Khamis Provides Commentary on Egyptian Revolution

As thousands of Egyptian men and women took to the streets to change their government, UM Department of Communication assistant professor Sahar Khamis offered commentary about the events in her homeland to campus panel discussions and in the media.

In early February, Khamis was one of four panelists on a panel convened to discuss the Egyptian uprising, sponsored by the Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies and the Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace Development. Khamis was also a featured speaker at the UM School of Public Policy where she discussed the role of media in the Egyptian revolution.

News media outlets and journalists throughout the DC area also consulted with and interviewed Khamis.

She appeared several times on Baltimore’s WBAL radio station, was interviewed several times on DC’s Fox affiliate (WTTG), was featured on UM’s student newspaper’s blog, and was interviewed by Prince George’s Community Television (CTV).

UM Ph.D. Students, Alums Accept New Positions

Since 2004, 80% of Department of Communication Ph.D. recipients have secured tenure-track positions at the college/university level.

Several UM Ph.D. students and Ph.D. alumni will be moving to new academic positions starting in the fall of 2011.

Belinda Stillion Southard (Ph.D., 2008) has accepted a position as an assistant professor in the Department of Communication Studies at the University of Georgia. Bjorn Stillion Southard (Ph.D., 2009) will also be teaching at Georgia in the fall.

Lucinda L. Austin has accepted a tenure-track position as an assistant professor in the School of Communications at Elon University in Elon, North Carolina.

Timothy Barney has accepted a tenure-track position as an assistant professor in the Department of Rhetoric & Communication Studies at the University of Richmond where he will teach courses in intercultural/international communication.

Abbe Depretis will begin teaching in the Department of Communication Studies at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Virginia, and will be teaching courses in rhetoric and public address.

Publication News

- **Lucinda L. Austin, et al.** (2011). Ensuring individuals have the opportunity to live to their ‘full potential’: reframing injury and violence prevention and response. In M. Bran (Ed.) Contemporary case studies in health communication: theoretical and applied approaches. Dubuque, IA: Kendall-Hunt

- **Andrew D. Wolvin:**
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Faculty members and graduate students from the Department of Communication are attending conferences all over the U.S. this spring, presenting research and participating in conference activities.

In early February, Ph.D. students Steven Cohen, Terri Donofrio, Ben Krueger, and Sean Luechtedefeld attended “Camp Rhetoric” at Penn State University. The event, sponsored by the PSU AEIR and the Center for Democratic Deliberation featured students from PSU, Ohio State, and UM.

Also in February, Ph.D. students Terri Donofrio and Alyssa Samek attended the annual convention of the Western States Communication Association in Monterey, California. There, they presented their paper “Queer Conversations: Confronting Power, Identity, and Voice” on the Top Papers panel in Rhetoric & Public Address.

In March, professor Trevor Parry-Giles will attend the Southern States Communication Association convention in Little Rock, Arkansas, where he will participate on a panel about Bill Clinton’s rhetoric at the Clinton Presidential Library.

On April 29 and May 1, associate professor Linda Aldoory and Ph.D. student Beth Sundstrom will present research at the DC Health Communication Conference, to be held at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.

A schedule of UM participants at the 2011 ECA conference is forthcoming in the April edition of COMM@Maryland.