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Ohio AP Award goes to Yu Liang

The CommDev program would like to congratulate second-year student Yu Liang for winning the prestigious 2008 Associated Press Society of Ohio first place award. The results were announced on May 3 in Columbus as Yu Liang's article "Collision of Cultures" (<http://www.daytondailynews.com/n/content/oh/story/news/local/2008/03/22/ddn032308urbana.html>), written together with Mary McCarty of the Dayton Daily News and Valerie Lough of the Springfield News-Sun, won the award in the Division V (dailies with 75,000 copies) "Best Enterprise Reporting" category. The story was about the aftermath of a car accident in 2007 in Springfield, Ohio, killing three Urbana University Chinese students. It was run in Mar. 2008 by the Columbus Dispatch, Dayton Daily News and Springfield News-Sun, and also led to a CNN follow-up in this March.

Sixty-six daily newspapers submitted 2,908 entries in the contest, which featured news and sports stories, features, editorials, columns, graphics and photos from 2008. The Associated Press is a not-for-profit news cooperative representing 1,500 newspapers and 5,000 broadcast stations in the United States. Members of AP include 88 daily newspapers in Ohio.

CommDever wins FLAS fellowship

The CommDev program would like to send our heartfelt congratulations to the first-year CommDev student Christina "Jill" Granberg for her achievement of being awarded the prestigious Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship at Ohio University.

The fellowship encourages students to incorporate the study of a foreign language into their graduate coursework. "As a ComDever integrating as much study of Arabic as I can into my degree, this award is nothing short of a dream come true," said Jill.

According to Jill, her research currently involves textual analysis of entertainment education media programs in the Arabic-speaking world, and language study supported

by this fellowship will certainly equip her to study these issues more in-depth. Jill added that she is also grateful to the African Studies Department at OU for this opportunity to expand her knowledge and love for this language.

Bravo, Jill!

Study-abroad program explorations

First-year CommDevers Carolina Novella, Christine Fram, Katie Abel, and Titus Gwemende will soon head for two study-abroad programs to start their new explorations.

Carolina, Christine and Katie will take part in the International Research Training Course that will be held in Ecuador. Running from June 14 to July 7, it is a program jointly organized by the Tropical Disease Institute at OU and the Catholic University of Ecuador (<http://www.ohio.edu/educationabroad/programs/LatinAmerica/ResearchTrainingCourse.cfm>). The course provides multidisciplinary training in research methodology to students from the USA, Europe and Latin America for the purpose of combating the Chagas disease.

Titus is going to the Botswana Study Abroad Program from June 15 to July 15. This is an opportunity to learn first-hand the effects of HIV in the African setting through working within an organization in Botswana. Titus will be attending lectures on various health related issues as well. "I'm excited about it!" said Titus.

CommDevers take part in conferences

First-year CommDevers Syed Khalid Jamal, Bako Kantiok and Anaele Agaptus will participate in the well-known 59th Annual International Communication Association (ICA) Conference to be held in Chicago from May 21 to 25.

During the five-day conference, an estimated 2,200 scholars will attend over 425 presentations representing the latest advances in the field of communication. With the theme of "Keywords in Communication," the conference is expected to be a large, diverse, and high quality gathering across the board.

Solving Kids' Cancer internship opportunity

Dedicated to facilitating the development of therapies to improve survivorship of the deadliest children's cancers through an innovative and aggressively funded model, Solving Kids' Cancer, a New York City non-profit founded in September 2007, is seeking a part-time development intern for Summer and Fall, 2009.

Specifically, the intern will be responsible for: 1) Tailor 3-5 grant proposals from an existing template for submission with input from Communications Director and assist in contacting firms to inquire about applications and following up with existing proposals; 2) support work of development committee including direct leadership of 1-2 upcoming events; 3) provide daily organizational support to ensure smooth operations in clinical, financial, and donor management areas.

This internship is unpaid and will require a minimum commitment of 20 hours per week from June 29 to August 7. Fall 2009 internship position is also available (12-16 hours per week). Students may choose to seek credit for the internship as part of their academic program; internship hours and responsibilities have the potential to be adjusted depending on the specific requirements of the internship program. The intern will work from the organization's offices on Madison Avenue in New York City and will report to the Director of Development and the Executive Director.

Interested parties can send cover letter and resume by Wednesday, June 5, 2009 to: Natalie McDonald, Director of Development, at Natalie@kidcancer.org. Please specify if he or she is applying for the Summer or Fall position.

Global Fusion 2009 calls for papers and proposals

The Global Fusion 2009 Conference, to be held at the University of Texas at Austin, October 16-18, 2009, now calls for papers and proposals.

Submissions for Global Fusion 2009 are due by July 1, 2009. Submissions can be in three formats: 1) full papers, 2) abstracts, or 3) panel proposals. Full papers (not to exceed 30 pages, including references) are eligible for awards, based on peer-reviewed competition. Abstracts are limited to 200 words. Panel proposals should include names and titles of all parties involved, an abstract for the panel and for each presentation.

Please send papers and proposals to globalfusion2009@gmail.com. Please attach papers in Word (not .docx) or. rtf format. Or mail to Global Fusion papers, care of Joseph Straubhaar, RTF Dept., CMA 6.118, University of Texas, Austin, TX 78735.

The conference series is sponsored by a consortium of schools including the University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University, Ohio University and Southern Illinois University. There will be awards for paper competition winners, based on peer review. The event will immediately follow a short conference on New Agendas in Global Media Research, October 15-16, at UT with invited speakers. Global Fusion participants are encouraged to attend. Details will follow.