Anne Conway’s paper (with Bruce Plopper), “Scholastic Journalism Teacher Use of Digital Devices and Social Networking Tools,” has been accepted for the AEJMC conference in Chicago in August. The paper was the top scoring faculty paper in the research competition for the Scholastic Journalism Division and the authors will receive the Laurence Campbell Award at the conference.

Tiffany Gallicano is contributing a case study about Marriott’s blog to the 8th edition of Public Relations Practices: Managerial Case Studies and Problems, by Center, Jackson, Smith, and Stansberry. In a pop-out box, she will highlight the results of her ghost blogging study with Kevin Brett and Toby Hopp and her study with Yoon Cho and Tom Bivins.

Michael Huntsberger (Ph.D., 2007) contributed a chapter, “U.S. Radio in the 21st Century: Staying the Course in Unknown Territory,” to The Palgrave Handbook of Global Radio (John Allen Hendricks, ed.). He will be traveling to Belgium this month to attend the conference planning meeting for RIPE@2012, which will be held in Sydney, Australia, in September. Students in Michael’s History of Mass Communication class completed “McMinnville 100 Years Ago,” a series of service learning projects on topics in local media history. The project was a collaboration with the Yamhill County Historical Society and the Yamhill Enrichment Society. The students are presenting their research in a series of poster presentations at the 7th Annual Linfield College Student Collaborative Research and Creative Projects Symposium.


Micky Lee (Ph.D., 2004) has published a book review of Scripted Affects, Branded Selves and Electronic Elsewhere for the International Journal of Communication. Her article, "Information and Finance Capital," has been accepted for publication by Information, Communication and Society.

Mark Massé’s (M.S., 1994) book, Trauma Journalism: On Deadline in Harm's Way, was reviewed in the journal, American Journalism, Winter 2012 issue. Mark will participate on a panel discussing PTSD and its impact on journalists at a National Press Club (Washington, D.C.) workshop on November 16, sponsored by the University of Kansas, William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Shehram Mokhtar has won a CSWS graduate research grant for his thesis, “A Gendered Discourse at Red Sufi’s Urs in Sindh, Pakistan.” Shrines of Sufi saints in Pakistan are sites of pilgrimage for thousands of devotees all year round. However, the anniversary of the death of a Sufi saint, known as urs, is a special occasion that draws crowds in the thousands. The urs of the Sufi saint, Lal Shahbaz Qalandar or Red Sufi, at his shrine in Sindh, Pakistan is also a site of an annual pilgrimage where thousands belonging largely to the poor strata engage in many rituals, such as devotional dancing and chanting. One of the most important aspects of this urs is the participation of marginalized social groups such as women, transgender people, and religious minorities in the rituals. Shehram will be traveling to Pakistan this summer to do research at this Sufi festival.
Josh Netzer reports that a team of Strategic Communication graduate students taking Practical and Applied Survey Research (J595) during the winter term, completed a large-scale satisfaction and behavioral survey of Powell's customers, which measured in-store buying habits, e-reader usage and online purchasing habits. The report was furnished to the Powell's Books marketing department and on Monday, May 21st, by Powell's request, the student team will be meeting with the entire Powell's Executive Team, including owner Emily Powell, to review the results and listen to the team's highlights, suggestions and data implications. In other words, the student team will be providing real-world strategic communication recommendations driven by actual market data to a well-known Portland institution.

S. Senyo Ofori-Parku’s review of Bruce A. Williams and Michael X. Delli Carpini’s After Broadcast News: Media Regimes, Democracy and the New Media Environment (New York: Cambridge University Press) has been accepted for publication in the Journalism & Mass Communication Educator.

Jon Palfreman has an article entitled "The Dark Legacy of FC,” in the May edition of Evidence-based Communication Assessment and Intervention. In this paper of the EBP Speaker’s Corner, Jon (who produced the FRONTLINE report, “Prisoners of Silence,” that first exposed Facilitated Communication—a bogus therapy that claims to enable non-verbal autistic children to communicate) reacts to the perspectives paper by Janyce Boynton, entitled “Facilitated Communication – What Harm It Can Do: Confessions of a Former Facilitator.”


Bish Sen will be presenting a paper entitled, "Big Brother is Being Watched: Reality Television as Global Form," at the International Communication Association Conference, in Phoenix, May 24-28.

Andi Stein (Ph.D., 2000) will present a paper at the International History of Public Relations Conference in mid-July. The conference will be held at Bournemouth University in Bournemouth, England.

Janet Wasko moderated the opening plenary session and participated in the Fourth ICTs and Society Conference, entitled “Critique, Democracy and Philosophy in 21st Century Information Society,” at Uppsala University, May 2nd-4th.

Mara Williams has been accepted at the Mistress level to the Adventure School for Ladies: Comics Intensive, a residential program focused on increasing diversity in the comics industry. Mara is only one of two artists accepted at the Mistress level. The program runs in Chicago from June 4-17th. More info on the program is available at http://adventureschoolforladies.com/!
More babies!

Senyo Ofori-Parku’s son, Cudjo (Monday born), born around 7 p.m., April 30th, weighing a little over 7 lbs.

Teddy Workneh’s daughter, Abigiya, born May 3rd, 6.5 lbs and 20.25 inches.

Kelli Matthews’ son, Xander William Graves, born Friday, May 4th, 8 lbs. 3 oz., 20 inches.

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