Congratulations Dr. Oskam!

Congratulations to Dr. Judy Oskam, who has been serving as Associate Professor and Associate Director for the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the Texas State University Round Rock Campus since 2006.

Dr. Oskam was recently named Director of Journalism and Mass Communication at Texas State University. The position will be in effect in July, 2012.

Dr. Oskam was on the faculty in the College of Mass Communications at Texas Tech University for 12 years before joining Texas State University.

She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Radio/TV/Film from the University of North Texas, a Master of Science degree in Mass Communications and Doctorate in Higher Education Administration from Oklahoma State University. Earlier in her career, Dr. Oskam worked in public affairs/outreach positions for Oklahoma State University, The University of Texas System and was a television journalist for stations in Oklahoma and Texas.

An award-winning educator, Dr. Oskam teaches traditional, hybrid and online classes. In 2011, she earned the Sloan Consortium Online Teaching Certificate. Dr. Oskam conducts workshops and presentations on hybrid and online teaching. She serves on the Texas State University Extended and Distance Education Steering Committee.

Associated Student Government - Meet & Greet

We are excited to announce that the Associated Student Government (ASG) added a 15th position on the Executive Cabinet for a student representative from the Round Rock Campus. Molly Foster was recommended for this position by her faculty and RRC personnel and accepted.

Congratulations and thank you, Molly!

Molly welcomes the opportunity to meet you and to give you a chance to meet her.

You are invited to a MEET & GREET on Thursday, February 9 from 5:30-6:15 p.m., Avery 204.

Bring your thoughts, ideas, concerns, and your friendly faces! Light snacks will be provided.

Writing Center

The Writing Center at the RRC is available to students as a service dedicated to improving writing and self-editing skills campus wide. The Writing Center offers tutoring sessions to all Texas State students. At the Writing Center, students have access to trained tutors who provide individual counseling in writing for any level of study. This includes help with all types of writing: essays, technical writing, research papers, formal letters, in-class essay exams, APA documentation, professional writing, and resumes. They also tutor for the GSP. From the planning stages to polishing the draft, tutors are able to help with assignments from any discipline. There is no reason to worry about paying for the tutoring sessions because services are all free of charge to current students.

If you would like more information about the Writing Center or its services, please contact Chris Muse at cm1913@txstate.edu. Additional information can also be found online at: www.writingcenter.txstate.edu/rhec

Workshops:
- APA Format
  2/23, 5:15-6:15 p.m., Rm 203
- Scholarship Writing /Essays
  3/27, 5:15-6:15 p.m., Rm 203

Beginning January 23
Writing Center Hours:
- (By Appointment)
  Monday: 1-8pm
- Tuesday: 1-8pm
- Wednesday: 1-8pm

WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE WALL
- Meet & Greet with ASG Rep.
  5:30-6:15 p.m., Avery 204

- THE ROUND ROCK BOBCAT
  Volume 3, Issue 2
  Wednesday, February 1, 2012

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**Kappa Delta Pi**

*International Honor Society in Education*

Become a KDP member!
Initiation fees, first year dues, honor cords, and journal subscriptions are $68.

*Application deadline is March 1st and the required initiation ceremony is April 1st in San Marcos.*

**Benefits of KDP Membership:**
- Honor cords for recognition at graduation ceremony
- Certificate of membership suitable for framing or for your professional portfolio
- Honor society membership to list on your résumé
- Subscriptions to The New Teacher's Advocate and The KDP Record
- Local professional development meetings and workshops
- Leadership, service and networking opportunities
- Opportunities to travel to national conferences

E-mail a KDP Officer with any questions

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Rylee Frazier  rmfrazier@txstate.edu

*Vacant Position— please email js213@txstate.edu*

**Student Learning Assistance Center**

Interested in learning more about HOW you learn? Want more test taking and test preparation strategies? Have you considered ways to better manage your time? Join fellow classmates for food, fellowship, and workshops. Food will be provided for those who RSVP to js213@txstate.edu at least one day prior to the workshop.

2/1 - Time Management - 5:15-6:15 p.m., Avery 419
2/16 - Learning Styles - 5:15-6:15 p.m., Avery 419
3/1 - Test Prep. and Test Taking Strategies, 5:15-6:15 p.m., Avery 419

Want a FREE Texas State t-shirt? Trade up another college or university t-shirt for a new Texas State t-shirt Stay tuned for more information regarding the day and time of the Spring's TRADE UP DAYS!

**Psychology Association**

Interested in developing new connections with fellow students and faculty? The RR Psychology Association is a group for students of all majors interested in the field of psychology. The purpose of the association is to provide opportunities for networking, volunteering, professional development, and learning about special topics in psychology.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Molly Foster, mf1237@txstate.edu
Any and all inquiries, contact: Molly Foster
President
Round Rock Psychology Association
mf1237@txstate.edu

**“Show Your Love” Campaign**

Show your love by donating new socks or boxers to benefit the Round Rock ISD Clothes Closet (K-12 students). Donations accepted in the One Stop Center (Avery 201) Feb. 1 through Feb. 20.
For over 36 years, the RRISD Clothes Closet has helped underprivileged students across the 110 square mile district. Last year the Clothes Closet served well over 1,017 students. Thanks for your generosity!

**Student Leadership and Activities Organization**

The purpose of the Student Leadership and Activities Organization (SLAO) is to: provide students with opportunities, outside the classroom environment to develop leadership skills, learn how to turn ideas into action plans, form a network of social and professional relationships as well as balance the intensity with opportunities to socialize, make new friends, and have fun!

SLAO has several meetings and events planned for this semester. Join us for the next meeting on Feb. 8 from 5:30-6:15 p.m., Avery 368. For more info., contact Saadia Bobsaith, sb1499@txstate.edu.

Support SLAO’s fundraiser - baked goodies and wooden flowers the week of Feb. 6-9, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Avery Atrium.

**MBA Student Association**

The fall semester was exciting for the MBA Student Association in Round Rock! Last semester we crammed in several IPOs (initial public offering), a joint-campus IPO, an Etiquette dinner, and a 5K. These events have given us an opportunity to get to know each other better and share our experiences. We had a great turnout at all events and look forward to this semester being just as successful.

Don't forget to keep up to date by joining us on Facebook. The group name is Texas State MBA Student Association. As always, we welcome your feedback and suggestions. For more information, contact Stephen Kreher, sk1331@txstate.edu.

**Welcome Kristen**

Kristen McLaughlin started working as a Graduate Research Assistant at the Texas State University Round Rock Campus this semester. She is a graduate student in the communication program with a concentration on strategic communication. She has a background in newspaper writing and editing. She will graduate in May.

Kristen is managing the content for Twitter and Facebook and has begun working on the newsletter, The Round Rock Bobcat. Feel free to e-mail her at km1745@txstate.edu.

Welcome aboard Kristen!
Texas State vs. Baylor 
Come and support the Bobcats in our own backyard 
@ the Dell Diamond!
February 22, 6:30 p.m.
$5 for students and $10 for everyone else
Purchase your tickets online - Round Rock Express
$5 parking 
Wear your Texas State Round Rock t-shirt or hoodie!

Dean's List - Fall 2011
Congratulations to those of you who made the Dean’s List! Your name will be displayed on the bulletin board in the student lounge once we receive the complete list of Round Rock students.

For information about the Dean’s List Reception taking place on February 8 from 4-6 p.m. in the LBJ Student Center (main campus), please contact the Leadership Office, 512-245-8295.

College of Education Announcements

Attention CMED and TRP Students
If you are planning to graduate in May 2012, with your Masters degree, you must pass a written comprehensive exam. You must pre-register for this exam. Go to this link for exam registration information: http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/comps.html

TEXES Practice Exam Information
In order to receive a barcode to take the TExES, one must first take the required practice exams. Spring 2012 TExES Practice Examinations will be held at RRC, 9:30 a.m.–Noon in Avery 455, February 4, March 24, and April 28.

There is no charge for the practice exam, but you must register online in advance at http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/forms/TExES-registration.html

Information Sessions for Prospective Post-Baccalaureate Students Seeking Teacher Certification
Information sessions regarding the teacher preparation program are held throughout each semester. For more information go to: http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/degrees-programs/graduate/Teacher-Recruitment-Program.html

Teacher Recruitment Program
The Teacher Recruitment Program (TRP) is designed for mid-career adults who hold a baccalaureate degree and desire an accelerated program teacher certification. The application deadline for Fall 2012 is March 1, 2012. Information and applications are available online at: http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/degrees-programs/graduate/Teacher-Recruitment-Program.html

Teacher Certification Exam Information
Texas law requires every person seeking educator certification to perform satisfactorily on comprehensive examinations. The purpose of these examinations is to ensure that each educator has the necessary content and professional knowledge to perform effectively in Texas public schools. For information about the policies, test dates/deadlines, practice tests and reviews, study guides, and registration for the exam go to http://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/ and click on the appropriate tab at the top of the page.

Scholarship Seekers
Education students who are seeking scholarships from the College of Education or departments within the College of Education will find information at this website: http://www.education.txstate.edu/Scholarship-FAQ.html

Student Business Services
Installment Due Dates - Spring 2012
- Second Installment Due - Friday, March 2
- Third Installment Due- Friday, March 6

Students registered between January 23 - January 27, payment in FULL or enrollment in a payment plan must be made by February 1.

- A $200 late registration fee will be assessed for registration during this period.
- If you choose to enroll in a payment plan, the 1st installment is due upon enrollment.
- Action must be taken by February 1 or your classes will be canceled.

Veterans Affairs
If you are using the GI Bill, and have not yet submitted the VA Certification Request for Spring 2012, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Hazlewood Exemption documentation deadline was February 1 (12th Class day).

ALL students receiving benefits - after you register for Summer 2012 and Fall 2012, schedule an appointment with Jill Seidenberger, js213@txstate.edu to turn in VA documents.

Financial Aid
The Summer Financial Aid Application is now available online via the Financial Aid and Scholarships website. The application priority deadline is March 1.

Office of Disability Services

- Don’t forget to request your Accommodation Letter to show your professors that you are registered with ODS. If you wish to receive accommodations in the classroom or for testing you must have the forms signed by your professors and turned back in to ODS by Wednesday, February 1.
- Sign up for Special Groups registration by Monday, March 5 at 11:59pm.
Texas State Twitter & Facebook
Stay up-to-date on the latest happenings by following Texas State University Round Rock Campus on social networking web sites. Here you will find events, discussions, and everything related to Texas State Round Rock Campus.

Deadlines For Installments
The Spring 2012 next tuition installment is due March 3. For more information please visit Student Business Services.

Lunch and Learn Series
Back by popular demand! Improving Workplace Communication April 17, Noon—1 p.m. Avery 451 Dealing with Difficult People In Our Lives May 8, Noon—1 p.m. Avery 451

12th Class Day
The 12th class day is February 1st. This means it is the last day to drop with some type of refund. This ends at midnight. For more information please visit: Student Business Services - Refund.

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If you require an accommodation (information in alternate format, sign language interpreting), due to a disability, contact Cecilia Ortiz, co18@txstate.edu or 716-4007. Accommodation requests should be made at least 72 hours in advance of the program start time to ensure availability. The next student newsletter publication date is March 1. In order to promote your student organization, all submissions (information, articles, photos, etc.) must be emailed to katgarcia@txstate.edu (Subject: Student Newsletter) by 6 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15.