**Diversity Lecture Series**

**Presents Panel Discussion**

**Kent Wilkinson, Ph.D.**

Tuesday, January 20, 2009

Noon

Texas Tech University

Health Sciences Center

Room ACB 110

“Using Multi-Method Communication Research to Combat Diabetes and Obesity Among Rural Hispanics in West Texas”

The presenters will describe a 2007 research project examining how the language and media preferences of rural Hispanics in West Texas correspond with incidence and awareness of obesity and diabetes. Funding was provided by the F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health TTUHSC.

Kenton T. Wilkinson, is Regents Professor and Director of the Institute for Hispanic International Communication in the College of Mass Communications at Texas Tech University. His research interests include international communication, Hispanic-oriented media in the U.S., and Hispanic health communication. Wilkinson is currently working on a book about the historical development of Spanish-language television in the United States.

Dr. Wilkinson taught at Tecnológico de Monterrey in Mexico for two years. He has also collaborated with faculty in the School of Allied Health at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio to develop a cross-disciplinary Ph.D. program focused on communication.

**Todd Chambers, Ph.D.** - Chair, Department of Electronic Media & Communications at TTU. Dr. Chambers’ research interests include media economics, media management, media sales, & Spanish-language media. He has 10 years’ professional experience in radio media.

**Sam Bradley, Ph.D.** – Assistant Professor at TTU. Dr. Bradley’s research topics include people’s psychophysiological responses to media (heart rate, skin conductance, & facial muscle activity), as well as formal computational modeling of underlying cognitive processes.

**Amy Heuman, Ph.D.** - Assistant Professor at TTU. Dr. Heuman specializes in inter/cultural communication, Latino/a studies, critical theory/methods, ethnographic methods, pedagogy, gender communication, & identity construction.

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