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AUG. 5 PROGRAM TEACHING RELIGION & MEDIA

DATE: Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2008

TIME: 2 - 7 p.m.

LOCATION: Northwestern/Ohio Room, Chicago Marriott Downtown, 540 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago

SCHEDULE

2 - 2:10 PM Welcome and introduction (Debra Mason, Missouri)

2:10 - 3:10 PM *Models for excellence in teaching religion and media*

Courses in religion and media vary from the traditional religion reporting course to specialized courses focusing on media and law, or merging topics such as religion and human rights. We'll compare notes on what does and doesn't work in a variety of approaches.

Judith M. Buddenbaum, retired, Colorado State

Norma Green, Columbia College

Julia Lieblich, Loyola

3:15 - 4:15 PM *Resources, road trips and new technologies*

Few textbooks appropriate for teaching media and religion exist. In addition to textbooks, what online tools or exercises can help teachers teaching media and religion? What role do field trips or travels to significant religious sites play in media and religion courses, and what can students produce as a result of such programs? Also, increasingly journalism courses are using new technologies such as distance learning and video conferencing. How does the use of such technologies enhance or distract from the complex and nuanced topic of media and religion?

Cecile S. Holmes, South Carolina

Ari Goldman, Columbia University

Joe Morris, Marquette

Debra Mason, Missouri

4:15 - 4:30 PM Break & refreshments

4:30 - 5:30 PM *God goes digital: How blogs and social networking can be used to improve media and religion courses*

Religion poses unusual problems online, from issues of civility to ethical challenges. What do students (and teachers) need to know about blogging religion? What does and doesn't work? In addition, the growing social network world has much to offer the religion and media course. One of the nation's rising social network scholars will share findings about how these communities work and what that means for religion and media coursework or research.

Terry Mattingly, GetReligion.com / Scripps - Howard News Service

Jeremy Littau, Missouri

5:30 - 6:15 PM Beer and wine reception and syllabi swap

Bring 25 copies of your Religion and Media course syllabi, including courses on Religion Reporting, History of Media and Religion, Advanced Reporting Courses that integrate a religion beat, Religion and Media Literacy, Religion and First Amendment, Christian Communication, and Religion in the Media courses.

6:15 - 7:15 PM Raising the bar: Assessment, research & new approaches for teaching the media and religion course

How can we use assessment to improve our teaching of media and religion and are there new strategies or techniques to test? We'll hear about a way to use theater to talk about the sensitive topic of religion and learn how the religion and media course can move beyond an advanced reporting or media critique approach to a subfield, such as the history of the religious press.

Dan Stout, Nevada - Las Vegas and co - editor, Journal on Media and Religion

Barbara Reed, Rutgers

Presented by the **AEJMC Council of Affiliates** and the **Center on Religion and the Professions, University of Missouri School of Journalism**

No fee to attend but registration requested for the reception. Contact: Debra L. Mason, MasonDL@missouri.edu or call 573-882-2866.