

Southern Adventist University Welcomes Michael Finch to Journalism Faculty

Collegedale, TN June 1, 2024 - Southern Adventist University welcomes Dr. Michael Finch to its School of Journalism and Communication. Dr. Finch's 22-year career includes professional experience in journalism, higher education, and youth ministry.

Most recently he served as chair of the Communication, Media and Culture Department at Bryan College in Dayton, TN. He also worked as an assistant professor in Communication at Lee University in Cleveland, TN where he served as a media adviser helping students create magazines, newscasts and video production. Finch has a strong interest in international communication and spent several years teaching at a university in Lithuania. He began his journalism career working as a newspaper reporter in New York state and Washington D.C., where he honed his skills in storytelling and reporting.



Beyond his professional achievements, Finch served four years as a youth pastor reflecting his dedication to nurturing spiritual growth and mentorship. His commitment to integrating faith and learning aligns with Southern's mission to provide a holistic Christian education. Currently, Dr. Finch is researching the development of artificial intelligence.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Finch to our faculty," said Dr. Rachel Williams Smith, Dean of Southern's School of Journalism and Communication. "His diverse background, passion for journalism, and dedication to our Christian mission make him an invaluable addition to our team. We look forward to the contributions he will make to our campus community and the lives of our students."

Dr. Finch expressed his enthusiasm about joining Southern, "In my brief introduction to the School of Journalism and Communication, I've seen how impressive and diverse the faculty and students are, what a wonderful facility we have, and how everyone is on mission to provide high quality instruction in a faith-filled environment."

Southern's School of Journalism and Communication offers degrees in Journalism, Strategic Communication, Digital Communication and Media.