Kevin Carnahan ’99, Southwestern college visiting instructor in religion and philosophy, defended his Ph.D. dissertation in religious studies/ethics at Southern Methodist University in February. The title of the dissertation is “Sin, Guilt, Justice, and War: Paul Ramsey and Reinhold Niebuhr on the Moral Framework for Just War Thought.” Carnahan will present some research from his dissertation at the Florida State University Religion Department Graduate Symposium in March.

Bill DeArmond, professor of mass communication and film, is author of several poems and stories accepted for publication in January:
- Poem “Sins of the Father” and story “The Conversation” in Children, Churches & Daddies
- Story “Karma Chameleon” in Down in the Dirt
- Story “Just a Stranger on a Bus” in Trial of Indiscretion
- Poem “The Quiet” in Outer Darkness
- Poem “Chosen” accepted for the Spring 07 edition of The Meridian Anthology of Contemporary Poetry

DeArmond’s latest book The Quest for a Rational Faith is due to be released by Lulu Publishing the first week of March.

Pam Green, associate professor of education, is co-author with Susan Twombly, Lisa Wolf-Wendel, and James Williams of “Searching for the Next Generation of Teacher Educators: Assessing the Success of Academic Searches.” The article was published in the November/December 2006 edition of the Journal of Teacher Education. This work related to a funded research study for which Dr. Green provided assistance with data analysis while completing her doctoral work at the University of Kansas.

Margot Kelman received her Ph.D. from Wichita State University. Commencement ceremonies were held Dec. 10, 2006. Kelman’s dissertation was “An Investigation of Preschool Children’s Primary Literacy Skills.” Kelman is the wife of President Dick Merriman.

Nili Luo, professor of early childhood education, has been selected to the national board of directors of the International Association of Asian Study (IAAS). She presented the following research at the IAAS conference in Baton Rouge, La., in February 2007:
- “A Cross-Cultural Study on Relationships among Early Childhood Educators’ Expectations and Children’s Food Choices, Eating Habits and Physical Activity,” and
- “Early Childhood Curriculum in Physical and Health Education: A Perspective from China,” co-presented with Dr. Janet Arndt. The articles will be submitted to the Journal of Intercultural Discipline of Childhood Education of ACEI (The Association for Childhood Education International).


Steve Rankin, associate professor of religious studies, presented a paper at the Conference on Faith and History titled “The Christian Historian’s Dilemma.”

Cheryl Rude, assistant professor of leadership studies, Lindsay Morgan ’07, and Natalie Carlson ’06 were contributing authors to Why We Care: Reflections of Service-Learning from Kansas Institutions of Higher Education.

Sunni Sheets, graphic designer, attended the University and College Designers Association’s vision creativity workshop in Santa Fe, N. M., Nov. 9-11. The sessions centered on providing creative viewpoints for digital photography.

Michael Tessmer, associate professor of chemistry, Rick Cowlishaw, assistant professor of biology, Charles Hunter, professor of biology, and Jason Coy, now assistant professor of history at the College of Charleston and formerly of the Southwestern history department, recently had a case study included in the peer-reviewed collection at the National Center for Case Study Teaching in Science. The case study is a classroom simulation of the negotiations that went into the Kyoto Protocol agreement to attempt to limit global greenhouse gas emissions. The case can be found online at: www.sciencecases.org/kyoto_protocol/kyoto_protocol.asp

Stephen Woodburn, assistant professor of history, was in New York Sept. 11, 2006, to attend the dedication of the 9/11 monument by Russian sculptor Zurab Tsereteli (called “To the Struggle Against World Terrorism” but better-known as the Tear of Grief). Based on that, Woodburn gave a Brown Bag Lunch Seminar talk titled “Zurab Tsereteli’s 9/11 Monument and U.S.–Russian Relations,” at the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, on Oct. 17.

Esther Cawthon Peattie ’28 died Jan. 20, 2006. At the time of her death Esther was living in Pascagoula, Miss., where she had resided since 1941.

John Davis ’36 died May 26, 2006. His wife Irma preceded him in death in 1999. He is survived by two daughters.


Robert Wayne Wilson ’40 died Dec. 6, 2006. He was a retired farmer. Survivors include a sister, Mary Wilson ’47.

Sara Glaser ’49 died Nov. 15, 2006, at the age of 81. Sara was employed with the Internal Revenue Service and the Army Corps of Engineers. A member of Sigma Alpha Iota, a national women’s music organization, her hobbies included singing, music, and writing letters.

Harold Holliway ’50 died Oct. 22, 2006. Harold was a mainstay in Arvada, Colo., since 1953 and was actively