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Happy Spring: Making Progress...

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Hello Electronic News members and friends. I hope this edition of Static finds you well and your Spring semesters going smoothly. As this is an extremely busy time of year, I'll keep it brief. I have progress to report on three fronts:

1) We are making good progress on our conference programming for Washington. The panels have been formulated, panelists lined up and paperwork submitted. I think we're looking good for August. I have yet to nail down the location for our Bliss Award/Member's Meeting but I'm about to begin work on that project. If you have any wonderful ideas, feel free to pass them along to me! (lksmith@htu.edu)

2) We have updated the ENews listserve. ALL current members are now on the listserve. I hope that helps solve some of the communication problems we had in recent years. Special thanks to Denise Dowling and John Shrader for their hard work to get that problem fixed!

3) In the month/s ahead, we hope to make progress on a change in the division's bylaws. Last year, your officers met with past chairs to discuss our division's leadership positions and how people progress up through our ranks. It was determined that the process was hindering the development of future leaders by demanding too much time and a lengthy commitment. We've come up with a plan and hope to present it to you later this semester. So be on the lookout for that! We will, most likely, alert you all via the listserve and websites and all current division members will vote on the proposed bylaws change via an online survey.

One last note: I've been extremely pleased to see the lively conversations on our listserve of late. So many threads – about policy, practices, ideas, advice. I appreciate and enjoy seeing the back and forth and encourage you all to join in. I'm excited about the things in front of our division and hope you feel the same. Happy Spring.

END Researchers Shine at 2013 Southeast Colloquium

By David Free
SE Colloquium Chair



Scholars presenting papers in the END research paper session at the 2013 Southeast Colloquium are (l. to r.) Dylan McLemore (Alabama), Lee Hood (Loyola Chicago), and Dana Rosengard

Scholars from 32 colleges, universities, and institutions across the nation gathered in Tampa, FL, February 28 – March 3, for the 2013 Southeast Colloquium, hosted by the University of South Florida. Research presentations and panels were featured in the Law & Policy, Magazine, Electronic News, History, Newspaper & Online, and Open Divisions.

Politics, religion, and local news coverage were the topics of the day and points of discussion during the Electronic News Division research paper session. END authors presenting their recent work were Lee Hood, Loyola Chicago; Dana Rosengard, Suffolk; and Dylan M. McLemore, co-author with Youngju Kim, Reema Mohini, and Scott A. Morton, Alabama. Kyle J. Miller, South Dakota, was not present, but a brief overview of his paper was presented by David Free, Texas, END Research Chair for the Colloquium. Travis Bell, USF, moderated the session and Kenneth Killebrew, USF, served as the discussant.

University of Alabama doctoral graduate students Dylan McLemore, Youngju Kim, Reema Mohini, and Scott A. Morton took END Top Paper honors and were awarded \$100. Titles and content information about each paper are being withheld because there is a chance authors may submit their papers for AEJMC annual conference consideration.

“Each paper proved to be interesting, exciting, and will contribute to a better understanding of the news media world around us,” David Free, END Colloquium Research Chair said.



END 2013 Southeast Colloquium Chair, David A. Free (UT-Austin) left, presents the END Top Paper certificate and \$100 award to Dylan M. McLemore (Alabama).

Another highlight featured a panel and discussion on Teaching with Mobile Media to Prepare Students for Jobs that Don't Exist, Yet. From Web and mobile apps design to tapping into the entrepreneurial spirit of college students' imaginations, the point was made that “students are consumers” before they become “producers.” Many students already access and are proficient in gathering and disseminating information using mobile media devices. Educators are discovering methods and practices to channel students' skills as consumers into skills used for producing content.

While the 50 degree temperature outside in Tampa remained “cold” by locals' standards, it was rather comfortable according to attendees escaping the snow, ice, and bitter cold of the Midwest and Northeast. But, the temperature inside was warm and refreshing, thanks to the hospitality extended by Gil Thelen, Clendinen Professor and Director of the School of Mass Communications at the University of South Florida; Justin S. Brown, Program Chair; Jay Friedlander, Facilities Chair; Kevin Hawley, Publicity Chair; and the USF faculty, staff, and Colloquium Team.

Justin Brown, Program Chair, closed the 2013 Southeast Colloquium following the Saturday luncheon by announcing next year's Colloquium will be hosted by the University of Florida in Gainesville.

We Will Miss You, Bob!
By Cindie Jeter Yanow,
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Electronic News Division P F & R Chair

If you have ever met Bob Papper, you know he is an unassuming man. It was pure chance that I happened to call him last month and even he said that it was a fluke he answered his phone. I was looking for panelists for one of our PF & R panels. I asked what he was up to and he said he was retiring at the end of the semester and was leaving New York. Of course he gave me some ideas as he has always done.

Professor Papper has helped me a lot in my academic career. I spent most of my time in the professional arena and then Higher Ed called. I imagine that he has helped a lot of people like me get started on their Master's or Doctoral degrees. I have also used his textbook on Broadcast News and Writing now in its 5th edition. I have used his RTDNA studies of media diversity in

papers that I have written since 2002.

He has worked at television stations in Minneapolis, Washington, DC, San Francisco and Columbus, Ohio. Professor Papper has won more than a hundred state, regional and national awards. In 2012 he won the Bliss Award awarded by our division. He's held teaching positions at Ohio Wesleyan University, American University, Ball State University and most recently being chair at Hofstra University.

At AEJMC and BEA conventions he has produced the most interesting panels including convergence, broadcast news writing, reporting, and producing, the business of news and the future of news.

Professor Papper, we will all miss you and that big smile on your face.



Bob Papper

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Concealed Carry Debate Comes home to our Classrooms.

By: Peter Morello
END Teaching Chair



Lawmakers in neighboring Kansas seem likely to enact some form of concealed carry legislation this year. Both the Kansas House and Senate have approved their own version of a bill that would allow guns on campus. Public universities and colleges in Kansas would have four years

Shortly after the tragic mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School last year, a student in one of my broadcast journalism classes asked if I would ever consider carrying a concealed handgun on campus. It was the first time in my 14 years of teaching that anybody had posed this question to me. This semester, I am often asked if I would bring a concealed weapon to school. Like the majority of my colleagues at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, my answer is no.

“Concealed Carry” has suddenly become a major policy concern for college and university educators. In its annual listing of the top 10 higher education issues, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) ranked “Guns on Campus” as Issue Number Eight for 2013.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, “49 of 50 states have concealed carry weapons laws. 22 states ban carrying a concealed weapon on campus...In 23 states, the decision is up to the individual college or university.” Utah is the only state where public colleges and universities are prohibited from banning concealed carry handguns.

The Missouri state legislature is now considering a bill lifting the current ban on concealed handguns on campus. A faculty member or administrator with a concealed-weapon permit would be allowed to carry a gun in public institutions of higher education anywhere in the state. The bill, however, faces many legislative hurdles and the governor declared he would veto it.

before they would no longer be able to prohibit holders of state concealed-carry permits from bringing handguns to school.

If the bill passes, which is almost certain, it would include students.

Most students I talk to would be uncomfortable knowing that someone in the classroom may be armed. There are also growing numbers of students who believe it is their constitutional right to carry a weapon, if they feel a need to.

After the Virginia Tech shootings in 2007, student advocates of concealed carry on campus formed an organization called Students for Concealed Carry. The organization’s website (concealedcampus.org) states there are more than 43,000 members. There is a chapter at my university, but it is currently unrecognized and has no faculty advisor.

Even if I had solid training and the permit, I could not imagine myself exchanging gunfire with an assailant in a packed lecture hall. There is a thought-provoking scene from the Martin Scorsese’s 1995 film, *Casino*, where Las Vegas police shoot a man they thought had pulled a gun on them. It turned out to be a submarine sandwich wrapped in aluminum foil. How can an instructor know if a student or someone else is reaching for a gun, or a cell phone, or an energy drink?

With more than a dozen states considering concealed carry measures, “Guns on Campus” will likely climb even higher in next year’s AASCU top policy issues ranking.

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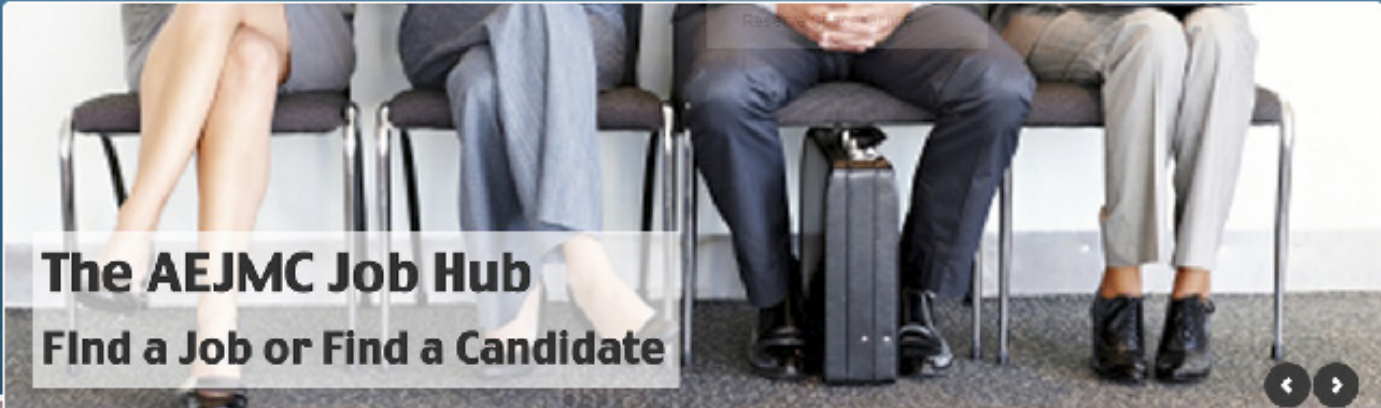
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