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MCS Email Newsletter

Be on the lookout for these each month to get the inside scoop on what's happening in the MCS department!

This Month's News

UPDATES

CURRENT MCS STUDENTS

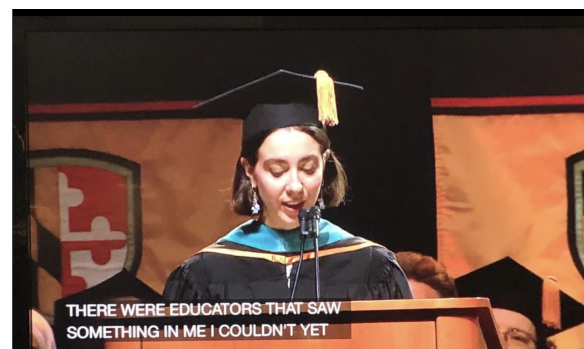
- ★ Theo Reinert, '23 is President of the Media & Communications Studies Counsel of Majors (MCSCOM). He also had an internship with Kaleid, a UMBC-based podcast.
- ★ Adedamilola Olateru-Olagbegi, '23 is the Design and Visual Culture social media manager at the UMBC's Center for Art, Design and Visual Culture.
- ★ Sophia Possidente, '23 will be starting a new internship as a Media Specialist for the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland.
- ★ Tyler Lewin, '23 is a Communications intern for the Washington Spirit soccer team.
- ★ Fiona Rowan, '23 accepted a position with Morgan Stanley as an Operations Analyst for the Baltimore City office.

★ Sophia Blackwell, '23 is currently interning at Senator Charles E. Sydnor III's office as a Legislative Aide.

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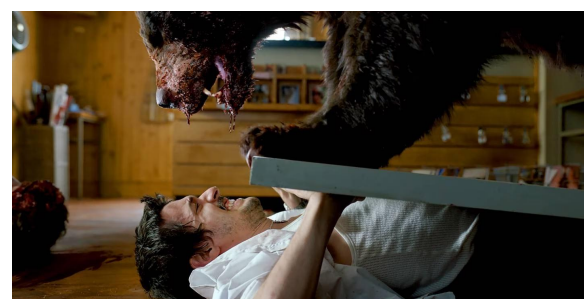
★ Courtney Kless, '11, was recently promoted to Managing Editor of Northeast Dairy Media! In addition to *Family Times*, she now oversees the quarterly *Dairy* magazine.

★ Stefanie Mavronis '12, was the commencement speaker for UMBC's December 2022 graduation ceremony. Stefanie is Chief Of Staff, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement for City of Baltimore.



★ Masongo Ogora, '21 recently earned a Master's degree in Public Relations and Advertising from the University of Southern California.

★ Scott Seiss, '16 aka TikTok's "Angry Retail Guy" makes his feature film debut in *Cocaine Bear*. Check out [this interview with him in the Baltimore Banner](#).



FACULTY

★ Congrats MCS Program Management Specialist Samirah Hassan! She was awarded the 2023 Jakubik Family Endowment Award for Outstanding Staff! This award was established to "recognize staff contributions toward the success of UMBC students."

★ Congrats Dr. Patton! Dr. Patton was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellowship this year. Read all about it here:

<https://umbc.edu/stories/neh-fellowships-2023/>

★ Congrats Dr. Razzano! Dr. Razzano is a Visiting Lecturer in MCS for the Spring and Fall '23 semesters.

★ Congrats Dr. Snyder! Dr. Snyder is the Interim Chair of the MCS Department for Spring '23.



NEWS

★ Would you like to have your turn in the MCS spotlight? Our student spotlight posts will highlight your achievements and give you the recognition you deserve. Fill out this quick 5-minute form [HERE](#) to show your interest today!

- ★ **March 1** - Registration for [Summer Session 2023](#) is open! MCS is offering one core class and two electives this summer)
- Core - MCS 222, Introduction to Media and Communication Studies, 8 weeks Session I
 - Elective - MCS 355, Social Media: Networking and Mobility, 6 weeks Session II
 - Elective - MCS 360, Internet Video Production, 4 weeks Session II

★ **March 19 through 26** - Spring Break!!

★ **Registration for Fall 2023 begins on 4/4:**

- Registration appointments are related to total credits earned (not including the credits you are currently enrolled in). To find your registration date and time consult: <https://registrar.umbc.edu/calendars/registration-appointments/>
- Every student has a registration block and needs to receive advising in order to have it removed. Make sure to get advising before your registration date.
- This week, or the week after Spring Break, you should receive an email from your advisor. You are assigned a new advisor every semester, so keep an eye out for emails with a subject line mentioning MCS advising.

★ Coming soon to the AOK Library Gallery:

- [***I've Endured: The Music of Ola Belle Reed***](#) opens on March 27 and runs through June 30. A legendary "mountain music" singer/songwriter known for her influential bluegrass banjo picking style, Reed's life and work will be showcased in a multimedia exhibition co-curated by AOK's Emily Cullen with **Media and Communications Studies Professor Bill Shewbridge** and Tim Newby, author of *Bluegrass in Baltimore: The Hard Drivin' Sound and Its Legacy*. Dates to be announced on the [gallery website](#).
- ★ New equipment is available at the Digital Media Lab in the library! All you need is your UMBC card to check out equipment for seven days. Visit them in the Digital Media Lab, room 216H next to the Honors College. They are offering new:
 - Canon Rebel T8i cameras
 - Genaray portable lights
 - Boya lavalier mics (compatible with DSLRs & camcorders)
 - DVD drives
 - Desktop stands for lights and smartphone adapters (*which they also circulate*)



EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

- ★ [Study Abroad 101](#) | Weekly Tues 2-3pm, Wed 12-1pm, Thurs 2-3pm | Virtual 30-minute informative presentation by staff members - required to apply for any study abroad program, "first step on your Education Abroad Journey"!
- ★ *Spring Break* | Sun, Mar 19th - Sun, Mar 26th
- ★ [Creating an Academic Research Poster Using Canva](#) | March 27 from 12-1 PM | Click [HERE](#) for the WebEx link
- ★ [Crafter's Fair](#) | Fri, March 31st | 11am - 3pm | The Commons: Mainstreet
Browse local art vendors and try out your own craft!
- ★ [Bus Trip: DC Cherry Blossoms and the Smithsonian](#) | Sat, April 1st | All Day
Off-campus day trip presented by SEB (Student Events Board)
- ★ *Deadline to Withdraw from Individual Courses* | Fri, April 7th
- ★ [UMBC Connects: Employers in Creative Careers](#) | Wed, April 12th @ 11am, Wed, April 19th @ 2pm | The Commons: Main Street
Get in touch with recruiters and companies, presented by the MCS department and the Career Center

- ★ [Canceling Noise with Mack Hagood](#) | Wed, April 19th | 4-5:30pm | Albin O.Kuhn Library: 767
Talk by sound scholar Mack Hagood, co-sponsored by MCS department



INTERNSHIP INFORMATION AND OPPORTUNITIES

- ★ Looking for internship opportunities?
 - Visit the Career Center website <https://careers.umbc.edu/>
 - Look on Handshake for internship openings
<https://careers.umbc.edu/handshake/>
 - Contact Dr. Donald Snyder, the MCS internship coordinator, at dsnyder@umbc.edu
- ★ Here are some current internship opportunities:
 - [Communications & Social Media Intern](#) | Spring/Summer 2023 | Maryland Center for History and Culture | Baltimore, Mostly Remote, 10hr/wk | \$1,500 stipend/15wks | Hiring Ongoing, May 1st Deadline
 - Main Duties: Supporting a special exhibition opening in May, researching and creating content for social media and newsletters, maintaining an online calendar, monitoring online analytics
 - Main Qualifications: Working toward a degree in communications or a related field, ability to work from home using your own computer and internet, excellent research and writing skills
 - [Social Media Intern](#) | Spring/Summer/Fall 2023 | Lincoln Institute of Land Policy | Fully Remote, 10-15hr/wk, 6 months max | \$20-25/hr | Hiring Ongoing
 - Main Duties: Daily engagement tasks, weekly post scheduling, monthly metrics tracking, collaborating with a team to create social media content

- Main Qualifications: 2+ years of undergraduate study in communications or a related field, strong written communication skills
- [Digital Production and Social Media Intern](#) | Starting Now | Six Flags | Bowie, MD, Part-time | \$14/hr | Hiring Ongoing
 - Main Duties: Assist in production of park photography and videography, develop and execute social media content, design/create in-park signage, flyers, newsletters
 - Main Qualifications: Pursuing a degree in communications or a related field, knowledge of Microsoft applications and Adobe Suite including Photoshop and Premiere, valid driver's license and willingness to drive park vehicles
- [Global Communications & Public Relations Intern](#) | Summer 2023 | Council of Foreign Relations | Washington D.C, Hybrid/Fully Remote, 14-18hr/wk | \$17/hr | Hiring Ongoing
 - Main Duties: Identify top international news stories, conduct research, draft Tweets
 - Main Qualifications: Studying a degree such as journalism, PR/marketing, political science, completed four semesters of college coursework by start date
- [Gender Equity Intern](#) | Summer, May-Aug 2023 | Silver Spring, MD, Hybrid, 25-35hr/week, 3 months min | International Rescue Committee | Unpaid | Hiring Ongoing
 - Main Duties: Provide clients with support in the completion and submission of various applications to assist barriers caused by gender inequalities (childcare vouchers, etc.), conduct trainings on gender inequality-related topics, support women's conversation club meetings
 - Main Qualifications: Excellent communication and writing skills, interest in refugee and asylee issues and Gender Equality and Diversity work, language skills such as Spanish, Amharic, French are a plus

- [Pride Center Intern with i3b](#) | Year-Round | UMBC Initiatives for Identity, Inclusion & Belonging | On-Campus, 20hr/week, commitment for full academic year | \$13.50/hr | Hiring Ongoing
 - Main Duties: Staff The Pride Center front desk, administrative duties, act as an ambassador for i3b
 - Main Qualifications: Demonstrate understanding of LGBTQIA2+ umbrella, minimum GPA of 2.5, resume posted through Handshake

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