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Ben Birkinbine’s book review of Robert Wilkie's "The Digital Condition" was published in this month's edition of Media, Culture, and Society. His paper, "Socio-Technical Communities of Practice: Open Source Software and Resistance to Audience Commodification" was accepted for the Communication and Global Power Shifts Conference, An International Conference in Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the School of Communication at Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada, June 7-9.

Tom Bivins was part of a "Hot Topics" panel on "Truth and Political Speech" at the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE) conference in San Antonio, Texas, in March. The 8th edition of his book, Public Relations Writing: Style and Format, was released this month. Tom also has a book chapter forthcoming in Individual, Institutional and Cultural Bases of Journalism Ethics, based on a paper presented at the Reuter's Journalism Institute in Oxford last September. He will be presenting a paper at the International History of Public Relations conference in Bournemouth, UK in June on the effects of early journalism codes on the simultaneous move toward professionalizing public relations. In addition, Tom has just signed a

Television and the Self: Knowledge, Identity, and Media Representation

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Television and the Self: Knowledge, Identity, and Media Representation is a fresh, lively approach to thinking about television in our everyday lives. The chapters in this edited volume highlight the importance of interrogating television programs as text. The reflexive collection makes an important contribution to our understanding of role of television in our lives, how TV contributes to identity formation, and above all how and why we enjoy it as much as we do.

— Debra Merskin, University of Oregon


**Donna Davis** recently co-authored an article with trend researcher and strategist, Jody Turner, that will appear in the *Stanford Social Innovation Review*. It is titled “Second Life’s Second Life for Social Innovation: Researchers Explore the Effects of Virtual Embodiment Among People with Parkinson’s Disease. “ As a result of the Parkinson's research, Donna has been invited to attend the Michael J. Fox Foundation's Very Important People Awards Dinner and a private research roundtable at the Foundation in New York City, April 12th. She also just completed a chapter for the forthcoming book, *Gender and Media*, under contract with Lexington Books, edited by Cory Armstrong. The working title of the chapter is "Gendered Performance in Virtual Environments."

**Sonia De La Cruz** will moderate and participate in a panel at the Broadcaster's Education Association (BEA), in Las Vegas, NV, April 6-10. Other panel members include Gabriela Martinez, Fatoumata Sow, and Estella Porras (Ph.D., 2011). The panel focuses on international cases of community radio and will include discussions of culture, community, modernity, and trans-nationality within broader contexts of race, gender, language and practices.

**Ryan Eanes** will present his paper, "Media Effects and the Magic of the iPad," in the Emerging Scholars section at the International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR) conference in Dublin, Ireland, June 25-29.

**Harsha Gangadharbatla**’s article (with S. Bradley and W. Wise), “Psychophysiological Responses to Background Brand Placements in Videogames,” will be published in the upcoming spring issue of the *Journal of Advertising*.


**Peter Laufer** continued to flog his Slow News Manifesto ("Yesterday's News Tomorrow") with an op-ed in the *Oregonian*, an appearance on OPB and lectures at the Turnbull Center, Washington State University in Vancouver, and a journalism innovation conference at the Universitat Abat Oliba CEU in Barcelona -- as he negotiates for an English-language edition of the book, which is scheduled to be published next in Korean. While in Barcelona he took part in the Global Food Safety Conference conducting research on the provenance of organic foodstuffs. With Janet Wasko, he is making final preparations for the upcoming What Is Radio? conference at the Turnbull Center next month. Good seats are still available and the
The program can be found at: http://journalism.uoregon.edu/whatis/radio/. Peter’s book, *The Elusive State of Jefferson*, is in production, completed thanks to Andre Chinn and his staff. A MacBook crash took with it the bulk of the irreplaceable photographs secured for the project. Andre et al. waved a magic wand.

Twange Kasoma (Ph.D., 2009) has accepted a tenure-track assistant professor of journalism position at Radford University beginning in August. Her chapter entitled “Press Freedom, Media Regulation, and Journalists’ Perceptions of their Roles in Society: A Case of Zambia and Ghana,” will be published in late spring in Anthony Olorunnisola & Aziz Douai (eds.), *New Media Influence on Social and Political Change in Africa* (IGI-Global).

Ed Madison was awarded a Wayne Morse Law Center Project Grant to fund and facilitate an after school Digital Citizens Multimedia Course at Roosevelt High School in Portland, Oregon. The project is aligned with his dissertation research on the broader benefits of scholastic journalism on language arts education. SOJC students will assist in leading the program, which is being coordinated in conjunction with Karla Kennedy's outreach work. Madison has also been named an Apple Distinguished Educator (Class of 2013). The program recognizes selected educators worldwide who are engaged in innovative work with Apple products.

On March 16, 2013, Jon Palfreman spoke at the Association of Healthcare Journalists in Boston about the challenges television journalists face in finding engaging ways to tell health-related stories. Jon will give a master class and a keynote talk at the Third Dutch Conference on Narrative Journalism: 'Learn from the Best' in Amsterdam, April 18-19, 2013.

Kathleen Ryan’s (Ph.D., 2008) film, *Homefront Heroines: The WAVES of World War II*, will have its world premiere at In Women's Eyes/Sarasota Film Festival, April 7th, with a second screening April 9th. The film was one of seven selected for the In Women's Eyes section of the festival (reserved for films directed by women) and one of 222 films selected for the festival overall. Kathleen directed the film, which was produced by David Staton. The film features the voices of several SOJC alums: Hillary Lake (narrator), Michael Huntsberger (the voice of Navy Secretary James Forrestal) and Rebecca Toews (the voice of Barnard College Dean Virginia Gildersleeve). (More information at: http://prod5.agileticketing.net/websales/pages/info.aspx?evtinfo=8513~e8df1855-1d30-40e1-8284-23972b047cf9&epguid=52520178-ae48-4fad-a426-7ef286d10559&)

Arthur Santana (Ph.D., 2012) and John Russial have published their paper, “Photojournalists’ Role Expands At Most Daily U.S. Newspapers,” in the latest edition of *Newspaper Research Journal*. The article examines the changes of the work of newspaper photojournalists, who are taking on the bulk of video work in conjunction with the growing emphasis on the online product.

Francesco Somaini’s paper, "Media Consolidation in Italian Switzerland: Conflicting Interests" has been accepted by the Political Economy Section for presentation at the IAMCR conference in Dublin, June 25-29.

Andi Stein (Ph.D., 2000) presented a paper called, "Portrayal of a Man and His Magic: The Image of Walt Disney in Magazines from 1934-1969" at the Joint Journalism and
Communication History conference in New York City in March. In April, she will speak on a panel titled "PR, Hype, Hyperturbulence and Crisis Response in Entertainment" at the International Association of Business Disciplines (IABD) conference in Atlanta.


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