

Nurturing the emerging language of video: A videomaking workshop

Wednesday evening, February 24 from 19:00 – 22:00 Room PB251

Coordinated by Jonathan Sharp, University of Delaware

Scientist-turned-filmmaker Dr. Randy Olson (writer/director of short science videos for Shifting Baselines Ocean Media Project and feature films *Flock of Dodos: The Evolution-Intelligent Design Circus*, and *Sizzle: A Global Warming Comedy*, and author of the new book *Don't Be Such a Scientist: Talking Substance in an Age of Style*) will lead a workshop on filmmaking and storytelling. At the 2008 OS meeting, he was one of the panelists for the popular evening session “Does Science Really Matter” and he presented a workshop/discussion session on another evening on communication and filmmaking. Randy has taught workshops for several years on filmmaking and storytelling for scientists at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, Merced, and Monterey Institute for International Studies. His recently-published book has been well received: “An excellent explanation of why scientists often have problems communicating with the public” – *Nature*, 12/10/09. “Ought to be required reading in all science graduate programs” – *Science*, 1/1/10. Recent references to the value of the book have also been made in editorials in the New York Times (Andrew Revkin, 12/12/09) and Washington Post (Chris Mooney, 01/03/10).

The workshop will start with a brief presentation by Randy on filmmaking, which will be followed by presentations of short videos from selected submissions by meeting attendees. The videos will be discussed with constructive criticism by the meeting organizers and the audience.

There is still time to become involved with a video. We are asking for brief videos (not to exceed 5 minutes). If you are interested and have not yet submitted your interest, please send a brief note including the following information:

Your name and institution

Title of your video

One-two sentence description of the content and/or intent of the video

Approximate length of video

Send to Jon Sharp – jsharp@udel.edu by Friday, January 29.