



# FELLOWS FLASH

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Welcome to the first fall edition of the Fellows Flash, an e-newsletter for Journalism and Communications Fellows. The Flash will include news you can use such as announcements, activities, updates and reminders. Keep an eye on your inbox for the Flash, published at least once per semester. It will become the primary way for you to stay informed about the Fellows Program.

## *WELCOME 2011 FELLOWS CLASS*

A warm welcome to the 22 new fellows comprising our 2011 fellows class. Upper-class fellows who participated in the fellows interview weekend in the spring will see some familiar faces. The class bios will be posted on the Elon Web site at <http://www.elon.edu/e-web/academics/communications/connections/default.xhtml>. Please review them and make every effort to welcome them to Elon. New fellows Kelli, Joey, Kirsten, Andrea, Casey, Erin, Joe, Chris B., Paul, Eugene, Camille, Charlie, Chris F., Mike, Amanda, Mollie, My, Erica, Bryan, Kate, Natalie, and Robert, we congratulate you and welcome you to the JCM Fellows Program.

## *MEET YOUR DIRECTORS*

My name is Kenn Gaither, and I will serve as Director of the Journalism and Communications Program this fall, my second year in this position. I have had the pleasure of teaching three fellows classes in JCM 200, Communications in a Global Society. My office is in the dean's suite, McEwen 101B (x5776; [tgaither@elon.edu](mailto:tgaither@elon.edu)). Please don't hesitate to drop by to introduce yourself or if you have questions. In the spring, I will have a leave of absence from Elon and Professor Janna Anderson (x5733; [andersj@elon.edu](mailto:andersj@elon.edu)) will serve as interim director for the semester. Look for any announcements from her about the fellows program in the spring.

## *FALL ICE CREAM SOCIAL: SEPT. 21*

If there's only one thing you do as a fellow this year, this is it: the annual ice cream social. This is only scheduled time we have to discuss business (getting your study abroad grant, new programs and ideas, etc.) and meet as a cohort of Journalism and Communications Fellows. You will also have a chance to mingle with faculty and members of the School's advisory board, who have been invited to attend. Mark your calendar now for Friday, Sept. 21. From 3:30-4 p.m. we will have a business meeting to discuss the program and plans for the future; faculty and advisory board members will

join us at 4 p.m. for ice cream. We will meet in McEwen Studio B. Although a formal invitation will be emailed to you, please mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

### *FELLOWS MENTORS PROGRAM*

The mentors program we started last year was a moderate success but far from ideal. We'll give it another try this year by formally launching the program at the fall ice cream social, when we will match a first-year fellow with a junior or senior fellow. Each mentor group has a \$20 stipend to use in a variety of ways, including meals, movies, a play or sporting event. To facilitate more involvement, any mentor who turns in a receipt for an activity with a first-year fellow is automatically enrolled to win an iPod shuffle. For more details, don't miss the ice cream social.

### *L.A. EXPERIENCE*

Sophomore, junior and senior fellows are eligible to participate in the winter term 2008 L.A. Experience trip. Details on the trip will be emailed to you, including dates and how to apply. Approximately 12 fellows will be selected for the trip, with preference given to those who are cinema majors or did not have an opportunity to go on last year's trip. Every effort will be made for all interested fellows to enroll in the class while at Elon, but the continued popularity of the trip makes it difficult to guarantee participation.

### *SENIOR FELLOWS: LEADERS OF THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY*

Professor Richard Gang, coordinator for the "Leaders for the 21st Century" pre-graduation ceremony, will call on senior fellows to prepare for the ceremony at the ice cream social. Each senior Fellows class has five minutes to prepare a presentation on their Elon experience in the spring, the night before graduation. Traditionally, Communications fellows have produced a video for the presentation, which draws a standing-room only crowd of family and friends to McCrary. Seniors, now is the time to begin brainstorming for ideas on how to represent yourselves, your fellows class and your experience at Elon.

### *FIRST-YEAR FELLOWS INVADE ATLANTA*

First-year fellows will visit Atlanta from Nov. 1-3, 2007, for their experiential media tour, visiting CNN, Atlanta Magazine, Turner Field, and Ketchum Communications, among others. Look for blogs on the Web site about the trip in mid-November.

### *STUDYING ABROAD?*

As a fellow, you have a \$750 study abroad grant. To have the grant applied to your study abroad trip, see Pam Baker in the McEwen 101 for a grant form. I sign the form and then you take it to the registrar's office. Please do not deviate from this process by going to the registrar's office for the form. We need to track grants, and the form to do so resides in the School. DEADLINES: For Winter Term 2008, your form must be completed by Oct. 1, 2007; For Spring 2008, Nov. 1; and for summer 2008, Apr. 1.

### *ADVISORY BOARD*

Got ideas? The Journalism and Communications Fellows Program needs your great insights. If you've got ideas and you'd like to discuss them, please let me know. I'd like to have at least one member from each class to meet as a group once a semester to discuss the program and ways to enhance the fellows experience. Some of the items I'd like to discuss include:

- Adding content to our Web site to showcase you and your experiences as a fellow on campus, through internships, study abroad and community service;
- Generating ideas for events and activities, some for fellows bonding, others for discussions, debates, presenting research or holding learning sessions;
- Ensuring the Fellows Experience is across four years at Elon and not focused on the first and senior years;
- Developing any other programming or plans to elevate the Communications Fellows Program.

If you'd like to join the advisory board for a one-year "appointment" and receive a free lunch once a semester, let me know.