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Alumni

Charles Bantz (M.A. 1973) has a new job title. It is Executive Vice President, Indiana University, in addition to being chancellor of IUPUI. The role includes responsibility of academic affairs for seven campuses of IU, relationships with the Indiana Commission on Higher Education, and undergraduate education for all of Indiana University.

Wendy Williams Blackshaw (B.A. 1982) is currently Director of Marketing at Sun Country Airlines and part of the CLA Alumni Society Board.

Dawn O. Braithwaite (Ph.D. 1988) Professor and Director of Graduate Studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, won the NCA Brommel Award for Scholarship and Service to Family Communication. She will receive the award at the NCA Awards Ceremony at the conference in San Antonio. She and Leslie A. Baxter (University of Iowa) published Engaging Theories in Family Communication: Multiple Perspectives, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage (2006).

Mark Braun (Ph.D. 1990) will begin his 8th year as the associate academic dean at Gustavus Adolphus College. He was also elected to the board for The Collaboration for the Advancement of College Teaching & Learning. Daughter Andrea is starting William Mitchell College of Law this fall, and Elizabeth will be a junior at Gustavus.

Robert Brookey (Ph.D. 1998) has a new publication that he co-authored with one of his graduate students, Paul Booth, entitled “Restricted Play: Synergy and the limits of interactivity in *The Lord of the Rings/Return of the King* video game.” This article appeared in the July issue of Games and Culture, which is a new journal by another Minnesota alum, Doug Thomas. He also attended the World Media Economic Conference in Beijing, China in May, 2006 where he presented a paper entitled “Is the Future Blu(e)? Economic Implications of the new DVD formats.”

Barry Brummett (Ph.D. 1978) recently had a “survey of the field” sort of article printed...well, not printed, pixel-ated. Although under the circumstances, pixilated might be more like it...in the KB Journal, the online journal of the Kenneth Burke Society, at <http://www.kbjournal.org/>

Kristine Bruss (Ph.D. 2005) will be teaching at the University of Alabama-Huntsville. She will also be working as a rhetoric consultant at the University of the South (Sewanee, TN) as a part of its recently launched Eloquence Initiative, which promotes the study of oral communication throughout the curriculum.

John Burtis (Ph.D. 1987) reports that James Michal Burtis (born the first day his dad started his doctoral studies in 1983) is in the army. His younger sibling Walter John Orville Burtis is a junior in high school and plans to be president one day in order to “order” his older brother around.

Jinbong Choi (Ph.D. 2004) presented a paper at the International Communication Association Convention in Dresden, Germany during June 19-23. The paper, titled “Framing 2002 World Cup Game as a National Festival: Analysis of News Coverage of 2002 World Cup Game in South Korean News Media,” was a part of a panel for The Football World Cup and Global Popular Culture: High Density in Popular Communication Division.

Adrienne Christiansen (Ph.D. 1990) recently returned from five weeks in Nicosia, Cyprus where she has been working on a research project having to do with the rhetoric of political monuments and their relationship to the ongoing conflict between Greek and Turkish Cypriots. In fall 2006, she will become chair of the Political Science Department at Macalester College in St. Paul, MN.

Robbin Crabtree (Ph.D. 1992) has been appointed Director of Service Learning at Fairfield University, where she is professor and outgoing chair of the Communication Department. Robbin will be inaugural director of the recently endowed academic service-learning initiative, and focus on faculty development, curriculum reform, and maintenance of university-community partnerships in the local area as well as internationally. As an atheist Jew and a feminist, her increased leadership responsibilities at a Jesuit University may seem surprising, but she enjoys merging her rhetorical vision and vocation as a teacher-scholar with the social justice mission of the institution. Her chapter, "Community Activist and/or Communication Consultant: Managing the Dialectics of Outsider-Within Status at a Sexual Assault Recover Services Center," is forthcoming in Larry Frey and Kevin Carragee (Eds.), Communication Activism: Vol 1, Communication for Social Change (pp. 235-271) (Hampton).

Karyl Daughters (Ph.D. 2005) along with Terry Kinney, Jennifer Charpentier, Kristen Eis Cvancara, Laura Jacobi, Colleen M. Klatt, and some research collaborators from Finland had a panel titled, "Effect of pro- and anti-social communication on relational development and health" accepted for presentation at the 2006 International Association for Relationship Research Conference Rethymno, Crete, from the 6th to the 10th of July. Terry Kinney and Karyl Daughters represented the United States contingent and presented at the conference on July 7.

Bonnie J. Dow (Ph.D. 1990) is moving from the University of Georgia to Vanderbilt University in fall 2006. She will be an Associate Professor of Communication Studies and Women's and Gender Studies.

William Eadie (several-time visiting faculty member) has developed an interest in the history of the communication discipline. His first piece on the topic (with co-authors Ken Cissna and Mark Hickson III) is titled, "The Development of Applied Communication Research," and will appear as Chapter 1 in the forthcoming *Handbook of Application Communication Research*. He has also recently signed a contract to be general editor of *21st Century Communication*, a two-volume compendium of essays on "100 top concepts in communication" that Sage Publications plans to market as a reference work aimed at undergraduates.

Peter Enrenhaus (Ph.D. 1979) is now chairing the Department of Communication and Theatre at Pacific Lutheran University.

Loren Ekroth (Ph.D. 1967) launched his "Conversation Coaching Circles" worldwide in mid-August 2006. This self-help program provides materials for individuals to learn advanced conversation skills in a group context.

Deb Endres (undergrad alum, 1985) was named General Manager for Home Accent Warehouse & Colorado Discount Blinds. Deb is also teaching ballroom dance for Contemporary Dance Arts Studio and AIMS Community college.

Todd Endres (M.A. 1993) is the Director of Human Resources for Lexis Nexis.

Tom Endres (Ph.D. 1986) is Director of School of Communication, University of Northern Colorado. Their department hosted the school's first Communication Jubilee in April. He is also president-elect and program planner for Rocky Mountain Communication Association; last April, John Cragan (Ph.D. 1972) was guest speaker for both events. Currently Tom continues doing freelance writing projects for two companies in Australia and restoring a 1981 Jeep CJ-7.

Robert Groven (M.A. 1993) has been granted tenure at Augsburg and now directs Augsburg's Honors Program. He also teaches courses in rhetoric and public address in the department.

Joshua Gunn (Ph.D. 2002) continues his work at the University of Texas in a tenure track position, with forthcoming work in QJS and the Western Journal of Speech. He plans to attend the Central States Conference in Mpls. next spring. He will receive the Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division's "New Investigator Award" at this year's NCA convention.

Robert Hariman (Ph.D. 1979) is enjoying working with graduate students for the first time in his career. He co-authored a proposal for a \$100,000 grant from The Ford Foundation for a program that combines first-year seminars for undergraduate students with a series of public forums on contemporary controversies. Hariman also co-authored a proposal to expand the graduate program in rhetoric and make it more explicitly interdisciplinary; that has received preliminary approval from the graduate school. Some recent publications of his are: "Three Fictions of Empire: Necessity, Spectacle, Community" Javnost-The Public 12. 4 (2005) 11-26; "Democratic Accountability and Liberal Representation in American Iconic Photography: the Image of 'Accidental Napalm'", co-authored with John Louis Lucaites, in David Holloway and John Beck (Eds.) American Visual Cultures (London: Continuum, 2005), 199-208; "Liberal Representation and Global Order: The Iconic Photograph from Tiananmen Square," co-authored with John Louis Lucaites, in Lawrence J. Prelli (Ed.), The Rhetoric of Display (Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press, 2006). He is currently proofing the copyedited MS for a co-authored book that will be published in late 2006 or January 2007 by the University of Chicago Press: Robert Hariman and John Lucaites, No Caption Needed: Iconic Photographs, Public Culture, and Liberal Democracy.

Susan Hatfield (Ph.D. 1988) was appointed by the US Secretary of the Navy to a second term on the Marine Corps University Board of Visitors. She is enjoying the work very much and is in the process of training (with her husband) for their fourth Marine Corps Marathon that will be held in October,

Jon Hess (Ph.D. 1996) published chapters in a book edited by Becky Omdahl and Janie Fritz on dealing with difficult coworkers. He also had an article on measurement of immediacy in Communication Education. More important, he coached little league again for 7-8 year olds.

Michael Holmes (Ph.D. 1991) is now Associate Director of Insight and Research for the Ball State University Center for Media Design. He is active in media measurement research (the Middletown Media Studies Project) and eye-tracking usability research.

Michele H. Jackson (Ph.D. 1994) just finished her first year as department chair and reports she is still standing. She also received the 2006 CU-Boulder nomination for the University of Colorado's President's Faculty Excellence Award for Advancing Teaching and Learning through Technology for our Technology Across the Curriculum Initiative (TAC).

Fern Johnson (B.A. 1968; Ph.D. 1974) was invited to speak at Oxford University in March at the Oxford Round Table at Bilingualism and Bilingual Education, where she presented a paper titled, "The Framing of Bilingual Education through Press Representations: Case Studies of Voter Referenda in Colorado and Massachusetts." The research dealt with press coverage leading up to similar voter referenda in 2002 to end bilingual education. In April, she presented a paper titled, "Technological Structure of Advertising Discourse: From Words to Discourse Templates" at the Popular Culture Association Conference in Atlanta. After directing Clark University's interdisciplinary Communication and Culture Program for 8 years, Fern is now teaching full-time. She's also participating on the Executive Committee for a major university project designed to promote dialogue, which is funded by the Ford Foundation.

Willie Johnson (M.A. 1980) has been a tenured faculty member in the Speech-Communication Department of Normandale Community College since 1982. He received his Ph.D. in Educational Policy and Administration from the University of Minnesota in 1996. He has also been employed as an adjunct professor in the Graduate and Professional School of St. Mary's University of Minnesota since 1999. He is a former Fulbright Scholar to West Africa, and a McKnight Fellow to the Salzburg Seminar.

Shannon Skarphol Kaml (Ph.D. 2002) was tenured and promoted to Assoc. Prof. at Metropolitan State University. She also celebrated ten years of married life and continues to appreciate many tender moments after the birth of a daughter Siri, in December.

Jolene Koester (Ph.D. 1980) published, along with Ron Lustig, last fall the fifth edition of their textbook, Intercultural Competence, as well as the second edition of their intercultural communication reader, AmongUs.

Michael Kramer (Ph.D. 2004), after another year at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN, spent the month of June in Manhattan sight-seeing and going to Broadway shows. In late July he visited family in Wisconsin. Between those two trips, he had his appendix removed.

David Lapakko (Ph.D. 1988) was on sabbatical leave this spring, during which he finished the first seven chapters of an argumentation text. He intends to finish the book this summer.

Nan Gesche Larsen (M.A. 1992) spent the summer serving as a taxi service for her daughters, learning Pilates, and teaching Innovation and Strategy Implementation as part of the St. Thomas Mini MBA in Healthcare.

Rebecca Ann Lind (Ph.D. 1992) and Emeriti Professor **David L. Rarick** will present "Levels of ethical sensitivity before and after taking an introductory media course" at NCA in San Antonio, Texas in November. Their paper was selected as the top paper in the Communication Ethics Division.

Daniel Lintin (PhD. 2001) will be the GLBTA Advocate on campus starting Fall 2006 at Winona State University. He is also involved in a Native American learning community which will offer classes to incoming students in the fall of 2007.

Amidst **Robert Littlefield's** (Ph.D. 1983) current research activities in the Department of Communication at North Dakota State University comes the announcement of his selection as a 2006-07 Larry Remele Fellow by the North Dakota Humanities Council. The topic of his research project is entitled: "Speaking Their Minds: The Changing Landscape of Public Oratory and the Performing Arts in 20th Century America." Through a competitive process, he was selected and funded to do research during the summer months. The project will culminate with three public presentations in different parts of North Dakota in early 2007.

Jan Meyer (Ph.D. 1986) has become a principle consultant with the firm Optimum Aviation Co., Ltd. in Thailand. Her contributions come out of having developed a cockpit resource manual for Thai and other airlines which resulted in a publication "Do as We Do in the Cockpit: Leadership Lessons from the Flight Deck."

Julie Mactaggart (Ph.D. 2003) is working on prospectii for an argumentation textbook and for a public speaking textbook with an emphasis on public discourse and civic engagement. This past summer she reviewed Schuler, D. and Day, P. (2004) Shaping the Network Society: The New Role of Civil Society in Cyberspace, MIT Press. The review is available at the RCCS website.

Brian Numainville (M.A. 1993) is Sr. Director, Research, and Public Relations at Nash Finch Company. He sits on the Program Leadership Board for the Food Industry Center at the University of Minnesota. Brian also obtained his Marketing Research Professional Researcher Certification (PRC) in October 2005 at the Expert Level.

Les Opatz (M.A. 1998) was formally accepted into the Educational Policy and Administration (EDPA) Ph.D. program, the Higher Education track, and the U of MN for Fall 2006. He will go on hiatus from teaching for the Communication Studies department to more aggressively pursue the degree course work while continuing to work full time as Community Coordinator, CLA Communications and Media Student Community.

Elizabeth Own (M.A. 2004) is working at Fleishman Hillard, San Francisco, CA. She is involved in developing strategic communications programs for Visa USA, including stakeholder communications and media relations.

Patricia Palmerton (Ph.D. 1984) completed a sabbatical year from Hamline University. During that time she taught English to high school students in Italy, and interviewed social workers about communication uses they encounter related to emotional and psychological abused. In late spring she traveled to Tasmania, Australia where she interviewed individual for the same project. Initial results will be presented at NCA in November 2006.

Christopher Paul (Ph.D. 2005) has finished his first year of teaching at University of Alabama, Huntsville. In the fall he will be teaching the classes History of Rhetoric, Introduction to Computer-Mediated Communication, and Computer-Mediated Communication. He successfully advised five senior papers and reports the students like him down there, which is good.

Aric Putnam (Ph.D. 2006) had an article “‘Modern Slaves’: The Liberian Labor Crisis and the Politics of Race and Class” published in the recent edition of Rhetoric and Public Affairs. He describes his children Eliza (2.5) as happy and bold and Phineas (9 months) is content.

Angela G. Ray (Ph.D. 2001) received the Rhetoric Society of America’s 2006 Book Award for her recent book, The Lyceum and Public Culture in the Nineteenth-Century United States. She is also the recipient of an NEH Summer Stipend and is conducting archival research in Virginia and New York.

Deborah Redmond (M.A. 1980) has pretty much recovered from a very serious equestrian accident last August that left her in a coma for many days due to severe head injuries. She was on medical leave from Augsburg last fall and returned to chair the Dept. of Communication Studies in the spring. This coming fall she intends to return to the classroom.

Gwendoline Reid (Ph.D. 1987) celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday, August 12, 2006, at the Augustana Health Care Center.

Carol Shaffer (M.A. 1988) will be a chaplaincy resident at Mayo Clinic for a year (Aug. 2006-Aug. 2007). After that she will seek a long-term position in chaplaincy in a hospital, retirement community, or nursing home. Her last day as pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Freeport was July 16.

Barbara Sharf (Ph.D. 1976) from Texas A&M was named this year's NCA/ICA Outstanding Health Communication Scholar and continues research in patient empowerment, health disparities, and complementary healing. A recent highlight for her was a Twin Cities reunion with the likes of Bob Scott, Jim Borgestad (1976) and Julie Belle White (1975). Both Julie Belle and Barb suggest the next time you see Bob Scott, ask him for his recipe for wild rice and chicken casserole. It was great.

Judy Sims (Ph.D. 1990) co-authored (with John Gribas, Idaho State University) a book chapter, "Metaphoric Illumination and Symbolic Ambiguity: Applying the team metaphor for perceptual reorientation," which was published in Facilitating Group Tasks and Team Communication by Hampton Press (Volume 2, pp. 177-201). The book was edited by Lawrence R. Frey. Publication Year: 2006. Sims also was one of 25 faculty selected to participate in the International Radio and Television Society Foundation Seminar, "Diversity in Media," which she attended in New York City, November 2005.

Mark Smeltzer (Ph.D. 1994) had a panel accepted at NCA in San Antonio by the community college division. It's entitled: "Herding Dinosaurs: Strategies for Making Progress in Environment Resistant to Change."

Nathan Stormer (Ph.D. 1977) had an essay on gender and rhetorical theory ("AVexing Relationship") published in the SAGE Handbook on Gender and Communication, just out. He also had an essay on fetal imaging and sublimity recently accepted for publication in Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society. Nathan is currently graduate coordinator at the University of Maine and looks forward to expanding its graduate program to include a small interdisciplinary Ph.D. track.

Jennifer Stromer-Galley (M.A. 1997) recently saw two book chapters come to light. One chapter is with Rosa Martey titled "Gaming Pink: Gender and Structure in The Sims Online" in Paul Messaris and Lee Humphrey's edited collection, Digital Media: Transformations in Human Communication, published by Peter Lang. The second book chapter is with Andrea Baker on the Weblog phenomenon of the 2004 Howard Dean primary campaign. It's published in Andrew Williams and John Tedesco's book The Internet Election, published by Rowman and Littlefield. She currently is working on manuscripts devoted to analyzing the process of online political deliberation. In 2003, she and Jon bought a house in the country and this May they decided to become proper country folks and adopted two lab/hound mixed-breed dogs that she and Jon rescued from local animal shelter. Now, all they need are some chickens.

Paula S. Tompkins (Ph.D. 1986) organized a pre-conference on Communication and Ethical Leadership for the 2006 Central States Convention. She also gave the keynote for the conference. Her eldest daughter Eileen is teaching oral English in the South Korean public schools for a year. She'll be back this fall to start work on a teaching license for middle and high school, disrupting the empty nest for a year. Her youngest Maggie will start her sophomore year at UW-Madison in biology.

Phillip Voight (Ph.D. 1997) spent time in Laos and Burma to explore the possibility of starting a January-term course. He recently returned from a month long "Service Learning/Social Justice" trip in Namibia and South Africa with 21 other Gustavus faculty members. The purpose of the trip was to find ways to integrate social justice and service learning concepts into existing course.

Lt. Col. Tom Wall (M.A. 1977), a Vietnam veteran and strong supporter of the El Toro airport lost his battle with cancer on June 21, 2006. He was 61 years old and battled cancer for the last four years. A native of Washington, D.C., he enlisted in the Marines in 1966 and served for 20 years. As a former squadron commander at the old Marine Station in Tustin, he put together a helicopter test-pilot school. A reporter from the Orange County Register reports that he dealt with his illness with his customary courage and good cheer sending e-mails to his many friends shortly before his death that began: "Did you ever have one of those days when the mind is willing but the body refuses to go along?" Tom was buried at Arlington Cemetery on July 24, 2006. He is survived by two sons. While at the University of Minnesota Ronald Geizer was his adviser.

Elizabeth Weber (Ph.D. 2001) will begin a new position as Associate Director of Communication within the Curriculum at the University of Pennsylvania this fall.

Anna White (M.A. 1999) is now Marketing and Brand Manager at Cargill Value Investment.

Julie Belle White (Ph.D. 1975) has entered her 42nd year in education as a full time administrator. Having spent last year as Interim Dean of Arts and Sciences at the College of St. Catherine, she has been asked to serve as Special Assistant to the President for New Initiatives. Her charge as a "SAP" is to integrate and expand continuing education and other outreach programs within the college. Her plan is to continue to work until 2008 when her stepdaughter Eleanor graduates.

Naida Zukic (Ph.D. 2005) spent a month in Bosnia where she visited her family and spent time working for a volunteer organization as both a translator and worker aid. Their goal has been to solicit support for medical care and attention aimed to help Bosnian families and war orphans who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford it. Her dissertation "Islamic Voices: Al Kawthar's Lesbian Narratives in Cyberspace" has been nominated for the OSCLG Cheri Kramarae Outstanding Dissertation Award.

Senior Faculty

The department welcomes new faculty members **Laurie Ouellette** and **Gilbert Rodman**.

Laurie joins us as an associate professor in Critical Media Studies from Queens College, City University of New York. She teaches in the areas of Cultural Studies; Feminist Criticism; Television Studies, Citizenship, Governmentality and Media. Laurie's previous books include *Viewers Like you? How Public TV Failed the People* and (as co-editor) *Reality TV: Remaking Television Culture*. Along with James Hay, she will soon publish another book, *Better Living Through Television*, also with Blackwell Publishing.

Gil joins us as an associate professor in Critical Media Studies from the University of South Florida. He teaches in the areas of popular culture, communication technology, cultural studies and the politics of race and ethnicity. Gil's previous books include *Elvis After Elvis: The Posthumous Career of a Living Legend* and (as co-editor) *Race in Cyberspace*. He has two books in progress: *Why Cultural Studies?* and *Mixed Messages: (Re) constructing Race*, both with Blackwell Publishing.

Karlyn Kohrs Campbell, a visiting Professor at Dokkyo University, gave a public lecture at the Graduate School of Intercultural Communication of Rikkyo University, Tokyo on March 24, 2006, on "U.S. First Ladies and Gender Norms." She spoke with candor about historical account of gender issues centering around the U.S. first ladies, introducing a variety of episodes on such first ladies as Eleanor Roosevelt and Hilary Clinton. The audience of 52 was very much enthused and inspired by her speech. They seemed to gain many implications from her speech about the similar issues of the power of gender norms and public resistance to change in Japanese society. After the lecture, Dr. Campbell attended as a special guest the commencement ceremony of the graduate school of intercultural communication and shook hands on the stage with 36 students who just obtained their MA degrees on the same day.

Ronald Walter Greene's latest publication "Orator Communist" was published in Philosophy & Rhetoric.

Gilbert Rodman's article titled "Race...and other Four Letter Words: Eminem and the Cultural Politics of Authenticity," was published in Popular Communication, 4(2), 95-121 (Lawrence Erlbaum Associates Inc., 2006)

Edward Schiappa was named a "Research Fellow" by the Rhetoric Society of America at its convention in Memphis this past May. This November he will receive the Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division's "Distinguished Scholar Award" at the NCA convention.

Graduate Students

Samuel Boerboom will present a paper "Buying Videos to Save Souls: The Mobile Fundamentalist Commodity Form" at the Media and Fundamentals conference at the University of Colorado, October 10-12, 2006.

Michael Lee was accepted to attend the Doctoral Honors Seminar hosted at Purdue University in July 2006.

Amy Pason and Matt May went to the annual Summer Institute offered by the Center for Global Culture and Communication and the Department of Communication Studies at Northwestern University. The theme of this year's seminar is "Rhetoric, Difference, and Deliberative Democracy" and was hosted by Keith Topper and Dilip Gaonkar. The seminar consisted of five days of presentations and discussions led by visiting faculty which included Wendy Brown (University of California, Berkeley), Bryan Garston (Yale University), Gary Remer (Tulane University), and Iris Marion Young (University of Chicago). Amy also gave one of the student presentations at the Conference entitled "Constructing Deliberative Subjects in the Public Sphere."

Recent Ph.D. Degrees

"Affecting Rhetoric: Work, Sex, and Childhood in
The Age of Lifestyle Drugs"

Kristin Brown (Swenson)

Adviser: Ronald W. Greene

"Teasing in Adult Peer Relationships:
Using Lazarus' Model of Stress and Coping
To Understand the Effects of Teasing"

Jennifer Charpentier

Advisers: David Rarick and Terry A. Kinney

"Black Belt Millennium": Rhetorical Movements in Black
Anti-colonialism During the Great Depression

Aric Putnam

Adviser: Kirt H. Wilson

Recent M.A. Degrees

“Relationships Between Televised Sports Viewing Habits and Attitudes About Masculinity “

Thomas C. Johnson
Adviser: Edward Schiappa

“Family Matters: The Influence of Family Communication Patterns on Perceived Social Support, Self-Esteem, and Loneliness”

Laura Maki
Adviser: Ascan Koerner

“An Analysis of Peter Duesberg’s Inventing the Aids Virus “

Timothy Waclawski
Adviser: Kirt Wilson

“A Textual and Audience Analysis of the ‘Zombie’ Film Genre”

Emanuelle Wessels
Adviser: Edward Schiappa

Department News

We have sent in our Department Activities Registration to NCA asking for a room to host the Minnesota Party on Friday night. Details will be finalized in early November. Contact Bea Dehler at dehle001@umn.edu for details on the room assignment and event starting time.

I want to take this opportunity to note that the Ernest G. Bormann Symbolic Convergence Theory Fellowship reached the \$25,000 fundraising milestone late this summer, making it eligible for matching funds from the University of Minnesota. This is terrific news. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Karlyn Kohrs Campbell for starting the fund, John Cragan, Patricia Kovel-Jarboe, Becky Swanson Kroll, and Donald Shields for their leadership roles in the fundraising efforts, and to all the generous individuals who contributed to the fund.

<p>It is with much sadness that your COMMPOST editors report the death of Betty Scott, age 76, who died on April 8, 2006.</p>

Thank you for your “Bits and Pieces” for composting. Please continue to send news items to dehle001@umn.edu . Next edition: December 2006.

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The University of Minnesota Party took place on Friday, November 17th and was attended by our students, faculty, alumni, friends of the department, and many prospective graduate students. Thanks to all who attended and made this event a success. I also want to give thanks for the Arle and Billy Haeberle Fund and for funds provided by the College of Liberal Arts for making it possible to support the attendance of so many of our graduate students at the conference. Such participation is excellent participation for our graduate students and the sheer number of students in attendance sends a strong message to prospective students that the U of MN is a great place to be. As this issue of COMMPOST clearly illustrates, a lot of important and exciting scholarship is taking place here and we should all be proud of what we are accomplishing here.



NCA CONVENTION PARTICIPATION —SENIOR FACULTY

The National Communication Association presented the Golden Anniversary Monograph Award to **Karlyn Kohrs Campbell** for "Agency Promiscuous and Protean."

Panel: Classic Articles in NCA's Journals
Karlyn Kohrs Campbell

Panel: A Short Course on Teaching American Women's Public Address
Karlyn Kohrs Campbell

Panel Chair: Creating Sites for Women's Studies Connection and Feminist Action:
Bonnie J. Dow's Influence on Feminist and Women's Studies Scholars
and Scholarship
Karlyn Kohrs Campbell

Panel: Recent Scholarship on the History of the Field
Ronald W. Greene

- Paper: "Problems of Social Integration: The Speech Hygiene Movement and the New Citizen, 1915-1940"
Ronald W. Greene & Darrin Hicks
- Paper: "Money/Speech: Articulations and Antagonisms in the Political Economy of Contemporary Rhetoric"
Ronald W. Greene
- Respondent: A Rhetorical Critique of Liberalism: The Postmodernization of Pastoral Power
Ronald W. Greene
- Respondent: Film and Hermeneutics: Interpretation and Social Action
Ronald W. Greene
- Panel Chair: Rhetoric, Capitalism and Labor: The Work of Agency and Capital
Ronald W. Greene
- Panel: The Current Status of Quantitative Interaction Analysis
Dean Hewes
- Paper: "Including the Individual in Sequential Analysis of Social Interaction: History, Rationale, and Extensions"
Dean Hewes
- Paper: "Two studies testing the cognitive message plans model of comforting message evaluations" (A Top Four Paper)
Susanne M. Jones
- Paper: "Evaluations of emotional support goals, values, and behaviors among men and women from two Western Cultures" (A Top Four Paper)
Susanne M. Jones
- Panel: Offering Comfort and Social Support
Ascan F. Koerner
- Paper: "Empathic Accuracy Depending on Family Communication Patterns"
Ascan F. Koerner & Naomi Kagawa (graduate student)
- Panelist: Interpersonal Division.
[He is also vice-chair elect of the Interpersonal Division.]
Ascan F. Koerner

The special issue on IRBs of the Journal of Application Communication featuring one of Professor Koerner's articles received an award for the "Outstanding Journal Special Issue in Applied Communication" from the Applied Communication Association.

Panel: Re-Placing and Re-Thinking the Tele-Visual: A Roundtable Discussion
Laurie Ouellette

Panel: What's So Special About Kansas? Cultural Studies, the Bush Present, and All 50 of these United States
Laurie Ouellette

Paper: "Money, Makeovers, and Miracles: ABC TV and the Privatization of Welfare"
Laurie Ouellette

Paper: "Levels of Ethical Sensitivity Before and After Taking an Introductory Media Course" (A Top 4 Paper in Communication Ethics)
David Rarick & Rebecca Lind

Panel Chair: New Voices in Critical and Cultural Studies
Gilbert Rodman

Panel Chair: Emerging Scholars in Critical and Cultural Studies
Gilbert Rodman

Panel Chair: Rhetorical & Communication Theory Division Nominating Committee
Edward Schiappa

Panelist: Doctoral Education Committee
Edward Schiappa

2006 "Distinguished Scholar Award" from the Rhetorical & Communication Theory Division
Edward Schiappa

Panelist: Andrew Young on Rhetoric, Religion, and the American Civil Rights Movement
Kirt Wilson

Paper: "Primary Sources from the Civil Rights Movement and the Practice of Rhetorical Criticism"
Kirt Wilson

Respondent: Enacting a Provocative Rhetorical Form: Three Northern Abolitionists Address Southern Slaves
Kirt Wilson

Respondent: Autobiography and History in African American Rhetoric of the Early Republic

Kirt Wilson

NCA CONVENTION PARTICIPATION -- ADJUNCTS

Panel Chair: Lights, Connection, Action: Bringing Together Theory and Practice in a Video Production Class

Peter Gregg

Paper: "Media Production as a Civic Engagement"

Peter Gregg

Panel: Social Realities in Domestic Space: Television's Role in Constructing Relationships, Behavioral Norms, and World View

Peter Gregg

Paper: "Parasocial Interaction and Parasocial Responses to Favorite Television Characters"

Peter Gregg

NCA CONVENTION PARTICIPATION--GRADUATE STUDENTS

Paper: "Teaching Aesthetics in a Communication Department's Video Production Class"

Rachael Adams

Panel: Ancient Authors: Authorial Invention in the Greek Rhetorical Tradition

Timothy Behme

Paper: "Herodotus on the Ethics of Authorship"

Timothy Behme

Panel: Lincoln, Gettysburg, and the Rhetoric of the Civil War

Emily Berg

Paper: "The Rhetoric of Jefferson Davis and the Memory of the American Founding"

Emily Berg

Paper: "Building the Church Theatre Chain: Church Cinemas and the Media Economy of *Left Behind*"

Samuel Boerboom

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Panel: Social Realities in Domestic Space: Television's Role in Constructing Relationships, Behavioral Norms, and World View

Peter Gregg

Paper: "Parasocial Interaction and Parasocial Responses to Favorite Television Characters"

Peter Gregg

NCA CONVENTION PARTICIPATION --GRADUATE STUDENTS

Paper: "Teaching Aesthetics in a Communication Department's Video Production Class"

Rachael Adams

Panel: Ancient Authors: Authorial Invention in the Greek Rhetorical Tradition

Timothy Behme

Paper: "Herodotus on the Ethics of Authorship"

Timothy Behme

Panel: Lincoln, Gettysburg, and the Rhetoric of the Civil War

Emily Berg

Paper: "The Rhetoric of Jefferson Davis and the Memory of the American Founding"

Emily Berg

Paper: "Building the Church Theatre Chain: Church Cinemas and the Media Economy of *Left Behind*"

Samuel Boerboom

- Paper: "Addressing the Christian Paradox: Prophetic Christianity and the American Christian"
Samuel Boerboom
- Paper: "Modern Minstrelsy: White Space and the Appropriation of African-American Culture in *Office Space*"
Beth Bonnstetter
- Panel: Parent-Child Interaction: Abuse, Aggression, and Discourse
Alyssa Isaacs
- Paper: "Family Disclosure: The Effects of Family Communication Patterns and Family Cohesion on Adult Child-Parent Self Disclosure and Relationship Satisfaction"
Alyssa Isaacs, Wenli Yu, and Min Zhu
- Paper: "Japan's National Apology and Regulation of Recognition"
Mariko Izumi
- Paper: "The Role of Research in Producing Public Service Announcements (PSA's)"
Thomas C. Johnson
- Paper: "New Directions in Rhetorical History and American Public Address Studies: Building Theories and Dispelling Myths"
Casey Kelly
- Paper: "No Sophistry Can Disguise It: Prudence, Republicanism, and the Rhetoric of Moral Virtue During the Indian Removal Act of 1830"
Casey Kelly
- Paper: "Silencing Spartan Women: Feminist (Re)Constructions of the Gorgianic Encomium for Helen"
Justin Killian
- Paper: "Impenguating Morality: Gay Marriage, Family Values, and Arctic Birds"
Justin Killian
- Paper: "Anthromorphic Kinship with Arctic Marchers: The Popular Reception of *March of the Penguins*"
Justin Killian
- Paper: "When Political Economy is Framed"
Meg Kunde

- Paper: "Buckley, Goldwater, and a Language of Conservatism" (**A Top Paper in Argumentation and Forensics**)
Michael Lee
- Paper: "The Politics of Blame and the Fog of War"
Michael Lee
- Paper: "One Hundred Years of Direct Action: Performance, Movement, and Iconicity in the Industrial Workers of the World"
Matthew May
- Paper: "Free Speech Becoming-Wobbly: Rhetoric, Capitalism, and the Industrial Workers of the World"
Matthew May
- Panel: Do-It-Yourself Cultural Activism: Creating Cultural Sites for Personal Connection and Political Action
Matthew May
- Paper: "The Performance of Space and Discourse in the Centenary Tour of the Industrial Workers of the World"
Matthew May
- Paper: "DIY at Mayday Books: Radical Bookstores as Sites of Counter-Hegemonic Connection and Action"
Anthony Nadler
- Paper: "Can Bloggers Save Democracy from Bad Journalism"
Anthony Nadler
- Paper: "The 'Dangerous' Emma Goldman: Rhetorically Changing the Character of Anarchism"
Amy Pason
- Panel Chair: Music, Markets, and Identities
Amy Pason
- Paper: "Teenagers in Suburbia: Emo Music as Act of Witnessing"
Amy Pason
- Paper: "'Student' Constituted in the Corporatized University" (**A Top Student Paper**)
Amy Pason

Paper: "Master-Slave Relationships Reconsidered: Paternalism and Mimesis in the Antebellum South"

Brigid Power

Paper: "A Position of Agency: The Role of Audience in Aristotelian Rhetoric"

Jessica Prody

Paper: "A Break from Tradition: The Alternative Rhetoric of Winona LaDuke"
(A Top Student Paper in Political and Protest Rhetoric)

Jessica Prody

Panel Chair: The Politics of Film

Emanuelle Wessels

Paper: "Exploring Alternatives to the Psychoanalytic Method in Horror Cinema Criticism: A Postmodern, Ecofeminist Reading of *Resident Evil*"

Emanuelle Wessels

Paper: "Lost in Translation: Examining the Sacrificing of Progressive Content in the Film/Video Game Adaptation" (A Top Student Paper in Media Studies)

Emanuelle Wessels

Paper: "Production and the Application of Critical Media Skills"

Emanuelle Wessels

Panel Chair: (Re)Theorizing Aesthetics and Communication

Julie Wilson

Paper: "Generous Communication and Aesthetic Subjectivity"

Julie Wilson

OTHER DEPARTMENT NEWS

Senior Faculty

Susanne Jones currently has a grant pending with the Graduate School. Principal Investigators: C. Peden-McAlpine (School of Nursing), J. Liaschenko (Center for Bioethics and School of Nursing). Project: Dying in Critical Care: A Qualitative Study

Susanne Jones was the keynote panel speaker at the central regional meeting of the Association of University Technological Managers (AUTM) conference, Mpls., MN July 2006. Workshop title: Happy Together: Mastering the Art of Successful Technology Transfer Relationships.

Amy Sheldon consulted with BBC television in London in May, 2006, on a module for a future program in the series "Child of our Time". Read about it in her entry on VP Victor Bloomfield's blog on Public Engagement, June 19, 2006: <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/victor/>

Amy Sheldon attended the International Gender & Language Association IV Conference in Vanencia in November, 2006. She presented a poster with linguistic graduate student James Stevens, "Preschoolers' discourse coherence is sensitive to the gender normativity of their activity." She also co-organized a workshop with Prof. Barbara LeMaster on "Issues and Ideas in Teaching Language and Gender."

Joan Lund and **Beatrice Dehler** are winners of a CLA Staff Outstanding Service Award for 2005-06.

A special thank you to **Jeff Buchholz, Student Office Assistant, for his editorial assistance on this special NCA edition.

It is with sadness that your COMMPOST editors report the death of alumni **Richard Wisemen** (Ph.D. 1978) who died on November 23, 2006 at the age of 54 following a long illness. As a professor of human communication studies at Cal State Fullerton, Rich specialized in intercultural and nonverbal communication, as well as persuasion and research methodology. He is survived by his wife Judy Sanders, son Michael, and twin daughters Michele and Nicole.

Thank you for your "Bits and Pieces" for composting. Please continue to send news items to dehle001@umn.edu. Next edition: March, 2007.