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University Park, Illinois, August 25, 2011 - Tony Labriola, Professor of Television and Film in the Division of Digital Learning and Media Design at Governors State University, recently presented a keynote address to the 23rd International Conference on Systems Research, sponsored by the International Institute for Advanced Studies (IIAS), in Baden-Baden, Germany.

The address, "Image is Everything: Shedding Shadows on the Light," focused on images as an increasingly dominant form of new "linguistic" or semiotic communication.

At the conference’s concluding ceremony, Labriola received the Outstanding Scholarly Contribution Award from IIAS for his research work in media and film education.

Labriola, in his keynote address, concluded that, "the gap of understanding between generations may be widening as the Millennial generation becomes more sophisticated in their ability to interpret and infuse meaning in 'mediated' conversations ... using images particularly.

“We need to ask not only how this evolution influences perception, but also how it affects learning. At an even more elemental level, we might examine a shift in the ability to function socially, politically, and personally.”

Labriola also led a symposium on the potential uses of high definition media in education. The symposium invited both analytical and speculative perspectives exploring current revolutionary uses of new interactive, high definition media in a multi-disciplinary context as well as thoughts about the changing nature of communication and communicators, the socio-political milieu, and the landscape of identity in a shifting world.

The conference is discussion of current systems research in humanities, sciences, and engineering.

Governors State University is located at 1 University Parkway in University Park, Illinois. For more information, visit www.govst.edu.