

AU journalism professor is member of national panel

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Dr. Robyn Goodman, assistant professor of communication studies at Alfred University, knew she was among the panelists addressing the annual meeting of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications on the issues of gays and lesbians in the media. What she didn't know in advance, however, was that C-SPAN was going to be there taping the panel discussion for viewing this week. It aired Monday and again this morning (at 2 a.m.), but should be shown at more palatable hours during the remainder of the week, Goodman said. A schedule may be obtained by checking the C-SPAN website: <http://www.c-span.org> "The media overall doesn't do a very good job" in reporting on gay and lesbian issues, said Goodman, explaining the intent of the panel discussion was to explore ways in which journalism educators can themselves be more aware and more sensitive to the issues, and then teach them to their students. Goodman, who taught journalism courses at Moscow State University, China School of Journalism and Beijing Foreign Studies University, organized another panel discussion on how international issues of concern to women everywhere are covered by U.S.-based media. She also participated in a discussion of how professional journalists can make the transition from reporting to teaching. Goodman has been appointed by the president of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication to serve on a task force exploring ways in which the organization can become more international in scope.