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WHY FOCUS ON VISIBILITY?

- Raise public awareness about Southeast Asia
- Raise public awareness about Southeast Asian Studies and SEAP
- Increase attendance at events and enrollments
- Keep us on the radar of decision-makers and funders

OUR NRC GRANT INCLUDED A SET OF OBJECTIVES LINKED TO VISIBILITY AND REACHING OUT TO THE MEDIA



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STEPS:

Worked with University Communications Staff/Press Office

Hired Consultant

Hired Students & Recruited Interns

Launched Social Media Sites

Held Media Training Session with Faculty

Language Promotion Campaign

Designed Online Pressroom

Strategic Media Plan

Preliminary Evaluation

Prepare for Pressroom Launch



WORKING WITH A CONSULTANT

- Exploring your needs and goals
- Is it worth the expense?
- What connections will it give you?
- Make sure to get deliverables spelled out in writing!



STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

 Solid traditional print materials & website



- No social media presence
- No direct links to media personnel
- Limited staff and funding to focus on media and communications outreach

TARGET AUDIENCES

- Media professionals
- SEAP alumni & Southeast Asian Studies Academics (including prospective students)
- General Public
 - Cornell Undergraduates
 - Local Community—including teachers
 - National and regional public awareness



SOCIAL MEDIA:

FACEBOOK TWITTER YOUTUBE PINTEREST BLOGS LINKEDIN



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FACULTY RESISTANCE

- Too little time/energy for social media
- Lack of familiarity—esp. with academic applications
- Philosophical objections
- Media Training: Consultant underestimated resistance and focused too much on her uses of new media technology in the Communications classroom
- Will take time an need to be revisited in small steps
- More comfort with interview format—but challenges translating that information into useful / sustainable material

LANGUAGE PROMOTION CAMPAIGN



ONLINE PRESSROOM





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ONLINE PRESSROOM

- Launch and then reach out to targeted media professionals
- Work to link faculty (and post-fieldwork graduate students) to media professionals
- Social media as an avenue for linkages



EVALUATION

- Vocus Pro-through Cornell Press Office
- Google Analytics—website (including online pressroom)
- Other online presence (Wikipedia etc.)
- 8C's of Social Media—for Facebook (Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn)

8C'S OF SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Counting**—likes, shares, reach, talking about this
- **Content**—analysis of posts for topic, tone
- **Conversations**—which posts generated comments, shares
- **Cohesion**—extent to which followers coalesce, share focus
- **Community**—core group with common interests
- **Connectedness**—how interconnected advocates are
- **Conversion**—referral source for website
- **Compare**—relative to other NRCs/centers

(adapted from Alan Chumbley's 7Cs by Rui Liu)

RESULTS (SO FAR)

- Too early to gauge true impact
- Anecdotally has raised profile on campus
- Facebook reaching alumni and international followers (NOT undergraduates)
- Has been a major driver of traffic to website