President’s Corner

First, I would like to thank all of my graduate students for your energy and support of the GSA! I, along with my fantastic cabinet of officers, are working hard to make sure that we provide events that you want, and programming that will benefit you.

Next, I would like to thank the many faculty members, from the different departments, who have shown support and have participated in our events. On behalf of all of the graduate students, we appreciate your support and the opportunities to have you with us at events.

As we head into the middle of this fall semester (can you believe it?), I challenge everyone to make a new connection with a fellow graduate student, or with a professor. I cannot express the importance of relationships during this program. The more we collaborate with each other on projects or research, the better our entire college will become. We have a bright, and talented, group of students and many of them are waiting for the chance to work with someone.

My challenge to everyone is to stop waiting, and be aggressive about your success. The time to step up and improve as future researchers and practitioners is now! The next piece in the puzzle of your success is closer than you think, go for it!

CMST

Communication Studies

Michelle Garland was recently named Junior Chair for the Instructional and Development Division of the International Communication Association (ICA).

Several students are going through comprehensive exams over the semester, including: Rick Curry (completed, officially PhD candidate); Kyle Huett (preparing for defense); Michelle Garland (preparing for defense); and Katie Reno (preparing for written exam). We wish them all the best!

IS

Reid Boehm presented a poster this summer at the Federation of Earth Science Partners (ESIP) Summer Meeting at UNC Chapel Hill July 9-12th.

“The cool thing was- I had someone who works for the NASA Jet Propulsion Lab who was interested in continuing the project ...We collaborated on a new “Funding Friday” mini-grant proposal and he was awarded funding to continue the creation of a web application for the community!” - Reid Boehm

The abstract for this poster can be found under notes on our Facebook page.

Julia Bayles and Jill Knoke-Staggs had their article “Tablets and Children: Intuitive Technology and New Literacies” published in Tennessee Libraries. The article can be accessed by this link: http://www.tnla.org/display-common.cfm?an=1&subartid=en-br=548. Jill recently graduated from the IS master’s program and Julia is currently in this program.

Information Sciences

Frances Nichols and Edwin Cortez publish a journal article titled “Breaking Down the Barriers: Creating Empathetic Ontologies for LAMBA Initiative.”


Mary Rayme is a distance education Master’s student in IS. Rayme is presenting “Developing Alternative Revenue Streams for Your Library” in October 2013 at the West Virginia Library Association’s Fall Conference in Shepherdstown, WV.

Additionally, she received a scholarship from the West Virginia Library Association to offset the grad school costs.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, 10-10 @ 3:00pm
Let’s Talk: Conferences Session
3rd floor auditorium in Comm. Bld.

Friday, 10-11 @ 6pm & Thursday, 10-24
CIGSA Social
Dead End BBQ
CIGSA Social
Blackhorse Pub

Rightler-McDaniels and Roessner also had their paper, “Beyond Celebration [but] Worth Remembering’: Anniversary Coverage Surrounding Jack Johnson and the ‘Fight of the Century,’” accepted for the annual meeting of the American Journalism Historians Association. The paper is nominated for two awards: Honors for Top Paper in the Competition and the J. William Snorgrass Award for Outstanding Minority-Journalism Research Paper. Rightler-McDaniels will also moderate the graduate student panel, “Using Multimedia to Engage Students, Facilitate Learning, and Enhance Critical Thinking,” at AJHA.

Rightler-McDaniels and Dr. Catherine Luther’s paper, “More Trouble Than the Good Lord Ever Intended’: Representations of Interracial Marriage in U.S. News Magazines,” was published in the Summer 2013 issue of Journal of Magazine & New Media Research.

Rightler-McDaniels had her paper, “Changes Through the Lens? U.S. Photographic Newspaper Coverage of Female High School Athletes,” accepted for publication in Sport in Society: Cultures, Commerce, Media, Politics.

Rightler-McDaniels and Dr. Erin Whiteside’s paper, “Moving Toward Parity? Dominant Gender Ideology vs. Community Journalism in High School Basketball Coverage,” was accepted for publication in Mass Communication and Society.

Rightler-McDaniels also served as a judge for the Studio’s Seventh Annual Free Range Video Contest and as a faculty panelist on UT’s Multicultural Student Symposium.

UT’s Medal of Honor project is a family affair for Jake Thompson, a first-year master’s student in the JEM concentration.

While still an undergraduate at UT, Jake’s brother, Joe, became chair of the 2014 National Medal of Honor Convention, which will be held in Knoxville. Joe also initiated a partnership between UT’s Medal of Honor project and the convention. The goal of the UT’s project is to create media pieces about the medal and its recipients.

Jake’s brother involved him in the convention process, so when he decided to pursue his master’s degree at UT, working with the Medal of Honor project seemed like a natural fit. Jake explains that the project’s current focus is collecting as many stories as possible.

“There are only 78 recipients currently living,” Jake said, “so we need to get these stories while we can.”

Jake’s work with project lead Nicholas Geidner, assistant profes-
Position Responsibilities

Assist producers and directors on the 4, 5, 5:30, 6, 10 (CW), and 11pm newscasts. Write stories for on air and web. Run teleprompter, follow up on stories, manage news desk (listen to scanners, call dispatch for East Tennessee communities for tips and leads, answer calls to the news line, etc.), and help Social Media manager with Facebook and Twitter posts.

Advice

Don’t let obstacles defeat you.

You’ve made it this far so when you’re told “no” or are told you’re moving in the wrong direction, trust your gut and go with it. Whether it’s a decision about a research topic or moving across the country, only you know your true goals and you’ll never achieve them on the advice of others.

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Alumni Spotlight

Margaret Grigsby
M.S. in JEM 2013
Associate Producer
at WATE 6 News / Young Broadcasting

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