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Distinguished Professor Named Director of School of Communication Studies at Kent State

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The School of Communication Studies at Kent State University welcomes **Paul Haridakis, Ph. D.**, as its seventh director, as the school celebrates its 80th anniversary of providing communication education and scholarly work to the professional and academic community.

Haridakis earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication & Rhetoric, Juris Doctor (law degree) from The University of Akron before receiving a Ph.D. in Communication Studies from Kent State University. His legal research focuses most specifically on issues related to freedom of speech and access to information. Haridakis' communication research focuses on media use and effects. His published research covers a wide array of topics such as the effects of television violence on aggression, the use of social media and YouTube videos for news and political information, the role of sports viewing on social identity, the protection of online privacy, the influence of media coverage of terrorism, and Internet addiction – to name just a few.

Haridakis has co-authored or co-edited four books and about 45 articles, chapters and encyclopedia entries. His books are: *Sports fans, identity, and socialization: Exploring the fandomium*; *Research methods: Strategies and sources (7th ed.)*; *War and the media: Essays on news reporting, propaganda and popular culture*; and *Sports mania: Essays on fandom and the media in the 21st century*.

Haridakis has a notable tenure with Kent State, first serving as an editorial assistant for the *Journal of Broadcasting and Electronic Media* in 1986. He also was an editorial assistant for the *Journal of Communication* before turning his attention to teaching. He moved up the ranks from a teaching assistant to assistant professor to associate professor to full professor all in less than 12 years.

SUMMER SCHEDULE NOW AVAILABLE TO VIEW

Registration Starts in February

Summer 2012 classes are posted online for students to view on FlashFAST. Registration begins Feb. 20. Go to the website http://www.kent.edu/registrar/calendars/stu_sum.cfm for more information. Any questions or concerns should be directed to Lorie Hopp or Dr. Rozell Duncan. Hopp is an academic advisor for graduation. Duncan is coordinator for internships and practicums and undergraduate faculty advisor.

THERE IS NO ENTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER REGISTRATION.
Registration is available to all eligible students.

Register early so classes are not cancelled due to low enrollment.

Those students planning a summer graduation must schedule an appointment with Hopp as soon as possible after registering for summer classes.

Applications for Communication Studies scholarships and awards due Feb. 15

Details and application forms available at <http://www.kent.edu/comm/undergraduateprogram/awards.cfm>

Students are welcome to apply for scholarships and awards offered through the School of Communication Studies. Scholarships and awards include the Rebecca Alan Rubin Endowed Scholarship, Michael Dubetz Endowed Scholarship, and Pierce Memorial Award. Recipients will be recognized at a reception to be held April 12 in the Moulton Hall Ballroom.

Submissions should be turned in no later than 4 p.m. Feb. 15. Applications and other required documents should be delivered to the main office to the attention of Kelly Schobinger, Special Assistant, School of Communication Studies, room 135 Taylor Hall.

Documentation required includes:

- Completed application form
- Official transcript of Kent State University coursework
- Two letters of support

New Year, New Semester, New Faces in the School of Communication Studies

By Britney Beaman, CCI Intern



Students assisting the school for Spring semester, are from left, Erin Hammeren, Courtney Nickel, and Jordan Kutchko.
Photo by Melinda Yobo, CCI.

You'll see some new faces in the School of Communication Studies this spring semester. Three students are assisting the school in special event planning, marketing and public relations as part of their internship and practicums.

The goal is to provide communication studies students with meaningful experiences in a wide range of duties, according to Rozell Duncan, Ph.D., internship and practicum coordinator for the school.

"Our intern and practicum students are assigned a variety of duties from helping with special event planning for the school, marketing our academic programs and publicizing special events that recognize our students' academic accomplishments," Duncan said. Duncan is also undergraduate advisor for the school.

Courtney Nickel, Erin Hammeren and Jordan Kutchko are eager to help with these duties and seem to be most looking forward to helping plan events for the School of Communication Studies' 80th Anniversary this year. They are working directly with Kelly Schobinger, special assistant and computer coordinator, and Margaret Garmon, coordinator for marketing and public relations.

Nickel is a senior applied communications studies major and has always known she wanted to work with people. She got started in high school by interning with Jamie Belkin Events where she helped generate contact lists and work at events. Nickel participated in Kent State's study abroad program in Florence, Italy, Fall semester with the communication studies program. While in the study abroad program, she loved experiencing the art, went skydiving and got engaged to fiancé Austin Opalich. For her internship, Nickel will be the Kent Communication Society liaison for the school.

Hammeren is a junior applied communications studies major and public relations minor. She wanted to do her practicum with communication studies because she's always thought this department would be fun to work in and is excited to see what goes on behind-the-scenes. She thinks this will be a great opportunity to gain knowledge about the communications field and to build her portfolio. She loves being creative and doing crafts, so she hopes to use these skills after graduation and become a wedding planner.

Kutchko is a senior communication studies major with a focus in applied communication. She minors in photo illustration and media literacy. During her practicum, she's hoping to learn how to use the skills from her classes through real-life experience. Since she would like to become an event planner after graduation, she's most excited to help with events this semester. When Kutchko isn't on campus, she enjoys photography and spending time with her 10-month-old son Sawyer.

Kent Communication Society

When: Every Wednesday from 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Where: Room 146 Taylor Hall

Why: Meet new people, participate in Relay for Life, community services, food drives, and much more!

Free pizza & pop!

Students of all majors and minors are welcome!