



# Academic Affairs Newsletter

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## NEW FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Ms. Kim Morris was raised in Huntsville, Alabama, and graduated from the University of North Alabama with bachelor's and master's degrees in elementary education. She and her husband, Paul have been married for twenty-six years and are proud parents of a son Matthew, a recent UNA graduate, and a daughter Macey, who attends Florence High School. A few of Kim's favorite things are spending quality time with family and friends, fresh flowers, pets, chocolate chip cookies, traveling, and reading. As a former Kilby parent, Kim feels it is both an honor and a privilege to work collaboratively with such an outstanding faculty as well as phenomenal parents. Although she thoroughly enjoyed the past 10 years of her teaching career in the upper elementary grades, she has felt the embrace of the entire Kilby family during her first year in third grade. This year has been full of remarkable experiences and wonderful memories that Kim will cherish forever. She is truly dedicated to the teaching profession and to making a difference in the lives of young people at Kilby Laboratory School. Kim is humbled to be a part of such an outstanding school of excellence, and will always be grateful for this opportunity.

Ms. Nanhee Kim, Assistant Professor, joined the Department of Art at the University of North Alabama in August of 2010. She earned her BFA (1997) from Seoul National University of Technology, South Korea and completed her MFA (2008) in Graphic Design from Iowa State University. Ms. Kim has worked as a graphic designer in the industry for 15 years. During that time, she performed a creative and significant role in the design of a new business as a web designer, exhibition designer, project manager, and environmental designer. In 2004, she founded her own design company in Seoul, KANDESIGN, which has been very successful. Nanhee currently oversees a staff of eight designers serving such noteworthy clients such as Lexus, Chrysler, Mercedes and others. One of the designers she supervises is now ranked among the top ten designers in South Korea. Her real experience in training staff and directing design work are a major asset to her teaching. Ms. Kim is very interested in design research. As a design researcher, she is very interested in environmental design and human behavior. Her research area is in urban identity signage; the creative goal of her work is to find ways that signage can improve urban life as well as help residents and visitors to understand the history of the city. Nanhee wants to design for people a better life and better world. Now, she has been developing a digital media curriculum and is having an Advanced Digital Media course exhibition in the University Art Gallery through April 8.

## FLORENCE CITY SCHOOLS CALENDAR

The official calendar for Florence City Schools for the 2011-2012 school year was passed unanimously by the Board on March 8, 2011, and can be found on their website at [www.florencek12.org](http://www.florencek12.org). Of personal note is that their Spring Break will correspond with UNA. They are excited about this and feel that our employees will be excited about the alignment as well. Florence City Schools appreciates their partnership with UNA and looks forward to strengthening opportunities to work collaboratively together as we move both of our institutions to the next level of excellence.

## CAMPUS-WIDE E-MAILS

If a UNA employee wishes to send a work-related e-mail in a specific area to the campus, please contact the appropriate vice president's office. The Administrative Assistants in those offices have that capability. For the academic community, feel free to contact Renee' Vandiver for assistance. For general e-mails of interest to campus, employees can use UNA Info. Requests should be submitted by e-mail to [cpsupport@una.edu](mailto:cpsupport@una.edu)

#### PROMOTION PORTFOLIOS ON RESERVE IN THE LIBRARY

Three faculty members have agreed to place their promotion portfolios on reserve in the library from now through the summer. They include: David Nickels, Professor of Computer Information Systems; Lesley Peterson, Associate Professor of English; and Alex Takeuchi, Professor of Sociology. Interested faculty (and staff) are welcome to review the portfolios for possible ideas and to see the kind of work our faculty do as part of their professional lives. Thanks to these three faculty for sharing their portfolios with the campus.