2012 Points of Pride Report

College of Communication and Information
School of Communication Studies
School of Journalism and Mass Communication
School of Library and Information Science
School of Visual Communication Design

July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012
Points of Pride

Something which produces a feeling of self-satisfaction, especially an admirable personal characteristic or accomplishment.

About the College of Communication and Information
Four academic programs united in July 2002 to establish the College of Communication and Information. The Schools of Communication Studies, Journalism and Mass Communication, Library and Information Science and Visual Communication Design joined in one college to create a unique learning community in the fields of communication, information and integrative research. Now the College of Communication and Information celebrates its tenth anniversary as it continues to collaborate on industry and theoretical research while providing excellent education for the next generations of communicators and leaders.

College of Communication and Information

CCI Commons, located in Olson Hall, continues to be the residential college on campus that other, newer communities, strive to model. In the past year, CCI Commons has had several meetings with other residential colleges on campus, including CAS, EXCEL and EHHS which have asked for advice on how to start and manage their communities.

The CCI Commons was nominated (September 2011) and awarded (February 2012) the Residential Community of the Month by The Black Squirrel Chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary.

With the other community coordinators, CCI Commons presented during a panel discussion on the residential communities at Kent State University for the 15th Annual National Learning Communities Conference in November 2010.

CCI Commons has grown more than 218 percent in residential members since its inception in 2005.

CCI Associate Dean LuEtt Hanson, Ph.D., was quoted in “Insecure in the knowledge” in a recent edition of Times Higher Education. Three other Kent State faculty and administrators were also featured. They included Jerry M. Lewis, Albert Ingram and Kara Robinson.

COMM Director Paul Haridakis, Ph.D., CCI Dean Stan Wearden, Ph.D., COMM Associate Professor Jeffrey T. Child, Ph.D., and CCI Coordinator of International Programs Deborah Davis were all quoted in “CCI to launch global communication major” in the July 6, 2011, issue of the Daily Kent Stater.

CCI Dean Stan Wearden, Ph.D., was quoted in “It’s Your Money. Spend It.” on Oct. 27 in Inside Higher Ed.
CCI Advisors Amy Wilkens and Lorie Hopp showcased their award winning, Best of Ohio presentation, “Assisting Students Who Aren’t Progressing in Their Majors: How to Effectively Reach Out and Empower Them to Find the Right Fit,” at the 2012 Academic Advising Association Region 5 conference in Akron, Ohio. They have also been invited to deliver this presentation at the National Academic Advising Association Conference in Nashville, Tenn., in October 2012. They are both very honored and excited to represent Kent State University at this very prestigious event.

A paper by Don A. Wicks, Ph.D., interim director and associate professor, School of Library and Information Science, and director, Center for the Study of Information and Religion; Douglas Goldsmith, assistant professor, School of Visual Communication Design; and Darin Freeburg, CCI doctoral student, was accepted for presentation at the Second International Conference on Religion and Spirituality in Society, Feb. 20-22, 2012, in Vancouver, BC, Canada. The paper, titled “Visual Depictions of Religion in Children’s Picture Books,” offers an exploratory study of how religion and spirituality are depicted in picture books for pre-schoolers and early primary-age children. It makes use of a sample of 56 titles from a larger collection of 21,000 picture books published in the past 40 or more years, found in the Marantz Picturebook Collection for the Study of Picturebook Art in SLIS. The paper studies the physical, intellectual, and organizational spaces found in children’s literature and represented by expressions of visual communication as well as words.

King, S., Wright, K. B., and CCI doctoral student Jenny Rosenberg (in press) wrote “Functions of social support and self-verification in association with loneliness, depression, and stress” in the Journal of Health Communication.

COMM Associate Professor Nichole Egbert, Ph.D., CCI doctoral student Jenny Rosenberg, Heeman, V., Tomko, C., Christian, S., Bernat, D., Smith, G., Nanna, K., and Dellman, M. wrote “Helping the helpers: Stroke caregivers’ reflections at the conclusion of an online intervention involving peer and professional social support,” a paper to be presented in November 2012 at the NCA Convention, Orlando.

King, S., Wright, K. B., and CCI doctoral student Jenny Rosenberg (under review) wrote “Functions of social support and self-verification in association with loneliness, depression, and stress” a paper under consideration for presentation in November at the NCA Convention, Orlando.

COMM graduate student Rekha Sharma, CCI doctoral student Jenny Rosenberg and COMM graduate student Amy Dalessandro wrote “TV as teacher: Promoting media literacy of edutainment and prosocial content through group collaboration,” which is part of the panel “Shake your groupthink: Creative teaching ideas for group presentation in the basic course and beyond,” a paper to be presented in October 2012 at the Ohio Communication Association Conference, Kent.

CCI doctoral student Jenny Rosenberg wrote “Impression management, negative self-conscious emotions, & information management: A motivated information management model of self-presentation (MIMMS),” a paper presented in July 2012 at the NCA Doctoral Honors Seminar hosted by the University of Southern California’s Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism in Los Angeles.

Wright, K. B., CCI doctoral student Jenny Rosenberg, COMM Associate Professor Nichole Egbert, Ph.D., Ploeger, N., Bernard, D. R., & King, S. (November 2011) wrote “Communication competence, social support, and depression among college students: A model of Facebook and face-to-face support network influence,” a paper presented in November 2011 at the NCA Convention, New Orleans.

CCI doctoral student Jenny Rosenberg earned the 2012 Teaching Award, presented by the School of Communication Studies at Kent State University.

CCI doctoral student Jenny Rosenberg received an Honorable Mention Research Awards 2012, presented by the School of Communication Studies at Kent State University.

CCI doctoral student Jenny Rosenberg was the 2013 University Fellowship Recipient, nominated by the College of Communication and Information at Kent State University.

CCI doctoral student Jenny Rosenberg was an invited participant at 2013 NCA Honors Seminar hosted by the Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

Student Amy Scharrer, from COMM Instructor’s Carrie Tomko for Introduction to Human Communication course, was offered a position by the Governor of the State of Ohio to speak publicly on the topic of prevention of drinking and driving. Tomko is also a CCI doctoral student and adjunct faculty member at Kent State University at Tuscarawas.


CCI doctoral student Rekha Sharma (in press) wrote “Parallels in opposition: Examining duality in Alfred Hitchcock’s Shadow of a Doubt and The Birds” in the The Gazette.


CCI doctoral student Rekha Sharma (April 2012) wrote “Regulating rights: Balancing copyright and fair use of information in a digital age,” a paper presented to the 27th Annual Graduate Research Symposium, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.


CCI doctoral student Rekha Sharma (October 2011) wrote “Community clip show: Examining the recursive collaboration between producers and viewers of a postmodern sitcom,” a paper presented to the Pennsylvania Communication Association, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania.
COMM graduate student J.D. Ponder, CCI doctoral student Rekha Sharma, JMC Professor Gary Hanson and Cunningham, A. W. (November 2011) wrote “The people’s voice: Predicting political discussion in the 2008 U.S. presidential election,” a paper presented to the Convention Theme Unit of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.


COMM alumnus James Belcher, Ph.D., CCI doctoral student Rekha Sharma, Bernat, D. N., Golsan, K. B., and CCI doctoral student Carol Savery (October 2011) wrote “The good fight: Educating students about major business institutions, corporate social responsibility, persuasive media campaigns, and global activism,” a panel and paper presentation, Ohio Communication Association, Findlay, OH.

CCI doctoral student Molly B. Taggart presented “ Everything is Bigger in Texas,” Including the Potholes and Mayoral Races: Uniting Voters and Connecting Citizens with Political Candidates through Campaign Communication” (March 2012) at the Central States Communication Association Conference.

CCI doctoral student Molly B. Taggart presented “Can You Hear Me Now? Sext Messaging: Investigating the Uses and Effects of New Mediated Communication Technologies” (April 2012) at the Graduate Student Senate Research Symposium, Kent State University.

Hanson Named DTA Winner; Ransom Finalist
More than 560 faculty members were nominated for this year’s Kent State University Alumni Association Distinguished Teaching Award (DTA). Ten finalists were chosen, two of which represent CCI. JMC Professor Gary Hanson and VCD Associate Professor Chris Ransom were chosen as finalists. Hanson learned last week that he is one of the three university-wide winners. Five CCI faculty members have been recognized in the Distinguished Teaching Awards in recent years. In addition to the three JMC faculty, VCD’s Jerry Kalback received the award in 2001 as well as SLIS Professor Carolyn Brodie, Ph.D., in 2005. According to the Alumni Association website, the Distinguished Teaching Award “is the university’s most prestigious honor in teaching. The award is presented annually to three full-time faculty members who demonstrate extraordinary teaching in the classroom and a devotion to touching the lives of students.”

Graduate Student Brian Buirge and The Tannery won a Silver ADDY for a poster created for the Kent State College of Architecture and Environmental Design.
CCI Women Recognized at MMM Event
More than 50 Kent State women were nominated for the Mothers, Mentors, and Muses award, sponsored by the Women’s Center on the Kent campus. Six of these distinguished nominees are from the College of Communication and Information.

- **Pearle Bower**, CCI Dean’s Office
- **Carolyn Brodie, Ph.D.**, SLIS Professor
- **Beth Bush**, CCI Dean’s Office
- **Michele Ewing**, JMC Associate Professor
- **Jan Leach**, JMC Assistant Professor
- **Amy Wilkens**, CCI Advisor serving JMC

CCI Dominates Homecoming Court, COMM Senior Crowned Homecoming Queen
Ivy Lumpkin, an applied communication major, was chosen as the 2011 Homecoming Queen. She represented Lambda Pi Eta, a national honorary society for undergraduates in communication of the National Communication Association. CCI had six Homecoming Court members out of 12! Brittany Maurer  Sponsoring Organization: Center for Student Involvement

College Well-Represented at Recent Conferences
CCI faculty, staff and students have represented the college well at conferences. Participation and honors listed below represent those who took part in the Celebrating College Teaching Oct. 27 and 28, 2011, in the Kent Student Center.
CCI doctoral student **Molly Taggart** moderated a round table presented by Dale Curry titled “Integrating the Learning and the Doing: Strategies to Promote Transfer of Learning.”  VCD Assistant Professor  **Joan Inderhees** presented a round table discussion called “Classroom=Studio: Making Connections, Making meaning in First Year Experience (US10097).”  JMC Lecturer **Tracy Williams** co-presented “Innovative Curriculum for Teaching About Poverty Through Case Studies.”  JMC Professor  **Gary Hanson** led a panel discussion followed by round tables on assessment and evaluation in Distance Learning.  JMC Associate Professor  **David Smeltzer** led a panel discussion followed by round tables on assessment and evaluation of Experiential Learning.  VCD Assistant Professors  **Gretchen Rinnert** and  **Jillian Coorey** presented a poster on “Developing Pre-College Learning Opportunities to Prepare College Freshmen.”  The following faculty, staff and graduate students participated in the National Communication Conference that took place Nov. 17 – 20, 2011, in New Orleans, Louisiana.  **Esther A Agyeman-Budu**, CCI Doctoral Candidate  **Carole A. Barbato, Ph.D.**, Professor, School of Communication Studies, East Liverpool Campus  **Bei Cai, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, School of Communication Studies, Stark Campus  **Jeffrey T. Child, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor and Undergraduate Coordinator, School of Communication Studies  **Jae Eun Chung, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, School of Communication Studies  **Danielle Coombs, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, School of Journalism and Mass Communication  **Alice Crume, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, School of Communication Studies, Tuscarawas Campus  **Rozell R. Duncan, Ph.D.**, Advisor and Assistant Professor, School of Communication Studies  **Nichole Egbert, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor School of Communication Studies  **Amber L. Ferris, Ph.D.**, Lecturer, School of Communication Studies, Stark campus  **Catherine Goodall, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, School of Communication Studies  **Sara Roxanne Hall, CCI Doctoral Candidate**  **Gary Hanson**, Professor, School of Journalism and Mass Communication  **Jared Hargis**, Graduate Student, School of Communication Studies  **Paul Haridakis, Ph.D.**, Professor and Interim Director, School of Communication Studies  **Erin Hollenbaugh, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, School of Communication Studies, Stark Campus  **Norma Jones**, CCI Doctoral Candidate  **Mei-Chen Lin, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor and Graduate Coordinator, School of Communication Studies  **Jennifer L. McCullough, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, School of Communication Studies  **Jeffrey A. Nelson, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, School of Communication Studies, Trumbull Campus  **Brian C. Pattie**, CCI Doctoral Candidate  **James Ponder**, CCI Doctoral Candidate  **Jenny Rosenberg**, CCI Doctoral Candidate  **Rekha Sharma**, CCI Doctoral Candidate  **James D. Trebing, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, School of Communication Studies  **Bin Xing**, CCI Doctoral Candidate
CCI doctoral students Shelley Blundell, Jenny Rosenberg and Krishnamurti Murniadi presented one-hour workshops as part of the Graduate Professional Development Workshop Series.

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**Kent State Students Write, Produce and Film Musical**

The School of Journalism and Mass Communication (JMC) at Kent State University has partnered with the Department of Pan African Studies to produce its second full-length feature film called ‘Research: The Musical.’ The 90-plus-minute musical is about a group of biology students who must complete summer internships under the direction of an eccentric, whacky professor named Dr. Luv, played by JMC Associate Professor David Smeltzer. Mysterious mishaps start occurring at Hope Falls Stem Cell Research Lab, the fictional research facility where the musical takes place. The students must help each other in order to save the lab and their internships. Students from all CCI schools participated in the production of the film.

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Five CCI graduate students presented at the 27th Annual Graduate Research Symposium. This year’s theme was Academic Courage: Navigating Research Innovations. Presentations took place on Friday, April 6, 2012, in the Kent Student Center.

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Several CCI doctoral students presented at the Ohio Communication Association 75th Annual Conference on Oct. 1, 2011. The following presented as part of “Recounting Elections Past: How Yesterday’s Political Media Scholarship Informs Research for Today and Tomorrow:”

- Book Review: A Summary and Critique of *Mediocracy: American Parties and Politics in the Communication Age*
  Chair/Presenter: Rekha Sharma
- Entertaining Politics: A Critical Review – Presenter: J.D. Ponder
- Politics and Television: Lessons from 1968 Applied to 2011 – Presenter: Amy Dalessandro

The following presented as part of “The Good Fight: Educating Students about Major Business Institutions, Corporate Social Responsibility, Persuasive Media Campaigns and Global Activism:”

- “You Can’t Handle the Truth!”: A Burkian Paradigm on Power Motivation in Persuasive Campaigns – COMM graduate students Danielle N. Bernat and Kathryn B. Golsan
- Capital Group Project Assignment: Person-to-Person Microfinancing – CCI doctoral student Carol Savery
- Work for Us!: Exploring Fortune 500 Careers through Group Analysis – COMM graduate student Nicole Reamer

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**TeleProductions’ Graphic Designer Earns Silver Telly Award**

TeleProductions’ Graphic Designer Jim Hurguy won a Silver Telly Award for his work on the 2011 Kent State Women’s Volleyball Introduction Video. The Telly Awards honor creative and innovative video production work from all over the country. Companies like FOX Sports Net, Nickelodeon and Walt Disney Parks & Resorts submit their work for review. Less than 10 percent of entries are awarded with a Silver Telly, the Telly Awards’ highest honor.
Through Our Lenses: CCI Students Document Their Studies Abroad
A juried photo exhibit spotlighting CCI study abroad students is on display in the Kent State University Library. Forty remarkable photos were selected to provide a glimpse of how CCI study abroad students see the world, and included are images from all over Europe and Asia. To see more work of CCI study abroad students and to learn more about programs, visit the new website at www.kent.edu/ccistudyabroad. CCI offers a range of study abroad options to meet the academic and personal goals of the College’s students, including short, faculty-led courses and semester-long programs.

CCI Announces Award Winners
Six members of the CCI faculty and staff were recognized at the Fall 2011 All Schools Retreat for their distinguished service, teaching, advising and scholarship. Each winner received a plaque and $500 honorarium. Awards were distributed as follows: Distinguished Scholar – Kenneth Visocky O’Grady, VCD associate professor; Distinguished Teaching – Paul Haridakis, Ph.D., COMM director; Outstanding Teaching – Miriam Kahn, SLIS lecturer – Columbus; Service – Sharon Marquis, JMC senior secretary; Advising – Amy Wilkens, CCI advisor serving JMC; and Nichole Egbert, Ph.D., COMM associate professor. The CCI Faculty and Staff Awards Program was established in 2011, modeled after the Kent State Distinguished Teaching Awards.
**School of Communication Studies**

The School of Communication Studies offers bachelor's and master's degrees and participates in a college-wide doctoral degree program with majors in global, health, organizational, public, interpersonal and applied communication. The School is nationally recognized for its scholarship, and its students have received national recognition for their academic and professional accomplishments. The School has been recognized as Ohio's distinguished program in communication by the Ohio Communication Association of Ohio. In 2012, the School of Communication Studies celebrates its 80-year anniversary of its establishment as a program at Kent State University, continuing a long tradition of scholarship.

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Kent State Professor Laura Davis, Ph.D., and COMM Professor Carole Barbato, Ph.D., hosted a book signing for the 10th annual Symposium on Democracy book, *Democratic Narrative, History & Memory*. Some of the chapter authors were there, as well. In addition to editing the book, Barbato and Davis also wrote a book chapter with Mark. F. Seeman, professor of Sociology, "This we know: Chronology of the shootings at Kent State, May 1970."

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COMM Professor George Cheney, Ph.D., was among the communication scholars to be honored at the 97th annual National Communication Association (NCA) Convention on Nov. 18, 2011, in New Orleans. Cheney and co-editors Steve May, Ph.D., and Debasish Munshi, Ph.D., were recognized for their book, *The Handbook of Communication Ethics*, which was selected as the NCA Ethics Division’s top edited volume of the year. A chapter titled “Interpersonal Communication Ethics” was co-authored by COMM Professor Sally Planalp, Ph.D. The publication was among the *International Communication Association Handbook Series* published by Routledge.

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COMM Professor George Cheney, Ph.D., was a recipient of the Louis J. Kelso fellowship award of $12,500 from Rutgers University, 2012-13, for research on “ownership culture” in worker cooperatives, for assimilation of research and cases on best practices in the social side of democratic enterprises.

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COMM Professor George Cheney, Ph.D., was associate investigator, with the Ohio Employee Ownership Center of Kent State University, on a USDA grant of $225,000 for cooperative development, 2011-2012, in a sub-project focused on establishing and maintaining ownership culture through leadership, training, and education in participatory practices in worker cooperatives and other related organizations.

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COMM Associate Professor **Jeffrey T. Child, Ph.D.**, was the scholar-to-scholar planner for the National Communication Association. He reviewed more than 300 submissions for convention planning at the upcoming national convention in New Orleans, LA. He was featured in the most recent annual convention newsletter talking about the seven sessions he organized reflecting more than 200 papers.

COMM professors **Jeffrey T. Child, Ph.D.**, and **Junghyn Kim, Ph.D.**, received tenure and promotion to associate professors.

COMM Associate Professor **Jeffrey T. Child, Ph.D.**, helped advised to completion of their degrees four graduate students Service: Specialty planner for the National Communication Association Scholar-to-Scholar program which resulted in reviewing more than 200 paper submissions and planning seven sessions for the scholarship.


COMM Associate Professor **Jeffrey T. Child, Ph.D.**, with COMM graduate student **Petronio, S**, (2011) wrote “Unpacking the paradoxes of privacy in CMC relationships: The challenges of blogging and relational communication on the internet” in K. B. Wright & L. M. Webb (Eds.), *Computer-mediated communication in personal relationships* (pp. 21-40). New York: Peter Lang

COMM graduate student **Petronio, S.**, COMM Associate Professor **Jeffrey T. Child, Ph.D.**, and Sargent, J. (November 2011) presented “Diagnosing communication privacy management breakdowns,” a short course presentation at the meeting of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA.

COMM graduate student **Petronio, S.**, COMM Associate Professor **Jeffrey T. Child, Ph.D.**, (February 2011) presented “Communication privacy management diagnostic method,” a scholarly pre-conference workshop at the meeting of the Western States Communication Association, Monterey, CA.

COMM Assistant Professor **Jae Eun Chung, Ph.D.**, was quoted in “Reaching into the web” in southern Maryland’s *Gazette* on Nov. 30, 2011. This article also appeared in *Calvert Recorder* in Maryland. She was also quoted in “After Grim Diagnosis, Parents Turn to Internet, Social Networks” on Nov. 3, 2011, on Southern Maryland Online. This article also appeared on Nov. 9, 2011, in *The Gazette* and the *Calvert Recorder* both of Annapolis, MD; and the *Seattle Times*.


COMM Assistant Professor Jae Eun Chung, Ph.D., (2012, May) wrote “Medical dramas and viewers’ perception and knowledge about health: Testing cultivation effects and knowledge gap hypothesis,” in a paper presented at the Annual Conference of the International Communication Association (ICA), Phoenix, AZ.

von Gruenigen, V. E., McCarroll, M. L., COMM Assistant Professor Jae Eun Chung, Ph.D., and Kim, J. (May 2012) wrote “Characteristics of a hospital system based social media platform” in a paper presented at the Annual Clinical Meeting of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), San Diego, CA.

Small Group Projects Impact Community
COMM Professor Rebecca Cline, Ph.D., reported that the five real-world projects completed by students taking Communication in Small Groups and Teams raised more than $7,600 for local charities. Groups of students (5-6 per group) were assigned to select a "population in dire need" and to design and implement a plan to help that population. Cline encouraged them to select a cause they were passionate about to help provide motivation when they met challenges and difficulties. She also reminded them of Margaret Mead’s words: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world. Indeed it's the only thing that ever has."

Bernat, D., COMM Professor Rebecca J. Cline, Ph.D., COMM Assistant Professor Jae Eun Chung, Ph.D., COMM graduate student Danielle Bernat, D., Hernandez, T., Berry-Bobovski, L., and Schwartz, A. G. (April 2012) wrote “Applying the extended parallel process model to health screening behavior in a slow-motion technological disaster” in a paper presented at the biennial Kentucky Conference on Health Communication (KCHC), Lexington, Kentucky.

COMM Professor Rebecca Cline, Ph.D., was mentioned in Science Daily in “In Environmental Disasters, Families Respond with Conflict, Denial, Silence” on April 12, 2012. She was also noted in “Better Understanding of Psychosocial Consequences of Disasters Needed, Report Says” in the Homeland Security Today.

English Professor Laura Davis, Ph.D., and COMM Professor Carole Barbato, Ph.D., were featured in “NEH Announces $300,000 Grant to Kent State University for May 4 Visitors Center” in the Aug. 15, 2011, issue of e-Inside.

COMM Assistant Professor Rozell Duncan, Ph.D., presented “Goal Setting: A Factor in Educational Success” at the 41st annual International Society for Exploring Teaching and Learning Conference held in October 2011 in San Diego, Calif.

COMM Assistant Professor Rozell Duncan, Ph.D., served as a reviewer for the Western Journal of Communication for the manuscript Mixing pleasure with work: Employee perceptions of and response to workplace romance.

COMM Assistant Professor Rozell Duncan, Ph.D., served as a reviewer for the National Communication Association Experiential Learning in Communication Division – 2011 Annual Conference Paper and Panel Reviewer.

In February 2012, COMM Assistant Professor Rozell Duncan, Ph.D., presented a session entitled Effective Communication 1 - Interpersonal Skills for Project Blueprint for the United Way of Summit County.
COMM Assistant Professor Rozell Duncan, Ph.D., was the Secretary of the Experiential Learning in Communication Division of the National Communication Association and also serves as the Faculty representative to Kent State University National Alumni Board. She remains the Chairperson of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program of the United Way of Summit County.

In April 2012, COMM Assistant Professor Rozell Duncan, Ph.D., received an award from Student Accessibility Services as an outstanding educator who has helped to make Kent State University an inviting and accommodating university for students with disabilities.

CCI doctoral student Jenny Rosenberg and COMM Associate Professor Nichole Egbert, Ph.D., have recently published an article called “Online Impression Management: Personality Traits and Concerns for Secondary Goals as Predictors of Self-Presentation Tactics on Facebook” in the most recent volume of the Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication.


COMM Associate Professor Catherine Goodall, Ph.D., COMM graduate student Jason Sabo, COMM Professor Rebecca J. Cline, Ph.D., and COMM Associate Professor Nichole Egbert, Ph.D., (2012) wrote “Threat, efficacy, and uncertainty in the first five months of national print and electronic news coverage of the H1N1 virus” in Journal of Health Communication, 17, 338-355.


Smith, G. C., COMM Associate Professor Nichole Egbert, Ph.D., Dellman-Jenkins, M., and Nanna, K. (November 2011) wrote “A Web-based intervention for improving the psychological well-being of male stroke survivors and their spousal caregivers,” a paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.


A graduate of the School of Communication Studies responding to a survey from the Office of Quality Initiatives and Curriculum described COMM Instructor Margaret Garmon as having a particularly positive impact on the student’s experience while at Kent State University. Comments included that Garmon made an impact “for my major and showing me the path towards graduate also made me believe in myself, work, harder, and excel outside of the classroom. She was an amazing teacher.” The office advised Garmon of these results in a letter Oct. 18, 2011.
COMM Assistant Professor Catherine Goodall, Ph.D., was noted in “News articles linking alcohol to crimes or accidents increase support for liquor law enforcement” for her work with lead researcher Michael Slater of Ohio State University. The article appeared on EurekaAlert.org, PsychCentral.com and Newswise.com, among several others.

COMM Assistant Professor Catherine Goodall, Ph.D., and CCI doctoral student Phillip Reed (in press) wrote “Threat and efficacy uncertainty in news coverage about bed bugs as unique predictors of information seeking and avoidance: An extension of the EPPM” in Health Communication.

Slater, M. D., Hayes, A. F., COMM Assistant Professor Catherine Goodall, Ph.D., and Ewoldsen, D. (2012) wrote “Increasing support for alcohol-control enforcement through news coverage of alcohol’s role in injuries and crime: An experiment using representative U.S. news stories and people” in the Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs, 73, 311-315.

COMM Assistant Professor Catherine Goodall, Ph.D., and Ewoldsen, D. (November 2011) wrote “Attitude accessibility and automatic orientation to products and brands in advertising,” a paper accepted to the Social Cognition Division of the National Communication Association. New Orleans, LA.

COMM Assistant Professor Catherine Goodall, Ph.D., and COMM Assistant Professor Jennifer McCullough, Ph.D., received a Summer Research and Creative Activity appointment for an upcoming project titled “Family Communication about Food Advertising and the Presence and Impact of Nutrition Myths in Advertising.”

COMM Director Paul Haridakis, Ph.D., has had his book, Sports Fans, Identity, and Socialization: Exploring the Fandemonium, recently published by Lexington Books. Co-editors include COMM alumnus Adam C. Earnheardt, Ph.D., and former COMM Lecturer and alumna Barbara S. Hugenberg, Ph.D.

COMM Director Paul Haridakis, Ph.D., was featured in “School Notes – Haridakis will lead KSU communication studies” in the Jan. 25, 2012, issue of the Aurora Advocate. CCI Dean Stan Wearden, Ph.D., was quoted.

COMM Director Paul Haridakis, Ph.D., was featured in “Haridakis to head KSU communications school” in the Jan. 23, 2012, issue of the Record Courier. CCI Dean Stan Wearden, Ph.D., was quoted. Wearden and Haridakis were also mentioned in “Kent State School of Communication Studies Has New Director” in the Jan. 22, 2012, edition of the Kent Patch.

COMM Director Paul Haridakis, Ph.D., and COMM Alumnus Adam Earnheardt, Ph.D., are quoted in “The heartbreak of what might have been” in The Baltimore Sun on Jan. 23, 2012.


COMM Associate Professor Jeffrey T. Child, Ph.D., COMM Director Paul Haridakis, Ph.D., and COMM graduate student S. Petronio (in press) wrote “Blogging privacy rule orientations, privacy management, and content deletion practices: The variability of online privacy management activity at different stages of social media use” in Computers in Human Behavior.
COMM Director Paul Haridakis, Ph.D., 2012, wrote “Introduction: Corporate media culture and public memory” Democratic narrative, history and memory by L. Davis and COMM Professor Carole Barbato, Ph.D., (Eds.), Kent University Press.

COMM Director Paul Haridakis, Ph.D., and COMM Alumnus Adam Earnheardt, Ph.D., (2012) wrote “Understanding fans’ consumption and dissemination of sports: An introduction” in Sports fans, identity, and socialization: Exploring the fandemonium by COMM alumnus Adam C. Earnheardt, Ph.D., COMM Director Paul Haridakis, Ph.D., and former COMM Lecturer and alumna Barbara S. Hugenberg, Ph.D. (Eds.). (pp. 1-6). Lanham, MD: Lexington

COMM alumnus J. D. Belcher and COMM Director Paul Haridakis, Ph.D., (2012) wrote “From ‘alternative’ to ‘trance’: The role of music in facilitating political group activity and activism” in the Ohio Communication Journal, 49, 145-175.

JMC Professor Gary Hanson, COMM Director Paul Haridakis, Ph.D., and COMM graduate student R. Sharma (2011) wrote “Differing uses of YouTube during the 2008 U.S. Presidential primary election” in Electronic News Journal, 5, 1-19.

COMM Associate Professor Jeffrey T. Child, Ph.D., COMM Director Paul Haridakis, Ph.D., and COMM graduate student S. Petronio (November 2011) wrote “Considering, establishing, and revisiting voice: Blogging orientations, privacy management, and content deletion practices,” a paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA.

COMM graduate students J.D. Ponder and R. Sharma, COMM Director Paul Haridakis, Ph.D., JMC Professor Gary Hanson, and COMM graduate student A. Wagstaff (November 2011) wrote “The people’s voice: Predicting political discussion in the 2008 U.S. presidential election,” a paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA.

COMM Director Paul Haridakis, Ph.D., received the Distinguished Teaching Award from the Ohio Communication Association at its 2011 Annual Convention.

The International Association for Intercultural Communication Studies published a tribute in memory of D. Ray Heisey, Ph.D., COMM professor emeritus and director emeritus, who passed away in May 2011, in its June 2011 newsletter.

COMM Assistant Professor Erin E. Hollenbaugh, Ph.D., was a guest on the April 3, 2011, episode, “Intrepid Entrepreneurs,” of NEOtropolis on the PBS television station 45-49. She also was named to yStark! and the Canton Repository’s list of Twenty Under 40, which recognizes Stark County young professionals for their career acumen, community service and trusteeship, and personal and professional achievements. She was honored with this award June 5, 2012, at the Glenmoor Country Club.

COMM Assistant Professor Erin E. Hollenbaugh, Ph.D., was a guest on the Feb. 7, 2012, episode, “Phantom Borders,” of NEOtropolis on the PBS television station 45-49.

COMM Assistant Professor Erin Hollenbaugh, Ph.D., and COMM Lecturer Amber Ferris, Ph.D., wrote “‘I love you, man’: Drunk dialing motives and their impact on social cohesion,” in R. Ling and S. W. Campbell (Eds.), Mobile communication: Bringing us together and tearing us apart (pp. 293-322). New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers.

COMM Assistant Professor Erin E. Hollenbaugh, Ph.D., and Marcia K. Everett of Malone University wrote “The effects of anonymity on self-disclosure in blogs: An application of the online disinhibition effect” which has been accepted by the Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication.
COMM Lecturer Amber Ferris, Ph.D., and COMM Assistant Professor Erin E. Hollenbaugh, Ph.D., (2011) wrote “Drinking and dialing: An exploratory study of why college students make cell phone calls while intoxicated” in the Ohio Communication Journal.

COMM Assistant Professor Erin E. Hollenbaugh, Ph.D., and Marcia K. Everett of Malone University (November 2011) wrote “The effects of anonymity on self-disclosure in blogs: An application of the online disinhibition effect,” a paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA.

COMM Assistant Professor Erin E. Hollenbaugh, Ph.D., (November 2011) presented “Exploring our online voices through self-analysis: An examination of online self-presentation” Great Ideas for Teaching Speech (GIFTS) presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA.

COMM Assistant Professor Erin E. Hollenbaugh, Ph.D., lectured at the Student Leadership Academy, Kent State University at Stark, on “Gender and Communication: Our Differing Languages of Leadership,” in February 2012.

COMM Assistant Professor Erin E. Hollenbaugh, Ph.D., lectured at the Faculty Colloquium, Kent State University at Stark, on “Blogging and Self-Disclosure: ‘My Super-Secret Online Diary,’” in February 2012.

COMM Assistant Professor Erin E. Hollenbaugh, Ph.D., lectured at the Honors Program brown bag, Kent State University at Stark, on “Blogging and Self-Disclosure,” in September 2011.

COMM Assistant Professor Erin E. Hollenbaugh, Ph.D., contributed to show on “A Little Something Extra” – how social media affects interpersonal relationships on NEOtropolis (May 2012) as part of the Public Broadcasting Service.

COMM Assistant Professor Erin E. Hollenbaugh, Ph.D., was interviewed on her current research on Pioneer Radio. (April 2012).

COMM Assistant Professor Erin E. Hollenbaugh, Ph.D., and her Spring 2012 – Advanced Interpersonal Communication class (COMM 40001) completed a study – from start to finish – of the effects of Facebook motives and activity on one’s self-esteem. The paper will be presented at the 2012 Ohio Communication Association conference.

COMM Assistant Professor Erin E. Hollenbaugh, Ph.D., was elected Northeast Ohio Representative to the Ohio Communication Association Board, 2011 – present.

COMM Assistant Professor Erin E. Hollenbaugh, Ph.D., was appointed on-site coordinator for the 2012 meeting of the Ohio Communication Association, to be held on the Kent campus in October 2012. She was secretary of the National Communication Association’s Human Communication and Technology Division, November 2009 – November 2011.

COMM Assistant Professor Erin E. Hollenbaugh, Ph.D., was featured in “iPhone, therefore iLive: Erie region embraces smart phones, too” in the Erie Times-News in August 2011.

COMM Assistant Professor Erin E. Hollenbaugh, Ph.D., was featured in “Technology keeps us close: Kent grandparents maintain contact with family through frequent video chats on Skype program” in the Akron Beacon Journal in June 2011.

COMM Assistant Professor Jennifer L. McCullough, Ph.D., presented her paper titled “Giving younger children a voice: Service learning in media courses” at the annual conference of the National Communication Association in November 2011.


COMM Associate Professor Janet Meyer, Ph.D., was the winner of the Faculty Mentoring Award from Communication Graduate Student Association, School of Communication Studies in April 2012.

COMM Associate Professor Janet Meyer, Ph.D., wrote “Contemplating regretted messages: Learning-oriented, repair-oriented, and emotion-focused reflection” in the *Western Journal of Communication* (in press).


COMM Associate Professor Janet Meyer, Ph.D., wrote “Learning-oriented reflection following a communication failure,” a paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Boston.

COMM Associate Professor Janet Meyer, Ph.D., won the Faculty Mentoring Award from Communication Graduate Student Association, School of Communication Studies, April 2012.

COMM Professor Sally Planalp, Ph.D., was featured in “Your Guide to Romance This Valentine’s Day” in the Feb. 13, 2012, issue of e-Inside.

COMM Professor Sally Planalp, Ph.D., worked in an interdisciplinary team with the Utah Poison Control Center and faculty from the College of Nursing to create an online communication training that has recently been released for use by poison control centers in North America. The training is the result of extensive research and collaboration and addresses some of the most challenging communication problems faced by specialists in poison information. It provides strategies and tools to sharpen communication skills through flexible web-based modules that include: Gathering Information Effectively; Managing Stressful Situations; Communicating with Health Care Professionals; and Promoting Adherence through Risk Communication. The project was developed through the Health Resources and Services Administration Incentive Grant Program #U4BHS08563.

COMM Instructor Carrie Tomko was nominated for the Distinguished Teaching Award at the Kent State University Tuscarawas campus.

Kent State University at Stark students enrolled in the *Organizational Training and Development* communication course, instructed by COMM Lecturer Lisa Waite, partnered with the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival organization. This is a service-learning course that prepares students for careers as corporate trainers, communication coaches, and consultants. In this capacity, students apply classroom skills to real-world situations. A greater focus is on the reciprocal process to inspire civic engagement and mutual influence. The class successfully delivered a customized training program to this service partner on Dec. 6, 2011.

COMM Lecturer Lisa Waite was noted in “New Findings in Health and Medicine Described from Kent State University” on NewsRX.com on Oct. 31, 2011, in regards to her study which was published in *Health Communication* called “What is it they say about best intentions?: a life lesson in empathy and sympathy Health Communication.”

COMM Lecturer **Lisa Waite** participated in the discussion *Service-Learning Student Presentation* for 2011 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Committee, Canton, Ohio Dec. 6, 2011. Waite presented a *Women’s Empowerment Seminar* at the 2012 Women in Business Conference, Kent State University.

COMM Lecturer **Lisa Waite** is the 2012 President, Walsh University Advisory Board, North Canton, Ohio. She was the 2011 – 2012 NTT Representative Stark Campus Handbook Committee, Kent State University. Waite was the 2011 Chair, Non-Tenure Track Provost Advisory Council (NPAC), charged to oversee Professional Development Activity/Awards for non-tenure track faculty. She was the 2011-2012 Regional Campus Representative, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Kent State University. Waite was the 2011 Nominee, Distinguished Teaching Award, Kent State University, Stark Campus. Waite was a 2012 Nominee, Distinguished Teaching Award, Kent State University, Stark Campus. She was recognized in the 2012 edition of *Who’s Who among Executives and Professionals*. Waite was recognized in the 2012 edition of *Madison’s Who’s Who of Professionals*. She was recognized in the 2012 edition of *Women’s Leadership Summit*, Nov. 16, 2011. Waite was named in the July 2012 “Top 100 Leaders of 2012 Magazine.”

**Hyde Park Forum**

Finally, Hyde Park Forum 2012 was a huge success. This annual persuasive speaking competition highlights student speeches from both fall and spring semesters of COMM 15000. We had a record-breaking crowd of more than 800 people attend this year’s event. An esteemed panel of judges from around the university and community determined Rachel Belack to be the winner of this year’s competition with her speech on Hope for Africa’s Future Through Education. The event brings the entire department together to showcase the work done by the faculty, graduate assistants, and students of our school, and it showcased their collective efforts with quality speeches and smooth presentation.

- Rachel Belack, freshman, Business and Communications, “Hope for Africa’s Future Through Education”
- Brittany Ferrara, freshman, Integrated Language Arts, “Adopting Pets from Animal Shelters”
- Gustard King, freshman, Accounting, “Fatally Abandoned: Insurance Denial for Those with Pre-Existing Conditions”
- Kelsey Meadows, freshman, Managerial Marketing, “Consumerism”
- Tianyi Xie, freshman, Visual Communication Design, “Senior Citizens Need Our Attention”

**School Gives Centennial Award to Business Owner**

*Richard O. Warther*, ’79, president and CEO of Vanguard ID Systems, Inc., was the recipient of the 2011 Centennial Award from the School of Communication Studies at Kent State University. The Centennial Award is the highest honor given by the School of Communication Studies. This award honors those who are nationally and/or internationally recognized for professional achievement and preeminent contributions to their professions or life’s work as they relate to the field of communication.

COMM graduate student **Krishnamurti Murniadi** had a top 3 paper at the Eastern States Communication Association. He received the James Mignerey Award and an Honorable Mention for Outstanding Research Award from the School.
School of Journalism & Mass Communication

In its 75th year, the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Kent State University is a leading accredited journalism school with cutting-edge curriculum and facilities. The school’s mission is focused on understanding the media marketplace and media-related careers while providing professional undergraduate and master's programs within the liberal arts tradition. JMC teaches its students to gather information, to present it clearly and to think critically within a legal and ethical framework. It serves as a resource for professional practitioners, for media consumers and for Kent State University.

JMC Assistant Professor Bob Batchelor, Ph.D., was elected to an executive-level position with the Popular Culture/American Culture Association. He will serve as the Marketing and Media Relations Director for PCA/ACA globally. PCA/ACA is the top association in the field with more than 9,000 members from around the world.

JMC Assistant Professor Bob Batchelor, Ph.D., was the featured alumnus speaker at the April 26, 2012, Kent Reads series from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Main University Library. The Kent Reads with Alumni Author series features the works of KSU alumni and offers a forum for the university community to discuss topics of interest. The read aloud series celebrates reading, books and libraries. Batchelor will do a public reading/presentation on his collection, Cult Pop Culture: How the Fringe Became Mainstream.

JMC Assistant Professor Bob Batchelor, Ph.D., was appointed to the Editorial Review Board of the International Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning. IJ-SoTL is a peer-reviewed, international journal published twice a year by the Center for Excellence in Teaching at Georgia Southern University to be an international vehicle for articles, essays, and discussions about the scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL) and its applications in higher/tertiary education today.


JMC Assistant Professor Bob Batchelor, Ph.D., along with JMC Alumnus King Hill, senior vice president of Marcus Thomas, LLC, were quoted in "The Future of Marketing: 46 Experts Share Their Predictions For 2012" which was published on Nov. 7 by Business 2 Community.

JMC Assistant Professor Bob Batchelor, Ph.D., was appointed chair of the Marketing Committee of the Midwest Popular Culture/American Culture Association (MPC/ACA) by the Executive Committee. He and the committee members oversee marketing and branding efforts for the association, including social media outreach.

JMC Assistant Professor Bob Batchelor, Ph.D., discussed “Cult Pop Culture: How the Fringe Became Mainstream,” at the Midwest Popular Culture Association conference on Oct. 14, 2011. Popular culture enthusiasts from across the Midwest and the nation gathered in Milwaukee Oct. 14-16, 2011, at the 2011 joint Midwest Popular Culture/Midwest American Culture Association Annual Conference at the Milwaukee Hilton City Center. Some 120 panels examined topics across the popular culture universe, from Mad Men and Harry Potter to Twilight and Facebook.
JMC Assistant Professor Bob Batchelor, Ph.D., wrote “Smells like MTV: Music Video and the Rise of Grunge” for PopMatters.com, a popular culture website that attracts, according to the editors, "over 1 million unique monthly readers" resulting in "one of the Web’s most prestigious cultural sources, especially among readers 18-34 years old."

JMC Assistant Professor Bob Batchelor, Ph.D., wrote "Literary Lions Tackle 9/11: Updike and DeLillo Depicting History through the Novel" which was published in Radical History Review.

JMC Assistant Professor Bob Batchelor, Ph.D., was a featured/keynote speaker in October at the Midwest PCA/ACA Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Midwest PCA/ACA is a regional branch of the national Popular Culture/American Culture Association. There are only two featured speakers for the conference, with hundreds of traditional panels, etc. Batchelor will talk about the 3-volume anthology he edited and wrote several chapters for, including two co-authored with former JMC alumna Jodee Hammond that will be out this Fall: Cult Pop Culture: How the Fringe Became Mainstream.

JMC Assistant Professor Bob Batchelor, Ph.D., was quoted in "Forever Young with Bob Dylan" in Buzzbin Magazine on Aug. 15. Buzzbin is an arts, news and entertainment monthly covering Akron, Canton and Cleveland.

On March 16, 2012, JMC Associate Professor Candace Bowen, director of the Center for Scholastic Journalism, gave a keynote address to high school students and journalism advisers from across Chicago. The 300 or so students were gathered at the city's Cultural Center for the annual high school journalism awards ceremony hosted by Roosevelt University. Her topic? “How to come up with good story ideas.” She trimmed what could be an endless list of suggestions down to a pithy 5 Tips, or questions a student reporter can ask to help spark ideas.

JMC Assistant Professor Candace Perkins Bowen was featured in “KSU hosts high school journalism institute” on the Ohio Newspaper Association website.

JMC professors Candace Bowen, Jan Leach, Jacquie Marino and Joe Murray, Ph.D., all earned tenure and promotion to associate professor at Kent State.

JMC Lecturer John Bowen, along with JMC Assistant Professor Candace Perkins Bowen, hosted members of the Journalism Education Association's Scholastic Press Rights Commission at Franklin Hall for a two-and-a-half day retreat March 1-3. The Journalism Education Association is the nation's largest organization of scholastic journalism teachers and advisers.

JMC Associate Professor Fran Collins was quoted in the June 29, 2012, issue of the The (Columbus) Dispatch in "Pediatricians: Get junk-food ads off TV."

JMC professor Fred Endres, Ph.D., presented his research on the Civil War during the Brimfield Historical Society and Kelso House Museum's Lyceum Series on Feb. 23, 2012. He shared the stories of seven Portage County soldiers, which will be used in his upcoming PBS documentary entitled “Sojer Boys.”

JMC Associate Professor Michele Ewing, APR, will have a case study published in an upcoming book titled Public Relations Strategies in Action: A Casebook. Her campaign examines a student-run Donate Life Ohio plan she directed. A team of five PR students researched, planned and implemented a campaign to motivate Ohio residents to become registered organ donors in 2009. The team won the state-wide campaign competition and a district PRSA award. The Kent State undergraduate student campaign will be published in the mix of other professional work.
An article by Mark Goodman, Center for Scholastic Journalism's Knight Chair in Scholastic Journalism, about high school student press law has been included as a chapter in a new book published by Greenhaven Press called Teen Rights and Freedoms: Free Press. The book is part of a multi-volume series on teen rights intended for high school libraries.

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Mark Goodman, Center for Scholastic Journalism's Knight Chair in Scholastic Journalism, was featured in "New teacher’s guide uses social media to teach about First Amendment” after he spoke about the issue on a panel in December at the Newseum in Washington, D.C.

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Mark Goodman, Center for Scholastic Journalism Knight Chair in Scholastic Journalism, was quoted in "This Just in: Students Love Print" in the New York Times on Dec. 22, 2011.

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Mark Goodman, Center for Scholastic Journalism Knight Chair in Scholastic Journalism, and JMC Assistant Professor Candace Bowen were featured in "High school newspapers, yearbooks are attracting more students" in the News Herald of Northern Ohio on Dec. 16, 2011.

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Mark Goodman, Center for Scholastic Journalism Knight Chair in Scholastic Journalism, was featured in "Social media use, First Amendment support linked in students" by the Scripps Howard Wire Foundation on Dec. 16, 2011.

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Mark Goodman, Knight Chair in Scholastic Journalism at Kent State, presented “Online User Agreements and You” and “Who Owns It? Copyright and Student Media Work” at the 90th Annual ACP/CMA National College Media Convention, while JMC Lecturer Sue Zake talked on “Not Your Father’s Newspaper: Redesigning the Kent Stater.” She also coordinated two other sessions: one with Gary W. Green, sports photographer for the Orlando Sentinel, called "Sports Photojournalism: The Skills to Succeed, and one with John Kaplan, University of Florida professor, who screened his autobiographical film "Not as I Pictured." Zake will chair a committee for the spring convention in New York City and will coordinate all of the sessions dealing with journalistic legal issues.

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Mark Goodman, professor and Knight Chair in Scholastic Journalism, served on a panel discussion held at the Newseum on December 15, 2011, to commemorate the 220th anniversary of the Bill of Rights. He also helped to judge the "Free to Tweet" competition, which awarded $110,000 in scholarships to high school and college students who tweeted in support of the First Amendment on Bill of Rights Day.

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One of JMC Lecturer Gary Harwood’s photos made the cover of The Sun Magazine, a creative writing and poetry magazine published throughout the United States and Canada.

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JMC Instructor Named Master of the Profession
This June, University Photographers’ Association of American celebrated its 50th anniversary, and during its annual symposium it introduced the UPAA Master of the Profession award. Gary Harwood, Visual Storytelling instructor in Kent State’s School of Journalism and Mass Communication and former Kent State University photographer, was one of the inaugural awardees.

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JMC Associate Professor Karl Idsvoog picked up some frequent flyer miles during his sabbatical last semester. For the U.S. State Department, he trained citizen and professional journalists in Botswana, Egypt and Tunisia. For Radio Free Asia, he trained journalists in Hong Kong and Cambodia. And although he travels with camera, microphones and a laptop full of software (Avid, Premier, FCP, AfterEffects, Photoshop, Motion), he says his most important training device is his ears.
JMC Associate Professor Karl Idsvoog was quoted on MSNBC.com on Jan. 20, 2012, in “Talking squirrel puppet reports from high-profile Ohio trial.” He was also quoted in “Ohio TV station barred from using cameras in bribery trial re-enacts highlights with puppets” on Jan. 20 on the Star Tribune (Minneapolis) website. Similar articles ran in 298 other media outlets on Jan. 20. WKYC-TV reporter and PR Online Master's student Eric Mansfield reported from the Kent State student converged newsroom on Jan. 23 in “Jimmy Dimora trial coverage hits university’s newspaper.” Two student reporters are featured in the piece.

Harvard University’s Niemanwatchdog.org featured JMC Associate Professor Karl Idsvoog and his students in “J-

students take on athletic departments and the NFL” on March 8.

JMC Associate Professor Karl Idsvoog was featured in “‘Shayfeen Bukra’ inspires young Egyptians” in the Sept. 25 issue of The Egyptian Gazette.

JMC Associate Professor Karl Idsvoog trained video journalists in Botswana and Egypt. This is a pilot project for the U.S. Department of State. He is working in three countries: Botswana, Egypt and Tunisia. He is hoping to develop citizen journalists who are able to use their video-producing skills for pieces they put on social media and elsewhere. He also did a lecture at Modern Sciences and Arts University in Egypt.

JMC Associate Professor Karl Idsvoog launched a new blog at http://whenjournalismfails.blogspot.com

JMC Assistant Professor Jacqueline Marino won a $7,200 grant from the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication to develop a new application of a Knight Foundation-funded news project. Students of technology and journalism during the Spring 2012 class, Web Programming for Multimedia Journalism, will adapt a Knight News Challenge-funded, open-source application called OpenBlock for the Kent State campus. Students will learn how to create Web news feeds for the places on campus where they live, study and play. Students will also decide how to customize the resource using social media, public data and other information. The course will be co-taught with the School of Digital Sciences. KentWired advisor Sue Zake and JMC Adjunct Instructor Liz Yokum co-taught the class with Marino. Undergraduate and graduate students from JMC, IAKM and Computer Science are currently enrolled in the course.

JMC Assistant Professor Jacqueline Marino was just published on Nieman's Professor's Corner. Co-author Jeremy Gilbert, a Northwestern professor, and Marino wrote about their experiences putting students of journalism and computer science together in the classroom. The article, "The Odd Couple: Computer Science Partners with Journalism," explains how students and faculty of different disciplines collaborated on digital news products in the course, Web Programming for Multimedia Journalism.
JMC Assistant Professor Mitch McKenney, M.B.A., of Kent State at Stark, was invited to lead a keynote discussion with this year’s Howard M. Metzenbaum award winners, Staughton and Alice Lynd, at the Ohio Citizen Action annual dinner on Feb. 18 in Cleveland Heights. The Lynds have spent more than a half-century advocating for the civil rights of African-Americans, young draftees, Youngstown steelworkers, prisoners and others. Mitch’s interview with the Lynds – titled “Occupy Now, But What’s Next?” – concluded with Staughton Lynd’s caution that the continuing Occupy movement must not let itself be corrupted by violence.

JMC Assistant Professor Stefanie Moore was quoted in “Facebook’s Timeline prompting more of us to edit our profiles, new study shows” in the Feb. 24 issue of The Plain Dealer.

JMC Associate Professor Joe Murray, Ph.D., was featured in “Ohio professor to fly 1,670 miles to fund scholarship” in General Aviation News on April 11.


JMC Associate Professor Bill Sledzik was quoted in “PR can’t overcome moral failings like Penn State fiasco” in a blog by PR executive Jeannette Duwe on Nov. 30, 2011, from Business Insider, an Idaho Statesman weekly magazine.

JMC Alumna Gere Goble wrote “Wonderful teachers, one and all” noting JMC Professor Tim Smith and JMC Associate Professor Carl Schierhorn. She said, “I am forever grateful for them all,” in the Jan. 22, 2012, Mansfield News Journal.

JMC Professor Tim Smith was quoted in "Rep. Matt Lundy, Gov. Kasich at odds over info release" on June 17 in the Chronicle-Telegram of Lorain.

JMC Emeritus Professor Robert West was featured in “Film professor’s 1973 horror movie comes back to life” on Oct. 28 on WKSU. “The Wednesday Children,” was the Halloween movie at the Cinemateque at the Cleveland Institute of Art. His student, Jorge Delarosa, was the trigger for that. Delarosa has recently uploaded to YouTube one of West’s short films from the same year. It’s a short documentary featuring Chicago blues legend Arbee Stidham; West made the film while Stidham was living in Cleveland in the 1970s.

Editor Named 2012 McGruder Award for Media Diversity winner by Kent State’s School of Journalism and Mass Communication

Debra Adams Simmons, editor of The Plain Dealer was named the 2012 winner of the Robert G. McGruder Award for Diversity from the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Kent State University. The award recognizes the accomplishments of media professionals who encourage diversity in the field of journalism. Kent State’s School of Journalism and Mass Communication honored her at an in March 2012. Lydia Esparra, an Emmy-winning anchor with WOIO 19 Action News, will be recognized at the annual McGruder luncheon as the 2012 Diversity in Media Distinguished Leadership Award winner. The lecture and luncheon is co-sponsored by Kent State’s School of Journalism and Mass Communication and the Division of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.
SPJ announces 2011 Region 4 Mark of Excellence Winners
The Society of Professional Journalists announced the Region 4 Mark of Excellence Award winners for the 2011 calendar year. The Mark of Excellence Awards recognize the best collegiate journalism in the United States. SPJ Region 4 includes Michigan, Ohio, Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. This year, the contest received more than 4,000 entries across SPJ’s 12 regions. The honorees were awarded certificates on March 24, 2012, at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich. First-place regional winners will advance to the national round of judging. National winners will be announced in late April. Kent State University journalism students captured three first place awards, two second place awards and six third place awards in Region 4.

Non-Fiction Magazine Article  First Place: “In an instant: How former Kent State basketball star Malika Willoughby lost everything” by Joey Pompignano
Online In-Depth Reporting  First Place: “Kent’s changing landscape: Redefining a college town” by Nathan Edwards
Television In-depth Reporting  First Place: “Kent State sues former student for unpaid tuition” by Megan Moore-Closser

Best Student Magazine  Second Place: The Burr  Third Place: Fusion

Best Affiliated Website  Third Place: KSU Buzz (KSUbuzz.com)
Online Feature Reporting  Third Place: “Rock the runway” by KentWired.com staff
Online News Reporting  Third Place: “Tracking down Kent development” by KentWired.com staff
Television Sports Reporting  Third Place: “Kent State’s bass fishing team” by Jenn Bellissimo

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PR Student Earns Prestigious Scholarship
JMC Senior Erin Orsini is the 2011 recipient of the David L. Stashower Visionary Scholarship in communications. The scholarship is awarded annually by Cleveland-based advertising and public relations agency, Liggett Stashower, to a communications student attending an Ohio college or university majoring in advertising, graphic design, public relations or communications. The program honors David Stashower, former chairman of Liggett Stashower, who retired from the agency in 1997. Orsini, a public relations major and sports administration minor, has achieved a 3.5 GPA. She’s completed an internship with the Pro Football Hall of Fame, actively participated in Kent State’s Public Relations Students Society of America chapter and the 2010 Bateman Case Competition. Orsini also works on campus at Flash Communications. Her responsibilities include developing social media channels and newsletters to inform faculty, staff and alumni of university happenings.

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Kent State Student Named Top Finalist in National Awards Program
The William Randolph Hearst Foundation awarded a Kent State University broadcast journalism student the top television finalist award, along with a $2,600 scholarship. Jeanette Reyes, a Kent State senior and TV2 reporter and anchor, submitted two of her broadcast stories to the Journalism Awards Program’s Broadcast Features Competition without realizing the award’s prestige. The story was an investigative piece about online job scams, featuring a woman who lost more than $20,000 to a fraudulent online company. Reyes dug deep to reveal this woman’s story, how scams happen and how to look for signs and avoid them.
JMC Student Wins National Scholarship
Jeannette Reyes won the Jane Velez Mitchell Scholarship for $2,500. Reyes is a senior broadcast journalism major who plans to graduate in May 2012. She applied for the scholarship in March 2012 from the National Association of Hispanic Journalists. It required a submission of three work samples, a statement of her goals including reasons she deserved the scholarship and how she planned to use it, as well as letters of recommendation and tax information for she and her parents.

JMC Student Photographer Earns Industry Awards
Airielle Farley, a junior information design major, won both first place in the student category and the People’s Choice Award in the 2011 Saxton Luminaries Photography Competition for her photo called “Remembering May 4.” The other finalists from Kent State were Lindsay Frumker, Brooke DiDonato and Shannon Sullivan.

JMC Honors Alumni Homecoming Weekend
The School of Journalism and Mass Communication (JMC) at Kent State University announced its alumni award winners for 2011, including honors for the William Taylor Alumni of the Year Award, JMC Friend of the Year and two Fast Track Alumni Awards. The recipients were recognized at a reception during Homecoming weekend. The William Taylor Alumna of the Year Award is given to a graduate who has made a significant contribution to the profession. This year’s winner, Stephanie Danes Smith, ’79, was an officer for the Central Intelligence Agency for 26 years before retiring with distinction in August 2011 after holding a series of senior executive positions focused on global support operations, strategic planning, organizational development, leadership development, legislative relations, brand and reputation management and corporate communications. Smith was the recipient of the CIA Director’s Award, the Distinguished Intelligence Medal, the CIA Certificate of Distinction, 20 CIA Exceptional Performance Awards and a Special Act Award from the U.S. Navy. The Fast Track Alumni Awards honor graduates with less than 10 years’ experience who have made significant contributions to their profession. Andy Alt, ’04, is an entrepreneur and musician based in Los Angeles, California. After graduating from Kent State University with a bachelor’s degree in advertising, Alt began his recording and touring career as a guitar player with rock and pop artists on Interscope Records, Epic Records, MTV, USA Network and most recently, a world tour with Nickelodeon’s Drake Bell (of “Drake and Josh” fame). Kirk Yuhnke is an Emmy award-winning morning news anchor at ABC15 in Phoenix and the proud father of two children. Yuhnke was raised just outside of Buffalo, New York, and moved to Northeast Ohio while in high school. While at Kent State, he served in various roles at TV2 and as an anchor/reporter on NewsOhio. Finally, JMC honored its Friend of the Year, Steve Savanyu, for his contributions to the school as a volunteer, educator and director. Savanyu has worked tirelessly over the years to provide JMC students with real-world experience in producing live sports events, filming movies and working with high-tech audio equipment.
Magazines Snag Five National Awards
Two Kent State student magazines, The Burr and Fusion, won a total of five awards from the 2011 Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Student Magazine Contest. The competition, which was judged by magazine publishers, editors and writers, attracted 260 entries from 28 universities in the United States and Canada. The awards will be presented at the AEJMC convention in St. Louis in August. JMC Assistant Professor Jacqueline Marino advises The Burr, and Brian Thornton, manager of advancement communication in Donor Services, advised Fusion.

JMC Student Competes for Miss Ohio Title
Heather Wells, 21, won the title of Miss Maumee Valley 2011 competed in the 2012 Miss Ohio pageant. Wells, originally from Warren, Ohio, is a senior majoring in broadcast journalism at Kent State. She knew she wanted to be a reporter when she had the opportunity in sixth grade to be “Star for a Day” on WFMJ-TV 21 in Youngstown. Wells said she is passionate about journalism because she wants to inspire others through her stories.

Update: The Miss Ohio Contest took place June 15-18 in Columbus. Wells placed in the top 10, earning a $400 scholarship. Ellen Bryan, 22, of Celina, Ohio, was crowned Miss Ohio 2011.

Students Named National Finalists for Magazine Article, Online Reporting
The Society of Professional Journalists announced national winners of the 2011 Mark of Excellence Awards recognizing collegiate work published or broadcast during 2011. Nate Edwards earned a national award for his online in-depth reporting in "Kent's changing landscape: Redefining a college town." Joey Pompignano of The Burr was selected as a national finalist in the non-fiction magazine article category for “In an instant: How former Kent State basketball star Malika Willoughby lost everything.” This year, student journalists submitted more than 4,000 entries. National Mark of Excellence Award judges choose one national winner in each category and two national finalists (runners-up). Winners and finalists were previously recognized by receiving first place in one of SPJ’s 12 regional competitions. Each first-place regional winners advanced to the national competition.

Kent State’s First Fashion Magazine Launches on Campus
Fashion forward, friendly and fun, “A” Magazine hit the Kent State University campus Thursday, April 18, just in time for the opening of the new School of Fashion store in downtown Kent. Nicole Aikens is editor-in-chief of the first issue that was a collaborative product of journalism and fashion students. “A” magazine takes the place of Artemis, a former publication geared toward women and women’s issues. When they proposed a change in Artemis, Aikens and her classmates believed that adapting it into a fashion magazine could make it stronger and more appealing to students. The Daily Kent Stater’s “Fashion Blitz” weekly feature page had taken off since its debut in the fall 2011 semester, serving as a stepping-stone to what would become Kent’s first fashion magazine. JMC Associate Professor Jan Leach serves as the publication’s advisor, keeping the team on track for printing.

JMC Students Win Awards
The Missouri Student Society for News Design (SSND) recognized four Kent State students for their work in college media during its annual contest awards. Allison Struck won first place for her design for the Daily Kent Stater’s “One dead, four injured in Chardon shooting.” Rachel Chilcott took third place for “Ten Years Later” in the Daily Kent Stater. Judges said, “The content was awesome and the layout was really consistent throughout.” Frank Yonkof and Rachel Kilroy earned an honorable mention for a mini-site/special section of a news website category.
Kent in London
JMC Associate Professor Michele Ewing, JMC Assistant Professor Danielle Coombs, Ph.D., and JMC alumna Margie Stahl, along with 23 undergraduate students visited London in May 2012 to kick off the inaugural Global Advertising and PR course. Students developed expertise in areas of personal interest, focusing first on the States and then expanding their knowledge to include a comparison in England. Topics included examinations of music, fashion, consumer packaged goods, law and ethics, women in advertising, and sports (biking, football, and racing), specific media (magazines, social media), and roles and processes in advertising (elements of copywriting and understanding insights). After a topline presentation at the end of this semester, students met with experts in their own areas to get the British perspective. Their final comparative analyses were presented at the London College of Communications, University of the Arts. During their stay, they visited top international agencies (We Are Social, Mother, Edelman), governmental communications departments (Parliament, Lord Mayor’s office), and non-profits (Action Aid).

A JMC electronic media production major was featured in "Olivia Sliman saw a need, took action: Community Heroes 2011” in the Cleveland Plain Dealer on Dec. 19, 2011. She collected 1,011 pairs of shoes that she and her family sent to Jamaica and other countries. One of her favorite pairs was a glittery ruby red pair.
Dateline Delhi Website Launches, Features Multimedia Projects
Eighteen communication students and three professors from Kent State University spent 10 days of March in Delhi, India, reporting on culture, environment, the economy and more for DatelineDelhi.org, a multimedia news website and product of the International Storytelling course. The site officially launched on Monday, April 30 showcasing student photography, video and feature stories from India.

Kent State Hosts Fifth Annual YouToo Social Media Conference for Area Communication Professionals
National and local experts discussed the impact of mobile technology and the importance of social media measurement strategies for area communications professionals and students at the fifth annual YouToo Social Media Conference in April 2012 at Kent State University’s Franklin Hall.
School of Library and Information Science
The School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) at Kent State University is one of the largest professional library and information science programs in North America, with 650 graduate students at two program sites in Ohio and thriving online and distance components. The School is recognized by U.S. News and World Report as one of the nation’s top 20 graduate schools in the field, with a youth librarianship program that is ranked 13th. SLIS offers the only American Library Association accredited master’s degree program (M.L.I.S.) in Ohio, with strengths ranging from traditional library careers such as public librarianship, children's and young adult, K-12 school libraries, and organization of information, to digital libraries, digital preservation and museum studies. SLIS also offers a Master of Science in Information Architecture and Knowledge Management (IAKM), with concentrations in health informatics, knowledge management and user experience design.

A paper by SLIS Adjunct Instructor Iouri Bairatchnyi, Ph.D., "Cultural Identity, Global Mindset, and Knowledge Management: From Awareness to Knowledge and Competence,” has been accepted for presentation at the 12th International Conference on Knowledge, Culture and Change in Organizations scheduled for July 6-8, 2012, in Chicago. Bairatchnyi teaches courses in IAKM's knowledge management concentration.

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SLIS Adjunct Instructor Roland M. Baumann, Ph.D., has recently provided consultations in Records Management and Archives for the Electric Light and Power Department, City of Oberlin (Nov.-Dec., 2011), Malone University (May 2011 and April 2012), and the Oberlin College Archives (March and April, 2012).

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SLIS Adjunct Instructor Roland M. Baumann, Ph.D., co-chaired “Redesigning Websites with User Perspectives” at the Midwest Archives Conference in St. Paul, Minn., on April 29, 2011.

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SLIS Adjunct Instructor Roland M. Baumann, Ph.D., provided assistance as an outside referee of “The Small Settlement Social Library in the Nineteenth Century Western Reserve: Context, Organization and Content,” an article submission to Ohio History.

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SLIS Adjunct Instructor Roland M. Baumann, Ph.D., served as a member on the Outreach Committee of the Academy of Certified Archivists.

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Goodyear Professor of Knowledge Management Denise Bedford, Ph.D., is co-author with J. Timothy Sprehe of “Strategic Information Management,” which will be published by Scarecrow Press in March 2013.

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Denise A.D. Bedford, Ph.D., Goodyear Professor of Knowledge Management, presented a paper titled "Leveraging Knowledge Organization System-Fueled Semantic Technologies to Generate Tags and Tag Clouds" at the Networked Knowledge Organization Systems Workshop in Berlin, Germany. The workshop was associated with the Theory and Practice of Digital Libraries Conference.
An abstract by Denise Bedford, Ph.D., Goodyear Professor of Knowledge Management, titled “Challenges and Opportunities: Designing and Delivering a 21st-Century Knowledge Management Education Program,” was selected for submission as an academic paper to ICICKM12 (International Conference on Intellectual Capital and Knowledge Management) this year. The 9th ICICKM12 will be held October 18 and 19, 2012, in Bogota, Columbia.

SLIS Goodyear Professor of Knowledge Management Denise Bedford, Ph.D., will present a poster on “Convergence and Divergence: Two Areas of Information Architecture Practice” at the IA Summit Poster Night, March 23, 2012, in New Orleans.

An article by Denise A.D. Bedford, Ph.D., Goodyear Professor of Knowledge Management, “Enabling Personal Knowledge Management with Collaborative and Semantic Technologies,” has been published in the Dec. 2011/Jan. 2012 special issue of the Bulletin of the American Society of Information Science and Technology. She presented the paper at the Knowledge Management Special Interest Group Workshop at the 2011 national conference of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T).

A paper by Denise Bedford, Ph.D., Goodyear Professor of Knowledge Management, has been accepted for presentation at The Eighteenth Annual International Deming Research Seminar, Feb. 27 and 28, 2012, in New York City.

Denise Bedford, Ph.D., Goodyear Professor of Knowledge Management, co-presented “Leveraging Semantic Technologies in Collaboration Environments” at the Analytics 2011 Conference in Orlando, Fla., with Felipe Iturralde Escudero from the World Bank. It is a report on the work they have been doing on the World Bank's knowledge architecture platform – integrating social media and collaborative technologies into an enterprise architecture and leveraging semantic technologies as background processes.

The School of Library and Information Science was well represented at the 2011 national conference of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) held recently in New Orleans. Presentations at the “Bridging the Gulf: Communication and Information in Society, Technology and Work” conference included the following: Denise Bedford, Ph.D., Goodyear Professor of Knowledge Management, "Enabling Personal Knowledge Management with Collaborative and Semantic Technologies" (Knowledge Management Special Interest Group Workshop; the paper will be published in an upcoming special issues of the Bulletin of the American Society of Information Science and Technology); Frank Lambert, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, “Seeking Information from Government Resources: A Comparative Analysis of Two Communities’ Web Searching of Municipal Government Web Sites” (poster); Athena Salaba, Ph.D., Associate Professor, “FRBR-Based Library Catalogs for Users” (panel); Yin Zhang, Ph.D., Professor, “FRBR-Based Library Catalogs for Users” (panel).

Denise Bedford, Ph.D., Goodyear Professor of Knowledge Management, has been appointed to the National Academies of Science Transportation Research Board’s Workshop Planning Committee. The committee will organize an international workshop on the topic of Improving Access to International Transportation Research Information.

Denise A.D. Bedford, Ph.D., Goodyear Professor of Knowledge Management, presented a paper entitled "Leveraging Knowledge Organization System-Fueled Semantic Technologies to Generate Tags and Tag Clouds" at the Networked Knowledge Organization Systems Workshop in Berlin, Germany. The workshop was associated with the Theory and Practice of Digital Libraries Conference.
Denise A.D. Bedford, Ph.D., Goodyear Professor of Knowledge Management, has been invited to serve on the 2011 Research in Information Science Award committee for the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T).

An abstract by the Goodyear Professor of Knowledge Management Denise Bedford, Ph.D., has been selected for submission as an academic paper to The 13th European Conference Knowledge Management (ECKM) 2012, Sept. 6-7 in Cartagena, Spain. The title of the paper is “Rate of Uptake of Published Knowledge Management Literature and Research.” The ECKM provides a forum for discussion, exploration and development of both theoretical and practical aspects of information management and evaluation, as well as an opportunity to network with other academics, researchers and practitioners in this important field.

Denise Bedford, Ph.D., will present a paper at The Eighteenth Annual International Deming Research Seminar, Feb. 27 and 28, 2012, in New York City. Bedford’s abstract for “The Role of Knowledge Management in Creating Transformational Organizations and Transformational Leaders” states, “W. Edward Deming’s theories of management have informed our thinking and practices for four decades. In addition to informing business practices, his thinking provided a cornerstone in the foundation for the discipline known as knowledge management. We consider three questions: (1) how do Dr. Deming’s theories align with the current representation of knowledge management? (2) How might today’s knowledge management practice help realize Dr. Deming’s vision? (3) What form of education encourages systemic transformation The paper suggests that we must move from business management to knowledge management in order to achieve Dr. Deming’s vision. It also proposes that knowledge management education will be the primary driver.

A paper by Denise Bedford, Ph.D., “Expanding the Definition and Measurement of Knowledge Economy – Integrating Triple Bottom Line Factors into the World Bank’s Knowledge Economy Index Model and Methodologies” has been accepted for presentation at the 2012 European Conference on Economic Capital in Helsinki, Finland, which will take place in April 2012.

Denise Bedford, Ph.D., Goodyear Professor of Knowledge Management, was invited to serve on National Academies of Science: “The National Academies of Science Transportation Research Board’s Task Force on Knowledge Management (AB010T). The Task Force will coordinate the activities of, and facilitate communication among, the TRB standing committees regarding the cross-cutting issues of knowledge management. The goal of the Joint Task Force is to provide cross committee coordination for the development and deployment of Transportation Knowledge Management, in support of the missions of TRB, its sponsors and affiliates. The focus of the Task Force is on People, Processes and Technology pertinent to transportation knowledge.

Denise Bedford, Ph.D., Goodyear Professor of Knowledge Management, was interviewed as an external adviser to the Collaboration Projects team, Imperial College London School of Business, on leveraging cybernetic theory and semantic web to capture tacit knowledge.

SLIS Professor Michael O. Bice was invited to join the National e-Health Cooperative’s University Advisory Council and serve on their Expert Panel for the Aetna Foundation Grant.

SLIS Professor Michael O. Bice represented Kent State University in successfully negotiating an articulation agreement with the Midwest HIT Consortium, setting a precedent for both parties.

SLIS Assistant Professor Belinda Boon, Ph.D., was quoted in “Dewey Decimal squares off with the Web: Today’s librarians are tech-savvy resources” in the in Aug. 23, 2011, issue of Akron Legal News.
SLIS Assistant Professor Belinda Boon, Ph.D., is the chair-elect of the Ohio Library Council’s Library Education Committee which oversees the Ohio Public Library Certification program. She also serves on the LSTA Advisory Board and the Choose to Read Ohio planning committee for the State Library of Ohio.

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SLIS Assistant Professor Belinda Boon, Ph.D., coordinated the Children’s Activity Area of the 2012 Ohioana Book Festival for the fourth straight year. The activity area is staffed by SLIS student volunteers and provides crafts and activities for children attending the festival.

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SLIS Professor Carolyn Brodie, Ph.D., was noted in “KSU profs ask Ohio House to recognize youth author” in the Record Courier and the Youngstown Vindicator on Dec. 9, 2011. The Summer Library Symposium, hosted at Kent State University by the Northeast Ohio Regional Library System (NEO-RLS) featured Newbery Medal winner Sharon Creech as the keynote speaker. Her book Walk Two Moons received the medal, and The Wanderer was a Newbery Honor Book.

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SLIS Professor Carolyn S. Brodie, Ph.D., was elected vice-president/president-elect of the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association (ALA). ALSC is the world’s largest organization dedicated to the support and enhancement of library service to children. ALSC’s network includes more than 4,200 children’s and youth librarians, children’s literature experts, publishers, education and library school faculty members, and other adults dedicated to creating a better future for children through libraries. Members of ALSC are also responsible for some of the world’s most noted and oldest children’s literature awards including the Newbery and Caldecott.

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SLIS Professor Carolyn S. Brodie, Ph.D., and Associate Professor Greg Byerly, Ph.D., gave an invited presentation on the “75th Year of the Caldecott Medal” at the International Picturebook Research Symposium in Tubingin, Germany, in September 2011.

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SLIS Associate Professor Greg Byerly, Ph.D., last fall welcomed the first class of students to The Circle Undergraduate Internship Program, which gives college undergraduates a hands-on introduction to the library profession, particularly in specialized areas with a shortage of qualified people (e.g., art, health sciences, music and other specialized academic areas). The Circle program is a partnership between SLIS and the libraries and archives of the many educational, medical and cultural institutions in the University Circle area. It is funded by a federal grant for $552,908 awarded to SLIS in 2010 by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the primary source of federal funding for libraries and museums in the United States. Byerly is the director of the project, in partnership with leaders from the libraries and archives represented.

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An article by Rosemary DuMont, Ph.D., was accepted for publication. "An Assessment of She Who Is: The Mystery of God in Feminist Theological Discourse by Elizabeth A. Johnson‘ will appear in the fully peer-reviewed journal The International Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Society.

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Two students and a faculty member from IAKM had presentations accepted to the Midwest UX conference. Amelia Campbell will be speaking on “How to Rapidly Prototype Multi-touch Applications.” David Brahler is giving a presentation titled “What Natural User Interfaces Are and Why They Matter to UX Designers.” Campbell and Brahler are master’s students in User Experience Design (UXD). In addition, IAKM Assistant Professor Karl Fast, Ph.D., will be giving a presentation on “Information Overload Is an Opportunity.” Midwest UX will be held in Columbus from May 31 to June 2.
IAKM students John Gurtz, Juan Pasquier and Chris Oliver, master’s students in User Experience Design (UXD), presented a poster called “Metaphors in User Experience Design” at the 13th annual IA Summit in New Orleans in March 2012. IAKM Assistant Professor Karl Fast, Ph.D., also gave a presentation at the summit; his presentation was titled “Information Overload Is an Opportunity.” The conference was sold out, with 685 people attending, making it the largest summit ever.

IAKM Assistant Professor Karl Fast, Ph.D., presented “IA (s|n) the Future” at World Information Architecture Day. The event was held in 14 cities around the world on Feb. 11, including three cities in North America: Vancouver, Los Angeles and Ann Arbor. Fast was part of the Ann Arbor event, which attracted more than 150 people. He discussed the future of information architecture and grand challenges for the field.

SLIS/IAKM Assistant Professor Karl Fast, Ph.D., served on a panel with JMC Assistant Professor Stefanie Moore and IAKM alumnus Damon Herren to discuss “PR and Understanding the User Experience” at the April 2012 Akron PRSA You Too Social Media Conference 2012, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. http://www.youtoosm.com

SLIS/IAKM Assistant Professor Karl V. Fast, Ph.D., co-authored the article “Interaction and the epistemic potential of digital libraries” (with K. Sedig), which was published in International Journal on Digital Libraries, 11(3), 169-207. Springer Berlin / Heidelberg. This article presents a framework of micro-level interactions with visual representations of information in digital libraries. The framework is comprised of three basic interactions — conversing, manipulating, and navigating — and 13 task-based interactions: animating, annotating, chunking, cloning, collecting, composing, cutting, filtering, fragmenting, probing, rearranging, repicturing, and searching. In a typical digital library, the purpose of interaction is to locate and access relevant information. In this framework, the purpose of interaction is to help people create knowledge, develop understanding, solve problems, and acquire insight from the resources in a collection. In other words, interaction can have epistemic benefits and, consequently, it can be used to leverage the epistemic potential of digital libraries.


SLIS/IAKM Assistant Professor Karl Fast, Ph.D., presented “Information as opportunity” at World Usability Day, Cleveland, Ohio, November 2011.

The School of Library and Information Science last week celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Information Architecture and Knowledge Management (IAKM) program. The event included honoring Thomas J. Froehlich, Ph.D., “for providing inspiration and leadership in the creation and oversight of the Information Architecture and Knowledge Management program,” with the creation of an annual award in his name to recognize an outstanding student in the program. Also at the program, Jason Morrison, M.S. ’07, was named the first IAKM Alumnus of the Year.
SLIS Professor Thomas Froehlich, Ph.D., was honored with the Special Library Association Presidential Citation as Co-Chair of the Information Ethics Advisory Council (IEAC) with Toni Carbo, now a professor at Drexel University, for leadership in the creation and dissemination of the SLA Professional Ethics Guidelines.

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SLIS Assistant Professor Karen F. Gracy, Ph.D., and Adjunct Instructor Miriam B. Kahn, Ph.D., are co-authors of “Preservation in the Digital Age,” published in the January 2012 issue of Library Resources and Technical Services, a publication of the American Library Association’s Association for Library Collections and Technical Services.

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SLIS Assistant Professor Karen Gracy, Ph.D., had her article, "Distribution and Consumption Patterns of Archival Moving Images in Online Environments," accepted for publication in the refereed journal, American Archivist. The article will appear in 2012.

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SLIS Assistant Professor Karen Gracy, Ph.D., and Professor Marcia Zeng, Ph.D., earned a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to explore effective strategies and develop prototype tools to support libraries and museums to manage and provide access to large amounts of digital cultural and scientific information, but need a roadmap to assist them in better integrating multiple resources such as existing digital collections, directories, online catalog data, and other information into a more cohesive Linked Open Data universe. Award Amount: $219,386; Matching Amount: $71,170.

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SLIS Assistant Professor Karen Gracy, Ph.D., presented “Getting Your Films Online: How to Make Motion Picture Collections Accessible in the Digital Environment” for the Ohio’s Heritage Northeast consortium (the Greater Cleveland History Digital Library Consortium) at the Cleveland Clinic Auditorium, in Beachwood, Ohio on Feb. 23, 2012.

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SLIS Assistant Professor Karen Gracy, Ph.D., presented “Positioning Preservation Education Programs to Prepare Professionals and Researchers in the Area of Audiovisual Preservation,” during the “At the Nexus of Analog and Digital: A Symposium for Preservation Educators,” seminar in Ann Arbor, Mich., on June 5-7, 2011.

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SLIS Alumna and Adjunct Instructor Catherine Hakala-Ausperk, M.L.S. ’91, has published a chapter titled “Waking Up the Neighborhood: Partnerships with Local Businesses and Art Communities” in the recently published book Partnerships and Collaborations in Public Library Communities: Resources and Solutions.

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SLIS Assistant Professor Meghan Harper, Ph.D., and Professor Carolyn Brodie, Ph.D., delivered presentations at the Summer Library Symposium hosted by the Northeast Ohio Regional Library System (NEO-RLS) at Kent State in July. Harper delivered the opening remarks and also presented a session on “Reference Resources for Children and Teens,” based on her new book, Reference Sources and Services for Youth. Brodie presented “Looking Forward: 75th Caldecott Anniversary.” She was recently elected president (for 2012-2013) of the international Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), which oversees both the Caldecott and Newbery awards, the world’s most noted and oldest children’s literature awards. She also has served on both committees for ALSC and chaired the Newbery committee in 2000.

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SLIS alumna and adjunct Instructor Sharon Holderman, MLIS ’07, has published an article titled “Be Prepared: Writing a Practical Disaster Manual” in Library Leadership & Management, v 26(2) in 2012.
SLIS Adjunct Instructor Miriam B. Kahn received her Ph.D. from Kent State University in December 2011 in history with a specialty in Public History. Her dissertation is “Werner and His Empire: The Rise and Fall of a Gilded Age Printer” and is on deposit at EDT and with UMI/ProQuest. Kahn has taught a variety of workshops for SLIS since 1992, and courses including Rare Book Librarianship, Preservation Management, History of Libraries and Research Methods for Genealogy and Local History since 2006. She received CCI’s first Outstanding Teaching Award in 2011. She is the author of numerous articles and books on preservation and disaster response and is principal of MBK Consulting, which offers training, consulting and research for libraries, archives, historical societies and other organizations. You can read more about Kahn’s activities and teaching online.

SLIS Lecturer Miriam Kahn, Ph.D., received the first Outstanding Teaching Award given by the CCI (2011).

An article by SLIS Assistant Professor Frank Lambert, Ph.D., “Seeking Electronic Information from Government Resources: A Comparative Analysis of Two Communities’ Web Searching of Municipal Government Web Sites,” has been accepted for publication in Government Information Quarterly. GIQ is ranked 22nd out of 83 journals ranked by journal impact factor (2011) in information science and library science.

SLIS Assistant Professor Frank Lambert, Ph.D., presented a poster titled “Seeking Information from Government Resources: A Comparative Analysis of Two Communities’ Web Searching of Municipal Government Web Sites” at the 2011 national conference of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) held in New Orleans.

SLIS Assistant Professor Frank Lambert, Ph.D., published an article titled “Seeking Electronic Information from Government Resources: A Comparative Analysis of Two Communities,” in the Proceedings of the American Society for Information Science and Technology, Volume 48, Issue 1 (January 2012), 1–5. The article examines the types of conceptual information being sought through municipal government web sites and whether it differs between communities.

SLIS Assistant Professor Kiersten F. Latham, Ph.D., served on two panels at the iConference 2012 conference in Toronto in February. “Material Relations: Information, Media, Technology” focused on the “divergent theoretical, disciplinary, methodological and interdisciplinary orientations of our material relations to information, media, and technology.” In “A Visual Approach to the Perennial Question: ‘What is Information?’” Latham was on an expert panel responding to research that presented a “fresh, interdisciplinary, visual perspective on this perennial question.”

An article by SLIS Assistant Professor Kiersten F. Latham, Ph.D., “Museum object as document: Using Buckland’s information concepts to understand museum experiences,” has been published in the Journal of Documentation (2012, vol. 68, issue 1). The purpose of this article is to understand the meaning of museum objects from an information perspective. Links are made from Buckland’s conceptual information framework as a semiotic to museum object as “document” and finally to user experience of these museum “documents.” The aim is to provide a new lens through which museum studies researchers can understand museum objects and for LIS researchers to accept museum objects as another form of document to be studied.

The innovative Chicago History Museum invited SLIS Assistant Professor Kiersten F. Latham, Ph.D., to lead a discussion for its curators and collection managers on new ways of thinking about collecting.

SLIS Assistant Professor Kiersten F. Latham, Ph.D., gave the keynote address at the Document Academy (DOCAM) 2011 Conference Oct. 1-2. Her talk, titled “The Space Between,” concerns document transaction, a concept that is central to her research on physicality and museum objects.
An article by SLIS Instructor Miriam Matteson, Ph.D., “A systematic review of research on live chat service,” was accepted by Reference and User Services Quarterly, with publication scheduled for the spring 2012 issue (volume 51, number 3). It was co-authored by L. Brewster.

SLIS Assistant Professor Miriam Matteson, Ph.D., co-authored an article, “Emotional Labor in Librarianship: A research agenda,” with S.S. Miller for the Library and Information Science Research (2012).

SLIS Assistant Professor Miriam Matteson, Ph.D., presented a poster on “Emotional Labor in Librarianship” at the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Annual Conference on January 17, 2012, in Dallas, Texas.


SLIS Alumna Marjory Mogg, M.L.I.S. ’04, was listed in a Plain Dealer article on “The literary year in Cleveland: 10 newsworthy events,” for her success in bringing the Bouchercon World Mystery Convention to Cleveland in 2012 (Oct. 4-7). According to the Plain Dealer, “Marjory Mogg, intrepid Euclid librarian and mystery lover, scored a coup by luring the next Bouchercon World Mystery Convention to downtown Cleveland, Thursday through Sunday, Oct. 4-7. Big names such as John Connolly, Mary Higgins Clark, Elizabeth George and Robin Cook -- will headline the four-day extravaganza, which Mogg said took her four years of campaigning to bring here. Participants can register at bouchercon2012.com.” Mogg is currently Readers Advisory Librarian at Euclid Public Library.

SLIS Lecturer Mary Anne Nichols is mentioned in “’The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery’ wins 2012 YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults” on the American Library Association’s website.

SLIS Lecturer Mary Ann Nichols has been invited to serve on the 2012-2014 YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association) Popular Paperbacks for Teens Selection Committee.

SLIS Lecturer Mary Ann Nichols presented “More Fascinating than Fiction: A Teen Nonfiction Update 2011,” at the annual OELMA (Ohio Educational Library Media Association) conference in Columbus, Ohio.

SLIS Lecturer Mary Ann Nichols and Professor Carolyn S. Brodie, Ph.D., are co-authors of “Picture Perfect: Picture Books for Teens,” published in December 2011 issue of Voices of Youth Advocates (VOYA), the leading library journal dedicated to the needs of young adult librarians, the advocacy of young adults, and the promotion of young adult literature and reading.

An article by SLIS Assistant Professor Daniel Roland, Ph.D., "Using Sermon Text Archives to Investigate the Construction of Social Values: A Proposal for a Collaborative Research Agenda in Social Epistemology," has been published in the latest issue of Theological Librarianship.

SLIS Assistant Professor Daniel Roland, Ph.D., recently gave presentations at the Kent Unitarian Universalist Church as well as the Silver Lake Church.
SLIS Associate Professor Athena Salaba, Ph.D., was selected to participate in the Kent State University Institute for Excellence during the coming year. The mission of the Institute for Excellence at Kent State University is to develop and promote a culture of excellence for faculty and staff. Research has shown that while many important qualities associated with excellence -- collaboration, agility, foresight and strategic thinking -- are inherent, these are traits that also can be learned. When that learning takes place the result is improved performance for the individual and their work unit. Participants are drawn from people in faculty and administrative positions across the campus. They meet monthly beginning in January and participate in readings, discussion, interviewing of top KSU executives, sessions with visiting experts, exercises and projects of various kinds, etc.

SLIS Associate Professor Athena Salaba, Ph.D., and SLIS Professor Yin Zhang, Ph.D., have co-authored “Searching For Music: End-User Perspectives On System Features” and “A User Study of Moving Images Retrieval Systems and Implications on System Design for Library Catalogues,” both of which have been accepted for publication in support of In Indexing and Retrieval of Non-text Information, Knowledge and Information (K&I) Series, Berlin: De Gruyte.

SLIS interim director and associate professor, Don A. Wicks, PhD., and CCI doctoral student Darin Freeburg presented a poster entitled "The Role of Social Capital Theory in the Development of Effective Religious Volunteerism" at the Canadian Association for Information Science/ L’association canadienne des sciences de l’information (CAIS/ACSI). 40th Annual Conference in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, May 30-June 1, 2012.

SLIS Interim Director and Associate Professor Don Wicks, Ph.D., was named editor of the Journal of Religious & Theological Information, a resource for bibliographers, librarians and scholars interested in the literature of religion and theology. Both international and pluralistic in scope, this peer-reviewed journal encourages the publication of research and scholarship in the field of library and information studies as it relates to religious studies and related fields, including philosophy, ethnic studies, anthropology, sociology, and historical approaches to religion. ("Information" refers to both print and electronic, and both published and unpublished information.)

SLIS Professor Marcia Lei Zeng, Ph.D., co-authored an article with Stella G. Dextre Clarke, "From ISO 2788 to ISO 25964: the evolution of thesaurus standards towards interoperability and data modeling," for ISO: Information Standards Quarterly (Winter 2012, v.24, no. 1), a publication of NISO (National Information Standards Organization).

UNESCO endorsed the IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) Manifesto for Digital Libraries at its General Conference in November 2011. The manifesto provides principles to assist libraries in undertaking sustainable and interoperable digitization activities to bridge the digital divide -- a key factor in achieving the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations. Digital libraries are essential for access to information and preserving national heritage. The manifesto was initiated by former IFLA President Claudia Lux (2007-2009). SLIS Professor Marcia Zeng, Ph.D., is one of the members of the working group that developed the manifesto.

ISO, the International Organization for Standardization, just published Part 1 of a new international standard ISO 25964 titled "Information and documentation: Thesauri and interoperability with other vocabularies." This two-part standard has been developed by a working group with members from 15 countries and a chairperson from the UK. It gives recommendations for the development and maintenance of thesauri intended for information retrieval applications and is applicable to vocabularies used for retrieving information about all types of information resources, irrespective of the media used (text, sound, still or moving image, physical object or multimedia) including knowledge bases and portals, bibliographic databases, text, museum or multimedia collections, and the items within them. SLIS Professor Marcia Zeng, Ph.D., is the United States member of the ISO working group.

SLIS Professor Marcia Zeng, Ph.D., and SLIS Assistant Professor Karen Gracy, Ph.D., were featured in “KSU SLIS faculty receives $219,000 research grant” in the Dec. 5, 2011, issue of the Daily Kent Stater. It also appeared in the print version of Crain’s Cleveland Business and the Record Courier.
SLIS Professor Marcia Zeng, Ph.D., was invited as a keynote speaker to deliver the talk "Multilingual Thesauri as Linked Data — Benefits and Opportunities" at The Fifth Metadata and Semantics Research Conference (MTSR 2011) held at Yaşar University, İzmir, Turkey, Oct. 12-14, 2011. This is an international conference in the interdisciplinary areas of computer science and computer engineering. As an invited speaker, Zeng gave a presentation at the Third International UDC Seminar "Classification & Ontology" organized by the UDC Consortium and hosted by the National Library of the Netherlands, Sept. 19-20, 2011, at The Hague, the Netherlands. The conference was attended by delegates from 30 countries from Europe, Asia, North America, South America and Australia. Her presentation is a collaborated work with the Dewey Decimal Classification Editor-in-chief Joan Mitchell and Dr. Maja Zumer of University of Ljubljana. The paper is titled "Extending models for controlled vocabularies to classification systems: modeling DDC with FRSAD.

As an invited speaker, SLIS Professor Marcia Zeng, Ph.D., gave a presentation at the Third International UDC Seminar "Classification & Ontology" organized by the UDC Consortium and hosted by the National Library of the Netherlands, Sept. 19-20, 2011, at The Hague, the Netherlands. The conference was attended by delegates from 30 countries from Europe, Asia, North America, South America and Australia. Her presentation is a collaborated work with the Dewey Decimal Classification Editor-in-chief Joan Mitchell and Dr. Maja Zumer of University of Ljubljana. The paper is entitled "Extending models for controlled vocabularies to classification systems: modelling DDC with FRSAD."

W3C Library Linked Data Incubator Group released its final report. As a W3C Invited Expert and co-author of this report, SLIS Professor Marcia Zeng, Ph.D., has worked with this group for a full year. See: Library Linked Data Incubator Group Final Report. She is also one of the co-authors of a side deliverable: Library Linked Data Incubator Group: Datasets, Value Vocabularies, and Metadata Element Sets. Another co-author, Jeff Young, from OCLC Online Computer Library Center, is a 2002 SLIS alumnus. The mission of the Library Linked Data Incubator Group was to help increase the global interoperability of library data on the Web by focusing on the potential role of Linked Data technologies.

SLIS Professor Marcia Zeng, Ph.D., is part of the team on a grant to plan for the development of an integrated online learning platform to teach library and museum staff the principles and process of creating metadata for the modern Web environment, with particular focus on designing for an Open Linked Data environment. The University of Washington, Kent State University, University of North Carolina, JES & Company, and Talis Inc., earned the grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Award Amount: $49,623; Matching Amount: $21,568

As a part of the collaborative project of Kent State SLIS and the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, SLIS Professor Marcia Zeng, Ph.D., visited the University of Ljubljana for a week in June. She worked with the faculty and Ph.D. students in library and information science on research in bibliographic conceptual models and implementations.

SLIS Professor Marcia Zeng, Ph.D., participated in the first International Linked Open Data in Libraries Archives and Museums (LOD-LAM) Summit, June 2-3, 2012, in San Francisco.

SLIS Professor Marcia Zeng, Ph.D., gave lectures, presentations and a keynote on Linked Data and relevant Resource Description Framework (RDF) vocabulary standards at several events in China in June, including the National Library of China, Shanxi Provence LIS Society Annual Conference, Northeast University School of Public Management, China Academic Forum and Advanced Digital Library Seminar 2011, Shanghai Advanced Library Technologies Forum and Wuhan University iSchool.
SLIS Professor **Marcia Zeng, Ph.D.**, has been an invited expert of the Working Group to develop the Asset Description Metadata Schema (ADMS) since 2011. ADMS is now released. ADMS is an initiative of the ISA Programme of the European Commission which formed a multidisciplinary working group of researchers, EU institutions, standardization bodies and other experts to create a vocabulary for describing semantic assets such as data dictionaries, data models, code lists, XML schemas and RDF models.

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SLIS Professor **Yin Zhang, Ph.D.**, and Associate Professor **Athena Salaba, Ph.D.**, have co-authored “What Do Users Tell Us about FRBR-Based Catalogs?” which has been accepted for publication for an upcoming 2012 issue of *Cataloging and Classification Quarterly*.

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SLIS Professor **Yin Zhang, Ph.D.**, and S. Kudva presented “Dynamics of Facets in Next Generation OPACs” at the 2012 ALISE Annual Conference in January 2012 in Dallas, Texas.

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SLIS Professor **Yin Zhang, Ph.D.**, and Associate Professor **Athena Salaba, Ph.D.**, presented “User Participatory Design and Implementation of a FRBR-Based Catalog Prototype” at the 74th American Society for Information Science and Technology Annual Meeting in October 2011 in New Orleans, La.

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SLIS Professor **Yin Zhang, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor **Athena Salaba, Ph.D.**, and Maja Zuma organized conference sessions on “FRBR Implementation and User Research Developing FRBR-Based Library Catalogs for Users” for the American Society for Information Science and Technology Annual Meeting in in October 2011 in New Orleans, La.

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SLIS Professor **Yin Zhang, Ph.D.**, served on juries on behalf of the American Library Association (ALA) Jesse H. Shera Award for the Support of Dissertation Research (2012) and the American Library Association (ALA) Jesse H. Shera Award Distinguished Published Research (2012).

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**Kent State’s School of Library and Information Science Receives National Accreditation, Celebrates 50 Years of Accreditation**

The School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) at Kent State University has received continued accreditation from the American Library Association (ALA), the oldest and largest library association in the world. The announcement came from the ALA’s Committee on Accreditation (COA) after the organization’s midwinter meeting in Dallas. SLIS at Kent State began offering graduate courses for a Master of Arts in library science in 1949, then received its first ALA accreditation in 1961-62. With that, it became the 33rd school in the nation and the second in Ohio (after Case Western Reserve University) to offer an accredited graduate degree in library science. Today, SLIS at Kent State has the only ALA-accredited M.L.I.S. program in Ohio. (CWRU closed its library school program in 1986.)

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**Kent State Faculty Receive Federal Grant for $219,000+ to Improve Access to Digital Resources**

Two faculty members in the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) at Kent State University, Professor **Marcia Lei Zeng, Ph.D.**, and Assistant Professor **Karen Gracy, Ph.D.**, have received a National Leadership Grant in the amount of $219,386 from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The funds will be used to help improve access to digital resources within and beyond the library world through what is known as “Linked Open Data (LOD).” Zeng and Gracy’s project will develop effective strategies and prototype tools to help libraries and museums connect to the unfamiliar data and metadata resources in the LOD world. In particular, their research will address the question of how libraries can benefit from resources that have been made available in the Linked Open Data (LOD) universe.
Information Architecture and Knowledge Management to Celebrate 10th Anniversary

The Information Architecture and Knowledge Management (IAKM) program will celebrate its 10th anniversary this November. IAKM takes a holistic approach to how knowledge is managed, interpreted and retained through the graduate program’s three concentrations: Knowledge Management, User Experience Design and Health Informatics. The program is administered by the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) and is designed to keep students informed of new information skills that will help them find career opportunities that are relatively new yet growing — and are highly in demand. The Master of Science in IAKM originated as an interdisciplinary program with partners from the schools of Journalism and Mass Communication, Library and Information Science, Communication Studies and Visual Communication Design, along with the College of Business Administration and Graduate School of Management and the Department of Computer Science.

SLIS to Celebrate Alumni Awards Oct. 17

The School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) at Kent State University announced its alumni award winners for 2011, including honors for Alumni of the Year, Friend of the Year and nine other awards based on areas of scholarship and specialization. The recipients were recognized at a dinner program on Monday, Oct. 17, 2012. The Alumna of the Year Award is given to a graduate who has made a significant contribution to the profession. This year's winner, Andrea Muto, M.L.S. ’98, is a senior legal advisor for a USAID project in Pristina, Kosovo, where she has been working since April 2011 to develop a new master's program (LL.M.) in contracts and commercial law. She is also responsible for library materials selection and acquisition for the program, which began in fall of 2011. The 2011 SLIS Friend of the Year Award, which honors an individual who has made a significant contribution to the school, goes to Deva Walker, M.L.S. ’01, of University Heights, Ohio. Walker holds a Bachelor of Science in biochemistry from Eastern Michigan University and an M.L.I.S. from Kent State University. Through the years, she worked in almost every library department from children to adult, most recently as interim branch manager for Cleveland Public Library, until her retirement last year.

SLIS Graduates Selected for Emerging Leaders Program

Graduates of Kent State’s School of Library and Information Science (SLIS), Sara Kelley-Mudie, M.L.I.S. ’07, and Erica Blasdel, M.L.I.S. ’07, were selected to participate in the 2011 American Library Association’s Emerging Leaders program. According to the ALA website, “The American Library Association (ALA) Emerging Leaders (EL) program is a leadership development program which enables newer library workers from across the country to participate in problem-solving work groups, network with peers, gain an inside look into ALA structure, and have an opportunity to serve the profession in a leadership capacity. It puts participants on the fast track to ALA committee volunteerism as well as other professional library-related organizations.”

SLIS Students Named Spectrum Scholars

Two students from the School of Library and Information Science at Kent State University, Marisol Vasquez and Don Jason, have been named 2011 American Library Association’s Spectrum Scholars. Each student received a $5,000 scholarship, along with numerous benefits in addition to the scholarship funds. Some benefits included are: access to posted information on job/internship/residency opportunities all over the country and in different types of libraries, free student admission to the ALA Annual Conference during the scholarship year, invitations to present at forums, conferences and institutes and a complementary one year student membership to ALA, which includes a one year subscription to American Libraries.
SLIS Offers First Study Abroad Course
SLIS Assistant Professor Kiersten F. Latham, Ph.D., led the newly designed Museum Origins course in Florence, Italy, in early June 2012. While the collecting of objects can be found as far back as ancient times in various parts of the world, the birth of the modern museum finds its roots in Europe, especially in Italy. In the context of today’s world, students will “go back in time” to understand the origins of Western museums and the meaning of publicly shared collections through a series of competing dualisms in knowledge creation and organization. Students will explore the history of the modern museum and spend two weeks visiting actual sites and collections that played a role in this history. Exploring the past in this way is geared specifically to help future museum workers gain a better understanding of their own role and purpose in their community, society, and nation.

SLIS Success Stories
Congratulations to SLIS student Bridgette Billingslea, winner of the Academic Library Association of Ohio’s Diversity Scholarship for 2011-2012. Bridgette is currently a student in the Master of Library and Information Science program at Kent State. The ALAO Diversity Scholarship awards Bridgette $1,500 towards her tuition, complementary registration for the ALAO annual conference in November, and a year of mentoring from an ALAO member.

Congratulations to SLIS Alumna Melanie Kowalski (M.L.I.S. ‘11) who has been appointed the 2011-2013 Research Librarian Fellow at Emory University. The new Librarian Fellows program at Emory offers participants the opportunity to develop expertise, leadership and project management skills. Melanie will be working in the Intellectual Property Rights Office on various projects relating to the digital presence and collocation of copyright educational information provided by the office, the new Open Access policy, the burgeoning Institutional Repository, and assisting students and faculty with authors’ rights education and various other initiatives to support the library’s Digital Scholarship strategic goals. The position is mutually beneficial in that, like a residency position, it affords her the opportunity to work in a variety of departments and gather a lot of experience in all aspects of academic librarianship.

The Summer Library Symposium, hosted at Kent State University by the Northeast Ohio Regional Library System (NEO-RLS) featured Newbery Medal winner Sharon Creech as the keynote speaker. Her book Walk Two Moons received the medal, and The Wanderer was a Newbery Honor Book. Photo: Award-winning children’s book author Sharon Creech signs copies of her books at the NEO-RLS Summer Library Symposium in July.
School of Visual Communication Design

The School of Visual Communication Design at Kent State University is one of the largest and most comprehensive in its course offerings in the United States. Graduates of the program have obtained design positions in every major American city. Alumni work appears regularly in design exhibitions and in published annuals of regional, national and international competitions. The program is nationally recognized for outstanding quality in design education. The School, in just its tenth year, has been named a “Center of Excellence” among Ohio’s universities by the Ohio Board of Regents, and is a recipient of the Board’s prestigious Academic Challenges Grant. The School is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, an achievement that is gained only through a rigorous review process of accreditation.

VCD Assistant Professor Jillian Coorey collaborated with Professor Gretchen Caldwell Rinnert as co-directors to develop Inspire, A Summer Creative Camp for high school students through the School of Visual Communication Design, launching July 2012.

VCD Assistant Professor Jillian Coorey founded Emerge: An AIGA Cleveland Mentorship Program. Emerge pairs seasoned design professionals with students/new professionals in the Cleveland area, building relationships and fostering success, April 2012.

VCD Assistant Professor Jillian Coorey was elected Education Director of AIGA, The Professional Association of Design, Cleveland chapter, June 2011.


VCD Associate Professor David Middleton was noted in “Pointing the Way in Kent” in the Jan. 29 issue of the Record Courier.

VCD Associate Professor David Middleton, 2012 International Institute for Information Design, winner Healthcare Category International Healthcare graphic symbol program. Collaborative project included Kent State University, University of Cincinnati, Iowa State University and California Polytechnic.

VCD Associate Professor David Middleton, 2012 SEGD (Society for Environmental Graphic Design) Distinguished Member Award Awarded for Ongoing development of Education programs and contributions of as a board member.

VCD Associate Professor David Middleton is the editor and founder of a new peer-reviewed academic journal published by SEGD. To launch in August 2012 the journal will provide the opportunity for graduate students to engage as Editorial Assistants in the development and execution of an academic journal and related research.

VCD Associate Professor David Middleton is currently designing promotional campaign for the National Geographic Society new publication, "Space Atlas."

VCD Associate Professor David Middleton designed catalogs and exhibitions for K-12 language, art and math for the Cleveland Clinic Office of Civic Education Initiatives, including eXpressions Art and Language, Explorers Math and Language, and eXpressions Math Journal.
VCD Associate Professor Ken Visockey O’Grady was a featured speaker on Entrepreneur Radio on March 5, 2012. Entrepreneurs Club Radio is a program dedicated to innovation and entrepreneurship which is broadcast every Monday at 4 p.m. on www.welw.com

VCD Assistant Professor Gretchen Rinnert presented at The Stir Symposium on October 7th on Educating Designers of the Future at The Ohio State University.

VCD Assistant Professor Gretchen Rinnert presented at the Midwest UX Conference from May 31- June 2, 2012.

VCD Assistant Professor Gretchen Rinnert volunteered for a non-profit organization in Kent, Recycle Pots and Pans. This organization provides cooking tools to those in need though the recycling and redistribution of commonly used kitchen items. She developed a simple blog-style website, identity, print materials and signage.

VCD Assistant Professor Gretchen Rinnert completed consulting work through the LHT Group for Adobe designing e-learning templates for their software Captivate. The designs will be available in the next release.

VCD Graduate Student Presents at National Conference
VCD Graduate Student Jason Goupil recently presented at the conference, Designing for the Divide, in West Virginia. The conference was about utilizing design to bring two parties together, calling “for ideas that help bridge social divides from the fields of communication design, service design, user experience design, social science and partners in civic engagement.” As the only graduate student presenting, among various professionals and professors from across the nation, Goupil focused on design research as having an impact in social advocacy initiatives.

Glyphix, The Tannery win ADDY Awards
At the Akron Advertising Federation ADDY Awards, Kent State VCD students came away winners. Winning projects and level of the award include: Glyphix Professional Entries Gold Award - Akron AAF: 2011 ADDY Awards Campaign; Silver Award - The Fashion School at Kent State University: The Fashion School Catalog; Silver Award - The Fashion School at Kent State University: Cover of The Fashion School Catalog; Silver Award - Broadleaf Partners LLC: Broadleaf Partners Brochure; Student Entries Gold Award - Advertising for Roughs eNewsletter, Kent State University: Non-Traditional Advertising by designer Kimberly Smolkowicz; Silver Award - Poster: M.A. in English at KSU, Kent State University, Department of English by designers Casey Sandala and Jason Tiberio

VCD Graduate Student Peni Acayo was appointed Graduate Student Orientation Team Leader this summer (2012) at Kent State University. Acayo placed 11th at NCAAKent State triple jumper Penina Acayo wrapped up the indoor season for the Golden Flashes Saturday evening with her 11th place finish at the 2012 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships at the Jacksons Indoor Track. She also received the 2011-2012 Mid-American conference commissioner's award and the 2010-2012 Mid-American conference honor roll award for academic excellence while participating in College athletics.

VCD Graduate Student Diego Brito-Telles, MA Fulbright Scholar from El Salvador, received a 2012 summer internship at Lipincott Brand Strategy and Design. Congratulations, Diego! http://www.lippincott.com

Ken Hejduk, co-founder of Cleveland’s Litte Jacket (http://little-jacket.com) presented his graduate thesis project on March 30, 2012. “Smart=Cool,” has turned out to be one of our most surprising projects to date. It is the remaining artifact from work we did for BioEnterprise, the BioMedical incubator in Cleveland. I will be discussing this piece, our process in creating it, its successes and failures and the lessons I have learned along the way.

VCD Associate Professor Sanda Katila’s paper "SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE DESIGN; GRADUATE COURSE IN RESEARCH AND APPLICATION” Fall 2010 – Spring 2011 was accepted at the UCDA Design Education Summit in Virginia in Spring 2012.
Graduate Students Run All Handmade Print Shop
In an attempt to spice up the printing options for themselves and designers in the northeast Ohio region, two graduate students, Nate Mucha and Ian McCullough, have been spending a lot of time running their Chandler and Price platen press and hand pulling some screen prints at their company A Hot Mesh. A Hot Mesh is all about getting our hands dirty, whether it’s providing students with an opportunity to explore alternative printing, or bringing a seasoned designer’s piece to life one color at a time.

Graduate Students hold AIGA Kent / Cleveland Design for Good Speaker Series
AIGA Kent and AIGA Cleveland teamed up to provide KSU VCD graduate students an opportunity to speak about their research studies at Kent State. The invited audience consisted of Kent State undergraduates, graduates and alumni from different disciplines. Local business owners from various industries were also invited. The event was held in April.

VCD student Adina Feigenbaum accepted an internship position at G-d Cast (website: http://www.g-dcast.com/) at the Contemporary Jewish Museum in San Francisco. She worked one week on site and six months after to complete work. Studio G-DCAST is a unique arts residency that brings 12 college or graduate students together for a week of animated storytelling. The residency will combine the artistic exchange of an open studio with traditional methods of Jewish study. Animators and storytellers work in chevrutas—story pairs—and collaboratively create one wildly imaginative art piece based on classic Jewish sources.” The five-day residency in August 2012 includes sessions with various experts who will lead master classes in animation and storytelling, Jewish texts, and museum studies. On the last day, we’ll invite the public to a works-in-progress screening featuring your work.

VCD Graduate Student Jason Goupil spoke at the Designing for the Divide Conference. He is a proponent of community and establishing collaborative efforts as a tool for sustainable innovation. He is focused on social advocacy initiatives, exploring research topics to unearth systemic design opportunities. In 2010, his research on Generation Y led to a position with NASA where he developed educational tools for adolescents. http://designingforthedivide.org/

VCD Showcases Photo-Illustration Graduates in Cleveland Exhibit
The Kent State University School of Visual Communication presents Mint Condition, an exhibition of photographic works by 2012 graduating seniors. Kent State University 2011 Photo-illustration alumni have also been invited to display select pieces from their current portfolios. Mint Condition will showcase a selection of images ranging from location portraiture to delicate still lives from photographers Ellen Brinich, Heather Campbell, Katherine Case, Devin Casper, Spenser Dickerson, Sam Hedrick, and Kristen Swartz.

VCD alumnus Gary Meacher, ’12, accepted a position as an Assistant Professor of Art and Design at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Missouri starting August 15, 2012. He will be the only full-time, design faculty there and will be responsible for curriculum development, student advising and committee service.” VCD graduate student Nate Mucha has accepted a position as an assistant professor at Grove City College and will be starting in fall 2012.

Recent MFA graduate Amy Peck accepted a position at Lakeland Community College to chair its Graphic Design program.

VCD senior Cody Wallis was a 2012 semifinalists in the Adobe Design Achievement Awards.

VCD Professors Develop Inspire Camp
Gretchen Rinnert and Jillian Coorey, both assistant professors in the School of Visual Communication Design (VCD), have developed a summer creative camp called Inspire that will take place this summer. The day camp is for students who have completed their freshman year of high school, are between the ages of 14 and 19, and have an interest in design, photography, illustration and creative thinking. There is no requirement of previous experience, transcripts or a portfolio to attend this program. Taking place the last week in July from Monday through Friday, this camp will provide students with an overview of graphic design disciplines such as 2-D print, 3-D print, image making, motion and interaction. With covering a different discipline each day, Coorey said they want to keep each session fresh and exciting for the students.