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UTEP Communication Professor Appointed as Clinton Fellow

In recognition of his work in the dynamics of social change, Communication Professor Arvind Singhal of The University of Texas at El Paso has been appointed as the William J. Clinton Distinguished Fellow in the Clinton School of Public Service at the University of Arkansas.



"As one of the world's leading communication scholars, Dr. Singhal is helping in UTEP's efforts to become a Tier One institution," said Frank G. Pérez, chair of UTEP's Department of Communication. "He will make an excellent representative for Communication at UTEP and the entire University community. His work as a Clinton Fellow will reflect UTEP's mission of helping people through scholarship."

The Clinton School of Public Service teaches global leadership and civic engagement, offering the country's first Master of Public Service degree. It is located in the same complex as the Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock, Ark., and a stone's throw from the global headquarters of Heifer International, an organization working to solve global hunger and poverty.

"I feel very honored to serve as UTEP's ambassador to this distinguished school," Singhal said.

As a Clinton Fellow, Singhal will be lecturing and interacting with students, scholars and policymakers in the Clinton School, and participate in forums to shape and leverage their global public service projects, he said. He expects to spend one or two days in Little Rock every four to six weeks.

"I am hoping in one of those visits my path will cross with President Clinton!" he added.

Singhal is the Samuel Shirley and Edna Holt Marston Endowed Professor of Communication at UTEP, and director of research and outreach at UTEP's Sam Donaldson Center for Communication Studies. He teaches and conducts research in the areas of diffusion of innovations, organizing for social change and the entertainment-education strategy.

"Professionally, I am honored to represent UTEP and, personally, I am happy to bear the name of a distinguished public servant of this country, whose work now with the Clinton Foundation and the Clinton School of Public Service is helping improve the quality of lives of tens of millions of people around the world," Singhal said.

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