Our spring semester began with good news from the department, alumni and students that we would like to share with you.

Faculty Publications/Awards and Activities

- Dr. Gi Woong Yun received an International Radio and Television Society's fellowship to attend the 2014 Consumer Electronics Show and Faculty Seminar in Las Vegas January 4-6, 2014.
- Mr. Jose Cardenas received the 25th Annual Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Foundation Faculty Seminar fellowship in 2013. He was also featured on the BGSU website for Veteran's Day. See more.
- Dr. Tom Mascaro's book, “Into the Fray: How NBC's Washington Documentary Unit Reinvented the News” won the 2013 Research of the Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication (AEJMC) Tankard Award. He was also featured on the BGSU Homepage. See more.
- Instructor Stephen Merrill and Dr. Louisa Ha's co-authored paper, “Funding Models of Student Media in the United States,” won the 1st place open category paper award in the Student Media Division of the 2014 Broadcast Education Association Conference in Las Vegas.
- A new research cluster, Media and Communication in Directed Social Change, headed by Dr. Srinivas Melkote, was launched in December 2013.

The Northwest Ohio Media User Study Project Publications

The Northwest Ohio Media User project is funded by The Toledo Blade and the BGSU Research Capacity Enhancement Grant led by department chair Dr. Louisa Ha. It explores various emerging media topics and is productive in producing conference papers and journal articles.

- Ph.D. Alum Franklin Yartey and Dr. Louisa Ha co-authored paper, “Like, Share, Recommend: Smartphones as a Self-Broadcast and Self-Promotion Medium of College Students,” has been published in the International Journal of Technology and Human Interaction (Special issue on Mobility and Human Interaction), 9(4).
- Dr. Louisa Ha, and graduate students Fang Wang, Ling Fang, Chen Yang, Xiao Hu, Liu Yang, Fan Yang, Ying Xu, and Dave Morin co-authored paper, “Political Efficacy and the Use of Local and National News Media among Undecided Voters in a Swing State: A Study of General Population Voters and First-time College Student Voters,” has been published by Electronic News. 2013.
- Dr. Louisa Ha and Dr. Gi Woong Yun co-authored paper “Digital Divide in Social Media Prosumption: Proclivity, Production Intensity, and Prosumer Typology among College Students and General Population” has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Communication and Media Research. 2013.
- Graduate students Xiao Hu, Ying Xu and Simeng Mo's co-authored paper with Dr. Louisa Ha, “Who are the Fans of Facebook Pages? An electronic word-of-mouth communication perspective” received the Distinguished Paper Award from the Net2013 Conference (the International Conference on Internet Studies) and has been accepted for publication in International Journal of Cyber Society and Education. 2013.
- Ph.D. students Yang Liu, Mohammad Abuljadail, and Fang Wang co-authored paper, “Who Pays for Online Media Contents: Generation Y or Older Generation?” was accepted to be presented at the 2014 Broadcast Education Association Annual Conference. This paper has also won the 1st Place Debut award by the Media Management Programming and Marketing Division. 2014.
- Drs. Louisa Ha and Xiaokun Zhang are 2013 American Copy Editors Society's Research Competition Winners in the Newspaper and Online News Division of AEJMC.

Student Achievements

- The Live Wire TV show (a WBGU-FM initiative live music concert) is on its second season on PBS station WBGU-TV and airs Thursdays at 9:30 p.m.
- The TCOM Student Association (TCOMSA) launched Student of the Month in November, 2013 to highlight students and their achievements. The first ever TCOMSA Student of the Month is Jonathan Keilholz. Chris Rollins is the second Student of the Month (and now a BGSU Alumni). See more on Facebook.
- One Day DJ Training was held successfully in September, 2013. It is a semi-annual event to be a DJ/talent/producer on 88.1 WBGU-FM, FALCONRADIO.org - WFAL and BGRSO.
- Senior TCOM student Jonathan Keilholz, one of the recipients of the Ohio Broadcasters Scholarship in 2013, now works as associate producer in WTVG, an ABC affiliate in Toledo. See more on Facebook.
- TCOM student development fund recipients and seniors Samantha Waitinas and Catie Van Vert shared their experience in the One Day Immersion Conference on Digital Entertainment in New York. TCOM junior Abby Bryson also joined them. See the video on Facebook.
- BGU-FM student radio DJ Brody Ramone won the International Radio Festival Award for best US/Canada college student radio DJ in 2013.
Alumni Update

- Debbie Alderman ’13 has been promoted to Series Producer, EWTN Global Catholic Network.
- Josh Clay ’13 is Associate Customer Content Specialist, PR Newswire in Cleveland.
- Simone Eli ’13 is a FOX 10 sports anchor in Mobile, Alabama.
- Kaitlyn Kuch ’13 has been promoted to Assignment Editor at WTOL-Toledo.
- Kelsey Conklin ’12 is a Student Financial Aid Staff Assistant at The Ohio State University.
- Brad Woznicki ’12 is Co-host of Fox Sports Morning Blitz at Fox Sports Radio - 1230 WCWA, Toledo.
- Michelle Wick Burgess ’11 is Partner and Communications Director at Roux Creative.
- Anthony Bellino ’10 is now Radio Host at Fox Sports Radio 1230 WCWA, Toledo.
- Mitch Waxler ’08 has been promoted to Chief Studio Manager, Smash Studios, New York.
- Nick Ramos ’05 is a Producer at King of the Sidemen in Los Angeles.
- Ryan Young ’03 is online Marketing Manager at AgHires, Ohio.
- Sarah Rath ’02 is a 2013 Golden Globe nominee and an HBO associate producer.
- Josh Surgeon ’02 is President at Six5Creative.com with offices in Akron, Cleveland, Columbus and Pittsburgh.
- Ray Crawford ‟93 is Host/Play-by-Play at Silver Chalice in Chicago.

Notes from Alumni

“The media organizations at BGSU offer the experience necessary to excel in the media field, which I found working at BG24 News. I was inspired by a few of the TCOM professors to really put myself out and explore different career options, and those few do a great job in inspiring students to find internships and careers in the field.”

— Chris Rollins ’13 (interned at Time Warner in New York and Country Music Network in Nashville)

“Being a TCOM major at BGSU has helped my transition to the “real world” immensely. TCOM classes were always my favorite and always looked forward to what we would be learning next. What really makes the TCOM department special is the faculty. They are seasoned vets who know the industry through and through who are excellent at sharing that knowledge. The classes gave me a well-balanced education that helped me tremendously start my career. The second best thing about being a TCOM major was the real world practical skills I learned from extracurriculars.”

— Jonathan Uhl ’10 (Alumni Spotlight of the Week, News Photographer, WTOL-TV)

“I had my first interview with the station at the 2013 TCOM Career Day, so once again, I strongly suggested taking part in Career Day.”

— Codi Giesey ’13 (Alumni Spotlight of the Week, Account Executive, WKFM/WLKR Radio, Milan, Ohio)

Notes from Alumni

February 17 Presidents’ Day Open House at BGSU. All students are welcome to attend to meet with our faculty and students.
March 21 3-5 p.m. TCOM Scholarship Award Presentation Ceremony
April 4 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. TCOM Career Day
April 18 TCOM Student Production Contest Award Ceremony

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