



Andrew Conte Will Lead New Center for Media Innovation

Point Park's new Center for Media Innovation, set to open in fall 2016, will be led by **Andrew Conte**, an award-winning investigative reporter from the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review. In addition to his work as a journalist, Conte has spent the last 10 years as a part-time professor and director of the Point Park News Service. Under Conte's leadership, the news service provides opportunities for journalism students to place their work in professional media publications.

The Center for Media Innovation is a learning center where students can merge their energy, talent and ambition into a central location, and offers the opportunity to work with the latest technology. "The media industry continues to rapidly evolve in the

digital age, and it's critical the Center be led by someone who has lived professionally in that world," said **Paul Hennigan**, president of Point Park. As director, Conte will collaborate with professional journalists and University professors, instructors, students and leaders of student-run media operations to facilitate the best use of the Center. Conte holds a bachelor's degree in American studies from Dickinson College and a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University. After three years at the Cincinnati Post, Conte came to the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review in 2001. He has been a part of many major investigative stories at the Tribune-Review, including a 2008 series of stories that uncovered doctors who were performing unnecessary liver transplants.

at the Inspiring Lives International conference March 12 in Downtown Pittsburgh. The conference brought in 50 leaders from around the world — from Singapore to South Africa — who shared leadership ideas and inspirational advice. Following the conference, Langbein participated in a global gala with more than 200 prominent business leaders, nonprofit executive directors and best-selling authors.

Tatyana Dumova, Ph.D., professor in the School of Communication, has published a new book, *Social Networking: Redefining Communication in the Digital Age* (Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 2016). The

book, co-edited with Anastacia Kurylo of St. Joseph's College, provides a focused examination of online social networking across the globe to expose the inherent, yet often subtle, differences of social media adoption and usage.

Nathan Firestone, J.D., professor of political science, has been designated as vice chair of Pennsylvania's Minor Judiciary Education Board by the state Supreme Court. Firestone has served as senior magisterial district judge as well as a long-time magistrate for the neighborhoods of Squirrel Hill, Shadyside, Point Breeze, Regent Square and Swisshelm Park in the city of

Pittsburgh. He teaches constitutional law, government and political science courses at Point Park.

Andy is a remarkable reporter," said Tribune-Review Editor **Frank Craig**. "He has developed a strong relationship between the Trib and Point Park over the past decade, even as he won many of journalism's major investigative awards. We are all thrilled that he will continue his relationship with the Trib as he helps to build a University program that can develop the next generation of talented, dedicated journalists — reporters like Andy himself."

The 4,000-square-foot center, designed by Pittsburgh-based GBBN Architects, cost \$2.5 million to build and is made possible, in part, with a grant from the Allegheny Foundation. Trib Total Media is a sponsor of the Center. Located at Wood Street and Third Avenue, the Center will bring to life another key corner of the Central Business District. Floor-to-ceiling glass walls, flat-screen televisions and a digital ticker will offer a New York City-style media hub where passersby can be entertained and informed as students learn their craft. Watch PointPark.edu and PointPark.edu/alumni for more information about the kickoff of the new Center in early fall.

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Reintegrating Veterans

In support of effectively reintegrating veterans into the workforce, Point Park's organizational leadership program in the School of Business hosted a Joint Leadership Initiative event on campus April 8. "This initiative is designed to bring together both veterans and business leaders to gain a better understanding of each other's organizational cultures. A more systemic understanding will