COMMUNICATION'S MICHAEL KEITH TO RECEIVE DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD FROM THE BROADCAST EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

CHESTNUT HILL, MA (February 2008) -- Michael C. Keith, adjunct associate professor of communication, has been selected to receive the 2008 Distinguished Scholar Award from the Broadcast Education Association.

The award, considered the highest honor a broadcast educator/scholar can receive, is granted based upon significant contribution to research and scholarship involving broadcast and electronic media, as well as extensive publication in books and leading journals, over at least twenty years.

One of the nation's leading scholars on electronic media, Keith has written a series of ground-breaking books which examine the use of the nation's airwaves by groups with strong social, political, and revolutionary messages and agendas.

He also is the author of the most widely adopted text on radio in America, The Radio Station, as well as an oral history, Talking Radio; a study of nocturnal broadcasting, Sounds in the Dark, and The Broadcast Century, among other titles.

In addition, he is the author of numerous journal articles and the critically acclaimed memoir, The Next Better Place.

Prior to joining Boston College, Keith served as chair of education at the Museum of Broadcast Communications, taught at George Washington University and Marquette University, was the director of the telecommunication program at Dean College, and worked as a professional broadcaster for a dozen years.

The Broadcast Education Association is the professional association for professors, industry professionals and graduate students who are interested in teaching and research related to electronic media and multimedia enterprises. Established in 1955, initially as the Association for Professional Broadcast Education, the BEA's membership is comprised of more than 1,300 professors, students and media professionals and approximately 250 college and university departments and schools as institutional members.

The award will be presented to Keith at the annual BEA convention in April.

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