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TECHNOLOGY, SOCIAL MEDIA AND CIVIL DISCOURSE



Tuesday, March 20, 2018

SCHEDULE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

President Ken Gormley

PANEL DISCUSSION

YOUR BRAIN AND TECHNOLOGY: HOW ONLINE SPACE IMPACTS RELATIONSHIPS, EMPATHY AND CIVILITY

Moderator:

President Ken Gormley

Panelists:

Jeffrey A. Hall, Ph.D.

*Associate Professor of Communication Studies,
University of Kansas*

Reynol Junco, D.Ed.

*Fellow, Berkman Klein Center for Internet and
Society at Harvard University*

Sara Konrath, Ph.D.

*Assistant Professor, Indiana University
Purdue University at Indianapolis*

Audience Q&A

PANEL DISCUSSION

MODERN MEDIA & CIVIL DISCOURSE: A VIEW FROM THE TRENCHES

Moderator:

Betsy Benson

Publisher and Vice President, Pittsburgh Magazine

Panelists:

Julie Grant

Reporter/Anchor/Legal Editor, KDKA-TV

Julian Routh

Reporter, Digital News, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Audience Q&A

FINAL REMARKS

President Gormley

Reception to follow in the Shepperson Suite

ABOUT THE MODERATORS



Ken Gormley started his term as the 13th president of Duquesne University in July 2016. After earning his J.D. from Harvard Law School, he taught at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and engaged in private law practice. In 1994, Ken joined the faculty of Duquesne's School of Law, ultimately becoming dean of the law school in 2010. His work on a myriad of legal and historical topics has earned him an international reputation as a leading constitutional scholar and author. His published books include: *Archibald Cox: Conscience of a Nation* (Perseus Books 1997), *The Death of American*

Virtue: Clinton vs. Starr (Crown 2010), and *The Presidents and the Constitution: A Living History* (NYU Press 2016). President Gormley has appeared on NBC's *Today Show*, *The Charlie Rose Show*, *Hardball with Chris Matthews*, NPR's *Fresh Air*, and hundreds of television and radio shows in the United States and worldwide. In addition, he has testified multiple times before the U.S. Senate, and served as president of the Allegheny County Bar Association, the first academic to hold that position in the organization's 137-year history.



Betsy Benson is publisher and vice president of *Pittsburgh Magazine*, where she has overseen operations at one of the region's top media organizations for more than 15 years. A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Betsy has worked in journalism and publishing for more than 30 years. She is the incoming 2018-2019 president of the national City & Regional Magazine Association.

ABOUT THE PANELISTS



Jeffrey A. Hall is an Associate Professor of Communication Studies at the University of Kansas. He earned his doctorate from the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Southern California. He received the Early Career Award from the National Communication Association in recognition to his contributions to advancing research on interpersonal communication. His current work focuses on the role of social and mobile media in forming and maintaining relationships, and the influence of media use on users' happiness and well-being. In 2013, his book "*What's Your Flirting Style?*"

brought international attention to his research on flirting, courtship, and online dating. He has been interviewed by *National Public Radio*, *USA Today*, *Time Magazine*, *US News & World Report*, and *CNN*.



Rey Junco is a fellow working on the Youth & Media and the Ethics and Governance of Artificial Intelligence projects at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society. He was previously an associate professor of education and human computer interaction and the director of the Junco Applied Media Research lab where he led social technology user experience research as well as investigations of how those technologies influence young adult psychosocial development, interpersonal interactions, and

learning. A methodologist and statistician, Rey has pioneered the use of passive data collection methods in order to predict behavioral, noncognitive, and learning outcomes. He is particularly interested in examining the social impact of AI systems, especially on underrepresented populations.

Rey has written about how online anonymity impacts youth identity formation, how passive data collected from the use of digital textbooks can help predict academic performance, as well as how Minecraft can be used for educational purposes and to support girls' interest in STEM careers. Rey is the author of three books, with the latest *Engaging Students Through Social Media: Evidence-Based Practices for Use in Student Affairs* focusing on translating interdisciplinary research findings to effective educational practices.



Dr. Sara Konrath is an expert on the science of empathy, compassion, and kindness. A social psychologist, she directs the *Interdisciplinary Program on Empathy and Altruism Research* (iPEARlab.org). Her recent research has found that empathy has been declining over time among American youth. In her current work, she has developed mobile phone-based empathy-building programs. Her research has been published in top scientific journals and has been featured in several media outlets, including the *New York Times*, *Time Magazine*, and *NPR*. She is an Assistant Professor at the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy.



Julie Grant is an experienced journalist and lawyer, currently working at *KDKA-TV* and teaching on a limited basis in the LL.M. in Trial Advocacy Program at Temple University's School of Law. After college, she began her journalism career at *WTOV 9* television station in Steubenville, Ohio. Pursuing her second career interest, she earned her law degree from the University of Akron's School of Law. She served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office in Pittsburgh for nearly four years, then as anchor at *FOX8 TV* in Greensboro, N.C. She returned to Pennsylvania to begin her Master of Laws degree (LL.M.) in Trial Advocacy at Temple, and joined the news team at *KDKA* as a reporter, anchor, and legal editor. es on a limited basis when she is not doing her full-time job at *KDKA*.



Julian Routh is a digital reporter for the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, where he scours the city for web-friendly narratives that engage readers in new ways. His coverage of the local hip-hop scene won the 2017 Editor and Publisher Award for Best Entertainment and Cultural News, and his political reporting won him PANMA's Edith Hughes Emerging Journalist award. After graduating from Duquesne in the spring of 2016 as editor of *The Duquesne Duke*, he covered Congress, the presidency and the election for the *Wall Street Journal* as the bureau's national politics

intern. Follow him on Twitter @julianrouth.

