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Carol Ann Bassett has become an affiliate with the International League of Conservation Photographers (iLCP). Her role on the just-released video, "Voices of the Galapagos," was co-producer, writer and field interviewer. The 9-minute video (produced without narration) and the iLCP multimedia website can be viewed on the following link: http://www.ilcp.com/affiliates/carol-ann-bassett#

Ben Birkinbine’s review of Robert Wilkie’s The Digital Condition: Class and Culture in the Information Network (2011, Fordham University Press) has been accepted for publication by Media, Culture, and Society.

Karen Estlund and Carol Stabile’s paper, “Fembot: Reinventing Scholarly Production and Communication,” was presented at the Coalition for Networked Information in Baltimore, Maryland.

Tiffany Derville Gallicano, Kevin Brett and Toby Hopp have been invited to present their study, ‘Is Ghost Blogging Like Speechwriting? A Survey of Practitioners About the Ethics of Ghost Blogging,’ at the Public Relations Society of America 2012 International Conference as part of a panel that will include top papers from the International Public Relations Research Conference.

Peter Laufer will participate in World Press Freedom Day events in Tunis with a couple of Conflict Sensitive Reporting students at the end of the April. Peter’s contributed an Op-Ed in the San Francisco Chronicle on the occasion of the visit to San Francisco of UNESCO's General Director, calling for the U.S. to pay its UNESCO dues. In March, he talked about immigration in relation to his book Calexico: True Lives of the Borderlands at the Tucson Festival of Books. The talk was broadcast on CSPAN’s Book TV.


Jon Palfreman is continuing a documentary about an educational initiative in the remote aboriginal area of Cape York, Queensland, Australia. Using a curriculum (Direct Instruction) developed in Eugene, Oregon, the non-profit Cape York Aboriginal Australian Academy is seeking to turn around three failing aboriginal schools, Aurukun, Coen and Hope Vale, and feed them to a boarding school, Djarragun College, a prep-through-12 college. In the second year of the intervention, progress is impressive and there is talk of expanding the program to other aboriginal homelands.

Bryce Peake received a Dissertation Prospectus Development Fellowship from the Social Science Research Council for his dissertation, tentatively titled "Listening as technology in British Gibraltar." The award supports pre-dissertation data collection from June to September, as well as two week-long seminars in prospectus writing led by prominent scholars in media studies and anthropology. Bryce also received the Shirley J. Gold Scholarship from the American Federation of Teachers Oregon for his work in academic and labor activism.

Kathleen Ryan (Ph.D., 2009) and Joy Mapaye (Ph.D., 2010) are presenting their joint research (along with Kyle Kontour, CO '11), “Reconsidering the "Newscast of Record,” at the Broadcast Educators Association conference in Las Vegas, April. Kathleen is also presenting her paper, “Lack of Evidence: Documenting the History of Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service during WWII.”
Kim Sheehan and Joonghwa Lee presented a study on consumer perceptions of the term “cruelty free” at the American Academy of Advertising conference in Myrtle Beach, SC. The study was mentioned in an article in the New York Daily News and several lobbying groups in the US and abroad are using the information to encourage creation of a legal definition of the term. Kim and Joonghwa have been contacted by the Coalition of Consumer Information on Cosmetics, who run the Leaping Bunny third party certification program, to work together on future projects. Joonghwa Lee studied at the UO as an undergraduate and is completing his PhD at the University of Missouri. He will join the faculty of Middle Tennessee State University in the fall.


Baby Report

Kati Tuskinski Berg (Ph.D., 2006) reports that Emerson Audrey Berg was born on February 11th at 6:52pm. She weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.

Mary Erickson (Ph.D., 2011) gave birth to Dane Johannes Erickson, 7 pounds 5 ounces, on March 25th at 10:24pm.

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