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Welcome!



The School of Journalism welcomes **Visiting Professor Bill Oates** for the spring 2014 semester. Bill teaches JOUR 590: International Journalism and JOUR 415: Multimedia Reporting. Bill earned his BS in Engineering Sciences at Purdue University, his MA in Journalism at Indiana University, his MBA in Marketing at Indiana University and his PhD in Mass Communication at Indiana University. Prior to his arrival at KU, Bill was Editor of the International Edition of the *Miami Herald*. He and his wife, Journalism School alum Rita, are happy to be back in Lawrence. Welcome to the J-School, Bill!

Faculty News



Associate Professor Carol Holstead's essay, "The President, His Photographer and Me" won an honorable mention in the Kansas State Historical Society's Kansas Factual Story Contest. Holstead's story was about meeting President Obama when he spoke in Osawatimie on Dec. 6, 2011. The meeting was arranged by Holstead's friend and President Obama's photographer, Pete Souza.

Associate Professor David Guth has aggregated Kansas data links on the declining population in Western Kansas to support his research and is sharing it in case any colleagues or students may find it useful. See it [here](#).

Assistant Professor Hyunjin Seo's paper, "Political Cartoons in Social Media Age: Visual Narratives and Framing of Syrian Revolution on Facebook," has been accepted for presentation at the 2014 International Communication Association (ICA) conference in Seattle in May. Seo co-authored the study with our Ph.D. students Goran Ghafour and Ren-Whei Harn.

Assistant Professor Yvonne Chen presented "Media Literacy and Cancer Control: A Case Study of Talking Health" at the KU Medical Center Science Friday meeting on January 24. The meeting is part of the Cancer Control and Population Health research program within the Kansas University Cancer Center, developed explicitly to identify better ways to bring cancer control efforts into high risk and underserved communities.

Media Director and Content Strategist Brett Akagi and sophomore **Eric Pahls** are producing a documentary about Senator Bob Dole. KAKE TV in Wichita, Kan., WIBW News in Topeka, Kan. and Fox 4 News in Kansas City, Mo. aired an exclusive video, produced by the

School of Journalism, of Bob Dole thanking Kansans for their support earlier this month. See it [here](#).

The *Lawrence Journal-World* ran a story on January 26 about **Lecturer Malcolm Gibson's** new position as executive editor of Ugandan Newspaper, the *Daily Monitor* in Kampala, Uganda. He will take over next month. In addition to the newspaper Gibson will run two radio stations, as well as other publications. Check it out [here](#). We wish you the best of luck, Malcolm!

Student Opportunity

Alma Bahman, digital editor at the *Lawrence Journal-World*, will speak in Germaine Haleboua's New Media in Transition class in late January about her job, her perceptions of digital technology and digital practices in journalism. Interested journalism students are invited to attend as guests. The class, in the department of Film and Media Studies, meets on Tues., Jan. 28, from 11 to 12:15 in 337 Strong. Questions? Email grhaleboua@ku.edu.

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