

Symposium on Social Networking

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Rebecca Phillips, Vice President of Social Networking, Beliefnet – Beliefnet was recently acquired by News Corp and was launched publicly in October, 2007. They are the largest single religion and spirituality web site, with over a million users. Rebecca will discuss social networking web sites, including FaceBook, MySpace and Beliefnet's new site <http://www.beliefnet.com>.



Paul Martin Lester, Ph.D., Department of Communications, California State University at Fullerton - Professor Lester teaches a class through the Second Life online community and will join us virtually to discuss his experiences.



Chi-Ren Shyu, Ph.D., Department of Computer Science, School of Engineering, University of Missouri-Columbia - Professor Shyu teaches courses about the internet and will discuss science collaboration across disciplines.



Patricia Fry, Ph.D., School of Law, University of Missouri-Columbia - Professor Fry will discuss legal issues. She has served on many state and national committees/conferences on electronic commerce. She is a member of the American Law Institute and of the American Bar Association Business Law Section, where she serves on the Uniform Commercial Code Committee and Cyberspace Law Committee. Professor Fry has published widely in the field of commercial law and electronic commerce and has taught courses on sales and leases, modern payment systems, secured transactions and electronic Commerce.



Wayne Wanta, Ph.D., School of Journalism, and Director, The Center for the Digital Globe, University of Missouri-Columbia – Professor Wanta will serve as moderator for our symposium. He teaches the Center for the Digital Globe's J8052 capstone course on the impact of technological change and globalization. In 2007, he served as President of the Association of Education and Mass Communication (AEJMC), the largest journalism education association in the world.