Welcome back, JCOM students!

Let me introduce myself briefly. As the Interim Department Head in Journalism and Communication, I’ll be coordinating schedules, events, and initiatives for our students and faculty for the next year. I come to you from the History Department, where I’ve served as Department Head since 2013, and before that I taught in Ohio for 15 years at a small liberal arts college, Wittenberg University. My interests and specialty areas are Modern European history, particularly the First and Second world wars, but I’m also interested in gender, youth and social history. My publications have focused around three main themes: the history of Boy Scouting and Girl Guiding, women spies, and the role of civilians in the First World War. My undergrad degrees are in Journalism (yeah!) and History from the University of Missouri – Columbia.

We have an exciting year planned, and I’d like to highlight a couple of things you should watch for:

Student interests:

• We will be holding a majors’ meeting this fall to give you some important information about a few curricular changes and exciting plans for the future. More from Amanda Adison and I soon!
• We will be talking with students about how the pre-major works and getting your feedback.
• We will be interviewing candidates for the Department Head, so students should watch for announcements in the spring about that search.

Opportunities:

• Stay tuned for opportunities to get involved – JCOM has a number of exciting plans for this year.
• Watch for information about other opportunities to demonstrate your competence and to build your resume, including internships, jobs, and networking events.

Scholarships and other funding opportunities:

• Watch for announcements about scholarship and prize competitions
• Consider applying to be an Undergraduate Teaching Fellow
• Consider an internship!

Social Events:

• Plan to attend Light on the Hill on Sept 1 in the Old Main Amphitheatre at 7 pm. There is an events fair prior to the event and lots of treats!
• The department will be hosting author and scholar, Dr. James Huffman on September 9th. Check out his work on the history of the Japanese media and on daily life in Japan. He will be available on September 10th to talk with students about jobs and study opportunities in Japan (with free pizza). Check the website and departmental publicity for more info!

I look forward to working with you—

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