

Forum to Focus on 'Outdated' Telecom Laws

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Muncie, Ind. -- Ball State University's Digital Policy Institute (DPI) has a seat at the table for the first national forum to discuss aligning competition policy with market dynamics in order to create jobs, drive innovation and encourage investment.

"Can Broadband Power an Economic Recovery?" is July 10 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., and is hosted by the Advanced Communications Law and Policy Institute of the New York Law School.

Representing Ball State are Michael Hicks, director of the Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) and DPI's chief economist, and Barry Umansky, a telecommunications professor and DPI's chief communications attorney.

The event will examine the array of issues and questions facing federal policymakers as they determine whether and how to respond to developments through the broadband ecosystem. Participants will provide expert insights into how to structure policy responses that bolster innovation, investment, competition and consumer welfare.

DPI director Robert Yadon, an information and communication sciences professor, said participation with a distinguished panel of policy experts at the national level aligns with DPI's mission.

"Since our creation in 2004, we have been best known for successfully assisting states in the Midwest to examine telecommunication policy in the digital age and modernize state laws where appropriate," he said. "Beginning in 2010, DPI shifted its focus to telecommunication policy issues in the national arena when the institute was appointed by the current Federal Communication Committee chairman, Julius Genachowski, to the FCC's consumer advisory committee."

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