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Faculty News

Hyunjin Seo's manuscript, "Visual propaganda in the age of social media: Twitter images during the 2012 Israeli-Hamas conflict," has been accepted for publication in Visual Communication Quarterly.

Mugur Geana and Paul Atchley (Psychology) have been awarded a $44,000 grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation for the project "Leveraging Multiple Teen-Driven Safety Programs to Reduce Distracted Driving, Increase Safety Belt Use and Improve Safety Culture." The project builds on five years of successful collaboration in addressing distracted driving and testing strategic campaigns with younger audiences. The research component of the project will focus on the value of added messages reinforcing different aspects related to distracted driving (seat belt use, texting while driving, cellphone use, etc.) in promoting a safer driving behavior by teens.

Kerry Benson served as a judge for SUA's Dancing with the Stars (KU version) on Oct. 18. Journalism student Michael Garrett served as emcee for the annual contest that combines student dance majors with prominent KU personalities.

Shown below are pictures of Barbara Barnett's recent trip to Vienna where she spoke with U.S. State Department officials about the affect PTSD has on journalists and how it is presented in the media.
Other News

The News & Information Club held a Meet-the-Pros evening on Wednesday, Oct. 16. Recent alumni Ariana Cohen (WIBW Topeka), Andy Marso (Topeka Capital Journal), Stephen Montemayor (Lawrence Journal World) and Nick Krug (Lawrence Journal World) talked about their career paths and how news and information students should prepare for the professional world.

Intro to Live Broadcast

Current (and former) students in the Intro to Live Broadcast journalism course are working directly with Metro Sports, Time-Warner, Fox Sports, Rock Chalk Video and ESPN. This picture is of sophomore Abby Walsh pulling cable for ESPN at the football game on
Alumni News

Kathleen Gier has a new job as a sports reporter for the Kansas City Star covering primarily high school sports. She interned for MLB.com this past season.

Student Opportunities

The following news organizations will be interviewing journalism students on campus:

Monday, Oct. 21 -- The Chicago Tribune (Kerry Luft)

Tuesday, Oct. 22 -- The Dallas Morning News (Joel Thornton)

Wednesday, Oct. 23 -- Pulliam Fellowship at The Indianapolis Star and The Arizona Republic (Alan Blanchard)

Thursday, Oct. 31 -- The Kansas City Star (Craig Nienaber)

Poynter Institute Presentation:

How People Read News
3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30, Clarkson Gallery, S-F

Vicki Krueger from the Poynter Institute will discuss Poynter’s Eyetrack research on how people read news--electronically in particular--and what this means for people who write and present news.

Dole Institute Programs:

Disabilities: The Evolution of Equality
Executive Director of US International Council on Disabilities, David Morrissey, will address the pivotal policy changes, the ever-changing face of disability challenges in America and Senator Bob Dole's work on this important issue.

Dole Institute Journalism & Politics Lectures: The Work of Richard Ben Cramer with Mark Zwonitzer

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30, Dole Institute


Richard W. Gunn Memorial Lecture:

5:00 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, Big 12 Room of the Kansas Union

Pulitzer Prize-winning Washington Post columnist Michael Dirda will offer his lecture, "A Literary Life: Twenty-Five Years at the Washington Post Book World." Dirda will talk about literary journalism then and now, life at a great newspaper, some of the writers he has come to know and the ongoing evolution of books and publishing.

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