. All events are free and open to the public.

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