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## HEARST UPDATE



John Wright, Alexandra Hill, TEL 2009, Miles Doran and Tim Hussin, JM 2009, at the Hearst 2009 Intercollegiate Competition in San Francisco. (Photo by John Freeman)

## College places fourth overall

The College recently placed fourth overall in Hearst's 2009 Intercollegiate Competition. It placed second in photojournalism, third in multi-media and fifth in broadcast news.

**Tim Hussin, JM 2009**, won the Hearst Journalism Awards shoot-out in San Francisco in June. He received \$5,000. He also won second place in the multi-media competition, for which he received \$1,500 and the Department of Journalism will receive matching funds. The Salt Lake City *Deseret News* originally ran Hussin's entry during his internship.

Junior **Miles Doran** placed third in Television Broadcast News. He won a \$3,000 scholarship plus matching funds for the Department of Telecommunication.

**Alexandra Hill, TEL 2009**, won a \$1,500 scholarship for Radio Broadcast News as a finalist.

**Chen Wang, JM 2009**, a semi-finalist in photojournalism, won \$1,000.

**Kevin Allen, Johanna Cleary, John Freeman, Tom Krynski**, and **Mark Leeps** played a key role in selecting the College's winning entries.

The winning broadcast news entries aired on WUFT-TV and WRUF-AM.

## AEJMC UPDATE

### College dominates presentations once again at annual conference

College faculty and graduate students outperformed their peers for the fourth year with 53 refereed paper presentations at the AEJMC 2009 Convention this week in Boston.

The University of Missouri-Columbia is second with 39 papers.

## PAPER TRAIL

### Harvard law journal publishes Alexander paper

The *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy* published "Testing the Boundaries of the First Amendment Press Clause: A Proposal for Protecting the Media from Newsgathering Torts," by **Anthony Fargo**, a journalism professor at Indiana University, and **Laurence Alexander**, in its summer issue.



Alexander

## MOVING UP

### Armstrong earns tenure

The UF Board of Trustees approved **Cory Armstrong's** tenure and promotion. It also approved the tenure of new faculty members **Clay Calvert** and **Moon Lee**, who are joining the College this month.



Armstrong

**TROPHY CASE****Stations win numerous awards**

WUFT-FM recently won a Florida Associated Press Broadcasters awards for Overall Excellence.

It also won the following awards:

- Best Newscast for a report on Tropical Storm Fay.
- Best Long Hard News Feature for reporter **Alex Herren's** coverage of the Haile Plantation rape.
- Best Short Light Feature to reporter **Brian Robertson** and Executive Producer **Donna Green-Townsend** for a story on the Alachua County 2009 Regional Spelling Bee.
- An Individual Achievement award for **Kimberly Kuizon's** reports ranging from a deadly school bus crash to cave diving.

WUFT-FM won two awards from the Radio-Television News Directors Association (RTNDA) regional competition. Herren won Best Serious Feature for his Haile rape report.

The station also won the Continuing Coverage category for its reports on UF's Budget Crisis in 2008, anchored by Green-Townsend.

WRUF-AM/FM recently won an RTNDA Regional Edward R. Murrow award in the professional category for its breaking news coverage of Tropical Storm Fay.

**LEADING BY EXAMPLE****Dodd leads press association roundtable discussion**

**Julie Dodd** recently taught Reporting Across Platforms at the Journalism Education Association/National Scholastic Press Association convention in Phoenix. She led a roundtable discussion with scholastic press association directors from across the country, focusing on how associations can adjust their programs to meet budget restrictions.

**Harris leads African-American association**

**Charles Harris** is beginning a two-year term as president of the UF Association of Black Faculty and Staff.

**Stanton presents student-redesigned site**

**Dave Stanton** presented a redesigned Florida Society of News Editors Web site to the organization's board at The Breakers in West Palm Beach. His Summer A students redesigned the site as part of a new Web consulting class.



Dodd



Harris



Stanton

**GATORS ON FILM****Film festival shows****Babanikos/Sorel film**

The Long Island International Film Expo showed **James Babanikos'** "Somewhere Beyond" earlier this summer. **Tim Sorel** served as director of photography on the film.

The film also won a Golden Eagle Award from CINE, a film, video and media arts organization.



Babanikos



Sorel

**FRIENDLY ADVICE****PR Advisory Council picks new members**

The Public Relations Advisory Council selected two new members: **Stanley Dezern**, vice president of Global Public Relations for Disney Destinations, and **Robert Grupp**, president and CEO at the Institute for Public Relations.

**HONORABLE MENTION****Watchdog cites****Lewis article**

In a Nieman Watchdog article, scholar **J.H. Snider** cited **Norman Lewis'** AEJMC article, "Plagiarism Antecedents and Situational Influences."



Lewis

## NATURAL CHOICE

**Ferguson honored with tree planting**

**Kim Tanzer**, a past chair of the UF Faculty Senate, recently sponsored the planting of nine trees for past chairs as well as **Mary Ann Ferguson**, chair-elect.

Ferguson chose a river birch tree. The UF Physical Plant Division recently planted it at the northeast corner of Weimer Hall.



Mary Ann Ferguson poses with the river birch tree with which she was recently honored. (Photo by Don Adler)

## IN MEMORIAM

**Jerry Roberts**

**Jerry Roberts**, **Marilyn Roberts'** husband, passed away in July in the United Arab Emirates, apparently of a heart attack.

The family held a service at the couple's cottage in Colorado.

**Eleanor Cunningham**

**Hugh Cunningham's** wife, **Eleanor Cunningham**, passed away in July.

The family held services at Faith Presbyterian Church in Gainesville.

## CALENDAR

**Aug. 24:** Fall classes begin

**Aug. 24-28:** Drop/Add

**Sept. 7:** Labor Day Holiday

**Oct. 2-3:** Benefits Fair

**Oct. 3:** CLAST

**Oct. 16:** Homecoming

Parade – Holiday

**Oct. 17:** Homecoming game,  
UF-Arkansas

**Oct. 19-20:** Telecommunication  
Advisory Council

**Nov. 1:** Daylight Savings  
Time Ends

**Nov. 11:** Veterans Day  
Holiday

**Nov. 19-20:** Public  
Relations Advisory Council

**Nov. 26-27:** Thanksgiving  
Holiday

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