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UT Professor's Book Reveals How Sportswriters Helped Create Baseball 'Heroes'

Baseball, the great American pastime, has given us plenty of memorable figures. In "Inventing Baseball Heroes," Journalism and Electronic Media Assistant Professor Amber Roessner—a former sportswriter—examines how some sports journalists compromised their journalistic ethics to help make American heroes.

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He Wears a Medal of Honor

R.J. Vogt (College Scholars with a journalism focus) with assistance from Paxton Elrod (JEM) Katherine Donnelly (JEM) and Jake Thompson (MS/C&I) published a long form profile of Vietnam-era Medal of Honor recipient Sammy L. Davis. The director of JEM's Medal of Honor project (MOH), JEM Assistant Professor Nick Geidner, calls this an “amazing student-produced story.” Read the full story here, read.

Three CCI Faculty Members Benefit from UT Summer Grant Writing Institute

AdvPR Professor Maria Hoy, SIS Assistant Professor Devendra Potnis and JEM Assistant Professor Erin Whiteside, joined 9 faculty colleagues from across campus in the UT Office of Research and Engagement's 2014 Summer Grant Writing Institute. Read more.

One Generation Removed - Paying It Forward

J. Phenise Poole (BS/JEM '95 and current member of CCI's Board of Visitors) landed at UT Knoxville almost by accident to become the second generation in her family to
attend and graduate from college. She planned on attending an historically black college or university. However, she became a Whittle Scholar and decided to come to UT instead. Read more

Communication Studies Professor’s Research Helps Teams Solve Complex Problems

“The next time your team is struggling for an answer, don’t leave vital information untapped. Everyone – from navy SEALs to engineers, doctors, bankers, or lawyers – will benefit from sharing their expertise.” This concluding statement from the QUEST magazine article, Sharing for Success, highlights the research of Joan Rentsch, communication studies professor and director of UT’s Integrative Organizational Research Laboratory. “Rentsch’s research focuses on the intricacies of group communication. She specializes in helping teams of people with different expertise solve complex problems.” Read the full article at QUEST

Alumni News: Bohan, Riffe

David Bohan (BS/BA ’70) and Daniel Riffe (PhD/C&I ’81) have both received awards. Read more

Allard, Singh and Wright Promoted

UT’s Board of Trustees recently approved Vandana Singh’s (SIS) and Courtney Wright’s (CS) promotion to Associate Professor with tenure. Likewise, UT Chancellor Jimmy Cheek approved Suzie Allard’s (SIS) promotion to Full Professor. All of these promotions are effective August 1, 2014.

Student News: Maggitt, Gregg, Roelofs

Read three great stories about CCI students Curt Maggitt, Lauren Gregg and Matthew Roelofs. Read more
5 Tips + on Helping Your Child Select a College and/or Major

We asked three CCI alumni for tips on how they are helping their child select a college and/or a major. All three have served or are serving on CCI’s Board of Visitors. With their unique ‘insider’ view of the college, we were curious how they handled this milestone event in their children’s lives. Read more.