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## SHORT FORM VITA

**Ph.D. and M.A., University of Texas, 1964/1965  
Postgraduate Associateship, University of London, 1962  
B.A., Southern Methodist University, 1959, also attended Boston University  
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**Editor, [Online Journal of Space Communication](#), 2002-present  
Director, Institute For Telecommunications Studies, Ohio, 1990-2007  
Prof., School of Media Arts and Studies (formerly Telecommunications),  
Ohio University, 1989-2016  
Director of Special Projects, Center for International Studies, 1981-1983  
Dean of the University College, Ohio University, 1971-1981  
Associate Dean, State University of New York/Buffalo, 1969-1971  
Assistant Dean, Case Institute of Technology, Cleveland, 1965-1969**

**Teaching, research and publications center on international media and communication, broadband digital networks and their applications, visualization of science and technology (esp., design of the next generation of satellites that will deliver sun's energy to Earth as a clean and inexhaustible source of electrical power) and commercialization of space.**

## RESEARCH, WRITING AND SCHOLARLY ACHIEVEMENTS

**Don Flournoy is an internationally known scholar in the application of information and telecommunication technologies (ICTs) to the solution of human problems. The following record mainly covers Don Flournoy's research and creative work since 1984 when he became a full-time faculty member in the Ohio University School of Telecommunications.**

**This resume reflects his scholarship, service and teaching – in the role of media in global economic and social development, and the special opportunities offered to the betterment of mankind through innovations in satellite and space technologies.**

### Satellites and Space

**Dr. Flournoy wrote the chapter on “Space Solar Power” in GLOBAL SPACE GOVERNANCE: AN INTERNATIONAL STUDY (Springer, 2017). His research was presented and critiqued at a UN-sponsored conference at McGill University,**

Montreal, May 2017, on invitation of the United Nations Office of Outer Space Affairs. The conference attracted 120 experts from 22 spacefaring nations.

Based on Prof. Flournoy's 10-year initiatives on this topic, Ohio University was named a "[Center of Excellence in Space Solar Power and Power Beaming](#)" by the National Space Society (NSS) at its annual International Space Development Conference held in Puerto Rico May 18-21, 2016. Since 2002, Flournoy has served as Editor of the [Online Journal of Space Communication](#), publishing the full range of scholarly research on this topic, as well as the winning designs produced in its Ohio University-managed International SunSat Competitions, 2014-2016.

In 2016, Don Flournoy was initiator and P.I. of "Modeling Renewable Energy Applications Using Both Earth Solar and Space Solar," a \$1m proposal in the Ohio University Innovation Challenge, that focused on the cleanup and reindustrialization of the DOE Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Piketon OH (OU/IUPUI cooperation).

In 2015, Don Flournoy was initiator and P.I. of "Space Solar + Ground Solar: Advanced Energy Solutions for the Re-industrialization of Contaminated Sites," a five-year \$19m proposal to establish at Ohio University an NSF Clean Energy Center, drawing on the expertise of Purdue University, Georgia Tech, Texas A&M and Spellman College in partnership with the Space Journal, the National Space Society, DOE and NASA. (Not funded)

Don Flournoy was initiator and P.I. of a \$5m 2014 proposal to the W.M. Keck Foundation addressing a similar challenge, based on a [White Paper](#) by Don Flournoy and graduate students working under his direction entitled "From Uranium Enrichment To Renewable Energy: Conversion of the Portsmouth OH Gaseous Diffusion Plant Into a Clean Energy Production Facility within a Decade." (Not funded)

Don Flournoy was the subject of a 90-min. live [www.thespaceshow.com](http://www.thespaceshow.com) interview conducted by DrSpace (Dr. David Livingston) on Nov.21, 2013. The topic was the 2013-2015 [International SunSat Design Competition](#) sponsored by the National Space Society and the Society of Satellite Professionals International (hosted at Ohio University as a global initiative of the Space Journal) to design the next-generation satellites that will collect energy in Space and deliver it to earth as a non-polluting form of electricity.

In 2015, the SunSat Design Competition and the international teams that won \$10,000 prizes were featured in Ad Astra magazine of the NSS and their designs were published in the Ohio University-based Space Journal. The 2016 Competition was jointly sponsored by NSS-Enterprise in Space and Space Canada.

With Narayanan Komerath, Georgia Institute of Technology, Don Flournoy presented "Space Power Grid Towards Space Solar Power" and "Wireless Power

Transmission: A Multi-Nation Experiment via the International Space Station,” International Space Development Conference, San Diego, May 2013.

With Lewis Fraas, President, JX Crystals, Don Flournoy presented [“Sunbeams from Space Mirrors Feeding Solar Farms on the Ground at Dusk and Dawn,”](#) International Space Development Conference, San Diego, May 2013.

Don Flournoy is the author of [Solar Power Satellites](#), New York: Springer Science and Business Media, 2012. Theme: SunSats will be the Next Generation ComSats. The space satellite industry will soon expand its voice/video/data market from communication to energy delivered to all countries on Earth. For critical review, see [Space Review](#) and related comment.

In 2012, Don Flournoy was engaged by [Space Systems/Loral](#) as consultant and expert witness in a multi-million dollar patent infringement case relating to transmission of communication signals to and from Earth. SS/L is one of the world’s largest manufacturers of communication satellites.

With colleagues Narayanan Komerath and Brendan Dessanti from Georgia Institute of Technology, Don Flournoy presented [“Visualizing Wireless Transfer of Power: A Proposal for a Five Nation Demonstration by 2020”](#) at the International Space Development Conference, Washington D.C., May 2012.

In Dec. 2011, Don Flournoy was interviewed by [National Geographic](#) for an article entitled “Beam it Down: A Drive to Launch Space-Based Solar” discussing disaster relief as an early application of Energy from Space.

The International Academy of Astronautics (IAA) in Nov. 2011 made public the findings of its two-year study of space solar power, e.g., that SSP implementation is now technically feasible, economically achievable and an environmental necessity. As a contributor to the [“10 Nation Technical Evaluation of Space-Based Solar Power: Great Energy From Space Solar Power.”](#) Don Flournoy participated in this announcement at the National Press Club in Washington D.C.

Space News published Don Flournoy’s [Why Not Space Solar Power?](#), (September 13, 2010), a half-page editorial endorsed by both the National Space Society and the Society of Satellite Professionals International.

Don Flournoy wrote [Solar Power Satellite Design Competition](#), Ad Astra, National Space Society, Winter 2010, outlining an innovative approach to 1) designing the next-generation satellites that would provide unlimited quantities of clean energy to all nations on earth, and 2) gaining international visibility and support for space-based solar power.

[“SUNSATS: The Next Generation Of COMSATS,”](#) was an article Don Flourney wrote for the Fall 2009 issue of the Online Journal of Space Communication, developing further an idea that first appeared as “Solar Power Satellites: The Next Big Thing for the Satellite Industry” in the [ORBITER](#), a publication of the Society of Satellite Professionals International, December 2009.

A variation on this theme was the basis for a Don Flourney presentation entitled “Comsats and Sunsats: A Marriage Made in Heaven,” given at Space Canada, the [International Academy of Astronautics, IAA Study Group 3.11: Solar Energy From Space](#), Toronto, Canada, September 2009.

“Solar Power Satellites: Our Next Generation of Satellites Delivering the Sun’s Energy to Earth,” was Flourney’s keynote address given before the International Conference on Space Information Technology (ICSIT09), Beijing, China, November 26, 2009, (published by SPIE, a Journal of the International Society for Optical Engineering, Vol. 5985, pp.206-208). Don Flourney co-chaired this conference in China in 2005, 2007 and 2009. The Chinese co-chair of the 2009 conference was Dr. Li Ming, Vice President of the China Academy of Space Technology (CAST), China’s NASA.

In 2009, “U.S. R&D: The Long History of SPS Research,” was the topic of an invited seminar given by Prof. Flourney on Solar Power Satellites and Exploitation of Space Resources at the invitation of CAST, November 25, 2009, in Space City, Beijing. The result of this seminar was a paper published by three senior Chinese scientists in Issue 16 of the Journal entitled [“Solar Power Satellites Research in China”](#), the first official and public notice of China’s SPS Strategy and Schedule.

The Reach to Space Conference on [“Space Commercialization: A Celebration of 50 Years in Space”](#) held Nov.12-13, 2007, at George Washington University, Washington D.C. was the subject of a Winter 2008 issue of spacejournal.org. Don Flourney was a member of the planning and implementation team for this conference sponsored by Auburn University, George Mason University, George Washington University and Ohio University, with high-level participation from the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Federal Aviation Administration, the U.S. Air Force and NASA, largely funded by the international space industry and associations.

Don Flourney was a lecturer in the SPACE (Satellite Professionals Accredited Continuing Education) program sponsored by SSPI. In Summer 2005, he recorded the first four tele-lectures in a series of courses that were produced at Auburn University in DVD format for international distribution. The lectures covered basic principles in Satellite Communication and included briefings on important satellite applications and services. These lectures can be viewed as [Issue 11: Space Systems Tutorial](#) in the Online Journal of Space Communication.

Largely as a result of the Space Journal editorship and affiliation with SSPI, Don Flournoy was asked to co-chair the November 2005 International Conference on Space Information Technology hosted by the Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan, China. The Conference was sponsored by the National Science Foundation of China, the Chinese Academy of Space Technology, China Aerospace Science and Industry Corporation, and several prominent universities. His keynote address, entitled “Space Information Technologies: The Future Agenda,” was published by [SPIE](#) in the proceedings, 2005.

In March 2004, Don Flournoy was lead speaker at the International DBS Conference in Seoul, Korea hosted by the Korean Association for Communication and Information Studies. His address later appeared as an article entitled “[Satellite Security: The Necessity for Copyright Protection.](#)” in the Online Journal of Space Communication, Issue No.6: Satellite Security, Winter 2004. The occasion was sponsored by the satellite broadcast service SKYLIFE, a creation of the newly privatized Korea Telecom, public broadcaster KBS and other investors, for whom he served as consultant.

Noteworthy among Don Flournoy’s contributions to broadband satellite development was the NASA-funded satellite communication research conducted during 1993-1996 at Ohio University. In cooperation with the College of Engineering and Technology, and the Schools of Communication Systems Management and Telecommunications, Flournoy’s Institute for Telecommunication Studies initiated contracts for tests on the capabilities and performance of NASA’s new Ka-band all-digital \$500 million Advanced Communication Technology Satellite.

Prof. Flournoy served as Project Manager in a partnership including NASA and the Columbus-based Huntington National Bank in disaster recovery, backup and related data applications. Papers growing out of those studies are considered to be classics in the field. Some 20 years later, the NASA ACTS technologies, including on-board data processing and switching, hopping spot beams, frequency re-use and opening of the Ka spectrum band, are experiencing widespread adoption and use by commercial satellite service providers the world over.

Some of the writings, presentations, video stories and press releases resulting from this line of research include:

“NASA ACTS Satellite: Demonstration of Capabilities,” with Hans Kruse, a chapter in the 1996 Annual Review of Communications, Chicago: International Engineering Consortium, 1996.

A paper entitled “Use of ACTS Technology for On-Demand Communication using Rapid-Deploy Earth Stations” authored by Hans Kruse, Tony Mele and Don Flournoy was presented at the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) meeting in San Diego in 1995.

An article entitled “NASA ACTS Satellite: A Disaster Recovery Test,” authored by Don Flourney and Hans Kruse, was published in **Technology Beyond the Horizon, Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Communications Conference Proceedings, Ocho Rios, Jamaica, August 1995.**

“Disaster Recovery Via ACTS: the Ohio/Huntington/NASA Experiment” an invited presentation made by Don Flourney to the National Symposium on the Future Telecommunications Tools of the 21st Century, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Washington D.C., June 1993. This presentation was distributed nationally via the NASA TV Channel and was incorporated into a NASA film entitled “NASA ACTS: Tomorrow’s Technology Today.”

Other broadband satellite contributions include Don Flourney’s work as a consultant to USIA-U.S. Department of State, Washington D.C. in 1994 addressing the implications of emerging digital technologies for the government’s satellite-distributed Worldnet (video Voice of America) infrastructure and programming.

In 1991, Don Flourney wrote “Telecommunications in Asia and the Pacific,” a chapter in **Asia and the Pacific: Handbooks to the Modern World**, New York/London: Facts on File Publications, 1991.

“Westminster Cable Set to Wire London,” was an article by Don Flourney written for **Electronic Media**, October 20, 1986.

Don Flourney wrote “Satellites in the National Interest,” **Satellite Communications**, February 1986.

### **The Space Journal**

The year 2017 represents the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the [Online Journal of Space Communication](#) for which Don Flourney serves as Editor. Hosted at Ohio University, the Journal is published in collaboration with the [Society of Satellite Professionals International](#), the professional development association of the space and satellite industry. The Journal is now well-established as an internationally recognized “cross-disciplinary scholarly publication serving as a credible record and repository for developments of public significance in satellite and space communication, and promoting critical analysis of those developments.”

The initial eighteen issues of the Journal, their themes and Guest Editors were:

1. “Manpower Development and Training,” Randy Johnson, Dean, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott AZ
2. “NASA’s Advanced Communication Technology Satellite,” Frank Gargione, Former Project Manager, Lockheed Martin Space Systems, Bethesda MD

3. **“Satellite Remote Sensing,”** Hubertus Bloemer, Ohio University Remote Sensing Lab and Dale Quattrochi, NASA Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville AL
4. **“Satellite Communication in Canada,”** H.M. (Mac) Evans, former president of the Canadian Space Agency, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
5. **“Satellites and the Digital Divide,”** Bruce R. Elbert, former Senior V.P., Satellite Division, Hughes Electronics, Germantown MD
6. **“Satellite Security,”** Kathleen M. Sweet, U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. (ret), Associate Professor of Security and Intelligence, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott AZ
7. **“Global Data (VSAT) Communications,”** David Hartshorn, Secretary General, Global VSAT Forum, London
8. **“The Role of Satellites in Indonesian National Development,”** Sukarno Abdurachman, former Indonesian Director General of Telecommunications, Jakarta.
9. **“Global Navigation Satellite Services,”** Robert Bobrowski, Dean, College of Business, Auburn University, and Qishan Zhang, Prof., Beihang University, China.
10. **“Emergency Communication Systems,”** Joe Pelton and Neil Helm, Institute for Applied Space Research, George Washington University, Washington D.C.
11. **“Space Systems Tutorial,”** Society of Satellite Professionals International in cooperation with Engineering Continuing Education, Auburn University. Auburn AL
12. **“Distance Education and Training via Satellite,”** Don Flournoy, Institute for Telecommunications Studies, Ohio University, Athens OH.
13. **“Commercialization of Space,”** based on the Reach to Space Conference on Commercialization: 50 Years of Achievement in Space, sponsored by Auburn University, George Mason University, George Washington University and Ohio University.
14. **“Satellites and Health,”** Rafael Obregon, Director, Graduate Program in Communication and Development, Ohio University, Athens OH.
15. **“Women and Space,”** Mary Frost, former CEO, Globecast America and VP of Network Broadcast Operations and Engineering for Disney/ABC and Cap Cities/ABC, New York.
16. **“Solar Power Satellites,”** Ralph Nansen, design engineer for the Apollo program and manager of Boeing’s Solar Power Satellite team.
17. **“Visualizing Space Solar Power,”** an issue of the Space Journal led by the Ohio University GRID Lab featuring designs/animations/tech briefings on new satellite applications and systems for wirelessly transmitting sun’s energy to earth as an alternative source of electrical power.
18. **“SunSat Design Competition,”** publishing the Ohio/NSS/SSPI award-winning designs, with Technical Briefs, Business Plans and substantive bibliography.



19: “Economics of Space Solar Power” (currently in process for 2017-18) with Dr. Peter Shubert, University of Illinois/Purdue University Center for Clean and Renewable Energy, as Distinguished Guest Editor.

Issues No.16 and 17 were the first to be published jointly with the [National Space Society](#). Issue No.18 is a place-holder for the 2013-2016 [International SunSat Design Competition](#) (with cash prizes) being carried out by the Journal in cooperation with the NSS, SSPI and Space Canada. To facilitate this global competition to create new space solar power designs, the Ohio University Game Research in Immersive Design Laboratory (GRID Lab) provided Nebula, an online multimedia visualization and collaborative workspace.

Don Flourney served on the Society of Satellite Professionals International (SSPI) Board of Directors for two terms 2002-2008. He was VP for Education and co-chair of the SSPI Academic Council from 2004-2008. He wrote a regular column for ORBITER, the bi-monthly SSPI-published newsletter whose readership is principally the satellite and space industry.

#### ICTs and the Intelligent Communities of the World

From 2004 to 2016, Don Flourney served as an Analyst on the Board of Advisors of the Intelligent Community Forum, [ICF](#), a non-profit think tank that brings together public and private sector innovators to explore strategies, develop best practices and promote policy initiatives needed to support global communities in transition to the Digital Age. The organization publicizes and makes awards to pioneering communities using ICTs (information and communication technologies) to improve economic and social development.

During 2004-2005, Don Flourney was consultant to the country of [Mauritius](#) and separately with the [eAfrica \(NEPAD\) Commission](#) in the preparation of their ICF applications. Each became first place winners earning the “2005 Intelligent Community Building of the Year” and “2005 Intelligent Community Visionary of the Year” awards at annual ICF Conferences in NY City.

During 2005-2006, Don Flourney served as consultant to the Ministry of Communication, Afghanistan, in its application to be the “Infrastructure Innovator of the Year.” He nominated and worked closely with [Estonia](#), a country that emerged as one of the most advanced Internet societies of the former Soviet Union. Tallinn, Estonia was a three-time Top Seven ICF finalist in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

In 2008, Prof. Flourney served on the [Governor’s ConnectOhio Task Force](#), a state initiative to bring broadband communications to all Ohioans. Beginning in 2010, he established and trained an evaluation team in Athens OH, consisting of local community and University leaders who have become the USA judging panel for “Intelligent Community of the Year” 2010-2016.



**[“Think Global, Act Local: How ICTs are changing the landscape in community development,”](#)** is an article that appeared in the January-March 2010 issue of the peer-reviewed International Journal of Sociotechnology and Knowledge Development (IJSKD), an IGI Global Publication, in collaboration with Canadian scholar Sylvie Albert.

**[Networked Communities: Strategies for Digital Collaboration](#)** (2009) Hershey PA: IGI Global, 344 pp, a Premier Reference Source published in collaboration with Canadian scholars Sylvia Albert and Rolland LeBrasseur. Set within the conceptual frame of Network Society, this book draws on comparative data generated from communities participating in the 2004-2008 annual “Intelligent Community of the Year” awards competition hosted by the Intelligent Community Forum of New York.

**[Book Review](#)** of Albert, Flournoy & LeBrasseur, *Networked Communities: Strategies for Digital Collaboration*, by Serhiy Kvit, *International Journal of Business Data Communications and Networking*, 5(4), 70-73, October-December 2009.

**[“Managing the Knowledge Workforce in Networked Communities,”](#)** a peer-reviewed paper submitted to The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Knowledge Generation, Communication and Management, June 29-July 2, 2008, in Orlando, Florida, with Sylvia Albert and Rolland LeBrasseur, published in the proceedings.

In 2015, **[Columbus, Ohio](#)**, was selected in the international ICF competition to be a Top Seven Intelligent Community finalist among such cities as Arlington Virginia; Ipswich, Australia; Mitchell, South Dakota; New Taipei City, Taiwan; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and Surry, British Columbia, Canada. In 2017, Hudson OH placed in the Top seven in ICF rankings.

**[“Managing the Knowledge Workforce in Networked Communities,”](#)** was a peer-reviewed paper submitted to The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Knowledge Generation, Communication and Management, June 29-July 2, 2008, in Orlando, Florida, with Sylvia Albert and Rolland LeBrasseur, published in the proceedings.

**[“ICTs in the Developing Economies,”](#)** iCommunity, the Intelligent Community Forum newsletter, Spring 2005, Don Flournoy wrote the lead article illustrating the ways African leaders are using public and private partnerships to establish much-needed telecom infrastructure for linking schools, health clinics, businesses, NGOs and offices of government. The International Telecommunications Union and the African Development Bank were giving (and continue to give) technical and financial support.

**[Broadband Communication](#)**

**[“Network Society: The Case for Open Access Networks,”](#)** was an article appearing in the Winter 2009 (Vol.5, Issue 1) publication by the peer-reviewed International Journal of Technology and Human Interaction (IJTHI), an IGI Global Publication, written with Canadian Scholars Sylvia Albert and Rolland LeBrasseur.

**[“Triple Play: It’s Human Nature!”](#)** a chapter by Don Flournoy in the compendium entitled *Achieving the Triple Play: Technologies and Business Models for Success*, Chicago: International Engineering Consortium, 2006.

**[“White Paper on Emergency Communication Systems,”](#)** a position paper and presentation given by Don Flournoy, Randy Johnson and Joseph Pelton at the December 2005 National Conference on Emergency Communications held at George Washington University, published as a policy paper in Issue No.10: Emergency Communication, Online Journal of Space Communication, Winter 2006.

**[The Broadband Millennium: Communication Technologies and Markets](#)**, Chicago: International Engineering Consortium, 2004, 497pp, was one of the first books illustrating the convergence of broadband telephony, cable, wireless, satellite, broadcast and Internet and its far-reaching implications for global society. This effort was the product of six years of Flournoy’s research within the Institute for Telecommunications Studies examining the impact of new digital communication technologies on international business, capital investment, deregulation and consumer empowerment.

**[“The Last Mile: Where Telecommunications Traffic Slows to a Crawl,”](#)** is a Don Flournoy chapter appearing in *The 1998 Annual Review of Communications*, Chicago: International Engineering Consortium (Vol. 51), 1998, pp. 581-593.

#### **International News Gathering/Distribution**

At a time in the Cold War when member nations of UNESCO were arguing over a New World Information and Communications Order, Don Flournoy undertook the initial studies that became a longitudinal research project focusing on the content, infrastructure and major players in the UNESCO sponsored regional satellite news exchanges in Europe (Eurovision), Asia (Asiavision), the Caribbean (Caribvision) and the former Soviet Union (OIRT). The first publications in this series were produced in 1984.

In 1987, Robert K. Stewart, Scripps School of Journalism, and Don Flournoy started building at Ohio University a video archive and program of scientific research and analysis on CNN World Report, the world’s first international newscast and global news exchange. This work was funded by OURC and the Bush Research Center grants. Over 20 years, the NWICO and the CNN Archive research produced more than a dozen papers and presentations, eight published articles, three chapters and two books.

Don Flourney wrote a chapter entitled **“[Competition, Coverage and Credibility: The CNN International News Standard](#),”** for the book **Global News: Perspectives on the Information Age**, Tony Silvia, ed., Ames, IA: Iowa State University Press 2001. This 26-page piece, positioned as Chapter No. 1 in the book, was first drafted for the 20th anniversary of CNN. CNN management used it for orientation and training among new domestic and international personnel.

The book **[CNN: Making News in the Global Market](#)** (with Robert K. Stewart), London: John Libbey & Co., Ltd., 1997, includes a forward written by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter. A Web site that accompanies the book hosts pictures of Carter, Ted Turner, Jerry Levin, Peter Arnett, Christiane Amanpour and others interviewed. This was the first book written on CNN International. It has gone through several reprints and there is now **[a Japanese edition published by NTT-Japan](#)** and another in Spanish.

In 2004, Ted Turner wrote a letter to the Distinguished Professor Selection Committee of Ohio University supporting the nomination of Don Flourney for this honor.

**“The Business of International News: Putting a Brand Name on Information,”** a public address given when Don Flourney was Visiting Scholar, University of Rhode Island, February 1998. Christiane Amanpour (CNN), Corry Flintoff (NPR) and Larry Grossman (NBC/PBS) were among the other notables in this lecture series.

**“CNN World Report: A Five Year Analysis,”** (with graduate students Ece Algan and Sang-Chul Lee), an Institute for Telecommunications Studies Monograph, Ohio University, Athens, 1997, was also a paper presented to the International Association for Mass Communication Research (IAMCR) conference, Oaxaca, Mexico, July 1997.

**“CNN World Report: Ted Turner’s International News Coup,”** an invited presentation to the CNN World Report Contributors Conference, Turner Broadcasting System, Atlanta GA, May 1993.

**“[The Weekly World Report on CNN, An Analysis](#),”** (with Chuck Ganzert), *Journalism Quarterly*, Vol. 69, No. 1, Spring 1992.

**“Development Orientation of Domestic and International News on the CNN World Report** (with graduate student Chun-il Park), Sixth Annual Research Conference, Ohio University, April 1992.

**“Women on the CNN World Report: Reporters and Actors in International Television News,”** (with graduate student Rani Dilawari), Sixth Annual Research Conference, Ohio University, April 1992; also accepted for presentation at the International Communications Association Conference (ICA), Miami, May 1992.

**“Satellite News Exchanges: Historical Perspectives and Comment,”** a peer-reviewed paper presented to the International Association for Mass Communication Research (IAMCR), Sao Paulo, Brazil, July 1992.

**“The Role of Communication in National Development: Theory and Practice”** (with Chun-il Park and Rani Dilawari), a peer-reviewed invited paper presented to the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (AEJMC) Montreal, Canada, August 1992.

**[CNN World Report: Ted Turner’s International News Coup](#)**, London: John Libbey & Co. Ltd., 1992. This book has been cited in literally dozens of M.A. theses and Ph.D. dissertations. It was re-issued in 1994. When the book was no longer in print, CNN asked for permission to post the full text on [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com) under World Report where it remained for several years.

**“International Distribution of CNN’s World Report,”** Satellite Communications, February 1991.

**“Development News in CNN’s World Report,”** (with Rani Dilawari and Robert Stewart), Gazette, Winter 1991.

**“Results of the International Survey of TV News Organizations Contributing to CNN’s World Report,”** (with Robert Stewart) invited presentation to the “Impact of Television News on Political Change” conference, TBS, One CNN Center, Atlanta GA, September 1990.

**“Emergence of International News Exchanges: The New Global Journalism,”** a peer-reviewed invited paper delivered to the International Association of Mass Communication Research (IAMCR), Bled, Yugoslavia, August 1990.

**“Development News in CNN’s World Report,”** (with Rani Dilawari and Robert Stewart), a peer-reviewed invited paper presented to the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC), Minneapolis MN, August 1990.

**“The Developing Story of Cable’s International News Coverage,”** a chapter in L. John Martin and Ray Eldon Hiebert, eds., Current Issues in International Communication, White Plains, New York: Longman, 1990.

**“International News Flow Surges into the 1990s,”** Media Development, Vol.XXXVII/4, 1990. This article also appeared in condensed form in SASARAN, magazine of the School of Mass Communication, MARA Institute of Technology, Malaysia, under the title “Emergence of the International News Exchanges.”

**“Research Report: Global News Exchanges”** (with Robert Stewart), an invited presentation to a five-day **“Power of Television News on a Shrinking Planet”** meeting of CNN affiliates and World Report contributors at TBS, Atlanta GA, May 1989.

**“Televised International News in Five Countries: Thoroughness, Insularity and Agenda Capacity”** (with Anne M. Cooper), a peer-reviewed invited paper presented to the International Association for Mass Communication Research (IAMCR), Barcelona, Spain, July 1988.

**“Emerging From the Periphery: Regional Satellite News Exchanges in Asia,”** a peer-reviewed invited paper presented to the International Association for Mass Communication Research (IAMCR) meeting, New Delhi, India, August 1996.

**Content Analysis of Indonesian Newspapers**, Yogyakarta: Gadjah Mada University Press, 1992. This is an edited book with a preface by Distinguished Professor Dr. Guido Stempel, Ohio University. It was first published in the Indonesian language as **Analisa Isi Surat kabar Surat kabar Indonesia**, Yogyakarta: Gadjah Mada University Press, 1989. The book has chapters by six of Indonesia’s top journalists, including the former Director General of Radio/TV/Film, the former Director of TVRI State Television and the editor of **Republika**, Jakarta’s third largest newspaper.

**“Media Images of Canada: U.S. Media Coverage of Canadian Issues and U.S. Awareness of Those Issues,”** (with Guido Stempel), Ohio Journalism Monographs, Bush Research Center, E.W. Scripps School of Journalism, Ohio University, August 1992. This was a 1991-1993 project commissioned and funded by the Canadian Consulate to examine coverage of Canada in the U.S. press and on television. Data collection, analysis and reporting of findings of the study resulted in a widely distributed monograph and several articles and papers.

**“U.S. Media Coverage of Canada and U.S. Public Awareness of Canadian Issues”** (with Debra Mason, Robert Nanney, and Guido Stempel), an invited presentation at the convention of the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States, New Orleans LA, November 1993.

**“Images of Canada in the U.S Media”** (with Guido Stempel), was a presentation to the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (AEJMC), Montreal, Canada, August 1992.

**“Monday Memo: A Global News Commentary,”** Broadcasting, November 20, 1989.

**“The Developing Story of Cable’s International News Coverage: A Commentary on Global News,”** Broadcasting, February 22, 1988. On the basis of this short article, Ted Turner invited Don Flournoy to attend his annual meetings with international

affiliates (and other events) at One CNN Center, Atlanta, and at the United Nations, New York, over the following ten years.

“Satellite News Exchanges in Asia,” was an invited presentation to the International Television Studies Conference (ITSC), London, England, July 1986.

“Asiavision: Satellite News Exchange,” a presentation to the Broadcast Education Association/National Association of Broadcasters, Las Vegas NV, April 12-14, 1985.

“Asian Countries Form Local News Exchanges,” *Electronic Media*, October 7, 1985.

This interest in news flow expanded with the emergence of the global Internet. In 2005, with Ph.D. student Miao Zhang, Don Flournoy published a study on “Internet and the News: The Globalization of News Consumers and Providers,” Research Monograph, Institute For Telecommunications Studies, April 2005, 55 pp.

### International Media and Communications Development

#### Central and Eastern Europe

Since 1992, Don Flournoy has initiated and served as Principal Investigator on five major development and training projects affecting this region. Each project was designed to **strengthen free and independent media in the republics of the former Soviet Union**. Under sponsorship of the Open Society Institute (Soros Foundation), International Media Fund, U.S. Department of State, USIA, VOA, and the U.S./Baltic Foundation, OU’s Institute for Telecommunications Studies was engaged in the establishing of training centers in the national universities and carried out (in the CIS and in the U.S.) curriculum development and ICT enhancement projects aimed at journalists, media officials, media associations, university instructors and students.

The most recent of these projects was the 2004-2007 cooperative agreement with the prestigious National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy. The OU/KMA linkage served to improve the level of professionalism in documentary and multimedia production in Ukraine (including production of a documentaries and using the Web as a vehicle for visual news reporting). Over this period, a dozen Ohio University video production faculty and students were on location in Ukraine, and a similar number were in training in Athens. ITS Director Don Flournoy wrote the \$247,000 grant and served as Principal Investigator in the U.S. Department of State award.

During Winter 2006, and again in Winter 2007, Don Flournoy taught his World Media Systems course jointly between Ohio University and UKMA via IP-videoconference (Skype) in which students collaborated in researching world media models for the purpose of making recommendations to a national taskforce in Ukraine concerning

the establishment of a new type of television station or network whose mission is “the public interest.”

In 2006-2007, the ITS hosted UKMA Faculty of Social Sciences Dean Sergiy Kvit, a Visiting Fulbright Research Scholar, whose purpose was to survey American university curriculum and training programs for the teaching of journalism and media. At that time, the UKMA Masters Program in Journalism was within his faculty. Dr. Kvit, now Rector of the University, became an active participant in the joint course being taught between Ohio and Ukraine. Kvit’s 2008 book on Journalism and Mass Communication features Ohio University as a model.

The ITS hosted in Athens in October 1998 a three-day “Workshop on Public Responsibilities of the Media” supported by the Open Society Institute of New York. In attendance were the 50 FSA/Muskie Fellows assigned to U.S. universities for 1998-2000 and Ohio University faculty and students. Eileen O’Conner, White House Correspondent for CNN, Frank Deaner, Ohio Newspaper Association, Lillian Fernandez, Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and Kay Jackson, Cable Television Association were visiting professionals at this workshop. The project was funded by the Soros Foundation.

During 1995 and 1996, the ITS coordinated a project targeting “[Baltic Professional Associations](#)” in support of independent media development in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. The \$105,000 contract funded by the USIA and the U.S. Baltic Foundation brought heads of broadcast and print professional associations to the U.S. for orientation and training. Internships were arranged at the National Association of Broadcasters, the Ohio Broadcast Association, the National Cable Television Association, the Ohio Cable Television Association, the Newspaper Association of America and the Ohio Newspaper Association. In turn, representatives of the U.S. associations were escorted to the Baltic states for in-country workshops and consultation.

In 1994-1995, the ITS received \$252,000 in funding from the U.S. Department of State (Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs) for a multi-level project involving “[Media Training/Curriculum Development in the Baltic National Universities.](#)” In this project, faculty members from Ohio were engaged to help install audio and video production facilities in Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian universities.

TCOM faculty and staff managed a six week 1994 training program in Ohio for eight faculty members from Tartu University (Estonia), University of Riga (Latvia) and Vilnius University (Lithuania) on issues related to independent journalism and a free press. OU faculty members traveled to the Baltic region during Summer and Fall to conduct workshops and provide curricular and other assistance. All these projects grew out of initiatives taken by Don Flourney to interest the U.S. government and several international foundations in providing education and training opportunities for media professionals in the CIS following the break-up of the Soviet Union.



The impact of these initiatives on Ohio University has been considerable. TCOM (now MDIA) faculty members have been given increased opportunities to apply their skills abroad. The number of graduate students from the region has greatly increased on the OU campus. An estimated 150 FSA, Muskie, Mongolian, Ron Brown, IREX, Fulbright and VOA Fellows have been placed at Ohio University in Telecommunications, Communication and Development, Journalism, Visual Communications, Economics, Business Administration, Environmental Studies and International Studies.

Don Flourney served on the US national interview, selection and placement committees of FSA/Muskie and Ron Brown Fellowship programs from 1994 until they were folded in 2006. These prestigious fellowships, managed by the Open Society Institute (Soros Foundation) of New York, the Institute of International Education of New York, the American Councils for International Education and IREX of Washington D.C., were designed to place highly qualified young professionals from the former Soviet Union and the Balkans in Masters degree programs in the best American universities. More than 1,000 of these Fellows have been placed in the United States. (One of these former Fellows, Mikhail Saakashvili, was elected President of Georgia in January 2004.)

With Aida Aidakyeva, a Muskie Fellow from Kyrgyzstan, Don Flourney presented an invited peer-reviewed paper entitled, **“Streaming Television: Participatory Democracy on the Rise? Not in Russia”** to the 2003 Democratization of the Media Conference at MIT, Cambridge MA, April 2003. An abstract of the paper appeared in the conference proceedings and the full paper was published online.

With Vladimir Bratic, a Ron Brown fellow from Bosnia, Don Flourney wrote a paper entitled **“Transnational Political Activism and Global Fusion: The Independent Media Centers,”** presented at the MIT Media in Transition Conference, Cambridge MA, May 2002. Don Flourney also presented **“Innovation and Obsolescence: The Sword of Advancing Technologies That Cuts Two Ways.”** These were published by MIT online.

### **Africa**

As an advisor to the Intelligent Communities Forum, an international organization whose purpose is to annually identify successful examples of ICTs being used for economic and social development, Don Flourney in 2004 worked with the Island of Mauritius (a cyber-hub in the South Indian Ocean) and the e-Africa Commission of NEPAD (the new Partnership for Africa’s Development) to help them make their case to be among the Top Seven Intelligent Communities of 2005.

**In 1999, Don Flourney was in South Africa interviewing SABC News Editor Allistair Sparks and reporters in SABC studios, Johannesburg, and observing newsroom procedures for his news flow research.**

**In February 1994, Don Flourney was under contract with the US Information Agency serving as a trainer of radio, television, press and news agency personnel in Angola. Recorded television interviews with US AID officials, the new US Ambassador and Angolan Foreign Minister were shown on CNN-International.**

**In 1995, the ITS hosted the Angolan Minister of Information at Ohio University. The Minister spoke to classes and made a presentation to the University of 200 rare books from the Angolan Writers Union in arrangement with Alden Library.**

**During 1994-1995, Don Flourney (and TCOM colleague Vibert Cambridge) served as coordinators and consultants for Needs Assessment among selected African states in a joint program involving Ohio University and Howard University funded by the USIA.**

**From June-September 1994, Don Flourney was US program manager for radio training and internships for Malagasy broadcasters under contract to the Voice of America.**

**Don Flourney was project manager of a USIA sponsored US-based training program for middle-management radio, television and public information producers representing 15 African countries in May 1991.**

**In the late 1980s and into the 1990s, Don Flourney was a member of several training and curriculum development projects for African media institutions. One of the first of these was an assignment (Spring quarter 1988) to Swaziland as distance teaching consultant to the Swazi Ministry of Education. He worked with Swazi radio and television personnel and with university and teacher training college staff, under sponsorship of the USAID-Ohio University Teacher Education Project for Southern Africa.**

### **Asia**

**Indonesia: During 1977-78, Don Flourney was a Senior Fulbright Scholar to Indonesia, assigned to the Ministry of Education and Culture. He advised a National Committee whose goal was to convert - from the Dutch - 650 Indonesian colleges and universities to an American system of higher education management. The Committee's report, entitled "**Efficiency-Productivity-Relevance-Diversity-Quality: Recommendations for Improvement of Indonesian higher Education,**" led to nationwide adoption of the semester (rather than year-long) calendar and implementation of the "Sistim Kredit," the academic (weighted student) credit hour system favored by American universities.**

Since that time Prof. Flournoy has traveled to SE Asia six times working on various development projects. In Indonesia he has been under contract to the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Ministry of Information, the Ministry of Research and Technology, the Department of Transmigration and the Ford Foundation.

To improve his proficiency in the Indonesian language and to better understand the culture, Don Flournoy (and wife Mary Anne) attended two SE Asian Intensive Summer Institutes (in 1978 and 1983) and took academic year instruction from OU's Department of Linguistics.

In 1989, Don Flournoy was engaged by the Texas International Education Consortium (TIEC), Austin, to provide background data and advice on a \$200 million bid on a higher education development project for the outer islands of Indonesia.

In 1992, Don Flournoy served as consultant to a new Indonesian media company Atlantis Total Communications on several TV privatization projects. He gave a presentation on "Television Training: Vocational and Academic Models" to the Seminar on the Future of Indonesian Television sponsored by STT-Telkom and ATC Communications, World Trade Centre, Jakarta. He served as curriculum consultant to STT-Telkom (the Indonesian state telecommunications authority) in developing TV production and management tracks for its new training facility in Bandung.

In 1997, Don Flournoy was consultant to the Jakarta-based Universitas Pembangunan Nasional in development of a new communications curriculum within the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences.

Don Flournoy served as technical editor in the Indonesian-to-English translation of Makmur Makka's B.J. Habibie: His Life and Career (former Minister of Research and Technology, Vice President and later President of Indonesia) authored by A. Makmur Makka, published in 1999, acknowledged in the Preface. In 2004, Dr. Habibie wrote a letter to the Distinguished Professor Selection Committee of Ohio University supporting the nomination of Don Flournoy for this honor.

With his wife Mary Anne, Don Flournoy served as Faculty Advisor to the Indonesian Students Association (PERMIAS) at Ohio University 1979-2008. As many as 200 Indonesians and their families have been in Athens at one time, largely as a result of the couple's work with Indonesian governmental institutions, public and private universities and with alumni. These connections to Athens continue.

**Korea:** In March 2004, Don Flournoy was in Korea as guest of SkyLife, the Direct To Home satellite provider headquartered in Seoul. He addressed the Korean Association for Communication and Information Studies International DBS Conference on the topic "Satellite Security: The Necessity for Copyright Protection." While there, he was engaged as a consultant to SkyLife, the private satellite

broadcast service newly created in a joint venture by public broadcaster KBS and Korea Telecom.

During 2005-2006, Ohio University hosted a senior official of the Korean Ministry of Information and Communication. Visiting Research Fellow Dong Myung Lee was on contract - for 18-months - with the ITS to facilitate the research and writing of a Universal Service/Universal Broadband Access Policy for Korea under the supervision of Don Flourney, the ITS Director. Today, Korea hosts some of the fastest and most “universally accessible” broadband networks in the World.

**China:** During 2013-2016, Don Flourney joined senior-level scientists of the Chinese space agency (CAST) in the planning of an international demonstration of “wireless transfer of electrical power from space.” In 2015, CAST scientists and engineers participated in the Ohio University-hosted International SunSat Design Competition, winning its top prize of \$10,000, based on its presentation at the NSS-sponsored International Space Development Conference in Toronto, Canada.

Prof. Flourney was co-chair of the 2005, 2007 and 2009 International Conferences on Space Information Technology hosted by the Chinese Academy of Space Technology (CAST). The first two of these were held at Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan, China. The third conference was held at Space City in Beijing, with the additional sponsorship of the China Aerospace Science and Industry Corporation, and several prominent universities.

Just prior to the November 2009 conference, Prof. Flourney was invited by the CAST Research and Development unit to participate (as the sole Westerner) in an in-house seminar addressing space solar power, a highly secretive topic at that time.

In April 2010, the Online Journal of Space Communication received for publication the article “Solar Power Satellites Research in China” authored by CAST scholars/engineers. This paper outlined for the first time the official China vision, strategy and schedule for space based solar production.

**Turkey:** In August 1998, Don Flourney was guest of the Turkish National Association of Business and Industry (SASIAD) consulting on the Internet and lecturing on the topic of “Electronic Commerce.” He also gave lectures at Sakarya University, Adapazari, on “Internet and Education.” He was twice interviewed on National Television Channel 7 from Istanbul with CNN as the topic for one show and Indonesian national development for the other.

Don Flourney continues to serve on the Editors List for the Journal of Distance Education of Turkey. He drafted “[Use of Satellites in Distance Education in Turkey and Japan](#),” an article written with Prof. Ugur Demiray et al., ED Journal (The Official Publication of the US Distance Learning Association), November 1997. He later wrote a chapter in a book entitled “[Telecommunications Technologies in](#)

**[Distance Learning](#)**” edited by Aytakin Isman, Murat Barkan and Ugur Demiray. Distance Education Book, Anadolu University Press, Eskesehir, Turkey, 2003, pp.146.

**Taiwan:** In 1994, Don Flourney delivered the keynote address at an international Symposium on Film, Television and Video in Taiwan on the topic “Universal Service: The Uncertain Future of the Global Information Highways.” He also gave university lectures in Taipei and Tai Chung on new communication technologies and consulted with government officials on DBS and cable issues. While there, he met with AT&T-Taiwan officials about the implementation of a broadband multimedia test between Ohio and Taiwan using the AT&T (TAT-8) fiber line that connects Athens County to Europe on the East and Asia on the West. (The fiber line runs under the cornfield of the Flourney’s Sugar Bush Farm.)

### **Innovations in Teaching**

Early in his academic career, Don Flourney was Assistant Dean at Case Institute of Technology (now Case Western Reserve University). Later, he was recruited as Associate Dean at the State University of New York at Buffalo. In 1971, he came to Ohio University as Dean of the University College. During this time, he published two books of a scholarly nature. They were:

**[The New Teachers](#)**, San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, Inc., 1972. This book was written near the end of the Vietnam War era when a lot of rethinking and many changes were taking place in American higher education. Among Don Flourney’s interests as a University administrator were ways to recognize and support innovative and committed faculty members who were willing to take risks, while giving constructive help and encouragement to teachers who were struggling.

**[The Rationing of American Higher Education](#)**, Cambridge: Schenkman Publishing Company, Inc., 1982. This book was written in an era (very much like the era we are now witnessing again) when American society was more stratified by race and economic class divisions and educational institutions carried little weight or priority in public funding.

As Dean of the University College (1971-1981), Don Flourney wrote a proposal to the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (the \$280,000 grant was the largest made to any university) that funded Ohio University’s General Education Tier I, II, III Program that still exists today.

Beginning in 1993, Don Flourney spent a sabbatical year on campus chairing a campus-wide group of faculty and staff committed to making sure that Ohio University would not be by-passed in the age of digital communications and media. With the support and authorization of the Provost, a new research, training and electronic publishing facility was established on campus called the **[Ohio MultiMedia](#)**

**Lab.** The idea for this Lab was developed and promoted in weekly meetings complemented by an early version of e-mail called the All-in-One Listserv.

In 1994, the OMML was assigned space in Alden Library and was granted \$40,000 in ongoing UPAC funding. Don Flourney assumed responsibility as director. In March 1995, the OMML was designated a national New Media Center by Apple, IBM, Kodak, Sony and partners. This initiative failed in the transition to a new Ohio University president and provost but served as the precursor to the Scripps Multimedia Lab and the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning (CITL) in Scott Quad, and the new Game Research and Interactive Design Laboratory (the GRID Lab) operating from Scott Quad.

**Note:** In 2014-2016, more than 20-years later, the GRID Lab provided the virtual workspace for International Solar Power Satellite design competitions hosted by the Space Journal at Ohio University, in sponsorship with the National Space Society and the Society of Satellite Professionals International.

In 1994, the OMML team gave the first multimedia presentations on the “Electronic Classrooms of the Future” targeting the Ohio University Trustees, the Trustees Academy, the Alumni Board and the campus at large.

In 1995, the OMML and the ITS joined with the Consortium for the Advancement of Affordable and Accessible Distance Education, a group of universities centered on University of Tennessee-Knoxville. The Consortium wrote proposals to the U.S. Department of Commerce (TIIAP) and to the National Science Foundation to test and implement low-cost multimedia delivery systems connected to computer-equipped rural schools integrating satellite/Internet.

In 1995, with help of the Ohio University Telecommunications Center, School of Communications Systems Management, Computer Science and Electrical Engineering, Computing Network Services and Nursing, Don Flourney served as organizer and on-air host of an Ohio University-University of Costa Rica two-way satellite videoconference from RTVC Studio A demonstrating such innovative distance teaching technologies as MBone, Internet-based CuSeeMe, Sharevision and PictureTel.

Don Flourney authored, “**Distribution Systems,**” a chapter in Alan Richardson ed., Corporate and Organizational Video, New York: McGraw-Hill, Inc., First Edition 1994, Second Edition, 1996.

At a meeting of the Broadcast Education Association, held at the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) annual meeting in Las Vegas in March 1994, Don Flourney was an invited member of a panel addressing “Internationalizing the Broadcast Curriculum.”

In 1992 and 1993, Don Flourney helped to write three successful project proposals to Internationalize the Ohio University Campus and Curriculum. The first two of these were 1804 grants focusing on the TCOM School: “International Issues in Telecommunications” with Joe Slade and Felix Gagliano for \$10,000 and “Telecommunication Undergraduate Curriculum Review” with Joe Slade for \$20,000.

Don Flourney was the principal grant writer (with the Center for International Studies and the Modern Languages Department) to internationalize Ohio University’s undergraduate courses. This 1993-1994 project was funded by the U.S. Department of Education Title VI at \$93,000. Faculty across the campus were invited to make modifications to their courses using these funds.

### Television Production Projects

Early in his career, Don Flourney was a commercial television producer and director. In his academic life he has made further use of this background. During 1989 and again in 1990, he wrote, produced, edited and distributed two video documentaries commissioned by the Indonesian Ministry of Research and Technology on the theme of [Advanced Technologies in a Traditional Society](#).

The first of the docu-dramas was funded by Boeing Commercial Aircraft and focused on aircraft manufacturing in Indonesia. The second was funded by UNOCAL Geothermal and focused on shipbuilding. Each was produced in the Indonesian language and in English, with significant involvement of Ohio University students (in Athens and on location in Indonesia). Each video was shown more than once on TVRI, the Indonesian national TV network, and used in the USA for the 1990-1991 Festival of Indonesia, which was the reason they were commissioned. One was a finalist in the 1991 New York International Film and Video Festival.

With colleague Michael Mirarchi, Don Flourney served as producer/director of a 28-minute video documentary on Ohio University’s long-term relationship with the country of Botswana. A two-and-a-half minute news item on this relationship, including excerpts of the commencement address of Botswana President Massire at Ohio University, aired on CNN World Report in June 1989.

A three-minute Flourney/Mirarchi piece covering the national Congress of Indonesian Students meeting at Ohio University aired on CNN World Report in September 1989. Footage collected by Flourney and Mirarchi during the 1987 Ohio University visit of Helen Suzman, anti-apartheid leader from South Africa, was made into a mini-documentary by Globalvision and distributed internationally.

With TCOM video production graduate Charlie Kendall, Don Flourney arranged to have the May 1989 Ohio University visit of former President Jimmy Carter video taped. This material is now archived at Ohio University. Parts of this presentation



were later used on-air by CNN and served as the basis for the Preface that Jimmy Carter later re-drafted for a book Don Flourney published on Ted Turner and CNN.

### Role as Advisor/Teacher/Mentor

During his teaching career, Don Flourney has supervised and served on the graduate committees of Masters and Ph.D. students from all over the world. These included not only Telecommunications (and Media Arts and Studies) students but also those from Communication and Development, Information and Telecommunication Systems, International Studies, Communication Studies, Journalism and Education.

Senior faculty members in the School of Media Arts and Studies are expected to teach and advise undergraduate as well as graduate students. Under the quarter system, the normal teaching load (for faculty with an active research agenda) was one undergrad and one graduate course per quarter, six per year. In most years, while working with students off-load in the supervision of independent study, Space Journal writing, research and creative production, and thesis and dissertation proposal preparation and writing, reading and defense, Don Flourney was producing additional credit hours that were the equivalent of one extra course, or two. The volume of weighted student credit hours slowed as he approached retirement, he continued to work with individual students on special interest projects in Ohio University's transition to semesters.

Don Flourney has helped to place literally hundreds of students in internships and jobs in media and related fields, both domestically and abroad. In May 2011, he raised the funding that enabled him to take 18 undergraduate and graduate students to the NASA Center in Huntsville AL, where they presented their GRID Lab-assisted creative visualizations of space solar power (and helped to launch the new [SunSat Design Competition](#)) at the International Space Development Conference hosted by the National Space Society. He has taken smaller numbers (6-10) students to later ISDC conferences in Chicago, Washington DC, San Diego, Los Angeles Toronto and Puerto Rico.

May 2012, was a special opportunity since he invited 10 Ohio University students to a formal dinner at the Air and Space Museum in Washington D.C. The occasion was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of [John Glenn's circumnavigation of the globe](#). Afterward, Sen. Glenn gave the students and me a personal tour of the Museum. At ISDC-Los Angeles in 2014, Ohio University students had their [picture was taken with Buzz Aldrin](#), who later endorsed and helped to fund the 2015 and 2016 International SunSat Design Competitions.

### **Retirement:**

Don Flourney retired from teaching in January 2016. Having been engaged in this type of work in several major universities for more than 50 years, he would like to

**say a word about Ohio University There is something more that should be said about Ohio University.**

**OU was a remarkable place to work because of the multiple opportunities it has presented daily to learn and grow as a person and as a professional.**

**If one aspires to be a scholar, it is possible to do that at Ohio University and still uphold the missions of teaching and making a contribution to society.**

**I have found that gaining knowledge, creating knowledge and sharing knowledge are never discrete categories.**

**Teaching, research and writing are inextricably linked, and they can readily involve undergraduate and graduate students, community members and professionals around the world.**

**What makes Ohio University one of the great universities of the world is that all of these good things are permitted and valued.**

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