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1. 20th Anniversary Conference a success

The CommDev 20th Anniversary Conference wrapped up on Saturday, April 14 and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The CommDev Department would like to thank the Graduate Assistants and other CommDev students for their hard work in making the conference a success! Highlights from the conference include Denise Gray-Felder's keynote address, the expert's panel with Dr. Srinivas Melkote, Dr. Silvio Waisbord, and Dr. Mandi Chikombero, the practitioner's panel which included a presentation from Roberta Hillbruner from USAID, and a breakfast meeting with CFSC Board Members. Themes that emerged from the weekend conference included the need to foster dialogue between communication practitioners and scholars, the need to view participation as an end goal rather than a means-to-an-end, and a celebration of the strength of the diverse backgrounds of CommDevers in the field.

To view pictures from the conference, please visit:

<http://www.ohio.edu/commdev/Conference-Pictures.cfm>

To see a webcast of the keynote speech and expert's panel, please visit:

<http://streaming.cns.ohiou.edu/commdev/>

2. CommDev students to participate in summer internships

The following CommDev students have been accepted to participate in summer internships:

****Muhammad Syahril Sangaji** will be working at the Voice of America (VOA) Indonesian service, based in Washington D.C. from June 9 to September 7. Sangaji will be involved in all aspects of VOA operation, including radio and television. He is especially excited to gain new experience in television and video production.

****Stella Mathias Mayengo** will be working with ADRA Tanzania, an NGO that works

with youth and HIV/AIDS prevention based in Mwanza, Tanzania. Mayengo will also spend time working with the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) in Arusha, Tanzania. Mayengo will also be conducting research on film content and audience impact for her CommDev professional project.

****Lourdes Margarita Caballero** will be working at Ashoka's Global Academy, based in Washington D.C. Caballero will learn about the field of social entrepreneurship and will help steer new university initiatives to identify, showcase, and support the world's most successful social entrepreneurs and build a strong, dynamic citizen sector. Caballero is excited to help build Ashoka expertise and to reach out to top faculty to develop the academic rubric behind social entrepreneurship.

****Beauty Emefa Agbavor** will be working at the Academy for Educational Development, with the Ghana Sustainable Change Project, based in Accra, Ghana. Agbavor will work with the district planning team to plan various health communication initiatives with local district planning managers.

****Laura Jean Newman** will also be working at the Academy for Educational Development, with the Ghana Sustainable Change Project, based in Accra, Ghana. Newman will work on writing case studies of various initiatives implemented over the last three years, focusing on "lessons-learned" documents. Newman will also conduct research for her thesis on community media in West Africa.

3. Ebenezer Malcalm presents paper at AERN Conference

****Ebenezer Malcalm** presented his paper "Utilizing Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) Technology in African Schools" at the African Educational Research Network Conference in Ohio University last weekend. The paper focused on how African schools can utilize VSAT to enhance Internet broadband connectivity, how VSAT technology can be used, and what the major constraints facing the use of the technology are.

Malcalm's paper has been accepted for the quarterly on-line publication of AERN called The Symposium. The AERN was founded in 1992 by a small group of US and African universities, during a meeting on the campus of Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia. AERN is a non-profit making network dedicated solely to the dissemination of information on Africa that link its resources to cover other parts of the world.

****To learn more about AERN, please visit <http://www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/aern/>.**

4. Masadul Biswas publishes article in Journal of Space Comm

Second year CommDev student Masadul Biswas recently published his article, "Broadband Satellite System 'IPSTAR': Its Application in Asia-Pacific Region" in the Online Journal of Space Communications. The Online Journal of Space Communications is a project of the Society for Satellite Professionals International,

edited by Dr. Don Flournoy. Biswas's article discusses the application of satellites as delivery platforms for interactive multimedia as well as for broadcasting, streaming, and caching of content.

To read Biswas's article, please visit:
<http://satjournal.tcom.ohiou.edu/Issue11/biswas.html>

5. Share your paper with the CFSC!

The CFSC is looking for articles, unpublished papers, theses, dissertations, video projects and more to add to its online "Body of Knowledge" – a searchable database of writing and scholarship on communication for social change and development. The "Body of Knowledge" includes works from the early days of development communication practice and study up to the present. If you are interested in making your work available on the CFSC website, please contact Laura Newman at ln264206@ohio.edu for more information.



The CommDev E-Newsletter keeps Ohio University students, alumni, faculty and staff up to date with the most recent departmental news: upcoming speakers and special events, conferences, alumni updates, and other important news concerning the communication and development field.

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