PRECONFERENCE #1

Joint Preconference of the ICA Philosophy of Communication, Intercultural/Development Communication, and the Public Relations Divisions; and the Center for Global Communication Studies, Annenberg School of Communication, U of Pennsylvania.

Title: Methodologies of Comparative Media Research in a Global Sphere: Paradigms-Critique-Methods

Time: Wednesday, May 23 and Thursday, May 24, 2007, 8:15 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Limit: 120 persons

Cost: Members: $130.00 USD
(Includes refreshments)

Media and communication studies are in the process of transformation. Global or international communication delivered through satellite and Internet redefine conventional concepts of media, of the mass audience, of gatekeeping and agenda setting, of power, and of communication itself. It is timely to address methodological issues in this increasingly worldwide research context.

This preconference will provide a broad platform for the discussion of new emerging paradigms, approaches and parameters relevant to today’s globalized research terrains.

Wednesday, May 23

8:15 – 9:00 a.m. Registration / Light Breakfast

9:00 - 9:15 a.m. Welcome

9:15 - 9:30 a.m. Opening Remarks

Media Research in a Globalized Sphere: Parameters and Visions
Ingrid Volkmer, U of Melbourne, Australia

9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Keynote

Can Media Research Cope with Glocalization? Reflections on Global Challenges and Local Applications
Cees Hamelink, U of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Coffee Break

Mapping the Globalized Space

10:45 – 11:15 a.m. Marwan Kraidy, American U, Washington, DC
What in the World is Global Media Studies?
11:15 – 11:45 a.m. Joe Straubhaar, U of Texas, Austin
Multiple Television Flows for Multilayered Cultural Identities?

11:45a.m. – 12:15p.m. Patricia Aufderheide / Katja Wittke, American U, Washington, DC
Mapping Global Publics in Open Media: Claims and Connections Online

12:15 – 1:15 p.m. Lunch

Comparing Media Flows; Experiences and Practices

1:15 – 1:45 p.m. Akiba Cohen, Tel Aviv U / Ven-Hwei Lo, National Chengchi U, Taipei, Taiwan
Comparative Research on Television Foreign News

1:45 – 2:15 p.m. Frank Esser, U of Zuerich / Barbara Pfetsch, U of Hohenheim/HarvardU
Conceptual Challenges to the Paradigms of Comparative Political Communication in a Globalized World

2:15 – 2:45 p.m. Lothar Mikos / Claudia Toepper, U of Film and Television, Potsdam, Germany
Challenges of Comparative Media Research – Report of Two Empirical Studies

2:45 – 3:00 p.m. Coffee Break

3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Methodologies of Comparison in Different Contexts

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Sponsored by the Center for Global Communication Studies, Annenberg School for Communication, U of Pennsylvania

**Thursday, May 24**

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. **Research Funding in a Globalized Context:**
invited speakers:
Stefaan Verhulst, Chief of Research, Markle Foundation, New York, USA
Joe Karaganis, Program Director, Social Science Research Council, New York, USA
Becky Lentz, Ford Foundation, New York, USA

**Consequences for Comparative Research**

10:45 – 11:15 a.m. Donnalyn Pompper, Florida State U / Edward Lee, Leeds Business School, UK
Researcher-Researched ‘Difference’: In Search for Validity in the Global Sphere

11:15 – 11:45 a.m. Thomas Hanitzsch, Thorsten Quandt, Ludwig-Maximilian, U, Munich
Comparative Worlds of Journalism: Methodological Case Studies

1:15 p.m. – 12:15 p.m. Andreas Hepp, U of Bremen, Germany
Transcultural Media Research: Perspectives for Comparative Media and Cultural Studies in Times of Globalization

12:15 – 12:45 p.m. Susan Holmberg, Mid-Sweden U, Sundsvall, Sweden
Experiences, Lessons from a Pan-European Media Content Study

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. **Media Industry and Comparative Media Research:**
(panel with media industry representatives)

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. **Conclusion:**
Oliver Boyd-Barrett, Intercultural Communication
Betteke van Ruler, Public Relations
Monroe Price, Center for Global Communication Studies, Annenberg School for Communication, U of Pennsylvania, USA
Ingrid Volkmer, Philosophy of Communication

**PRECONFERENCE #2**

***NOTE: This preconference workshop is NOT in the Hilton Hotel***
The preconference is a joint effort by the Graduate School of Education, U of California, Berkeley, the international research project ‘Mediatized Stories: Mediation Perspectives on Digital Storytelling Among Youth’ www.intermedia.uio.no/mediatized/ based at the U of Oslo, the ARC Centre of Excellence for Creative Industries & Innovation, Queensland U of Technology, Australia www.cci.edu.au, and the Popular Communication and Communication and Technology Divisions.

**Title:** Digital Storytelling: Critical Accounts of a Californian Export

**Time:** Thursday, May 24, 2007, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm U of California, Berkeley campus, Tolman Hall

**Limit:** 35 persons

**Cost:** Members: $30.00 USD  (includes refreshments and lunch).

Student members of the Popular Communication division wishing to take part in the preconference could apply by a letter to the division chair, Professor Lynn Schofield Clark (Lynn.Clark@du.edu) by February 15, for need-based travel grants of $300. Indicate need and any other sources of support for the conference attendance, and attach a CV.

**Transport:** Guided transport to the site at U of California, Berkeley departs from the ICA Hilton conference hotel in San Francisco at 9:00 am on May 24th. Transport will be by the metro (BART). The venue at U of California, Berkeley, Tolman Hall (room 2515), is close to the Berkeley BART station on the line from downtown San Francisco. **The participants pay their own BART tickets ($6.50 USD roundtrip).**

Digital Storytelling is evolving as a participatory media practice around the globe. Individuals in a variety of institutional settings tell short, self-representational stories with standard digital equipment. These personal narratives are usually made with self-sourced images and told with the own voice.

Although there are many forms of digital storytelling, this pre-conference takes as its point of departure the approach that was developed at the Center for Digital Storytelling in Berkeley from the early 1990s (www.storycenter.org).

Their ideas of Digital Storytelling have spread throughout the world. Why has this Californian export become so popular? Which further-developing forms of digital storytelling should be observed? What are the broader meanings, the textual characteristics, its democratic and participatory potential, and future developments of digital storytelling? How could digital storytelling be understood as mediation practices and to which extent could it contribute to media literacy? Such questions deserve critical and constructive scholarly interest.

The preconference will trace the roots and the take-up of the Digital Storytelling movement, and raise research questions from three different corners of the world: from the ICA host state of California, from Europe and from Australia.

**Schedule:**


The Spread of Digital Storytelling:

10:25–11:00 a.m. 'The Story of Digital Storytelling'. Joe Lambert, Center for Digital Storytelling, U of California, Berkeley, US.
11:00–11:10 a.m. Coffee

11:10–11:35 a.m. ‘A Critical Account of Digital Storytelling as it Appeared in Britain’. Nancy Thumim, London School of Economics & Political Science, UK.

11:35 a.m.–12:00 p.m. ‘Digital Storytelling in Australia and Beyond’. Kelly McWilliam, Queensland U of Technology, Australia.

12:00–1:00 p.m. Lunch

Reflections on Digital Storytelling:

1:00–1:25 p.m. ‘Taking, and Mistaking, the Show on the Road: Multimedia Self-Presentation and Social Transaction’. Glynda Hull and Mark Nelson, U of California, Berkeley, US.


2:15–2:25 p.m. Coffee

2:25–3:00 p.m. Future directions – Concluding discussion: Kirsten Drotner, U of Southern Denmark, Jo Tacchi, Queensland U of Technology, Australia, and Larry Friedlander, Stanford U, US

Chair: Nick Couldry, Goldsmiths College, U of London. UK

PRECONFERENCE #3


Time: Thursday, May 24, 2007, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Limit: 75 persons

Cost: $75.00 USD (includes snacks)

This working symposium draws on the results of a four-stage dialogic surround of the challenges of interdisciplinarity and interspectivity in user/audience studies and their applications to system and communication design, policy, and practice. In stage 1, a set of in-depth interviews were conducted with 114 international experts in three fields -- communication and media studies, library and information science, and human computer interaction/information technology -- focusing on gaps between fields in their understandings of (and modes of studying) users and audiences. The work at this stage was funded in part by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. In stage 2, some 15 of the experts (sometimes working with graduate student teams and supplemented with additional colleagues) wrote 45 impressionistic essays resulting from their readings of the interview set. In stage 3, an initial grounded theory thematic analyses of the interviews was completed. In stage 4, a panel discussion at the American Society for Information Science and Technology conference in November 2006 brought together six teams, 2 each from each of the three fields, to focus on "Being user oriented: Convergences, divergences, and the potential for systematic dialogue between disciplines and between researchers, designers, and providers." URL for this panel is at: http://imlsuosoclproject.jcomm.ohio-state.edu/imls_papers/asist06panel_list.html.
This working symposium for ICA will constitute stage 5 of the dialogue with special emphasis on the communication field and its subfields. The presentations in the morning will come from an eclectic set of speakers representing the different fields as well as approaches and perspectives too often considered incommensurate. The speakers will focus on their "readings" of the results from stages 1 through 4 of the dialogue, combined with their understandings based on their own specialties of the challenges of interperspectivity and interdisciplinarity, to address these focal questions:

* Beyond surface stereotypes, what differences stand between fields and perspectives in how they see and study users and audiences, and how they conceptualize and execute the challenges of the design and practice of systems to meet human needs?

* Beyond impractical idealisms, what procedural and structural interventions might improve our capacities to communicate and make a difference across disciplines and perspectives?

In the afternoon, all enrollees and presenters will break into small groups. Each small group will begin with background presentations by the group facilitators focusing on a variety of theory-research informed attempts to build dialogic bridges in different contexts. The remainder of the small group time will be spent discussing the two focal questions set forth above. Each group will report back to the symposium as a whole at the end of the day.

A potential goal from the working symposium will be to advance the dialogue into a stage 6 -- to organize an international working group to propose and seek funding for an international symposium. The purpose of the workshop is not to arrive at "right" ways to do user/audience research but rather more effective ways of building bridges between the many different efforts being made to understand users/audiences and apply results of the work to communication and system design.

The Challenges of Being Dialogic
  Brenda Dervin, Ohio State U, USA

Overview of the Three-Field Dialogue
  CarrieLynn Reinhard, Ohio State U, USA

Disciplined Dialogue and its Implications for the Evaluative Explorations of Information Quality Issues
  Roberta Brody, CUNY - Queens College, USA

Bringing Contemplative Attention to the Dialogue Between Teacher/Adviser and Student
  Kathleen Clark, U of Akron

Systematically Nnurturing Creativity in Innovative Projects
  Angela Coco, U Of Queensland, Australia

Using Sense-Making Self-Interviews to Facilitate Student Explorations into How They Construct Social Theories
  David Easter, Ohio State U – Lima, USA

Helping Communication Practitioners to Bridge the Dialogic Gap Between Institutions and Their Publics
  Lois Foreman-Wernet, Capital U, USA
Bridging Ourselves: Self-Reflexivity and Digital Storytelling in the Media Classroom
John Higgins, Menlo College, USA

Using Dialogic Interviewing to Understand Youth Radio Producers’ Personal, Social, and Political Transformations
Robert Huesca, Trinity U, USA

Cyberproject Case Study of Training Effects on Team Communication of Ecologists and Computer Scientists
Samantha Katz, U of New Mexico, USA

Mediating Diversity and Uniformity: Using Web Pages to Evolve Systematic Content Analysis Methods
HongChun Lee, Keio U; Youichi Ito, Keio U - Shonan Fujisawa, Japan

Using Sense-Making as Dialogic Approach to Elicit and Transfer “Deep Smarts” for Leadership Transitions
Albert Linderman, The Sagis Group, Inc., Arden Hills, MN
email linde017@tc.umn.edu

Communicating the Importance of Communication Research Through Real-World Practice and Research Projects
Tingting Lu, Ohio State U, Japan

The Role of Dialogue in Organizational Communication
Paul Nelissen, Radboud U Nijmegen, The Netherlands

Communication-Peace Bridge
Christlin Rajendram, Eastern U - Sri Lanka

Experiences with a Sense-Making Interdisciplinary Dialogue Among Researchers and Practitioners Studying Users/Audiences
CarrieLynn Reinhard, Ohio State U, USA

Using Sense-Making in Online Discussions to Facilitate Southeast Asian Student Readings of Indian Cinema
David Schaefer, Franciscan U – Steubenville, USA

Building Dialogic Bridges Across Theories/Disciplines: Teaching Core Social Theory to Undergraduates in Seven Departments
Peter Shields, Eastern Washington U, USA

Identifying Gaps, Building Bridges: Communicating Dance Between Dean and Faculty in a Collective Bargaining Environment
Vickie Shields, Eastern Washington U, USA

Using Knowledge Workers Sense-Making of Situationality as Tool for Adapting to What Matters
Patricia Souto, Loughborough University, Loughborough, Leicestershire, UK
P.C.Nascimento-Souto@lboro.ac.uk

Use of Sense-Making Interviewing for Capturing Software Requirements
Georg Strom, U of Copenhagen, Denmark
Sandra Braman U of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, USA Participant
Donald Case U of Kentucky, USA Participant
Cees Hamelink U of Amsterdam, The Netherlands Participant
Youichi Ito Keio U - Shonan Fujisawa, Japan Participant
Robert Jacobson Bluefire Consulting - Santa Monica, CA, USA Participant
Ed McLuskie Boise State U, USA Participant
Michel Menou Somos@Telecentros, UK Participant
John Nerone U of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign, USA Participant
Hannu Nieminen, U of Helsinki, Finland Participant
Marshall Poole Texas A&M U, USA Participant
John Richardson University of California - Los Angeles, USA Participant
David Snowden Cognitive Edge - Cardiff, Wales Participant
Angharad Valdivia U of Illinois, USA Participant

PRECONFERENCE #4

The preconference is a joint effort by the U of Michigan Department of Communication Studies, Temple U, Microsoft Research, and Telenor Research.

Title: Mobile Communication: Bringing Us Together or Tearing Us Apart?

Time: Wednesday, May 23, 2007, 1:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Thursday, May 24, 2007, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Limit: 50 Persons

Cost: Members: $40.00 USD
Student members: $20.00 USD
(Includes refreshments, lunch and reception)

There has been much attention paid to the state of social cohesion during the past decade. Robert Putnam has helped us to focus on social capital and its status. Analysis in Europe and in Asia has looked into the interaction between ICTs (usually the Internet) and the state of socialization, and now McPherson has delivered an analysis on social isolation in the US. While it is possible to comment on the studies, the general message seems to be that we are growing apart rather than closer together.

Or are we?

It is interesting to note that several studies focusing on mobile communication point at a different phenomena. Taking the clue from Licoppe’s “connected presence” and Katz & Aakhus’ perpetual contact, there is the sense that the threshold for interaction in the group – or the clique or the gang or the family – has never been lower. Among others, recent studies by Ishii and by Miyata in Japan, Lee in Korea, Reid and Reid in the UK, Banjo et al in the US and Ling et al in the broader European scene indicate that the groups who use mobile communication may indeed be more cohesive.

So what is it? Is it more, or less cohesion? Is the general trend towards individualization while the peer group is becoming more tightly intertwined? This is the theme that we wish to examine. While a portion of the program has been arranged in advance, we are also seeking proposals from both qualitative and quantitative research projects that examine this question. Proposal abstracts are due by January 15, 2007 to mtrau@umich.edu, and the final program will
be assembled by February 15, 2007

**Preliminary Program**

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8:30 – 10:00 a.m. First pair of parallel morning sessions (Sessions 4 and 5)

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10:00 to 10:30 a.m. Refreshment break

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Second morning parallel sessions (Sessions 6 and 7)

12:15–13:30 p.m. Lunch

13:45 to 15:15 p.m. First parallel afternoon sessions (Sessions 8 and 9)

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**PRECONFERENCE #5**

***NOTE: This preconference workshop is NOT in the Hilton Hotel***

**Title:** Setting the Agenda for Communication Research: The Next Five Years
Preconference at Stanford U in Palo Alto.

**Time:** Thursday, May 24, 2007, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Limit:** You must register for a specific track
- Track 1 – 30 persons
- Track 2 – 30 persons
- Track 3 – 30 persons

**Cost:** Members: $80.00USD
(Includes lunch and refreshments)

**Transport:** Transportation will be provided to and from the Hilton Hotel in San Francisco to Stanford U in Palo Alto.

This preconference will be a series of panels in which prominent scholars identify key substantive problems and new ways of thinking about them. Panelists will be drawn both from Stanford U and the discipline at large. There will be six panels, two in political communication (IA and IB), two on the impact of new technology on journalism and mass communications (IIA and IIB) and two on human computer interaction (IIIA and IIIB). The A panels will take place in the morning and the B panels in the afternoon. Lunch will be provided.

**Tentative Schedule:**
- 8:00 a.m. Bus Departs Hilton Hotel in San Francisco
- 9:30 a.m. Bus Arrives at Stanford U
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Registration - Coffee,
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Panels 1A, 2A and 3A, Bechtel Conference Center in Encina Hall, room tbd
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch
1:15p – 3:00p Panel 1B, 2B and 3B, Bechtel Conference Center in Encina Hall, room tbd
3:30p Bus Leaves Stanford U
5:00p Bus Arrives at Hilton Hotel in San Francisco

Track 1A
Assessing the Emperor’s Wardrobe: the State of Political Communication Research
A critical assessment of past, current and future research directions in political communication.
Kathleen H. Jamieson, Annenberg School of Communication, U of Pennsylvania, USA
William J. McGuire, Department of Psychology, Yale U, USA
Markus Prior, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton U, USA
John R. Zaller, Department of Political Science, U of California, Los Angeles, USA
Moderator: Shanto Iyengar, Department of Communication, Stanford U, USA

Track 1B
Public Opinion: New Topics and Approaches
The study of public opinion has been enlivened by debates about information, deliberation, selectivity of sources and discussion partners, the use of technology, and issues of measurement. This panel will attempt an overview of current developments and challenges.

James Fishkin, Dept of Communication, Stanford U, USA
Jon Krosnick, Dept of Communication, Stanford U, USA
Arthur R. Lupia, Dept of Political Science, U of Michigan, USA
Diana Mutz, Annenberg School of Communication, U of Pennsylvania, USA
Moderator: James Fishkin, Dept of Communication, Stanford U, USA

Track 2A New Media, New Vocabularies
A pair of panel discussions on the analytical frameworks needed to understand, explain and develop plans for new forms of media and communication.
Robert Entman, George Washington U, USA
Theodore L. Glasser, Stanford U, USA
Carolyn Marvin, U of Pennsylvania, USA
John Durham Peters, U of Iowa, USA

Track 2B New Media, New Vocabularies – cont.
Todd Gitlin, Columbia U, USA
Larry Gross, U of Southern California, USA
Fred Turner, Stanford U, USA
Leah Lievrouw, University of California - Los Angeles, USA

Track 3A
“Talking About Talk”
With dramatic advances in fMRI, speech production and recognition technologies, and statistical and methodological technique, there are tremendous opportunities to ask and answer both classical and wholly new questions about how people speak and understand from psychological, sociocultural, and technological frameworks.
Joseph Cappella, Annenberg School of Communication, U of Pennsylvania, USA
Howard Giles, U of California, Santa Barbara, USA
Moderator - Cliff Nass - Department of Communication, Stanford U, USA
Track 3B
"The Future of Human Representation in Communication: The Uniqueness of Digital Identity"

The fundamental processes underlying social interaction are evolving as digitally mediated communication becomes more prevalent. This panel will explore the manner in which new social issues arise from the use of digital technology during communication.

Jeremy Bailenson, Department of Communication, Stanford U, USA
Justine Cassell, Department of Communication, Northwestern U, USA
Jaron Lanier, U of California, Berkeley, USA
Joseph Walther, Department of Communication, Michigan State U, USA

PRECONFERENCE #6

Sponsored by Language & Social Interaction

Title: Directions in Mediated Communication, New Technologies, and Language & Social Interaction Research

Time: Thursday, May 24, 2007, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Limit: 50 Persons

Cost: Members: $75.00 USD

Mass media, mediated communication, and new communication technologies are increasingly part of many peoples' social and communicative lives. Yet are they having an influence upon and potentially changing the way we socially interact and use language? If so, how? Are these media and technologies having an effect upon how we interact and use language face-to-face, while communicating via them, or both?

Further, do our current methodological and theoretical apparatuses enable us to ask such questions, conceptualize, investigate, and theorize about them? If not, what new theories and methodologies are necessary to move Language and Social Interaction research toward this new direction?

This preconference will attempt to answer and work through these questions, offering potential answers, directions for research, and hopefully new insights. The preconference will feature a mix of talks on directions for Language & Social Interaction research in this emerging area, old and new methods and theories for such work, as well as data-based examples of research being conducted in this area.

Specifically, talks by keynote and featured speakers will cover:

- Directions for Language and Social Interaction research on mass media, mediated communication, and new communication technologies in general and related to particular strands of Language & Social Interaction research (e.g., conversation and discourse analysis, ethnography of communication).
- Methodologies and theories for conducting research on mass media, mediated communication, and new communication technologies and language and social interaction.
- Data-based examples of research on mass media, mediated communication, and new communication technologies and language and social interaction.

**Preconference Schedule**

9:00-9:15 AM        Coffee/Tea, Light Pastries

Welcome & Introductory Remarks:
Michelle Scollo, Rutgers U, USA

9:15-9:50 AM        Mark Aakhus, Rutgers U, USA
Communication Design and the Pragmatic Web

9:50-10:25 AM       Donal Carbaugh, U of Massachusetts, USA
Finnish and USAmerican Perspectives on the *60 Minutes* Feature, *Tango Finlandia*

10:25-11:00 AM      Miriam Greenfeld, Rutgers U, USA
Pathway to Interaction: The Structure of Opening Moves in Online Journal Communities

11:00-11:35 AM      Tamar Katriel, U of Haifa, Israel
Ethnographic Approaches to the Study of Technologically Mediated Discourse

11:35-12:10 PM      Kris M. Markman, Northeastern U, USA
Textual Conversations: An Argument for Using Conversation Analysis to Study Computer-Mediated Communication

12:10 – 1:10 PM      Lunch (not provided)

1:15-1:50 PM        Saila Poutiainen, U of Helsinki, Finland
Talk about the Mobile Phone in Finland

1:50-2:25 PM        Robert E. Sanders, U Albany, USA
Adapting the Practices of Non-Mediated Interaction to the Technology in Use

2:25-3:00 PM        Michelle Scollo, Rutgers U, USA
Media References in Social Interaction

3:00-3:35 PM        Crispin Thurlow, U of Washington, USA

3:35-3:50 PM        Break, Light Snack

3:50-4:50 PM        Keynote Speaker, James E. Katz, Rutgers U, USA
Linking Micro and Macro Social Interaction.

4:50-5:00 PM        Closing Remarks
Michelle Scollo, Rutgers U, USA

Questions regarding the preconference can be directed to:
Michelle Scollo
PRECONFERENCE #7

Title: Organizational Communication Division Doctoral Preconference: Researching Difference in Organizational Communication Studies

Time: Thursday May 24, 2007, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Limit: 60 Students

Cost: $35.00 USD

This doctoral consortium is a daylong preconference workshop on professional and research issues for doctoral students in organizational communication. Students who are nearing completion of their coursework, or who have completed coursework and are writing their dissertations, are eligible to participate. This year’s consortium theme, "Researching Difference in Organizational Communication Studies," will address the challenges and opportunities of engaging in scholarship that explores intersections of difference—class, race, gender, ethnicity, sexuality, age, disability, religion, regionalism, and so forth—with organizing processes. Students from various conceptual and methodological perspectives—including postpositivist, critical, poststructuralist, feminist, postcolonial, etc.—are encouraged to attend.

The field of communication broadly, and organizational communication specifically, has begun to address in systematic ways how difference is organized, produced, and reproduced in everyday life. However, the study of difference is a complex undertaking that is fraught with difficulties and tensions. The purpose of the doctoral preconference is to help advanced graduate students develop the conceptual and methodological tools that will assist them in exploring difference, as it is manifest in organizational life. As such, the following questions will be addressed:

1. What do we mean by difference? How do we adequately conceptualize it?
2. How could a scholar study more “traditional” research domains such as identity, leadership, conflict, socialization, technology, etc., through the lens of difference?
3. How can the study of difference be incorporated into different organizational forms—nonprofit, high reliability, knowledge-intensive, community-oriented, and so forth?
4. How does one do research that genuinely engages with the various stakeholders in difference studies?
5. How does one secure funding for research on difference?
6. How does one engage in collaborative, interdisciplinary research on difference?
7. What are ways to successfully engage in research that takes seriously the intersection of multiple forms of difference (e.g., race, gender, sexuality)?
8. What are the methodological and empirical challenges of researching difference?
9. What forms of scholarly preparation are important to become a researcher of difference?
10. What are the opportunities and challenges of developing a scholarly profile that thematizes difference?
11. What are the promises and perils of committing one’s research, teaching, and service to
12. What are the possibilities for praxis-related outcomes in such research?

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**PRECONFERENCE # 8**

***NOTE:*** This preconference workshop is **NOT** in the Hilton Hotel. It will be held at the **University of San Francisco** in San Francisco. It is a short cab ride from the hotel and detailed transportation instructions will be provided.***

The preconference is a shared effort of the Dept. of Radio-TV-Film Department at the University of Texas, the Communication Department at Florida State University, and the Communication Law and Policy Division.

**Title:** Issues in Contemporary Communication Law and Policy  
(1) Community Broadband Initiatives: Trends in Law; Community efforts; Research contributions  
(2) Copyright: Creative commons; Analyzing new trends  
(3) Policy Research Networks

**Time:** Wednesday, May 23, 2007, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
**Limit:** 35 persons

**Cost:** $35.00 USD (includes refreshments and lunch).

Student members of the Communication Law and Policy Division wishing to take part in the preconference could apply by a letter to the division chair, Professor Sharon Strover (sstrover@mail.utexas.edu) by April 15, for need-based travel grants. Indicate need and any other sources of support for the conference attendance, and attach a CV.

**Transport:** Guided transport to the site will depart from the ICA Hilton conference hotel in San Francisco at 8:30 am on May 23rd to a location in San Francisco. The participants will pay their own public transport, which should be nominal.

**Description:**
Communication policy is shaped by numerous actors and institutional arrangements in a variety of settings throughout the world. Scholars, activists, communication technology and service providers, trade associations, private research firms, and government agencies all undertake research and analysis, and disseminate findings and arguments that contribute to the policymaking process. How can we understand the overall role of policy research and analysis in communication policy formation? How is it changing in light of globalization? In light of the Internet and digital media more generally? What ideas and information arising from policy research have shaped outcomes, whether in legislation, regulatory decisions, or international agreements? What institutional and logistical barriers limit the impact of policy research? What lessons can be drawn about the strategies that are most useful to enhance the importance and impact of policy research?

To explore these questions, this pre-conference will examine two general domains of communication policy: community broadband and copyright. The session will address these cases and assemble instances of communication policy research programs and projects pertinent to those domains, bringing together individuals involved directly in either broadband efforts or copyright reform efforts as well as academic analysts and policymakers who have addressed those problems. The preconference will consider alternative models for organizing intellectual property rights and digital rights management, for shaping legislation at the state and federal level, and models for technology implementation and program evaluation, as well as opportunities for foundation support for policy research programs and networks.

**Schedule:**

9:15–9:30 a.m.  Introductions and goals of the day

9:30-10:45  Community broadband initiatives in Canada and the United States

- Leslie Regan Shade, CRACIN Project, Canada
- WiFi Efforts in large and small cities in the US

10:45-11:00  Short break

11:00-12:30  State, federal and international policies and initiatives regarding community telecommunications efforts

- Video franchising laws and the impact on local cable access
- Toward broadband access: international policy comparisons

12:30–1:30 p.m.  Lunch

1:30-2:15  Updates on Copyright: The Creative Commons

2:15-3:30  Updates on Copyright: Peer to peer, music and video sharing

3:30-3:45  Break

3:45-4:30  Policy Research Networks:

- Media Reform Movement; Social Science Research Council; Benton Foundation; Ford Foundation; Kaiser Foundation

**Potential Session Leaders**

- Sharon Strover, University of Texas
- Steve McDowell, Florida State University
- Joe Kariganis, Social Science Research Council (not confirmed)
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