

AU professor selected to organize international journalism conference

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Dr. Robyn S. Goodman, associate professor of communication studies and adviser to the Fiat Lux, the student newspaper at Alfred University, has been tapped by the nation's largest non-profit academic/professional journalism association, the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC), to organize the first-ever World Journalism Education Congress next summer in Singapore. She will coordinate all academic aspects of the conference, while the Asian Media Information and Communication Centre, a non-profit Asian media organization, will serve as host of the event to run June 25-28, 2007. "Improving journalism education worldwide is our best opportunity to improve reporting of the world, and, as a result, do our humble part to help promote world peace," said Goodman. "Accordingly, I couldn't be more excited about this conference, which is now receiving much attention worldwide." Journalism education association leaders from around the globe met in San Francisco in early August to discuss and firm up plans for the international event. Goodman, a former head of AEJMC's International Communication Division, also traveled to Malaysia and Singapore this summer on a fact-finding tour for the Congress. Goodman says the World Journalism Education Conference 2007 will be the first international forum focused on bringing together leaders of journalism education organizations and/or journalism educators worldwide to discuss the current state of journalism education on a global scale and how to improve it. The Congress will include a wide variety of research and professional development sessions and will feature special meetings and interactive workshops for all journalism education administrators, journal editors and teachers attending the conference. All conference participants will also have the opportunity to meet in themed groups to discuss their special concerns. For more details on the Congress, click on <http://www.amic-web.org/w...>