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SENIOR FACULTY

As the academic year 1999-2000 begins, KARLYN KOHRS CAMPBELL will become the department chair.

TERRY KINNEY is co-investigator along with Darcia Narvaez (Ed. Psych, & C.I.), James Rest (Ed. Psych), and Muriel Bebeau (Preventive Sciences-Health Ecology) on a multi-year, interdisciplinary grant submitted to the National Science Foundation. The grant requests \$6.8 million over a 10 year period, in part, to build a state-of-the-art cognition, physiology, and media effects lab to advance knowledge on moral development, cognition, and the effects of verbal aggression.

TERRY KINNEY and MARY VAVRUS are heading an inter-disciplinary research team whose goal is to secure external funding from NIH and foundations to examine how various media influence adolescent, sexual behavior. In addition to the Speech-Communication Dept., the participants in the research team include scholars from School of Public Health, Youth, Children, and Family Consortium, Institute of Media and the Family from Fairview Hospital, and the Pediatrics Dept. One of the goals of the team is to secure a major grant that will fund a multi-year program of research.

LISA MILLHOUS (currently teaching Intercultural Communication classes while Rosita Albert is on sabbatical leave) has accepted a position on the faculty of Communication Studies at West Chester University (Philadelphia, PA). Her article "The experience of culture in Russian-American collaborative groups" will be published in the June 1999 issue of Small Group Research.

EDWARD SCHIAPPA has been appointed Associate Dean in the Graduate School.

There will be a panel at the joint Central States and Southern States Communication Associations convention in St. Louis, MO, in April, 1999, titled "Making Corax Eat Crow: Reconstructing the Origins of Classical Rhetoric." The panel is devoted to Schiappa's forthcoming book, The Beginnings of Greek Rhetorical Theory and will feature critical responses by James Arnt Aune, Dale L. Sullivan, and David M. Timmerman.

ROBERT SCOTT delivered a lecture, "Diversity as Metaphor" February 17, 1999, as a Humanities and Arts Visiting Scholar for the University of Georgia Center for the Humanities. He also lectured for the Dept. of Speech-Communication and held two seminars for their graduate students.

AMY SHELDON has published "Approaching the Future" in a special 1999 issue of invited articles by members of the Editorial board of the journal Research on Language and Social Interaction, vol. 32, Nos. 1&2. The issue is entitled, "Language & Social interaction at the Century's Turn" and it addresses the question of what the most important and interesting future directions for research on language and social interaction are.

MARY VAVRUS will be presenting "Where the Sexual Meets the Electoral: Television in the Living-Room Polis" at the Midwest Sociological Society conference in April 1999. She will also be presenting "Television News and the Management of Gender: Producing a Crisis of White Patriarchal Authority" at the International Communication Association Conference in May, 1999.

MARY VAVRUS was elected Vice-Chair of the American Studies Division, National Communication Association.

KIRT WILSON'S article "Toward a Discursive Theory of Racial Identity: The Souls of Black Folk as a Response to Nineteenth-Century Biological Determinism" will appear in the Spring issue of the Western Journal of Communication.

KIRT WILSON and ROBERT SCOTT attended a March conference on "The Presidency and Leadership" at Texas A&M University.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

SARAH STREITZ has received a Katherine E. Sullivan Scholarship in an amount of \$10,000 from the Honors Division of the College of Liberal Arts. This scholarship provides an opportunity for U of MN seniors to continue their academic experience with a fifth year of undergraduate study in another country.

ALUMNI NEWS

WILLIE JOHNSON (M.A. 1980) has been appointed to the Minnesota News Council.

JERIE MCARTHUR (Ph.D. 1979), Chairman of the board of Business Technology and Communications Inc in Mpls., had an article entitled "Resources In the Know" published in the January 1999 edition of Ventures. The article focuses on the area of business expertise, consultants, and if they are needed, how to "tame and housebreak" them.

GAIL NELSON (Ph.D. 1989) had a one-year Fulbright Award at La Universided de las Americas in Publia where she taught and conducted research. One article, "A Study of Mexican Spanish Compliments" has been accepted for publication by the journal Spanish Applied Linguistics. In Fall 1998 she received a \$600,000 USAID grant to train Egyptian English teachers at Georgia State.

JAMES PRATT (Ph.D. 1974) UW-River Falls, received the Distinguished Service Award from the American Forensics Association recognizing his lifetime of service in the forensics community.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Invitations announcing the celebration for Robert L. Scott on April 30, 1999 have been mailed. If you did not receive one or have questions about the event please contact Bea Dehler at (612)-624-5800 or dehle001@tc.umn.edu.

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A special thanks to all of you who had a hand in making our celebration of Robert Scott's Big Day Out such a glorious event! The weather could not have been nicer, and the wit and wisdom of our various testifiers (to Bob's excellence) shone forth brilliantly. I was able to announce at the dinner of Friday evening that we had over \$50,000 in the Old Buffalo/Emeritus Professor Fund, but quickly added that there's ample room for more (dollars in the fund, that is). We made the initial awards from the fund to Angela Ray and Joshua Gunn, two students working on their Ph.D. degrees. There are very few things as gratifying as the achievements of our alumni but your willingness to help us support our present students through donations comes very close! Our heartfelt thanks.

Finally, my thanks to my colleagues, our graduate students, and our alums for your support during my now-concluding three year term as chair. I know that you will be equally supportive of Karlyn Kohrs Campbell as she takes over on July 1, 1999.

Don Browne

SENIOR FACULTY

ROSITA ALBERT chaired a panel and presented "Research on Latino/Anglo interactions in the development of intercultural sensitizers" at the International Academy for Intercultural Research Conference in Kent, OH.

DONALD BROWNE'S latest book, Electronic Media and Industrialized Nations, is now available through Iowa State University Press.

The Silha Center for the Study of Media Ethics and Law, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Minnesota, has just published the 4th edition of "Publications in Media Ethics," a bibliography compiled by VERNON JENSEN.

EDWARD SCHIAPPA was approved by the Board of Regents for promotion to rank of Full Professor in the Department of Speech-Communication effective July 1, 1999.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

NAOMI ROCKLER has accepted a three-year position at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN.

Recent M.A. Degrees

Michael Mackey
Julie Mactaggart
Anna White

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Marguerite Garden Jones Graduate and Undergraduate Awards
Nanda Bognar, Graduate Award
Clayton Gordon, Undergraduate Award

The George Montgomery and Anna Florence Frizelle Reid Memorial Award
Elizabeth Sue Weber

The Arle and Billy Haeberle Graduate and Undergraduate Awards
Susan Wildermuth, Graduate Award
Nathan Hawkins, Undergraduate Award

The Arle and Billy Haeberle Graduate Research Award
Lin-Lee Lee

The Stuart A. Lindman Broadcasting Award
Tamara Church Lingvall

Old Buffalo Graduate Awards
Joshua Gunn and Angela Ray

Robert L. Scott Book Award
Julie Mactaggart

Donald Hawkins Award
(Mr. Hawkins, a noted announcer on KSTP radio, made a bequest to
Speech-Communication and English supporting undergraduate education.)
Sarah Streitz

Graduate Student Travel Funds

Nanda Bogнар, Karyl Daughters, Lin-Lee Lee, Michael Mackey, Julie Mactaggart, Angela Ray,
Naomi Rocker, Elizabeth Weber, Brent Whitmore, Susan Wildermuth

Your editors wish you a relaxing, fun-filled summer. Next COMMPOST which will be in August
will feature alumni news so please continue to submit those "bits and pieces" to your editor.

It is with sadness that your COMMPOST editors note the sudden death of Paul Newell Campbell who died peacefully in his home on March 17, 1999. He began a career acting in the theater and in clubs in New York City, was a contract player at Columbia Pictures, and acted in movies in Europe, notably with Anna Magnani in *The Golden Coach* directed by Jean Renoir. He received a Ph.D. from the University of Southern California in 1959 and taught dramatic theory and criticism at California State University, Los Angeles; Queens College, C.U.N.Y.; and the University of Kansas. He is survived by his wife, Kariyn Kohrs Campbell. Kariyn has requested that all memorial gifts be given to our Graduate Student Travel Fund and thanks to her generosity, starting next year, our graduate students who attend conferences and conventions will receive greater financial support.

Paul's commanding presence, warm smile and ready laugh, along with a very sharp wit, are greatly missed.

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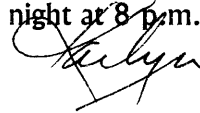
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Welcome to chaos! We are in the midst of transitions and struggling to maintain a bit of stability--permanence and change, as Burke would note. We have many new graduate students and a new faculty member, ASCAN KOERNER, a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, a specialist in interpersonal communication focusing on family communication who is particularly interested in cognitive schemas that influence interpersonal interactions. We are trying to adjust to semesters, a new software system, and the prospect of a move from Folwell to Ford in mid-winter between semesters if all goes as scheduled. Our classes are brimming with eager students, and we've added lots of sections of our basic courses. In the midst of all this, we are trying to stay calm and to maintain the kind of culture that promotes collegiality, cooperation, and lots of good scholarship. We shall have a party at NCA on Saturday night at 8 p.m. in Joliet, and we look forward to seeing lots of you then and catching up on all the news.



SENIOR FACULTY

KARLYN KOHRS CAMPBELL was a visiting scholar at the Summer Institute in Communication: Rhetoric, Linguistics, and the Political Text at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL, on July 22& 23. She discussed Elizabeth Cady Stanton's 1892 speech "The Solitude of Self." Karlyn also participated in the Summer Minority Scholars Development Program. She was the mentor for Yoon Jung Helbig whose research paper was entitled "Socio-Feminist Semiotics and the Meaning of Menstruation."

Your editors are happy to report that J. VERNON JENSEN and his 15-year-old grandson MIKE KANTAR won the Twin City Grandparent/Grandchild Tennis Tournament. Although not completely recovered, Dr. Jensen reports feeling significantly better. He has enjoyed the summer playing lots of golf and tennis.

TERRY KINNEY along with two faculty colleagues received a \$50,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Research and Special Programs Administration to examine how cognitive and emotional states influence one's willingness and tendency to drive aggressively. The research will be conducted at the Human Factors Lab on campus, which houses a computer-controlled 3D driving simulator.

DAVID RARICK with several alumni, completed and published two articles while on sabbatical leave. Rebecca Ann Lind, Tammy Swenson-Lepper, David L. Rarick, "Identifying Patterns of Ethical Sensitivity in TV News Viewers: An Assessment of Some Critical Viewing Skills" appeared in the Journal of Broadcasting and Electronic Media, Fall 1998, and "Viewer Sensitivity to Ethical Issues in TV Coverage of the Clinton-Flowers Scandal" co-authored with Rebecca, appeared in Political Communication, (April-June, 1999).

EDWARD SCHIAPPA'S book The Beginnings of Rhetorical Theory in Classical Greece is now available from Yale University Press, 1999.

ROBERT L. SCOTT delivered a paper at the Eleventh Biennial Conference on Argumentation held at Alta, Utah July 29-August 1, "From Bacon to Bacon: Man in a Blue Box, An Aesthetic Turn in Rhetoric." The Many Minnesota doctorates attended: Robert Brookey, Stonehill College; Robert Hariman, Drake University; James Klumpp, University of Maryland; James W. Pratt, University of Wisconsin-River Falls; Michael Pfau, University of Wisconsin, Madison (B.A. degree) and Peter Enrenhaus, Portland State University. Thomas Hollihan, University of Southern California, an undergraduate major, directed the conference. Patricia Riley, University of Southern California, another undergraduate major, also delivered a paper.

KIRT WILSON and EDWARD SCHIAPPA attended and presented work at the International Society for the History of Rhetoric Conference in Amsterdam this summer. Ed also attended a preconference on "Rhetoric and Dialectic" at the University of Amsterdam.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

NANDA BOGNAR attended a July workshop at the Summer Institute for Intercultural Communication in Portland, Oregon, on Cross-Cultural Training in International Corporations. Nanda was also invited to lead an orientation program for international students at Graceland College.

MICHAEL MACKEY (M.A. 1999) has accepted a two-year position with the Peace Corps to teach English at the University of Uzbekistan.

ANNA WHITE (M.A. 1999) recently accepted a position as a policy analyst for the public affairs department of Colle & McVoy.

Recent M.A. Degree

"Punk Rock and the Struggle for Collective Identity"

Melanie Christine Hohertz

Adviser: Edward Schiappa

Recent Ph.D. Degree

Beyond "It's Just Entertainment": Therapeutic Discourse and Resistance to Popular Culture Criticism in the United States

Naomi Rucker

Adviser: Karlyn Kohrs Campbell

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Congratulations to our Waller Scholarship Award winners. Each student will receive an award of \$1800 for the 1999-2000 academic year. Winners are Samuel Edelstein, Clay Gordon, Nathan Hawkins, Jessica Kimpell, and JoAnn Koob.

ALUMNI

REBECCA LIND (Ph.D. 1992) was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor with tenure in the Department of Communication in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

RICHARD ROWLEY (Ph.D. 1992) has accepted a position as speech instructor and Department Chair at Mt. San Jacinto College in San Jacinto, CA.

Thank you for your "Bits and Pieces" for Composting. Next edition: November, 1999.

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This was a particularly wonderful convention because one of our beloved emeritus professors, Ernest G. Bormann, won another of NCA's most prestigious awards for a lifetime of mentorship of University of Minnesota students. Thanks to the efforts of Bea Dehler, we had a splendid party afterward, at which we were able to applaud this much deserved recognition and thank Ernie in a small way for all that he has done for so many students. All of us enjoyed seeing alums and friends as well as meeting some prospective students. Thanks to all for coming and making the party such fun.

Karlyn

SENIOR FACULTY CONVENTION PARTICIPATION

- Panelist: Difference Matters in Organizational Communication:
A Roundtable Discussion
ROSITA ALBERT
- Respondent: Myth, Fantasy and the Construction of Identity
ERNEST BORMANN
- Panelist: Scholarship After Retirement: The Demand and the Possibilities
ERNEST BORMANN
- Paper: "EU Regulations, Public Broadcasters and the Little Guys: Electric
Minorities in the New Europe (?)"
DONALD R. BROWNE
- Panelist: Re-Visioning Feminism: Generations and the Interrogation of History
KARLYN KOHRS CAMPBELL
- Paper: "The Toad in the Garden: Women As Prophets"
KARLYN KOHRS CAMPBELL
- Paper: "The Causal Relationship Between Gender, Anger, Hostility,
and Verbal and Physical Aggressiveness"
TERRY KINNEY & SUE M. WILDERMUTH
- Panel Chair: Walter Benjamin and the Magic of Language
EDWARD SCHIAPPA
- Panel Chair: Coloring Outside the Lines: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on
Narrative as Rhetoric

EDWARD SCHIAPPA

- Respondent: The 'Place' of Oratory in Greek Political Life: Physical Setting
and Rhetorical Practice in Classical Greece
EDWARD SCHIAPPA
- Paper: "Putting Ally on Trial: Contesting Post-Feminism in Popular Culture"
MARY VAVRUS
- Panel Chair: Obstacles to Media Literacy in the United States
MARY VAVRUS

NCA Convention Participation--Graduate Students

- Paper: "Acts of Power/Acts of Resistance: NPR Teenage Diaries"
KRISTIN A. BROWN-OWENS
- Paper: "Culture Wars: Audiences Negotiate Meaning in the Xenaverse"
ERIKA CASWELL
- Paper: "Nani Lal Chuni and the Big Bad Wolf: Transnationalism,
Identity and Values in an Indian American Folk Performance"
CHRISTINE GARLOUGH
- Paper: "Benjamin's Magic Rhetoric"
JOSHUA GUNN
- Paper: "The Educational Eye"
SHANNON SKARPHOL KAML
- Paper: "The 'Dark Underside' of Freedom: Governmental Responsibility and
Postmodern Democracy"
MICHAEL KRAMER
- Paper: "The First Taiwanese Presidential Election of 1996:
An Analysis of the Campaign Rhetoric"
LIN-LEE LEE
- Paper: "Creating a Female Language in China's Human Providence:
The Rhetorical Study of Nushu"
LIN-LEE LEE
- Paper: "Jane Addams of Hull-House: A Rhetoric of Social Ethic"
ANGELA G. RAY

- Paper: "Political Spectacle and Presidential Vulgarity: Andrew Johnson's
1866 Swing Around the Circle"
ANGELA G. RAY
- Paper: "Topic Selection: Pragmatics, Passion, and the Pursuit of Number One"
E. SUE WEBER
- Paper: "Feminist Intentions and Feminist Inventions: Representation and the
Women's International News Gathering Service"
E. SUE WEBER
- Paper: "Embarrassments of Empire: the Post-Colonial Kenneth Burke"
BRENT WHITMORE
- Paper: "Love on the Line: A Study of Romantic Relationships in an
On-Line Context"
SUE M. WILDERMUTH
- Paper: "Cyber Buddies: A Creative and Colorful Way to Integrate
Interpersonal Communication, Service-Learning, and Computer-
Mediated Interaction into the Classroom"
SUE M. WILDERMUTH
- Paper: "One Cannot Not Communicate: An Exercise in Impression Formation"
SUE M. WILDERMUTH

OTHER DEPARTMENT NEWS -- SENIOR FACULTY

EDWARD SCHIAPPA was interviewed several times on Minnesota Public Radio concerning St. Paul's proposed stadium tax. He also made an hour-long appearance on October 8, 1999, discussing declining public support for Governor Ventura.

EDWARD SCHIAPPA was elected to serve a three-year term on the National Communication Association's Legislative Council. His term will begin in the year 2000 and end in 2003.

AMY SHELDON organized an invited colloquium entitled: "The Interconnections between Gesture and Speech in Language Acquisition" for the 15th Annual Second Language Research Forum (SLRF) which is a national conference that was recently held in Mpls.

AMY SHELDON introduced Professor Robin Lakoff, a featured speaker at the Second Feminist Rhetoric conference recently held in Mpls.

MARY VAVRUS's article "From Women of the Year to 'Soccer Moms:' The Case of Incredible Shrinking Women" is forthcoming in Political Communication.

KIRT WILSON'S article "Emerson, Transcendental Prudence, and the Legacy of Senator Charles Sumner" appeared in Rhetoric Public Affairs, Fall 1999.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

JOSH GUNN'S article, "Marilyn Manson Is Not Goth: Memorial Struggle and the Rhetoric of Subcultural Identity" appeared in the October issue of Journal of Communication Inquiry (vol. 23, no.4).

A second excerpt from SHANNON SKARPHOL KAML'S dissertation research, "A View of Billboard Liberation as a Case Study in Visual Rebuttal," will be included in the Proceedings of the 1999 AFN/NCA Conference on Argumentation.

ALUMNI

BARRY BRUMMETT (Ph.D. 1978) has another book out, The Rhetoric of Machine Aesthetics (Praeger), and Harcourt Brace recently published a book edited by Brummett, Reading Rhetorical Theory. Brummett is a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

MARTIN BRUSTLE (B.A. 1987) is the producer and director of HBO's The Sopranos.

MICHAEL HOLMES (Ph.D. 1990) was promoted to Associate Professor at the University of Utah.

Thank you for your "Bits and Pieces" for Composting. As many of you know, on January 7, 2000 the Department of Speech-Communication will be vacating Folwell Hall and moving to newly remodeled Ford Hall. While our location will be different, our spirit and our commitment to higher education will remain the same. If you are in the area of Washington Avenue and Church Street please stop in to see our new space . Next COMMPOST: February 2000.