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**Center for Research at the University of Kansas
receives grant from the Kansas Humanities Council**

TOPEKA – The Kansas Humanities Council (KHC) recently awarded the Center for Research at the University of Kansas in Lawrence a \$6,739 grant for the 2016 *See/Saw Festival*. Dr. Thomas Skrtic, Williamson Family Distinguished Professor of Special Education, serves as the project director. The *See/Saw Festival* will take place March 4th-6th, 2016 at The Commons –KU, the KU Union, and the Lawrence Public Library. The event is free and open to the public.

The *See/Saw Festival* will include a weekend of interdisciplinary events, featuring graduate student presentations at the University of Kansas (KU), a keynote address by Dr. Valerie Kinloch from The Ohio State University, and 8 full-length film screenings followed by panel discussions. The *Festival's* theme is "*On the Brink: Borders, Boundaries, & Becoming*". The theme focuses on the concept of pushing and navigating borders in order to discuss social justice issues that result from the divisions (e.g. geopolitical/physical, disability, class, race/ethnicity, etc.) that separate us as humans. Panel discussions will include KU faculty and community leaders to facilitate dialogue that aims to promote equity, inclusion, and justice. More information about the *Festival* can be found online at www.seesawfest.com.

"KHC Humanities grants support projects that connect people with ideas and engage Kansans with the humanities," said Julie Mulvihill, executive director of the Kansas Humanities Council. "The films will offer the community opportunity for rich discussions among one another."

The Kansas Humanities Council is a nonprofit organization that supports community-based cultural programs, serves as a financial resource through an active grant-making program, and encourages Kansans to engage in the civic and cultural life of their communities. For more information, visit www.kansashumanities.org.

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