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CONGRATULATIONS

To **Cynthia Morton**, whose manuscript titled, "A Theoretical Exploration of Company-Issue Alliances and Corporate Social Advertising Effects," has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Promotion Management*.

To **Spiro Kiouis**, whose article, "Consecuencias Cognoscitivas, Actitudinales y Conductuales del Agenda-setting (The Cognitive, Attitudinal, and Behavioral Consequences of Agenda-Setting)," has been accepted for publication in the book *Agenda-Setting de Las Medios de Comunicacion (Agenda Setting from the Media of Communication)*, edited by M. McCombs and I. Luna. Kiouis also is coauthor of an article accepted for presentation at the annual American Association for Public Opinion Research conference in Nashville, May 15-18. The article, titled, "Assessment of High-School Civics Curricula in Three Locations: A Description of a Multi-Mode Survey of Students and Parents Using Incentives," was coauthored with Mary Losch, Gene Lutz, and Mike McDevitt.

To **John Freeman**, whose presentation titled, "From Ivory Tower to the Newsroom: Summers of Renewal," has been accepted for the annual Visual Communication Conference, to be held in Sandpoint, Idaho, June 18-22. John also wrote a feature article in the April issue of NPPA's *News Photographer*. As recipient of an Institute for Excellence Fellowship from the American Society of Newspaper Editors, the article describes his work

UF RESEARCH FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP

Special congratulations to **Sandra Dickson**, who has been selected to receive a prestigious University of Florida Research Foundation Professorship award. The three-year professorship recognizes faculty who have established a distinguished record of research and scholarship. Recipients are awarded a \$5,000 salary supplement in each of the three years plus a one-time \$3,000 allocation to support scholarly activities. Dickson's scholarly record is exceptional. Among other creative accomplishments, she wrote, co-directed and co-produced *Freedom Never Dies* and five other television documentaries. Four of the six documentaries have aired on PBS. *Freedom Never Dies* received the Erik Barnouw Award for Outstanding Historical Documentary from the Organization of American Historians in 2001. Dickson won the Don Seigel Montage Award for Outstanding Film Direction by a Female in 2000, also for *Freedom Never Dies*. She is the College's fifth faculty member to receive this honor. Previous recipients are **Debbie Treise**, **Linda Hon**, **James Babanikos**, and **Sylvia Chan-Olmsted**.

NEW PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to **Laurence Alexander**, **Sandra Dickson**, and **Kim Walsh-Childers** who have been promoted to the rank of professor, effective August.



Laurence Alexander



Sandra Dickson



Kim Walsh-Childers

last summer with *The Record*, a daily newspaper in Hackensack, N.J.

To **Laurence B. Alexander** and co-author **Anthony L. Fargo** (Ph.D. 2000), whose paper, "In the Public Interest: How the First Amendment Could Protect the

Press from Newsgathering Torts," has been accepted for presentation at the International Communication Association meeting to be held May 23-27 in San Diego.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Congratulations to **John Kaplan**, who has been named a finalist for the prestigious Harry Chapin Media Awards. The three photojournalism finalists are *The New York Daily News* for a project on New York's homeless, *The Christian Science Monitor* for a project on poverty in South Africa, and Kaplan for his project on torture victims in West Africa published in the *St. Petersburg Times*. The first place winner will be chosen on May 9th. Kaplan's torture project has been recognized by the National Headliner Awards, Pictures of the Year International and the Society of News Design.

Congratulations also to senior photojournalism student **Rob Witzel**,



who was named Southern Short Course Student Photographer of the Year for his portfolio judged this weekend in Greens-

boro, N.C. He also had an image place second in the Sports Action professional category. Witzel previously won the 2002 Hearst Photojournalism shoot-out in San Francisco.

Bill Chamberlin appeared on National Public Radio's "Morning Edition" on March 28. He explained the Marion Brechner Citizen Access Project state-by-state findings in a segment about state laws closing off records related to security assessments, building safety procedures, security-related investigations and other issues pertinent to preparing for, or responding to, terrorism and public security.

FOR THE RECORD

Sandra Chance moderated a panel on "Selective Censorship" at the UF's Levin College of Law's Center for the

CONGRATULATIONS AWARD WINNERS

WUFT and WRUF each captured honors in the Radio and Television News Directors Association regional awards. Classic 89 won in the Best Sports and Best Documentary categories while WRUF won Best Series and Best Use of Sound. The College stations dominated the awards in the Radio Small Market category. The winners go on to compete in the national competition later this year.

The stations also fared well in the recent Society of Professional Journalists competition. The two stories that won RTNDA awards for Classic 89 also won the same categories in the Green Eyeshade awards run by the Atlanta SPJ chapter. In the SPJ Mark of Excellence (college) contest, students from the college stations swept the radio categories in the regional competition. Every finalist is a UF student. In TV, UF News 5 personnel are finalists in the Spot News, General News, Feature, Sports, News Photography, and Daily Newscast categories. Individual winners include **Lisa Whitlow, Beau Zimmer, Tiffany Griffith, Mandy Clodfelter Mitchell** and **Erich Spivey**. As with RTNDA, the winners go on to compete nationally. Finally, in the Florida AP Broadcasters student competition, UF Radio students won 10 of 10 radio awards, while TV students are finalists in every category but two. WRUF's "Front Page on the Air" was named best radio newscast over five minutes in the state.

Congratulations also to **Ted Spiker** and several former *Orange & Blue* students who were named regional finalists in the SPJ Mark of Excellence competition. First-place regional winners will be entered as finalists in the national competition. Individual winners include **David Schipper, Jason Backlund** and **Jon Warech**, editors, and **Stephanie Shapiro, Jessica Parker, Courtney Blits** and **Jamie Welter**, art directors. **Rachel Goldberg** won in the Non Fiction Article category for, "See, I Told You We Never Should Have Let Him Pledge." **Jason Backlund** won in the same category for "Caged Animal."

Study of Race and Race Relations Conference, "Rhyme, Rhetoric and Race." The keynote speaker for the conference was Lani Guinier, who was nominated by President Bill Clinton in 1993 to head the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice.

Linda Hon was the featured guest for University of Alabama's "Experts in PR" series March 17 and 18. Her presentation, "Measuring Relationships in Public Relations," summarized practitioners' and scholars' efforts to measure the effectiveness of public relations. She also spoke to a graduate course of advertising and public relations students about gender issues affecting those fields.

Sue Wagner is the new 2003

Chairperson for the Alachua County Crime Stoppers (formerly known as Crime Trac of Alachua County). Crime Stoppers rewards anonymous callers for tips to help solve crimes in Alachua County.

Mike Weimar (JOU 2001) of the *Gainesville Sun* will leave soon to cover the war in Iraq for the NY Times Regional Newspaper Group. Already covering the war abroad are UF grads **Stephanie Sinclair** (1998) in Kuwait for *The Chicago Tribune* and **Esdras Suarez** (1993), in Turkey for *The Boston Globe*. **Rich Glickstein** is currently supplying photos of the wounded being brought into Ramstein AFB in Germany for Knight-Ridder Newspapers.

BEST WISHES

To **Greg Borchard** (Ph.D. student), who has accepted an assistant professor position at University of Nevada, Las Vegas beginning August, 2003.

To **Daniela Dimitrova** (Ph.D. student), who has successfully defended her dissertation and has accepted an assistant professor position at Iowa State University.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The College extends deepest sympathy to **Harry Guscott**, whose mother passed away March 27 after a long illness.

ON THE CALENDAR

April 10: College Awards

Banquet: Reception 6 p.m.

April 25: College Retirement

Celebration 4-7 p.m.

May 3: Spring Graduation,

9 a.m.

May 3: Graduation Reception in

Atrium, 11 a.m.



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