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## A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR GRADUATE STUDIES



Last spring the Ph.D. Program in Communication celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during special activities at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Symposium. At the March 4-6, 2004, symposium we will rec-

ognize another remarkable landmark in the history of the program—the 100<sup>th</sup> student to complete the program since its founding. I am pleased that our 100<sup>th</sup> graduate, **Ms. Ajlina Karamehic**, will be joining our alumni, students and faculty at a special reception on March 6, which will also honor our first graduate, **Dr. Libby Fraas**, Professor in the Department of Communication at Eastern Kentucky University. I should note that our master's program, which began in 1967, has graduated (as of summer 2003) 219 students, which include **Dr. Philip Palmgreen** of our faculty and myself.

We have done extremely well in placing both our M.A. and Ph.D. graduates over the decades. You will find them at the University of Alabama, Texas A&M University, the University of Tennessee, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the United Nations, the University of Kentucky, the University of Georgia, the University of Louisville, Eastern Kentucky University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, Western Kentucky University and many other universities, colleges, institutions, and agencies. I invite alumni, faculty, and students to join us to celebrate and renew acquaintances in March. Everyone will receive an invitation early next year, but please mark **March 4-6** on your calendar now.

The Graduate Program has undergone considerable change over the decades, including some significant changes that were recently approved by the Graduate Council. We have also added two new faculty members to our roster. These include **Dr. Beth Barnes**, the new Director of UK's School of Journalism and

Telecommunications and former Assistant Dean for Professional Graduate Studies at Syracuse University. Dr. Barnes is our newest full member of the Graduate Faculty. Our newest associate member is **Dr. Seth Noar**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication and former Postdoctoral Researcher in HIV Prevention Research at the University of Kentucky. Welcome aboard to both.

We must say "goodbye" to one of our graduate faculty members, **Dr. Leola McClure**, who left her position as Assistant Professor in Communication at the end of the fall semester. Thanks, **Dr. McClure**, for being such a fine Graduate Faculty Member.

Recent changes in our program include (a) reinstatement of CJT 651 ("Communication Theory") as a requirement for doctoral students, (b) a new rolling cap on admissions to the Ph.D. and M.A. programs that will be set each year by the Graduate Program Committee, (c) elimination of the October 1 deadline for both the M.A. and Ph.D. programs (there will now be only one deadline—February 1), and (d) a new systematic

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### 100th Doctoral Graduate

**Ajlina Karamelic** is the 100th Doctoral graduate of the Communication Graduate Program. Ms. Karamelic is a native of Bosnia who has also lived in the Middle East with her parents for 7 years. She has been a student at UK and in the College of Communications and Information Studies since Fall 1995. She is a graduate of the University Scholars Program. While working as a teaching assistant for one semester and a research assistant on Dr. Palmgreen's Effective Media Strategies for Drug Abuse Prevention NIDA-funded grant for four years, she recently (December 1, 2003) successfully defended her dissertation.

Her dissertation was titled *Sensation Seeking, Impulsive Decision-Making, Attitude and Social Norms as Predictors of Risky Behavior Among Those Differing in Individualism and Collectivism*. Her health communication interest centers around public health campaigns and interventions and culturally-appropriate healthcare. She is also very interested in international and intercultural communication as well as research methods. In her future research, she hopes to pursue research combining health communication and culture. While at UK, she collaborated on several workshops and presentations on how to provide culturally-appropriate healthcare.

Ajlina says that her experience at UK has been invaluable and the time she spent learning along with some of the best professors and colleagues at the department, have been some of the best years of her life. She has accepted a post-doctorate position at the St. Louis University Health Communication Research Laboratory and will start her appointment there in January 2004.

#### **A Message, continued**

process for determining which courses students can waive toward their Program of Study that have been taken at other institutions.

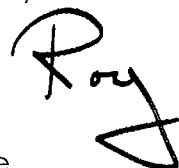
I am looking forward to continuing as Associate Dean for another year. Although I had expected to return to the Journalism Faculty after my sabbatical ended last spring, Dean Johnson asked me to continue through the fall 2003 semester. Recently, he has asked me to continue to serve through June 30, 2005--while our program review is conducted, and the report's recommendations can be acted upon by the Graduate Faculty. I have been involved in administering the Graduate Program for almost 14 years, including Director of Graduate Studies for 5 years and Associate Dean for 9 years. The program has made considerable progress over the decades, even with limited resources, thanks to our outstanding faculty, students and staff.

I encourage you to consider making a financial contribution. We have a very active Graduate Student Association, headed this year by **Deborah Stigall** and **Judy Taylor** (see their column on page six for a description of the GSA events), but our support fund is in need of more contributions. As state support continues to decline for the University, our Graduate Program has to depend more and more on your help. Just fill out the form on page twelve and mail it to us. Thanks!

I want to express my special appreciation to Emeriti Professor **Dr. Lewis Donohew** for the excellent work he did as Acting Associate Dean for Graduate Studies while I was on sabbatical last spring. Thanks, Lew, and I'm sorry I underestimated just a bit on how much work was involved. You did a superb job and gave me a much-needed break to do some long-postponed writing and research.

As always, please let me know anytime you have questions, comments or suggestions.

Happy Holidays,



Roy L. Moore

