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Note from the Department Chair

On May 1, 2009, we welcomed Ms. Jane Sell, Associate Administrator, to our department. Jane will work in Communication Studies 50% time and in Statistics the other 50%. Jane has been at the University of Minnesota since 1981 and her interests include grandchildren, knitting, and walking.

Joan Lund's retirement party was a great success and she is at home relaxing. Her e-mail address is lundx013@umn.edu

– Ed

Senior Faculty

Karlyn Kohrs Campbell lectured on “Forgotten Forerunner: Frances Wright” at the University of Kansas on April 2, 2009, in honor of Wil A. Linkugel. She also presented a paper on a panel titled “Obama’s First Hundred Days” on April 4, 2009, at the Central States Communication Association Convention in St. Louis, MO.

Alan Gross’s article, “Toward a Theory of Verbal-Visual Interaction: The Example of Lavoisier,” appeared in the Spring 2009 edition of *Rhetoric Society Quarterly*.

Dean Hewes’s article, “Elaborations on the Socioegocentric and Dual-Level Connectionist Models of Group Interaction Processes,” appeared in the April 2009 edition of *Human Communication Research*.

Laurie Ouellette will present “Citizen Band: Private Broadcasting and Public Service in the Neoliberal Era” and “Reinventing PBS: Public Television in the Postnetwork, Postwelfare Era” at the International Communication Association Conference in Chicago, IL, May 20-25, 2009.

Edward Schiappa was the 2009 Rudolph Verderber Distinguished Lecturer for the Department of Communication at the University of Cincinnati. On April 30, 2009, he presented a talk titled “The Public and Technical Arguments over Gay Marriage in California in 2008.”

Edward Schiappa will be a presenter at “Justification, Reason, and Action: Tradition and Innovation in Public Argument,” a conference in honor of Professor David Zarefsky, at Northwestern University, May 29 & 30, 2009.

Sheldon, Amy. 2008. ‘Dis is Schubert, tough guy’. Linguistic construction of masculinities in a Microsoft ad. In Jason F. Siegel, Traci C. Nagle, Amandine Lorente Lapole, and Julie Auger (eds.) *Gender in Language: Classic Questions, New Contexts. Indiana University Linguistic Club Working Paper*, 7, 151-160. Bloomington, IN: IULC Publications. Special issue published in conjunction with *Sociolinguisticsfest*. Conference of June 12-14, 2008. Peer-reviewed publication.

Sheldon, Amy, with Mark Wicklund (authors’ names listed alphabetically). 2008. “...biological sex and gender could be different”: A Role for Narrative in the Production of Social and Linguistic Differentiation. *Gender in Language: Classic Questions, New Contexts. Indiana University Linguistic Club Working Paper*, 7, 135-148. Bloomington, IN: IULC Publications. Special issue on Language and Gender published in conjunction with *Sociolinguisticsfest*. Conference of June 12-14, 2008. Peer-reviewed publication.

Sheldon, Amy. (2008) You can be the baby brother but you aren’t born yet: Preschool girls’ negotiation over power and access in pretend play. In I. Hutchby (ed.) *Methods in Language and Social Interaction*, Vol. 3, pp. 80-100. London: Sage. Reprinted from *Research on Language and Social Interaction*, 29(1), 57-80. Peer-reviewed publication.

Mary Vavrus will present “Feminist Media Studies, Meet the Trades” as part of a panel titled “Beyond the Modifier: Feminist as Keyword” at the International Communication Association Conference in Chicago, IL, May 21-25, 2009.

Kirt Wilson will present a talk titled “Building the Rituals of Violence: *Mimesis* and Racial Conflict after the Civil War” to the English Department at the University of California – Irvine, June 2, 2009.

Congratulations to Professors **Susanne Jones** and **Amy Sheldon** for their election to the CLA Assembly. Both will serve two-year terms from Fall Semester 2009 through June 30, 2011.

Teaching Faculty

Tim Behme (Ph.D. 2007) presented “Authorship Norms and Ethics in Ancient Greek Prose” on May 13, 2009, at the University of Minnesota – Duluth.

John Campbell (Ph.D. 2008) has accepted a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor at Temple University.

Graduate Students

Casey Kelly's article, "Women's Rhetorical Agency in the American West: The New Penelope," will appear in the Spring 2009 issue of *Women's Studies in Communication*.

Matthew May's article, "Spinoza and Class Struggle," will appear in the June 2009 issue of *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies*.

Julie Wilson was awarded the Thomas Wallace Graduate School Fellowship for the 2009-2010 academic year.

International Communication Association Conference Chicago, Illinois, May 20-25, 2009

Paper: "Domesticating Diversity, Negotiating Feminism: The Liberal Capitalistic Public Sphere of *The View*" (Top Student Paper award in the Feminist Studies Division) **Rebecca Jurisz**

Paper: "Finding Angelina Jolie in the Field of Global Neoliberalism Governmentality" **Julie Wilson**

Union for Democratic Communications Conference Buffalo, New York, May 28-June 3, 2009

Paper: "Corporate Dominance after the Network Era: Monopolizing Television through Controlling 'Means of Consumption'" **Anthony Nadler**

Southern States Communication Association Conference Norfolk, Virginia, April 1-5, 2009

Paper: "Suburban Creations of the Frankenstein Myth in Edward Scissorhands and Pleasantville" **Monica Moore**

ALTA – NCA/AFA Conference on Argumentation Alta, Utah, July 30-April 2, 2009

Paper: "Ready to Fight: FDR's 'Pre-War' Discourse and the Creation of an American" Identity" **Emily Berg**

Graduate Student Placement

Samuel Boerboom accepted a position as Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication Studies at Gustavus Adolphus College.

Casey Kelly accepted a position as Visiting Assistant Professor at Butler University.

Matthew May accepted the Andrew Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship at Colgate University.

Pamela Hill Nettleton accepted a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor in the magazine sequence of Journalism in the J. William and Mary Diederich College of Communication at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Department Awards

Marguerite Garden Jones Award

Sarah E. Spring, Undergraduate Award

Erin Kroes, Undergraduate Award

Old Buffalo Graduate Award

Thomas Johnson

Emanuelle Wessels

William O. and Natalie Krauch Lund Undergraduate Scholarship

Brittany Stahlman

Stuart A. Lindman Undergraduate Award

Jordan Knoedler

Nick Schoen III Undergraduate Scholarship

Dino Blankov

Graduate Research Partnership Program Awards

Emily Berg

Samuel Boerboom

Meg Kunde

Helen Morgan Parmett

Summer Fellowship Support (Block Grant Funds and Haerberle Funds)

Heidi Croatt

Jon Hoffman

Rebecca Kuehl

Alice Leppert

Tony Nadler

Jessica Prody

Kristine Weglarz

Min Zhu

Thank you for your “bits and pieces” for COMMPOSTING. Please be sure to send your bits to Bea Dehler at dehle001@umn.edu Deadline: August 15, 2009. As usual, this will be our yearly alumni edition.

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Notes from the Chair:

Greetings and welcome to another exciting school year. Mark your calendars: We plan to dedicate our reception at the National Communication Association to Donald Browne & David Rarick. With Don's retirement later this year, these two gentlemen served the University of Minnesota for a combined total of over 75 years! Come celebrate their careers at our reception Friday evening, November 13th, between 7:30 and 9:30 pm in Boulevard A of the Chicago Hilton.

Note also an NCA event sponsored by the First Vice President alum Dawn Braithwaite: "Sharing Favorite Fantasy Themes in Remembrance of Ernest G. Bormann: Former advisees, colleagues, fellowship recipients, friends, mentors, and students" on Friday, November 13th, 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in the Hilton Chicago/Continental Ballroom A.



Alumni/Department Friends News

Bob Bevard (1978 U of MN graduate/debater) is the new Development Officer for American Mensa, Ltd., and oversees all internal and external marketing and public relations. Additionally, he oversees licensing of the name and trademark, chairs the committee which selects individuals for the Mensa Hall of Fame, and has responsibility for the annual Mind Games®.

Dawn O. Braithwaite (Ph.D. 1988), Willa Cather Professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, is NCA's First Vice President and the Primary Planner for the NCA Convention in Chicago, November 2009. Dawn's theme is "Discourses of Stability and Change." There are 1,200 programs scheduled for the upcoming convention. She has added several opportunities for one-on-one interaction, such as the Scholar's Office Hours, where students and others may meet with over 70 senior scholars. Also new are the Roundtables on Research in Progress, for which there were close to 200 proposals submitted. She is sponsoring 42 "Five Years Out" programs as we move toward NCA's Centennial in 2014. **Clark Olson** (Ph.D. 1987) is the coordinator for these programs.

Dr. Charles Braithwaite (past adjunct faculty member/continued friend of the department) currently serves the Center for Great Plains Studies and serves as Lecturer in Communication Studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He has published *African Americans on the Great Plains: An Anthology*, co-edited with Bruce A. Glasrud (California State University East Bay), University of Nebraska Press, 2009.

Judy (Chayer) Hartley (M.A. 1986) continues as Principal Consultant/Owner of her own management consulting firm, Judy Hartley & Associates. Her business focuses primarily on development of first-time and frontline leaders/supervisors.

Cynthia R. Carver (Ph.D. 1994) continues to serve as Professor of Communication Studies at Concordia College, Moorhead, MN. She is also serving an administrative role as Division Chair for Professional Programs and Communication Studies.

Jinbong Choi (Ph.D. 2005) presented papers at the 2009 Journalism in the 21st Century Conference, University of Melbourne, Australia, and the 2009 International Convention of Asia Scholars, Daejeon, South Korea. His article, "Culture and Characteristics of Cellular Phone Communication in South Korea" appeared in the *Journal of Media and Communication Studies*, Vol. 1(1), 1-10. His book *Framing North Korea: How do American and South Korean Newspapers Frame North Korea?* was published by Communication Books, August 2009.

Robbin Crabtree (M.A. 1987, Ph.D. 1992), Dean of Arts & Sciences at Fairfield University in Connecticut, attended the Leadership in Higher Education Summer Institute at Harvard University in June 2009. Fellow alum **John Stone** (M.A. 1985, Ph.D. 1990), Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, observed in awe as Dr. Crabtree brought rhetorical perspectives to the discussions where they were sorely lacking, and infused a necessary and appropriate degree of irreverence into the overwrought Ivy League experience. Both recalled, over beers in various Cambridge pubs, their Minnesota years and expressed deep and abiding affection for their mentors, colleagues, and academic formation in the Speech-Communication Department.

Cragan, J.F. (Ph.D. 1972), Kasch, C.R., & Wright, D.W. (2009) *Communication in small groups: Theory, process, skills*, 7th ed. Boston, MA: Wadsworth/Cengage.

Cragan J.F. & Shields, D.C. (Ph.D. 1974) (2009, April) *Understanding communication Theory: The textbook's history and development*. Central States Communication Association Annual Convention, St. Louis, MO. [Presented by Professor Shields at the panel: "Communication Theory Textbook authors Roundtable"]

David Dotlich (Ph.D. 1981) has just published his ninth book, *Leading In Times of Crisis: How to Navigate Complexity, Diversity and Uncertainty to Save Your Business*, published by Wiley and translated into eight languages worldwide. David recently retired as CEO of Oliver Wyman Leadership Development and has begun a new firm: Pivot. He can be reached at www.pivotleadershp.com.

Bill Eadie served as editor for *21st Century Communication: A Reference Handbook*, which was published by Sage Publications in May 2009. The two-volume, 1000-page work aims at providing a comprehensive overview of the communication discipline with nearly 100 7000-word essays. This work is being sold to university libraries to be shelved in the library's reference area. An online version is also available.

Loren Ekroth (Ph.D. 1967) continues his pro-tirement in Las Vegas with occasional side trips to Buenos Aires and Goteborg, Sweden. He just completed his "Class Reunion Conversation Kit" and is now beta testing the process of nine U.S. high school reunions. Fall 2009 he will re-launch his "Conversation Coaching Clubs" in the U.S., Canada, the U. K., and Australia. Contact him at loren@conversationmatters.com

Robert Hariman's (Ph.D. 1979) book *Political Style* has been published in a French translation. He also recently published "Future Imperfect: Imagining Rhetorical Culture Theory" in *Culture and Rhetoric*, ed. Ivo Strecker and Stephen Tyler (New York: Berghahn Books, 2009), 221-237.

Michael Holmes (Ph.D. 1991) was named a Centennial Scholar of Communication by the Eastern Communication Association at ECA's 100th annual convention in Philadelphia last April. This spring he and his colleagues at the BSU Center for Media Design completed the Video Consumer Mapping Study, a six-city observational field study of media exposure. The landmark research was sponsored by the Nielsen-funded Council for Research Excellence. Michael credits their successful completion of over 15,000 hours of coding of participants' locations, life activities and media exposure (in 10-second increments) to the methodological lessons of his mentors at Minnesota.

Michele Jackson (Ph.D. 1994) has finished her term as Chair of the Communication Department at CU-Boulder and is now founding Director of a program called ASSETT, a College-wide program to support teaching and learning through technology (<http://assett.colorado.edu>).

Casey Kelly's (Ph.D. 2009) article "Orwellian Language and the Politics of Tribal Termination: 1953-1960" will appear in the *Western Journal of Communication* in Winter, 2010.

Jolene Koester (Ph.D. 1980) begins her 10th year as President of California State University, Northridge. She is serving as Chair of the Board of Directors of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. She and her husband Ron have just published the 6th edition of their textbook, *Intercultural Competence*.

Alla Kushniryk (Visiting Assistant Professor 2008-09) accepted a position as Assistant Professor at Mount Saint Vincent University, Nova Scotia, Canada.

David Lapakko (Ph.D. 1989) is starting his second year as Division Chair at Augsburg in the Division of Humanities and Fine Arts. He is about to publish a second expanded edition of his text, *Argumentation: Critical Thinking in Action* through iUniverse.

Nan Larsen (M.A. 1992) has been invited back to the Graduate School of Banking in Madison, WI, as part of the Leadership Development Team. She is responsible for leading sessions on the topics of Change Management, Innovation, Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, and Strategy Implementation.

Kirk Millhone (M.A.) accepted the position as Senior Director, Training and Development, Apple Retail. He and his team are globally responsible for opening Apple stores and making them wonderful places to both work and shop.

Christopher Paul (Ph.D.2005) has several articles published or forthcoming: “Welfare Epics?: The Rhetoric of Rewards in World of Warcraft.” *Games and Culture*. Forthcoming. “World of Rhetcraft: Rhetorical Practices of Raiding in World of Warcraft.” *Writing (and) the Digital General*. Ed. Heather Urbanski. Forthcoming. “Culture as Practice: What We Do, Not Just Where We Are.” *Journal of Virtual World Research* 1.3 (February 2009) <https://journals.tdl.org/jvwr/article/view/472,428>. “Seeking Fulfillment: Comparing Role-Play in Table-top Gaming and World of Warcraft.” (with Jason Pittman) *International Journal of Role-Playing* 1 (2008): 53-65.

Paula Pribble (Ph.D.1986) had the essay “Listening, Ethics, and Dialogue” published in the *International Journal of Listening*. Paula also spent spring semester in northern England directing a study-abroad program housed in the castle of the Duke of Northumberland. The castle is better known as the real-life model for Hogwarts School of Magic in the first two Harry Potter movies. The broomstick flying lessons were filmed just outside one of her apartment windows.

Ripley Smith (Ph.D. 1996) published the following book chapter: “The Role of Trust in International Crisis Areas: A Comparison of German and US American NGO Partnership Strategies,” in Saunders M., Skinner D., Dietz G., Gillespie N., and Lewicki R.J. (editors) (2010 forthcoming) *Organizational trust: A cultural perspective*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Ripley Smith also presented the keynote address “Music and the Message: Connecting the Prophetic Voice in Christian Radio” to the Faith and Thought Lecture Series, Northwestern College and Media, February 24, 2009.

Marsha Vanderford (Ph.D. 1982) is the Director of the Emergency Communication System & Chief of the Emergency Risk Communication Branch in the National Center for Health Marketing, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Gordon Zimmerman (Ph.D. 1973) has resigned his position at the University of Nevada, Reno as professor and department chair in communication. “The state of Nevada is in economic crisis. The regents offered substantial buyouts to all senior faculty. I took the money and moved to full time consulting in trial advocacy and judicial communication. After 12 years as department chair, I quit before I had to terminate anyone. Alas, my tenure-track line at Nevada, along with about 40 others, will not be filled for at least two years.”

Faculty

Rosita Albert presented a paper on Genocide Prevention and Ethnic Conflict at the 8th meeting of the International Association of Ethnic Scholars conference in Arlington, VA, June 2009. She also presented a paper on the Ethnic Conflict Project: Current and Future Work at the Intercultural Research and World Peace meetings of the International Academy for Intercultural Research in Honolulu, August 2009 as well as a paper on Humiliation and Ethnic Conflict at the meetings of the Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies meetings in Honolulu, Hawaii, August 2009.

Rosita Albert published the chapter "Communication for Impact on Ethnic Conflicts Around the World" in Lynn Harter & Mohan Dutta (Eds.) *Communicating for Social Impact: Engaging Communication Theory, Research, and Pedagogy*. Hampton Press, 2009.

On May 29, 2009, **Karlyn Kohrs Campbell** presented a paper on President Andrew Johnson, "Standing on the Constitution, not the Declaration of Independence," at the conference at Northwestern University in honor of the retirement of Professor David Zarefsky.

In July **Karlyn Kohrs Campbell**, ably supported by **Justin Killian** (ABD), led a workshop at Pennsylvania State University sponsored by the Rhetoric Society of America on Rhetoric, Agency, and Political Women.

Ronald Greene was appointed the Donald V. Hawkins Professor of Communication this past summer. He was also awarded a College of Liberal Arts Imagine Fund. 2009 brought to print his co-authored essay (with Larry Browning and others) "Constitutive Complexity: Military Entrepreneurs and the Synthetic Character of Communication Flows." In A. Nicotera & L. Putnam (eds), *The Communicative Constitution of Organizations: Centering Organizational Communication* (pp. 89-116). New York: Routledge, 2009. Moreover, the summer brought to conclusion his two entries in the *Encyclopedia of Communication*: "Modernism in Communication Theory" and "Marxist Theory." *The Encyclopedia of Communication*, edited by Stephen Littlejohn and Karen Foss, will be published this fall by Sage. The summer came to an end with the presentation of his co-authored work (with Darrin Hicks) "Conscientious Objections: Debating Both Sides and the Cultures of Democracy" at the Alta Argumentation conference. Most importantly, Ron Greene and Zornitsa Keremidchieva welcomed Jack (officially John Dimo Willis Greene) to their family this summer.

Ascan Koerner returns from his sabbatical leave and reports having two book chapters published: Koerner, A.F. (2009). "The scientific investigation of family communication." In C. Berger, M. Roloff, & D. Roskos-Ewoldsen (Eds.), *The handbook of communication sciences* (pp.27-47). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage. Koerner, A.F., & Floyd K. (2009). "Evolutionary perspectives on interpersonal relationships." In S. Smith & S. Wilson (Eds.), *New directions in interpersonal communication* (pp.27-47). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Laurie Ouellette published a chapter on contemporary public television in the book *Beyond Prime Time: Television Programming in the Post-Network Era* (Routledge 2009). Her editorial on media coverage of “Jon and Kate Plus Eight” appeared in the *New York Times* forum “Room for Debate.” She received an Imagine Grant from the College of Liberal Arts and conducted the research for a book chapter, “Real Justice: Law and Order on Reality Television,” to be presented at the University of Alabama’s Law School in September and published by Oxford University Press.

Amy Sheldon is returning from sabbatical during AY 2008-2009. During that year she was a participant in the faculty Embodied Methodologies Working Group (EMWG). This was created by a University Symposium Award of \$20,000 from the Institute for Advanced Study and the Office for the Vice President for Research to fund research collaboratives working on the IAS 2008-2010 theme: Body & Knowing. In conjunction with the grant, she facilitated and videotaped a lunch session at the Institute for Advanced Studies eliciting faculty and student narratives of personal experience related to “Body and Knowing,” April 9, 2009. In addition, she participated in private and public EMWG grant-sponsored workshops with invited scholars, in somatic workshops for EMWG, in discussions, etc. The grant has been renewed and she will continue to participate in the EMWG through AY 2009-2010.

Sheldon Publications:

Berryman-Fink, C, Bing, J., Cameron, D., **Sheldon**, A., & Taylor, A. (authors alphabetical). 2008. “Blogging about Feminist Interdisciplinary in the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender. The transcript of a month-long blog by five contributors.” *Women and Language* Vol. 31, No. 2. 26-35. George Mason University. (INVITED)

Sheldon, A. (2009). “Assimilating radical new knowledge without a safety net. Epistemological issues in teaching about language and gender.” In J. Holmes & M. Marra (Eds.) *Proceedings of the Fifth International Gender and Language Association (IGALA5) Conference*, Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand, July, 2008.

Awards:

Office of International Programs, U of M, Travel Grant Award, Spring 2008, to attend IGALA5 conference in Wellington, NZ.

Honors:

Appointed Faculty Mentor, President’s Distinguished Faculty Mentor Program (PDFMP) starting after sabbatical, 2009-2010.

Mary Douglas Vavrus presented the paper “Feminist Media Studies: Meet “The Trades” as part of a panel called “Beyond the Modifier: Feminist as Keyword” at the International Communication Association Convention in Chicago, May 2009.

Kirt Wilson completed a draft of “The Radical Contexts of Public Address: Interpreting the Violence of Reconstruction” for inclusion in the *Handbook of Public Address*, edited by Michael Hogan and Shawn Parry-Giles and published by Blackwell Press.

Graduate Students

Samuel Boerboom will be presenting a paper titled "Infinite Responsibility, Singular Context: Levinas and the Deduction Problem" at the National Communication Association Convention in Chicago, IL, November 11-15, 2009.

Thomas C. Johnson and Edward Schiappa's article, "An Exploratory Study of the Relationships Between Televised Sports Viewing Habits and Conformity to Masculine Norms," will appear in the Spring 2010 issue of the *Journal of Sports Media*.

Amy Pason has accepted a one-year, fixed-term position as Visiting Assistant Professor in the Communication Studies Department at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Recent Ph.D. Degrees

Casey Ryan Kelly

"The Rhetoric of Red Power and the American Indian Occupation of Alcatraz Island (1969-1971)"

Adviser: Kirt Wilson

Matthew May

"Hobo Orator Union: The Free Speech Fights of the Industrial Workers Of the World, 1909-1916"

Adviser: Ronald Greene

Kelley Skillin

"Beyond the Classroom: Rhetorical Constructions of 'Service Learning'"

Adviser: Edward Schiappa

Recent M.A. Degrees

Matthew Bost

Adviser: Kirt Wilson

Anthony Todero

Adviser: Edward Schiappa

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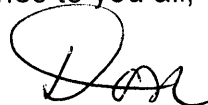
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Ave Atque Vale (but not just yet...)

The NCA Convention is just two weeks behind me, but I'm still relishing the memories of our department reception and the warm sendoff that those of you who were present accorded me as I prepare to retire -- officially on January 13. I do have a few months after that to vacate my office. Packrat that I am (I'm an academic, after all), I'll be busy! But that'll also provide me a chance to bid a protracted farewell to a beloved department that's been my academic home for nearly 44 years. In some ways we've changed a great deal over that time; in others we haven't. Perhaps it's not so surprising that I choose to focus on the latter here, because I feel strongly that certain of our traditions are what have contributed so much to our widely-acknowledged excellence. I'd rank collegiality at the top: the respect we have and the interest we exhibit in each other's academic pursuits and accomplishments. That's tied closely to the humanity that characterizes us -- our genuine concerns for each other's welfare. We're going through a stormy period just now, as are most similar departments, colleges and universities, and our collegiality and humanity will be doubly important. I hope that each of us will make every effort (and it *can* seem an effort at times) to preserve and even extend both of them. Finally, as we continue our never-ending departmental evolution, I hope that we recognize that the tremendous changes taking place in society, and particularly in its global and ethnic aspects, require that we accord greater attention to what those changes mean for anyone seriously interested in the study of communication in its fullest form as the most human of our attributes. We of all academic disciplines must never forget Terence's still (and IMHO, more than ever) relevant observation: "Nothing human is alien to me." Thanks and best wishes to you all,



Professor Donald R. Browne

NCA CONVENTION PARTICIPATION—SENIOR FACULTY

Faculty Awards

Carl Couch Center for Social and Internet Research

Political Communication Research Award

Karlyn Kohrs Campbell

Kathleen Hall Jamieson

NCA Diamond Anniversary Book Award

Karlyn Kohrs Campbell

Kathleen Hall Jamieson

NCA James A. Winans-Herbert A. Wichelns

Memorial Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Rhetoric & Public Address

Karlyn Kohrs Campbell

Kathleen Hall Jamieson

The Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division

2009 Distinguished Scholar Award

Alan G. Gross

NCA Visual Communication Division

2009 Research Excellence Award

Alan G. Gross

NCA Distinguished Scholar Award

Edward Schiappa

Senior Faculty Participation

Presenter: Online Classes in Intercultural Communication: Embracing/Resisting the Change

Rosita D. Albert

Respondent: Say What? Rhetoric in Politics, Blogs, Feminism, Advertisements, and Sexuality

Karlyn Kohrs Campbell

Presenter: Women's Mentoring Relationships and the Future of Communication Studies

Karlyn Kohrs Campbell

Presenter: Feminist Criticism and Activism: Our Past, Present, and Possibilities for the Future

Karlyn Kohrs Campbell

- Presenter: Five Years Out: The Women's Caucus Leadership Reflects on Its Past, Present, and Future
Karlyn Kohrs Campbell
- Presenter: Honoring the Pioneer of Japan-US Rhetoric Studies: The Roichi Okabe Panel
Karlyn Kohrs Campbell
- Paper: Speech and Biopolitics
Ronald Walter Greene (with Darren Hicks)
- Presenter: A Dozen or so Years in and Five Years Out: The Critical and Cultural Studies Division and the National Communication Association
Ronald Walter Greene
- Presenter: Modern Rhetoric: Rhetorical Theory (Without the Classical Tradition) in the 20th Century
Alan G. Gross
- Panel Chair: The Future of the Academic Book
Alan G. Gross
- Paper: Formalizing Dual-Level Connectionist Models: Mathematical Models, Rationales, Assumptions, and Implications
Dean Hewes
- Paper: A New Theory of Group Development: Applying the Dual-Level Connectionist Approach
Dean Hewes
- Paper: Emotional Dynamics in Groups: The Interaction of Cognitive and Communication Processes
Dean Hewes
- Panel Chair: Let's Talk about Sex: Sex, Flirtation, and Mate Selection
Susanne Jones
- Paper: Emotional Labor Coping Strategies
Susanne Jones
- Paper: The Relationship between Religion and the Adolescent Decision to Use Drugs
Susanne Jones (with Mike Allen, Kelly Tenzek, Jihyun Kim, Lindsay Timmerman, William Donohue, Daniel Ryan, and Monique Turner)

- Paper: The Relationship between the Perceived and Actual Effectiveness of Supportive Messages: A Dual-Process Framework
Susanne Jones (with Graham Bodie and Brant Burleson)
- Presenter: Theorizing Listening in Interpersonal Communication
Susanne Jones
- Respondent: Top Three Papers in Communication and Social Cognition
Susanne Jones
- Panel Chair/
Respondent: Advances in Communication Theory
Susanne Jones
- Presenter: A Tribute to Michael W. Pfau
Ascan Koerner
- Panel Chair: Top Four Papers in International Communication
Ascan Koerner
- Presenter: Let's Talk About Sex: Methodological and Theoretical Issues in the Field of Family Sexual Communication
Ascan Koerner
- Paper: Misattributions Contributing to Empathic (In)accuracy during Parent-Adolescent Conflict Discussions
Ascan Koerner (with Alan Sillars and Traci Smith)
- Paper: Let's Chat: The Effects of Family Communication on Adolescent Psychological Adjustment and Risk-Taking Behaviors
Ascan Koerner (with Alyssa Isaacs and Heidi Croatt)
- Presenter: Presidential Campaign Ethics: Lessons From 2008 for 2012
Edward Schiappa
- Wandering
Scholar: Scholar to Scholar II
Edward Schiappa
- Presenter: Queering the Future of LGBTQ Communication Studies
Edward Shiappa
- Presenter: Lost in Translation: Considering the Role of Argument Critics in the Gay Marriage Debate
Edward Schiappa
- Respondent: Virtual Environments: Studying Communication in Second Life
Edward Schiappa

Presenter: Sharing Fantasy Themes in Remembrance of Ernest G. Bormann: Former Advisees, Colleagues, Friends, Mentors, and Students
Panelists included **Robert L. Scott** & Minnesota alumni Moya Ball, Charles Bantz, Dawn O. Braithwaite, James Chesebro, John Cragan, Thomas Endres, James Klumpp, Jolene Koester, Patricia Palmerton, Laurinda Porter, Linda Putnam, Gerald Sanders, William Semlak, Barbara Sharf, & Donald Shields.

Presenter: What is this “Post” in Post-Racial/Feminist/...(Fill in the Blank)?”
Mary Vavrus

Panel Chair/ Presenter: Gendering Labor and Discourses of Change
Working to be a Secretary: The Nomination Battle of Hilda Solis
Mary Vavrus

Panel Chair: The Undergraduate Introduction to Rhetorical Theory and History Course:
A Roundtable Discussion
Arthur Walzer

Respondent: Historical U.S. Discourse on Race and Racism
Kirt Wilson

Paper: Cosmopolitan Love or Black Nationalist Hatred: America’s Memory of the Civil Rights Movement
Kirt Wilson

NCA CONVENTION PARTICIPATION—TEACHING FACULTY

Paper: The Klepsydra’s Influence upon Oratorical Precepts and Practices in Ancient Greece
Timothy Behme

Presenter: Engaging Educational Discourses in Changing Multicultural Environments: Problems for the Basic Course
Rachel Tofteland

Paper: Change: Visual Code Words in Political Advertisements from the 2008 Presidential General Election
Rachel Tofteland

NCA CONVENTION PARTICIPATION—GRADUATE STUDENTS

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This issue of Commpost provides compelling testimony of the continuing high quality of the Department of Communication Studies. The number of prestigious awards won along with the quantity and diversity of department faculty and student presentations is impressive testimony to our tradition of excellence.

I would be remiss in my duties, however, if I did not share my concerns about the near-term financial future of the University of Minnesota and its College of Liberal Arts. Because of the economic downturn, the state legislature’s level of funding for the U was cut significantly for 2009-11) and more cuts are expected in the next biennium (2011-13). I hope that those who are able will consider a gift, especially given the opportunity to honor those who we recognized and remembered at NCA.

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