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## As Katrina crisis ebbs, new challenges arise In Houston, friction builds between locals and evacuees

**Ronnie Crocker**  
day city editor,  
*Houston Chronicle*

The buses rolling down Interstate 10 brought hope to thousands of exhausted, scared and heartbroken evacuees from New Orleans. They also portended big changes for Houston, Texas.

Over an amazingly efficient 19 hours, the city and county governments, local charities and an army of community volunteers transformed the Astrodome into a massive shelter for nearly 25,000 victims of Hurricane Katrina. Houstonians took training and waited in long lines for a chance to cook food or hand out clothing. Furniture drives were so successful that people had to be asked to stop donating. Newspaper photographs of the suffering brought floods of phone calls from readers wanting to help those individuals.

But other signs suggested unease about these new neighbors. Some of the signs were literal: Nearby businesses posted fliers threatening loiterers with police action; apartment dwellers were reminded to

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lock their doors; one community newsletter warned residents to "take extra precautions during this time." A surprising number of callers to the paper told outrageous – and unsubstantiated – tales of looting and thieving.

Three months later, some 100,000 evacuees have availed themselves of a generous housing subsidy and settled in to life in this new city. As the *Houston Chronicle* continues its coverage of their assimilation, our reporters will face issues related to the misbehavior of some of these newcomers.

Already, area high schools have reported more than a dozen "significant" incidents involving fights

between Katrina evacuees – nearly 6,000 of them landed in the Houston Independent School District alone – and other students. The latest brawl led to the arrests of 27 students.

While reporting on the fight, our reporter found a crude exchange on the girls' restroom door – "New Orleans Takin' Over," was crossed out in favor of, "H-town forever!" And profanity answered a scrawled "Go home." The messages suggest the difficulty faced by the children of catastrophe.

Likewise, Houston is experiencing an uptick in homicides this year, and the police blotter shows that a number of the victims and suspects are evacuees. That has obvious implications for the city. After all, New Orleans had the nation's highest murder rate in 2002 and 2003, and that rate remained stubbornly high even as other cities reported drops.

Given the way Katrina brought a national spotlight to thorny and complex issues of race and class in New Orleans, how the Houston news media handle this next stage of the evacuee story will be important in setting the tone for how Houstonians interact with our newest neighbors.

## Media ethics highlighted at March APPE meeting

**Erik Ugland**  
division head

Although the AEJMC summer convention in San Francisco is still more than seven months away, Media Ethics Division members need not wait that long to satisfy

their scholarly hankering.

For the third straight year, MED will be sponsoring several panels and paper sessions in conjunction with the 15th annual meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, which will be held March 2-5 in Jacksonville, Fla. (Go to [www.indiana.edu/~appe/](http://www.indiana.edu/~appe/) for more information.)

For many MED members, APPE has become a regular stop on their convention circuit, and for good reason. It brings together scholars and practitioners from dozens of fields – including law, business, medicine and the social sciences – and provides outstanding opportu-

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## MSU J-school adopts its own code of ethics

**Geri Alunit Zeldes**  
Michigan State Univ.

Beginning this spring semester, students taking classes in Michigan State University's School of Journalism will be subject to a homegrown ethics code.

The code grew out of a case of fabrication in one of my courses. Although the case did not involve a journalism major, J-school director Jane Briggs-Bunting realized that a mechanism didn't exist to kick out majors who committed serious offenses, absent an official MSU dismissal. She then requested that I draft an ethics code, providing a mechanism to do so.

"The code provides a set of standards and expectations and puts students on a formal, almost legal notice, that these are the standards that they must live by," Briggs-Bunting said.

While it includes referenced standards from other sources, the code is home grown because of the input from students, faculty, administrators and legal counsel.

"The input ensured that the code is complete and that faculty agree on its parameters," said Bonnie Bucqueroux, director of MSU's Victims and the Media program, and one of the code's authors.

At the end of a year-long process (characterized by a significant change in tone from a long list of "Don'ts" to a long list of "Dos"), we have a code that functions as a learning tool that Bucqueroux calls an "inspiration and a warning," rather than just a warning.

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# Share your 'Secrets' in *San Francisco*

## Special paper call on 'Secrets and the Media' cornerstone of MED's program

The Media Ethics Division welcomes faculty and graduate student paper submissions on all topics related to media ethics. The division's work cuts across many professional and scholarly boundaries, and the papers it selects reflect that diversity.

The division encourages submission of all media ethics-related research, regardless of its overall orientation (theoretical, philosophical, pedagogical, methodological, practical), its professional context (journalism, advertising, public relations), or its methodological approach. Those authors who use interdisciplinary methods are strongly encouraged to submit their work. All papers must be no more than 25 pages long (excluding bibliography and appendices) and must otherwise conform to the rules outlined in the AEJMC "Uniform Call for Papers."

The Media Ethics Division offers special recognition in a number of areas (see below). Except for the Burnett award, all competitions are open to both faculty and students. All submissions will be evaluated in the general paper competition. Authors wishing to be considered for the special competitions described below need not submit their papers more than once.

### Special Paper Call: "Secrets and the Media"

The Media Ethics Division is making a special call this year for papers addressing relevant connections between "secrets" and the media. It welcomes submissions from a variety of disciplines. Papers should address the ethical dimensions of secrecy/truth-telling con-

## Research reviewers needed

**Lee Anne Peck  
research chair**

The Media Ethics Division has finalized its paper call for the 2006 AEJMC convention in San Francisco. A highlight this year is MED's special paper call titled "Secrets." Paper submissions from any discipline that address relevant connections between "secrets" and the media are welcome. Full details are listed in the official call on this page.

The Top Faculty Paper, the Carol Burnett Award for graduate students and the Professional Relevance Award return again this year. Also worth noting is that the Professional Freedom and Responsibility Committee will

flicts arising in journalism, advertising, public relations, entertainment or other media industries or professions.

Possible topics include, but are not limited to, confidential source issues in journalism, buzz marketing and disguised advertising, selective disclosure in public relations, payola and secret payments for media coverage or airtime, moral dimensions of secrecy, secrecy and lying.

Top papers will be scheduled for a special panel session at the AEJMC convention in San Francisco and will be considered for publication in the *Journal of Mass Media*

present an award for the best PF&R paper at the annual convention. MED will forward its best PF&R submission to the committee after finalizing its paper competition.

This will be the final year that MED will accept hard copies for its submissions. At the winter meeting during the first weekend in December in Savannah, Ga., the Council of Division heads voted to go all-electronic for the next convention set for 2007 in Washington, D.C.

If MED members do not plan to submit papers to the division for the 2006 convention, they should consider being a paper reviewer or moderator. Those interested in helping should contact me via e-mail at [Leeanne.peck@unco.edu](mailto:Leeanne.peck@unco.edu) or by phone at (970) 351-2635.

*Ethics*. Special call papers must be marked "Secrets and the Media" on the title page.

### Carol Burnett Award

The Media Ethics Division cooperates with the University of Hawaii and the Carol Burnett Fund for Responsible Journalism to sponsor a special paper competition for graduate students. Graduate students are invited to submit papers on any topic related to media ethics.

The winning paper will receive the Carol Burnett/University of Hawaii/AEJMC Prize, which includes a \$350 cash award. The

runner-up will receive a \$150 cash award. Authors for the top two submissions will receive a small travel assistance stipend and will be invited to present their papers at the 2006 convention in San Francisco. The winner will be invited to accept his or her prize at the KTA Awards Luncheon at the convention.

Burnett competition papers must be marked "Burnett Competition" on the title page (and ONLY the title page). Students who wish to have their papers considered for both the Burnett and special paper call competitions should mark their title page "Burnett Competition and Secrets and the Media."

### Professional Relevance Award

Special recognition will be given to the paper that is judged to be the most relevant to working professionals. The recipient will be selected from the general paper competition.

### Top Faculty Paper

Special recognition will be given to the faculty paper judged to be the best paper submitted among faculty authors. The recipient will be selected from the general paper competition.

### Submission

All papers must be submitted by April 1 to Lee Anne Peck, MED Research Chair, School of Communication, Journalism and Mass Communications, University of Northern Colorado, Campus Box 114, Greeley, CO 80639. Questions should be directed to Peck at [Leeanne.peck@unco.edu](mailto:Leeanne.peck@unco.edu) or (970) 351-2635.

**See the panel lineup, and a preview of the APPE meeting: next page**

# Panels picked for 2006 AEJMC conference in San Francisco

**Stephanie Craft**  
vice head/program chair

The fried chicken at The Lady & Sons restaurant isn't the only thing I came away from Savannah raving about. The AEJMC midwinter meeting and chip auction turned out very well for the Media Ethics Division. Thanks to everyone who submitted panel proposals, we had great material to work with and lots of interest from other divisions for co-sponsorship.

That interest is key to getting panels on the program, as competition for time slots is fierce. Plus, it was MED's turn to give up a chip this year, making co-sponsorship even more important. If your panel idea was not selected this year, please save it and consider resubmitting next year.

Here's a quick rundown of what's on the program for San Francisco next August:

MED's program offerings include a couple of back-to-back

sessions. First, in conjunction with our special paper call on secrecy, we have a panel called "Secrecy and Truth-telling in Mass Communication," co-sponsored with the Law Division. That panel will explore practical, theoretical and constitutional issues raised by secrecy. We'll follow that with a refereed research session featuring papers addressing secrecy. Those sessions will be on Friday, Aug. 4.

Two panels regarding global ethics also will be offered back-to-back. "Al-Jazeera and Truth," co-sponsored by the Radio and Television Journalism Division, and "Whither Global Journalism Ethics?" sponsored solely by MED, are scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 5. The al-Jazeera panel includes Mohammed El-Nawawy, author of "Al-Jazeera: The Story of the Network That is Rattling Governments and Redefining Modern Journalism" along with Clifford Christians of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The global journalism ethics panel will be headed up by Stephen J.A. Ward of the University of British Columbia.

Two teaching panels are on the program as well. MED is co-sponsoring an RTVJ panel called "Covering Katrina and Other Natural Disasters: How to Prepare Student Journalists for the Story of Their Lives" on Wednesday, Aug. 2.

With the Civic and Citizen Journalism Interest Group, MED is co-sponsoring a panel addressing online publishing and student collaboration with citizen journalism. That panel, scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 3, is likely to feature a number of Bay-area participants, including Dan Gillmor of bayosphere.com, John McManus of Grade the News, and Peter Phillips of Project Censored.

Other panels cover a wide range of interests. The Magazine Division, with MED co-sponsorship, has scheduled a panel on Thursday called "Product Placement: Good or Evil?" Editorial cartoonists will be the focus on Friday of "No Laughing Matter: Editorial Cartoons and Disasters," which the Newspaper Division agreed to co-sponsor.

Finally, I am happy to report that

our program will have room for breaking news. MED and Law are co-sponsoring a Panel-To-Be-Named-Later. Later, in this case, is March. As we get closer to that date, I'll be welcoming your suggestions for topics and panelists.

The pre-conference teaching workshop, "New Trends in Teaching Media Ethics," is designed for seasoned and novice ethics teachers alike. The workshop will run from 1 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 1.

In addition to teaching, research and PF&R panels, MED is on the schedule for three refereed research sessions (including the one focusing on the special call) as well as the scholar-to-scholar session, which, unlike a poster session, includes a discussant. One final note for the very organized among you: The MED members' meeting is scheduled for Friday evening.

In the coming months, we will be confirming panelists and working out other program details. I hope you will contact me with any questions or suggestions you have. Thanks again for arming me with great ideas to take to Savannah.

## APPE once again embraces MED at its annual spring conference

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nities for interdisciplinary interaction and collaboration.

MED will sponsor five sessions at this year's conference and also will host its mid-year members meeting on Friday, March 3, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the convention hotel (Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront). Details about the MED-sponsored events are provided below, but keep in mind that there are dozens of other sessions that will no doubt be of interest to you.

In addition to the regular paper and panel sessions, APPE also hosts the Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl and sponsors both a "Lunch with an Author" program and a graduate seminar on teaching practical and professional ethics.

MED sends its special thanks to

David Boeyink of Indiana University for serving once again as the Division's liaison with APPE and for running our paper and panel competitions.

Below is the Division's lineup for APPE 2006. See you all in Jacksonville!

**Friday, March 3**

◆ **10-11 a.m.:** "Practice-Sustaining Virtues in Journalism," Sandra Borden, Center for the Study of Ethics in Society, Western Michigan University

◆ **1:45-3:45 p.m.:** "The Terry Schiavo Case: Once More, with Feeling and Deliberation," Sharon L. Bracci, Department of Communication, University of North Carolina, Greensboro; "The Terri Schiavo Case: Media Responsibility and Public Accountability," Clif-

ford G. Christians, Communications, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; "Fostering Responsible and Effective Bioethical Decision-Making," Josina M. Makau, Philosophy, Pre-Law and Peace Studies, California State University-Monterey Bay

◆ **4:15-5:45 p.m.:** "Word Choice, Labeling, and Bias in Journalistic Writing: An Ethical Analysis," David A. Craig, College of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Oklahoma; "Objectivity, Values, and the Duty to be Impartial in Reporting," Kristen Intemann, Philosophy, Montana State University

**Saturday, March 4**

◆ **10 a.m.-noon:** "Media Integrity in a Pay-for-Play World: Ethical Dimensions of the 'New Payola,'"

Erik Uglund, Department of Broadcast and Electronic Communication, Marquette University; Arthur M. Levine, Legal Studies in Business Program, College of Business Administration California State University, Long Beach; Kathy R. Fitzpatrick, Department of Communication, DePaul University; Jennifer Jacobs Henderson, Department of Communication, Trinity University; Sherry L. Baker, Department of Communications, Brigham Young University.

◆ **10 a.m.-noon:** "Teaching Media Ethics: The Theory-Practice Interface," Adrian Alex Wellington, Philosophy, Ryerson University; Kathleen Carlin, Philosophy, Ryerson University; Vincent Carlin, Journalism Program, Ryerson University; James Cunningham, Philosophy, Ryerson University



# Miller's award puts SPJ in its own ethical dilemma

Lee Anne Peck  
research chair

A ballroom full of journalism professionals, students and educators waited patiently on the morning of Oct. 18 to hear from the Society of Professional Journalists' chosen 2005 First Amendment award winner, whose speech would be followed by a panel discussion titled "The Reporter's Privilege Under Siege."

After more than 30 minutes of waiting in the ballroom at the Aladdin Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas – complete with rumors flying that the guest speaker was in "makeup" – *New York Times* reporter Judith Miller took the stage.

Miller, who went to jail for 85 days for refusing to reveal a source who disclosed the identity of CIA agent Valerie Plame, was the debated winner of the award. Miller's speech (which is available at <http://iml.jou.ufl.edu/spj/miller.asp>) received a lukewarm reception, and only about half the SPJ participants stood in appreciation at the end of her talk.

The question of that day – and now, months later – follows: Was the now former *New York Times* reporter Miller really a worthy can-

didate for this important annual award?

SPJ's national president and University of Florida professor David Carlson explains in his December *Quill* column, "Miller's award is controversial because her motives for spending 85 days in jail are unclear. ... I've read everything I can get my hands on about Miller, and I still don't know if she is a heroine or a villain to journalism."

Carlson points out that Miller's stay in jail generated awareness for the necessity of a federal shield law, and that is what the award "was meant to recognize." However, not all SPJ members have accepted that reasoning.

After Miller's speech, resolutions were debated at a special meeting of the resolutions committee chaired by Al Cross. Should Miller be recognized for her support of a federal shield law but deplored for her questionable use of anonymous, confidential sources?

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To resolve the sticky situation, three separate

resolutions were approved: One addressed the need for a federal shield law, one honored Judith Miller's protection of sources, and another advised caution when journalists promise anonymity to sources.

Still not content, members of SPJ's Northern California Pro Chapter issued an open letter on Judith Miller and anonymous sources a few days after the national convention. Updated on Nov. 2 (and available online at <https://www.spj.org/norcal/>), the chapter states in its letter the following:

"We hope to set the record straight on behalf of conscientious

journalists around the country who support journalists' First Amendment responsibilities but are deeply troubled by Miller's earlier unprofessional conduct and SPJ's failure to fully apply its own Code of Ethics to this case. ... We deplore the careless and deceptive use of confidential sources, as exemplified in Judith Miller's reporting. We urge journalists to hold each other accountable before the government claims even more sweeping rights to interfere in the editorial process, eroding still further this country's noble ideal of a free press."

The letter is also supported by the South Florida Pro Chapter.

On Nov. 9, Miller resigned from *The New York Times*, stating in a published letter to her employer, "I have become the news, something a *New York Times* reporter never wants to be."

In the meantime, to avoid dissension among members in the future, Carlson says he has asked two national SPJ committees – the ethics committee and the freedom of information committee – to address a better way to nominate people for its annual awards.

For more information on the 2005 SPJ convention and Judith Miller's award, see the December 2005 issue of *Quill*, the magazine for SPJ members and other professional journalists.

## Michigan State's journalism school adopts its own ethics code

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The code begins with a preamble, followed by a list of best practices, worst practices and penalties for egregious violations.

The preamble asks students to adhere to the highest professional standards of truth, fairness and accuracy.

"The code first says that journalism is serious business and that reporters and editors cannot take ethical concerns lightly," Bucqueroux said.

"Reporters have an impact on the lives of real people, whether it's

interviewing the mother whose child has been murdered or covering discussions of tax policy."

The preamble also spells out the code's reach: "This code applies to students in the School of Journalism while engaged in activities related to the mission, values, processes and functions of the school, including participation

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in journalism courses, J-school-sponsored organizations, and external journalism endeavors."

The best practices – subdivided into "Reporter Conduct," "Reporters Dealing With Sources" and "Reporters and Social Responsibility" – include tips on attribution, fact checking and identifying alleged

perpetrators.

Worst practices include plagiarism, fabrication, checkbook journalism and distortion of photos and video.

Faculty members are required to refer to the code in their syllabi and explain it throughout the semester. Briggs-Bunting said that the code also could apply outside the classroom.

"It lays the groundwork for students to incorporate these standards into their professional and private lives, whatever career they choose," she said. "We need people with ethics in any field."

## 2006 Media Ethics Colloquium asks, 'Who is a journalist?'

**DEADLINE: April 1**

As part of a decade-long series aimed at enhancing scholarship in applied media ethics, the University of St. Thomas will host the 2006 colloquium Oct. 14 to 17 in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn. The colloquium – the seventh of the series – will feature 12 fellows working in teams of two to explore the moral dimensions of the question: Who is a journalist?

Selected fellows will receive an honorarium and travel expenses. During the colloquium, fellows will present their work to each other and solicit feedback. A group of fellows also will speak at a public symposium at the colloquium's end. Papers that result from the colloquium will be published in the *Journal of Mass Media Ethics* in 2007.

Applicants may apply as individuals (in which case colloquium organizers will pair them with another applicant) or as part of already formed teams. In the selection process, preference will be given to teams that combine disciplines or that include a junior scholar working with a senior scholar.

The guidelines are general and should not be seen as exhaustive or exclusive. Individuals who have previously participated as fellows are invited to apply, although preference may be given to first-time participants.

Applications for fellowships should include the following:

- ◆ A brief (500 word) abstract of a paper proposal.
- ◆ A curriculum vitae
- ◆ If appropriate, a notation of the desired team member

The deadline for proposals is April 1, 2006. Send paper or electronic submissions to: Wendy N. Wyatt, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of St. Thomas, Mail #4372, 2115 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105. Phone inquiries: 651-962-5253. E-mail: wnywyatt@stthomas.edu

## Legal Ethics Conference issues call for papers on 'integrity'

**DEADLINE: March 31**

Submissions are being sought for the Legal Ethics Conference to be held June 23-25, 2006, at the University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand. Submission deadline is March 31.

The keynote speaker will be Gerald J. Postema, Cary C. Boshamer Professor of Philosophy and Professor of Law University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His talk is titled, "Iniquity, Integrity, and the Perils of Professionalism."

Papers on the conference theme, "Professional Ethics and Personal Integrity," are particularly encouraged, though papers on any topic within legal ethics are welcome. Submissions

## Got research?

Here are some events looking for your manuscripts, research proposals, and panel ideas

should be sent to the conference organizer: Dr. Tim Dare, Department of Philosophy and Faculty of Law, The University of Auckland, PO Box 92 018, Auckland, New Zealand. E-mail t.dare@auckland.ac.nz. Telephone: (00 64 9) 373 7599 ext 87493. Facsimile: (00 64 9) 373 7408. Web site: [www.auckland.ac.nz/phi/legaethics2006](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/phi/legaethics2006)

The Legal Ethics Conference will overlap with the 2006 Annual Conference of the Australasian Society for Legal Philosophy, to be held at the University of Auckland over the same weekend. The theme of the ASLP Conference in 2006 is "The Common Law." Registrants will be able to attend both conferences.

## Nominations due Feb. 24 for the Payne Ethics Awards

**Deadline: Feb. 24**

The University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the 2006 Payne Awards for Ethics in Journalism.

Established in 1999, the Payne Awards honor those who encourage public trust in the media by courageously practicing the highest standards of their profession in the face of political or economic pressures.

The Payne Awards seek entries from news organizations, individual journalists and student journalists in broadcasting, print or new media. Cash awards are given to individual and college/university winners; all recipients are honored at the University in the spring.

Nominations are being accepted until Feb. 24, 2006, for ethical dilemmas encountered in 2005. Journalists and outlets can nominate themselves or be nominated by a third party. Past winners include:

- ◆ *The State Press* (Arizona State University) Tempe, Ariz. – Collegiate Media Award (2005) Faced pressure from university administration after the university's largest donor protested the paper's choice of a graphic photo to illustrate a story about extreme body piercing. Staff engaged in an impressive process to examine its

actions, make decisions, work with administration and explain its decisions to others.

- ◆ *The Voice of America*, Washington, D.C. – News Organization Award (2002). Ran a post-Sept. 11 interview with Mullah Mohammed Omar despite State Department objections.

- ◆ *South Florida Sun-Sentinel*, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. – News Organization Award (2003). Despite threats of subpoenas from the government, the paper published a series of stories revealing failures by the State of Florida's Department of Children and Families.

- ◆ *Denver Post*, Denver, Colo. – News Organization Award (2005). Upheld an existing policy and did not name the alleged victim in the Kobe Bryant rape case even though competing newsrooms were using the woman's name, the information was also available online, and the victim filed a civil suit that would identify her.

- ◆ Jay Harris – Individual Award (2002). Resigned as publisher when asked to cut staff to increase profits.

For more information and the nomination form, visit <http://jcomm.uoregon.edu/alum/payneawards> or contact Marilyn Milne, [payneawards@jcomm.uoregon.edu](mailto:payneawards@jcomm.uoregon.edu) or 1-888-644-7989.

## Workshop to focus on ethics of blogging and online journalism

**Deadline: Jan. 20**

The Institute for Applied and Professional Ethics at Ohio University and the E. W. Scripps School of Journalism announce a workshop on "Blogging and Online Journalism," to be held April 7-8 at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.

"BOJ" will bring together a small group of successful, highly motivated students with some of the leading figures in journalism and media ethics for an intimate, in-depth two-day exploration of one of the most interesting and dynamic areas in applied ethics today. After a daily keynote address on a topic of general interest, participants will break up into workgroups. These workshops will feature presentations by invited scholars and by student participants, with discussion and critique of the presentations.

Presentations and workshop summaries will be published on the institute Web site.

Participation is limited to 25. Students interested in participating should send contact information and a brief paper on one of the workshop topics to [ethics@ohio.edu](mailto:ethics@ohio.edu) by Jan. 20. Participants will be selected on the basis of the paper they submit. Please visit the "student conference" section of [www.ohio.edu/ethics](http://www.ohio.edu/ethics) for submission requirements.

Travel grants (travel, room, and board) are available for a limited number of participants. Students interested in applying for travel support should indicate that in their application.

Keynote speakers include Dan Gillmore,

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## Ethical Briefs

### news of interest to MED

#### New site a resource for ethics research, teaching, practice

On Nov. 28, the University of British Columbia became home to Canada's first comprehensive Web site devoted to the study and promotion of journalism ethics, called Journalism Ethics for the Global Citizen.

The Web site, located at [www.journalismethics.ca](http://www.journalismethics.ca), was conceived and developed by Stephen J.A. Ward, associate professor of journalism ethics, at the UBC School of Journalism, in Vancouver. The Web site is supported by the School of Journalism and the Faculty of Arts at UBC.

Ward said he was struck by the lack of a comprehensive database for ethics research and discussion.

"Given the increasing awareness and growing importance of journalism ethics, this initiative comes at an opportune time," said Ward. "The Web site will become the 'go to' site for the latest news, discussion and analysis of ethical issues, locally and globally."

The Web site focuses on global issues in

journalism ethics and tracks and analyzes cases from around the world. The Web site provides news, expert analysis and essential background on ethical and legal issues.

Graduate journalism students at the school will contribute to the site, participate in projects and help to research and edit content. Also, the site will showcase work by journalism students on leading ethical issues.

Journalism Ethics for the Global Citizen offers resources for working journalists, newsrooms, media educators, ethicists, researchers and the global public.

For more information, contact Dr. Stephen J.A. Ward at (604) 822-8747 or send an e-mail to: [info@journalismethics.ca](mailto:info@journalismethics.ca).

— Submitted by UBC public relations

#### Claussen named new editor for AEJMC's J&MC Educator journal

Dane S. Claussen of Point Park University has been appointed the next editor of *Journalism & Mass Communication Educator*, a quarterly scholarly journal published by the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

Claussen, an associate professor and graduate program director in the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at Point Park College, will begin phasing into the editorship

in January 2006 and will take full responsibility for the journal in the spring. The first issue officially under his editorship will be the summer 2006 issue.

Claussen has been a member of *Journalism & Mass Communication Educator's* editorial board since July 2003 and has been a manuscripts reviewer for it since October 2000. He also has written book reviews for the journal.

Claussen succeeds Jeremy Cohen, assistant vice president and senior associate dean for undergraduate education at Pennsylvania State University—University Park, who has held the position since 2001. The journal was founded in 1958.

In addition to *Journalism & Mass Communication Educator*, Claussen a member of the editorial boards of *Mass Communication & Society*; *Newspaper Research Journal*; *Journalism History*; and *Journal of Media and Religion*. He also reviews manuscripts for numerous other scholarly journals.

Claussen is the head and program chair of AEJMC's History Division; research chair for the Magazine Division; vice-chair of the Professional Freedom & Responsibility Committee for the Media Management & Economics Division; a member of AEJMC's Task Force on Diversity, and a member of AEJMC's Media Ethics Division.

— Submitted by Dane S. Claussen

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author of *We, the Media*, and Clifford Christians from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

#### Ninth National Communication Ethics Conference at Duquesne

**Deadline: Jan. 15, 2006**

The Communication Ethics Division of the National Communication Association will hold its ninth national conference June 8-11 at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. Scholars from all related disciplines are invited to submit papers and panel proposals for inclusion in the conference.

The general theme of the conference is "Globalization and Provinciality: Communication Ethics and Culture." The conference therefore seeks to have broad application to human communication while immersing itself in current ethical questions. The conference Scholar in Residence (to be announced shortly) will deliver a keynote address pertaining to this topic. Papers may address a variety of contemporary issues and arise from multiple fields. We welcome papers that engage the following:

- ◆ Philosophy of Communication
- ◆ Cultural Studies

- ◆ Applied Communication
- ◆ Institutions: Health Care, Government, Education
- ◆ Intercultural Communication
- ◆ Rhetoric
- ◆ Religious Communication
- ◆ The "Culture Wars"
- ◆ Current conflicts of ethics in the public and global spheres

Papers must be typed and double-spaced, with a maximum of 30 pages including references. Any citation style is permitted (e.g., MLA, APA) as long as the author utilizes it properly and consistently. The author(s) should remove name(s) and all identifying data from the manuscript, but include one title sheet with title, author name(s), and all contact information. Please indicate on the title sheet if the author is a graduate student.

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