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BLOOMINGTON, ILL.--Mary Anne Smeltzer Moffitt, daughter of Mary K. Rice and Hank Smeltzer, and sister of Margaret Radue, Geneseo, received a Ph.D. in Communications from the Institute of Communications Research at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, May 12.

Her dissertation was titled "Understanding Middle-Class Adolescent Leisure: A Cultural Studies Approach to Romance Novel Reading."

A member of the Wesleyan faculty since 1983, Dr. Moffitt received a bachelor's degree in speech and a master's degree in English from Illinois State University, and earned a master's degree in communication from the University of Illinois.

She is one of 13 American educators and media specialists invited by the Herbert Quandt Stiftung (Foundation) to travel and study in Germany for five weeks beginning June 24. Next fall she will join the faculty at Illinois State as an assistant professor of communications.