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President Bernie Machen recently approved the promotion of Sandra Chance to professor and Chang-Hoan Cho, J. Robyn Goodman, Spiro Kiousis and Juan Carlos Molleda to associate professors.

Alexander starts appointment at UF Graduate School

Laurence Alexander started as interim associate dean of the UF Graduate School July 1. His primary responsibility is for the UF Office of Graduate Minority Programs. He also chairs the Graduate Curriculum Committee and assists with all aspects of graduate studies, said Kenneth Gerhardt, the school’s interim dean. Alexander likely will teach one course a year at the College, he said.

Carr new I-Tech czar

The College recently promoted Rob Carr to director of engineering and information technology. The new position consolidates all of the College’s information technology functions with broadcast engineering functions in WUFT-FM-TV, WUFT-DT and WLUF-LP.

Honor Roll

Foley named Cunningham Prof.

The College recently named Mike Foley the first Hugh Cunningham Professor in Journalism Excellence. “Mike’s distinguished accomplishments and expertise as a journalist are complemented by his genuine concern that students receive the highest possible quality instruction,” Interim Dean John Wright said. “His high standards and effectiveness in the classroom make him the ideal recipient of the first Hugh Cunningham Professorship in Journalism Excellence.”
As usual, the College will have a strong presence at the annual AEJMC Convention on Aug. 2-5 in San Francisco.

The Public Relations Department faculty and graduate students’ papers include:

“Issues and approaches to teaching blog management in public relations courses,” by Ph.D. Alumni Fellow Richard Waters and Jennifer Robinson.

“Understanding influence on corporate reputation: An examination of public relations efforts, media coverage, public opinion, and financial performance from an agenda-building and agenda-setting perspective,” by Spiro Kiousis, doctoral student Cristina Popescu and Michael Mitrook.

“The academy versus the profession: A comparative analysis of ethical discussion in public relations publications,” by Mitrook and Danner.

“Persuasion and ethics: Towards a taxonomy of ends and means,” by Ben Danner, MAMC 2006, and Kiousis.

“Talking to young voters: A content analysis on Web sites of Get-Out-the-Vote organizations,” by PhD Alumni Fellow Monica Postelnicu and Kiousis.

“Uses and gratifications in the Blogosphere: Identifying motives, antecedents, and outcomes of Weblog,” by doctoral student Trent Seltzer and Mitrook.

“Pioneers in the Blogosphere: Profiling the early adopters of Weblogs,” by Byeng-Hee Chang and Seltzer.

“Effects of entertainment television program viewing on students’ perceptions of public relations functions,” by Youjin Choi.

“The effects of media celebrity endorsement on blood donation: Meaning transfer and celebrity identification,” by Bumsub “Gabriel” Jin.

“The effects of Mr. and Mrs. Reeve on public health and social issues: Celebrity identification and parasocial interaction,” by Jin.

“Challenging the monolithic view of ethnic minorities in public relations’ strategies: Hispanic culture-frames of the healthcare issue,” by Belio Martinez.


“UF will be highly visible as a leader in public relations scholarship at the 2006 Convention,” Kathleen Kelly said.

Also, “Effects of endorser credibility and message typicality on delayed attitude change,” by Joon Soo Lim, Ph.D. 2006, won the Chaffee & McLeod Top Student Paper Award from the Communication Theory and Methodology (CTM) Division.

Sylvia Chan-Olmsted will present two papers:


“The development of mobile television: Examining the convergence of mobile and broadcasting services in Korea,” by doctoral student Sangwon Lee and Chan-Olmsted.

Master’s student Brian Pafundi will present “Planting the seeds of constitutional conflict: A look at the legal landscape concerning residential power and the NSA’s wiretapping program.”
PAPER TRAIL

New York Times posts McKeen piece online


**Sylvia Chan-Olmsted** recently presented two papers at the 7th World Media Economics Conference in Beijing:

“Assessing the international video marketplace: A longitudinal examination of the environmental factors affecting the export of U.S video media goods,” by Chan-Olmsted and doctoral student **Goro Oba**.


The Fourth International Humanities Conference, The University of Carthage, Tunis, Tunisia, recently accepted **Linda Conway Correll**’s “I get it! Bringing global English and creative diversity together.”

**Johanna Cleary**’s “From the classroom to the newsroom: professional development in broadcast journalism.”

STUDENT SUCCESS

Alum places second in Hearst


News5, Alligator Online SPJ finalists

The staffs of News5 and the Independent Florida Alligator Online were national finalists in the Society for Professional Journalists’ Best Television Newscast and Best All-Around Online Student Newspaper categories, respectively.

BOOK ‘EM

Chamberlin honored in book dedication


“We have both been blessed with wonderful teachers throughout our educations,” they wrote, “but there are two special ones to whom we wish to dedicate this volume.”

MOVIN’ ON

Hynes bids College farewell

**Terry Hynes** wrote: Thank you to all the faculty and staff of the College for making the past 12 years a productive and rewarding experience for me. I am proud to have worked with you to build on the excellent foundation created by faculty and staff who preceded us.

You are talented and incredibly dedicated. You make this a great place for students to learn and for us to reach out to stakeholders regionally and nationally. I look forward to seeing you continue to thrive in the years ahead.

Very best wishes,
Terry

Baker dean at Nebraska

The new College of Communication, Fine Arts, and Media at the University of Nebraska recently named **Gail Baker** as dean.

In her last job at UF, Gail served as special assistant to President **Bernie Machen**.

NEW TITLE

Hynes dean emerita

Effective July 1, **Terry Hynes** is dean emerita.
Boaz Dvir serves as editor, and Olivia Jeffries coordinates production.

Please send all news items to bdvir@jou.ufl.edu. Thank you.