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Well, it's official. We are now the Communication Studies Department. What do we now call our departmental council [formerly Specom]? No, not CommStuds! Commies? Communicats? Or is that too '60s? Obviously, we changed our name to avoid the kind of misunderstanding that "speech" somehow creates, that we are a department devoted entirely to teaching presentational skills. That ignores all the historical and critical work that is done in studying public discourse and mediated communication and all the research we do on such topics as hate speech and road rage, and on family, small group, and intercultural interaction. So, we hope this helps us to tell the world more accurately who we are and what we do. We hope that you agree. *KKC*

SENIOR FACULTY

In January, **Rosita Albert** led a half-day Cross-Cultural Simulation at a workshop for the Executive Masters Program at the Hubert Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. Recently, Rosita prepared information disseminated by the Brazil-U.S. Council in Washington, D. C., to government and business participants in a program on doing business with Brazil.

Donald R. Browne's chapter on "Minority Electronic Media Services and Minority Manners of Presentation," in Jankowski and Prehn's Community Media in the Information Age (Hampton Press, 2002) is the latest publication in his long-term research project on how ethnic minorities throughout the world use media to portray themselves. He will be on sabbatical leave this coming academic year to continue his research.

We have just learned that **Karlyn Kohrs Campbell** has been selected for the University of Minnesota's Distinguished Women Scholars Award this year, which is given by the University's Office of the Vice President for Research. The award will be presented on April 3, 2002.

The first issue of the Quarterly Journal of Speech, the premier journal in rhetorical studies, under the editorship of **Karlyn Kohrs Campbell** appeared in February 2002.

Karlyn Kohrs Campbell's article, "Consciousness Raising: Linking Theory, Criticism, and Practice," appeared in Rhetoric Society Quarterly 32 (Winter 2002): 45-64.

Karlyn Kohrs Campbell's review of Rebecca Larson, Daughters of Light: Quaker Women Preaching and Prophesying in the Colonies at Home and Abroad, 1700-1775, and Catherine Brekus, Strangers and Pilgrims: Female Preaching in American, 1740-1845 has appeared in the October issue of The Review of Communication, an electronic journal found on-line at www.natcom.org/roc.

Ronald Greene, first-vice president of the critical and cultural studies division of the National Communication Association, is busy planning the program for the national convention in November. He will also be delivering papers at the Rhetorical Society of America convention in Las Vegas (May 2002) and at the International Society for the Study of Argumentation convention in Amsterdam (June 2002.)

Terry A. Kinney's article "The Relationship Among Depressive and Alcoholic Symptoms and Aggressive Behavior in Adult Male Emergency Department Patients" was published in the February 2002 issue of Emergency Academic Medicine.

Terry A. Kinney and Laura Jacobi (graduate student) had their paper "Spirituality At Its Core" accepted for presentation at The Central States Communication Association conference in April 2002. The paper examines the nature of spirituality and its potential importance for the field of communication and human well-being.

Three articles by **Ascan Koerner** are about to appear:

Koerner, A.F., & Fitzpatrick, M.A., "Toward a theory of family communication." Communication Theory, 26 (In press).

Koerner, A.F., & Fitzpatrick, M.A., "Understanding family communication patterns and family functioning: The roles of conversation orientation and conformity orientation." Communication Yearbook, 12 (In press).

Koerner, A.F., & Fitzpatrick, M.A. Nonverbal communication and marital adjustment and satisfaction: The role of decoding relationship relevant and relationship irrelevant affect (In press).

A book and several articles by **Edward Schiappa** are about to appear:

Defining Reality: Definition and the Politics of Meaning (Carbondale, IL: Southern Illinois University Press.)

"What is Golf? : Pragmatic Essentializing and Definitional Argument in PGA Tour, Inc. v. Martin," Argumentation and Advocacy 38 (2001): 18-27.

(Forum Article with Robert L. Scott, Alan G. Gross, Raymie McKerrow) "Rhetorical Studies as Reduction or Redescription?: A Response to Cherwitz and Hikins." Quarterly Journal of Speech 88 (2002): 112-120..

Robert L. Scott (emeritus professor) seems not to understand that fun is hanging out in the Caribbean with rum drinks in hand; instead he entertains himself teaching undergraduates. Currently he is meeting a college honors seminar, advises the Communication Studies honors majors, and scurries off to Macalester College to give a "capstone course" for their communication studies majors. As you will note above, he also collaborates with other faculty members in writing articles .

Two books, edited and authored, and an article by **Mary Vavrus** are about to appear:

American Cultural Studies, edited by Catherine A. Warren and Mary Douglas Vavrus. (University of Illinois Press, 2002).

Postfeminist News: Political Women in Media Culture, by Mary Douglas Vavrus. (SUNY Press, 2002.)

"Domesticating Patriarchy: Hegemonic Masculinity and Television's 'Mr. Mom.'" Critical Studies in Media Communication (September 2002).

Kirt Wilson received the New Investigator of the Year Award from the Rhetoric and Communication Theory Division of the National Communication Association.

Kirt Wilson's book, The Reconstruction Desegregation Debate: The Politics of Equality and the Rhetoric of Place (Michigan State University Press, 2002) should be available this summer.

On March 1, 2002 **Kirt Wilson** will give a plenary presentation entitled "The Problem with Public Memory: Benjamin Harrison Confronts the 'Southern Question'" at the eighth annual Presidential Studies Conference at Texas A&M University.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Jinbong Choi will present "The Relationship between Korean Christianity and Popular Culture" at the 2002 Popular Culture Association convention in Toronto, Canada, March 13-16, 2002.

Karyl Daughters has accepted a tenure-track assistant professorship at St. John's University, Collegeville, MN.

Peter Gregg will present "England Looks to the Future: The Cultural Forum Model & Doctor Who," at the Popular Culture Association convention in Toronto, Canada, March 13-16, 2002.

Joshua Gunn's essay, "Dark Admissions: Gothic Subculture and the Ambivalence of Misogyny and Resistance" has been accepted for inclusion in a Duke University Press Collection titled Goth: Undead Subculture, which will appear in early 2003.

Martin Lang will present "The Streamlining of Pleasure in Pornography: Facials" at the Popular Culture Association convention in Toronto, Canada, March 13-16, 2002.

Naida Zukic will present "Gothic Subculture Through the Eyes of Media & Resistance Through Public Discourse" at the Western States Communication Association Conference March 5, 2002.

Recent Ph.D. Degrees

Badri Johnson

"An Iranian Experience:
A Narrative of Culture and Transformation"
Adviser: Edward Schiappa

Michael Netzley

"Persuasion Theory's Pedagogical Turn in
Ranked MBA Programs"
Adviser: Edward Schiappa

Recent M.A. Degrees

Dianne Blake

Adviser: Karlyn Kohrs Campbell

Jennifer Charpentier

Advisers: Terry Kinney & Dean Hewes

Jurene Fremstad

Adviser: Edward Schiappa

Kristin Naumann

Adviser: Edward Schiappa

ALUMNI NEWS

Wayne Hensley (Ph.D. 1972) retired from Bethel College where he has taught for the last 28 years. While working on his Ph.D. he taught at Minnesota Bible College (1966-73). His retirement goals for now are to travel and work on building his baseball collection. His dissertation, advised by Ernest G. Bormann, was the first to use fantasy theme analysis.

Linda L. Putnam (Ph.D. 1976), Texas A&M University, received \$110,000 from the NSF/EPA Decision Making and Values Initiative, 2001-2002. The grant supports her project "Stakehold Analysis of Framing in Intractable Environmental Disputes."

Thanks for your "bits and pieces" for composting. Next edition: April, 2002.

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SENIOR FACULTY

KARLYN KOHRS CAMPBELL received a University of Minnesota Distinguished Woman Scholar Award. This award honors women faculty for exemplary and innovative scholarly or creative achievements, and for their distinction in teaching and service. The award is supported collaboratively by the Office of the Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School, the Office for University Women, and Office for Multicultural and Academic Affairs.

KARLYN KOHRS CAMPBELL presented a paper, "Creating a Community of Women: Christine de Pizan's Book of the City of Ladies" on a panel sponsored by the American Society for the History of Rhetoric at the Eastern Communication Association convention in New York City on April 26, 2002. She will present a paper on Frances Wright's 4th of July addresses of 1828 and 1829 at the Rhetoric Society of America convention in Las Vegas on May 24, 2002.

RONALD GREENE & ZORNITSA KEREMIDCHIEVA were awarded a Graduate Research Partnership Grant for Summer 2002. Their topic is "Teaching Foreigners to Speak: Democratic Theory, Americanization, and the YMCA, 1900-1930."

VERNON JENSEN'S article, "Bridging the Millennia: Truth and Trust in Human Communication" was published in the most recent issue of World Communication,

GEORGE SHAPIRO spent the winter in Arizona relaxing in the sun. He taught a workshop entitled "Anger Management For Seniors" and says there is a lot of anger in the senior community. Another winter project included being an assistant coach of a junior varsity boys tennis team in Arizona.

ROBERT L. SCOTT will present a paper on civic engagement and rhetoric at the Rhetoric Society of American conference in Las Vegas, May 23-26, 2002.

KIRT WILSON received CLA's highest honor for undergraduate/graduate teaching, the Arthur "Red" Motley Exemplary Teaching Award, at commencement May 19, 2002.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

JENNIFER D. CHARPENTIER has been accepted at Texas A&M University as a visiting doctoral scholar in the Speech Communication Department for the fall semester. Her studies there will focus on organizational communication.

JINBONG CHOI will present "Public Journalism in Cyberspace" at the 32nd annual convention of the Communication Association of Japan in Hyogo, Japan, June 14-15, 2002.

JOSHUA GUNN'S essay, "Dark Admissions: Gothic Subculture and the Ambivalence of Misogyny and Resistance" has been accepted for inclusion in a Duke University Press Collection titled Goth: Undead Subculture, which will appear early 2003.

JOSHUA GUNN also wrote two book reviews, one for Telos: A Quarterly Journal of Critical Thought and another for Argumentation and Advocacy, both of which will appear in 2002.

ROBERT HINRICHS received a \$5,000.00 grant from the University's Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment, & the Life Sciences in support of research addressing social implications of problems in health, environment, or the life sciences. Bob's proposal title is "Arguing Global Warming: The Reception and Uses of Climate Change Science in Public Policy Debates."

ZORNITSA KEREMIDCHIEVA presented her paper "Crossing Woman, Crossing Time: Some Thoughts on Globalization, Neo Liberalism, and the Gender Politics of Transitology" at the Flight Time Conference, Department of Cultural Studies, University of Minnesota, March 23, 2002.

Recent Ph.D. Degrees

CHRISTINE GARLOUGH

"The Rhetoric of Culture: Shaping Indian-American Identities
through Grassroots Community Education"

Adviser: Edward Schiappa

JOSHUA GUNN

"Rhetorics of Darkness: Modern Occultism and the Popular Imaginary"

Adviser: Robert L. Scott

Recent M.A. Degrees

JENNIFER CHARPENTIER

Adviser: Terry Kinney

PETER GREGG

"My Teacher the TV:
The Creation of a Critical Media Literacy Video"

Adviser: Edward Schiappa

Recent Hires

Karyl Daughters, St. John's University, Collegeville, MN
(Assistant Professor, Tenure-Track)

Joshua Gunn, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
(Assistant Professor, Tenure-Track)

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Marguerite Garden Jones Graduate & Undergraduate Awards
Kristen Eis Cvancara, graduate
Ian Traas, undergraduate
The George Montgomery & Anna Florence Frizelle Reid Memorial Award
Nanda Bognar Dimitrov
The Arle & Billi Haeberle Graduate & Undergraduate Awards
Peter Gregg, graduate
Patricia Huntington, undergraduate
Old Buffalo Award
Michael Kramer
The Stuart A. Lindman Broadcasting Award
Michael Mahoney
The Donald V. Hawkins Awards
Michelle Barylak
Jonathan Vick
Royee Vlodaver
The Nick Schoen III Award
Craig Alcock
William O. and Natalie Krauch Lund Endowed Scholarship
Jessica Kremlinger
The Robert L. Scott Book Award
Professor Kirt Wilson

ALUMNI NEWS

DAWN O. BRAITHWAITE (Ph.D. 1988) has been selected as the recipient of the University of Nebraska College of Arts & Sciences Award for Outstanding Research and Creative Achievement in Social Science. The award was established to recognize faculty members who have made significant contributions to their field during the past five years and to celebrate their achievements.

DAVID DOTLICH (Ph.D. 1981) has published a third book, Unnatural Leadership (Jossey-Bass). David is a partner in CDR International (www.cdr-int.com).

JOHN SISCO (Ph.D. 1966) has retired from the Southwest Missouri State University after 13 years where he served as professor and administrator. He also taught at Northern Arizona University and the University of South Florida. He will continue to work as a mediator in a variety of citizen dispute situations.

Thanks for your "bits and pieces" for commposting. Next edition will be the alumni edition in August, 2002. Please e-mail your items to Bea Dehler at dehle001@tc.umn.edu

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This summer I spent three wonderful weeks in Asia—in Japan, Korea, and Taiwan. Dr. Lin-Lee Lee was my guide and boon companion. I lectured to students of Yoshihisa "Sam" Itaba in Tokyo, presented a paper at a seminar sponsored by the Korean Broadcasting Institute, and participated in the ICA conference in Seoul. I received the most gracious hospitality from Sam and Junko Itaba (Jun will be on a Fulbright at Rutgers this year and next), who arranged for hotel rooms, helped us obtain train tickets, took us to wonderful restaurants in Tokyo, and guided us through the Imperial Gardens and the Yakusuni Shrine.

Roichi and Chizuko Okabe (he is a professor at Nanzan University and spent a year at Minnesota on a Fulbright) hosted us in Nagoya and were our guides to the palace and to the Tokugawa and Showa Museums. They also introduced us to the special noodles of Nagoya and to real green tea.

Sang-chul Lee was our guide and host in Korea, showing us the best places to purchase beautiful Korean ceramics and taking us to his home town of Kyong Ju, the ancient capital of Silla, where we saw a breathtakingly beautiful Buddha placed in a mountain grotto by a king in 734 CE and an indescribably beautiful bodhisatva (a contemplative female figure representing wisdom) as well as Korea's most famous pagoda and the tumulus tombs of ancient kings scattered through the ancient part of the city. At the end of my trip, Lin-Lee Lee hosted me at her new apartment in Kaoshiung, Taiwan, and I ate a delicious meal with all of her family.

Throughout my trip I was greeted by many Minnesota alumni who told me of their wonderful experiences as graduate students and how fondly they remember their time at the U of M. One respondent at the KBI seminar referred to the large numbers of Minnesota alums there and elsewhere and called me "the godmother of the Minnesota Mafia," which got a big laugh! I was deeply moved by hearing these fond recollections and very proud that we were remembered in this way.

My dream is to create a fellowship for foreign students to provide an initial year of support that would give them time to hone their language skills in order to be eligible subsequently for a regular teaching assistantship. I'm hoping that some of the Minnesota Mafia might be interested in supporting that kind of fellowship. I'm setting it up this fall through the endowment (any suggestions for a good name? someone to honor?), and I'll match the first \$5,000 in contributions to bring the fund to \$10,000. If enough people contribute to reach \$25,000, then the graduate school will match that amount through the 21st Century Fellowship Fund.

I also dream of creating an endowment for post-doctoral study for faculty at foreign universities to enable them to spend a summer or semester here doing research. Libraries in many Asian countries are limited and often private, so doing research is especially challenging. Your comments and suggestions about both of these hopes/plans are warmly invited.



LORI J. ABRAMS (Ph.D. 1988) is teaching Strategic Management in the Carlson School at the University of Minnesota. She was the Teacher of the Year in 2000 and 2002.

MOYA BALL (Ph.D. 1988) is currently the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at Trinity University.

CHARLES R. BANTZ (M.A. 1973) experienced many power failures this summer at home and at Wayne University, significant programmatic and organizational changes, the loss of a 75-year-old tree, and some beautiful days enjoying Michigan's lakes and communities.

ELIZABETH BAUER (M.A. 1993) has worked in the field of training and curriculum development since receiving her MA in 1992. She became an independent consultant in 1996, working over the Internet when she and her family moved to Colorado in 1998. She has been a full-time mother since adopting their third child in March 2001.

WENDY BJORKLUND (Ph.D. 2002) is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication Studies at St. Cloud State University.

IRA BOLNICK (M.A. 1973) is a partner in the Albuquerque, NM, law firm of Fitzpatrick & Bolnick, P.C. He specializes in employment law, representing employees in a wide range of grievances, appeals, wrongful termination suits, discrimination and sexual harassment cases. He would love to hear from fellow colleagues from the U of M.

MARK BRAUN (Ph.D. 1990) is beginning a second three-year appointment as Associate Dean of Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN. He just completed a term on the board of the Broadcast Education Association and is now editing the journal of the Communication and Theater Association of Minnesota.

DAVID BUDGE (B.A. around 1985) is the MSP Certified Instructor/Training Coordinator for Northwest Airlines Ground Operations. This summer he was the 18th Hole captain for the marshals for the 3M Championship for the Senior Professionals and the 18th Hole marshal captain for the PGA Championship at Hazeltine.

KARLYN KOHRS CAMPBELL (Ph.D. 1968) responded to the following papers, all presented by the University of Minnesota Alums at the International Communication Association, Seoul, Korea on July 19, 2002:

SEON GI BAEK (Ph.D. 1989, currently at Sung Kyun Kwan U, Korea): "A Semiotic Approach to Korean Mass Media Coverage of the First South and North Korean Summit Meeting."

YOSHIHISA SAM ITABA (Ph.D. 1995, currently at Dokkyo U, Tokyo, Japan): "Intentionality and Indeterminacy: A Rhetorical Analysis of Prime Minister Koizumi's Statement on his Visit to Yasukuni Shrine."

LIN-LEE LEE (Ph.D. 2000, currently at Wenzao Ursuline College of Languages, Kaoshiung, ROC): "A Rhetorical Analysis of the Rhetoric of Vice-Presidential Candidate Annette Lu in the Second Presidential Election in Taiwan, 2000."

SANG-CHUL LEE (Ph.D. 1998, currently at Seoul National U, Korea): "An Analysis of Korean President Kim Dae-Jung's Rhetoric in North-South Korean Relations."

JAMES CHESEBRO (Ph.D. 1972) will be a Visiting Professor in the Center for Media Design and the Department of Communication Studies at Ball State University, 2002-03. He is doing comparative studies of conceptions of masculinity in the U.S., India, Korea, and Germany.

ROBBIN CRABTREE (Ph.D. 1992) is Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Communication at Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT. She is currently leading a group of 12 people on a trip to Kenya as part of Bridges to Community, a U.S. non-governmental cross-cultural organization. There the group will study the Greenbelt Movement, stay on an animal reserve, and visit several urban grass roots initiatives including an HIV/AIDS clinic.

JOHN CRAGAN (Ph.D. 1972) and David Wright are putting the finishing touches on the 6th edition of their small group textbook, Communication in Small Groups: Theory, Process, Skills by Wadsworth. Christopher Kasch, Ph.D., University of Illinois was added to their list of authors due to David Wright's illness. Donald Shields (Ph.D. 1974) and John have resumed work on their organizational communication textbook for Allyn and Bacon. John is an adjunct professor at the University of St. Thomas teaching one class in the fall semester on communication theory.

JON DEVRIES, JR. (B.A. 1994) has returned to the U of M as an Academic Advisor in the CLA Communications and Media Student Community. While finishing his thesis for his MS in Experiential Learning and Student Personnel from Minnesota State University in Mankato, Jon is excited to apply his graduate work and his firsthand knowledge of the Communications degree and department to advising students.

BONNIE DOW (Ph.D. 1990) has been quoted in the *New York Times* and *Glamour* magazine on why the Big Three broadcast networks don't have a female anchorperson for their nightly newscasts. She is also coordinating the Eighth Biennial Public Address Conference to be held at the University of Georgia, October 3-6, 2002.

LOREN EKROTH (Ph.D. 1967) is publishing an online newsletter, "Conversation Pieces," and creating training materials on conversation. He is living in Las Vegas, NV, after three decades in Hawaii. This past July, he was emcee for his 50th high school class reunion in Superior, WI.

THOMAS ENDRES (Ph.D. 1986) is Chair of the Communication Studies Department and Acting Chair of Modern & Classical Languages at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. He has written *Sturgis Stories: Celebrating the People of the World's Largest Motorcycle Rally*.

GEORGE GAETANO (Ph.D. 1995) will lead a group of Hamline University alumni in May 2003 on a trip to Ireland to study "Comedy in Ireland." They will attend a comedy festival in Kilkenny and other venues, examining the culture through the lens of humor.

PATRICIA GOODWIN (M.A. 1978) is a public relations consultant based in Minneapolis. This coming year marks her fifteenth in business as the Goodwin Communications Group. Since 1991, she has been an adjunct professor in the Graduate School of Business at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul teaching media relations and PR writing to graduate students.

LIZ GORMAN (M.A. 1989) has pursued a career in public relations and, in the last six years, has focused on corporate social responsibility. Currently, she has her own strategic communications consulting business, helping companies communicate their commitment to ethical business practices and community involvement. Her largest client is Starbucks Coffee Company.

JOSHUA GUNN (Ph.D. 2002) moved to Baton Rouge, LA, to join the faculty at LSU this summer. His article, "H.P. Blavatsky and the Magic of Esoteric Language" will appear in the *Journal of Communication and Religion* this fall.

ANNE-HELENE GUTIERRES-REQUENNE (M.A. 1996) worked as Director of Training and as a Cross Cultural Trainer for Window on the World, a Minneapolis-based Cross Cultural Company. She has worked with Fortune 500 companies for the past seven years, doing expatriation training, team building, kids' training and, recently, repatriation training. She is still doing the same kind of work, but she is now an independent consultant living in Paris.

ROBERT HARIMAN (Ph.D. 1979) published "Dissent and Emotional Management in a Liberal-Democratic Society: The Kent State Iconic Photograph" in *Rhetoric Society Quarterly* 31 (2001), for which he received the Knuepper Award for best article as well as the Golden Anniversary Monograph Award from NCA this year.

SUSAN HATFIELD (Ph.D. around 1990) recently was appointed by the Secretary of the Navy to the Marine Corps University Board of Visitors. She is the Director of Assessment at Winona State University.

JONATHAN HESS (Ph.D. 1996) recently published articles in *Management Communication Quarterly* and *Communication Studies*. Another article will appear in an upcoming issue of the *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*. He also is publishing a book chapter.

JANET M. HIVELEY (M.A. 1977) completed her Ph.D. in Work, Community and Family Education at the age of 69. She is now the Coordinator of the Vital Aging Network (VAN) in the College of Continuing Education at the University of Minnesota (www.van.umn.edu).

MELANIE HOHERTZ (M.A. 1999) is communications manager of Uniprise, a division of UnitedHealth Group. Prior to her current position, she spent five years consulting for Fortune 500 companies at Price Waterhouse Coopers LLP. She planned to propose to her boyfriend Brian Wicks in August (if he doesn't beat her to it!).

JENNIFER HOVLAND (M.A. 1996) is the Adult and Family Enrichment Coordinator at St. Joseph to Worker Church in Maple Grove, MN, where she works with over 8,000 parishioners. Recently, she was hired as a volunteer firefighter in Maple Grove and has begun intensive training. She is married to Jeff and has two sons, Luke and Jake.

STAN HUSTAD (M.A. 1993) runs his own executive performance coaching business and recently published a book on the subject of how to market yourself. The techniques are based strongly on communication savvy.

MICHELE JACKSON (Ph.D. 1994) teaches in the Department of Communication at the University of Colorado. She has been a co-principal investigator on sponsored research grants totaling \$350,000, and was research director for a \$55,000 planning grant sponsored by the Colorado Institute of Technology.

FERN JOHNSON (Ph.D. 1974) continues to direct the interdisciplinary Communication and Culture Program at Clark University in Worcester, MA. Last year, she published "Ideological undercurrents in the semantic notion of 'working mothers'" in *Women and Language*, and two other articles are scheduled to be in print soon.

BARBARA KAPPLER (Ph.D. 1998) is an Assistant Director of International Student and Scholar Services at the University of Minnesota where she is responsible for intercultural training. She manages five annual programs and provides workshops for staff, students, faculty, and community members on improving communication across cultures. She lives in Minneapolis with her husband, Tonu Mikk, and daughter, Annika (2 ½ years old), and is expecting #2 in January!

JOLENE KOESTER (Ph.D. 1980) is president of California State University - Northridge, where she is overseeing efforts to improve contributed funds and graduation rates. She just finished a vacation in Amsterdam, spent a week in Puerto Rico, and is planning a trip to China in October (strictly University business).

JAMES KUSHNER (Ph.D. 1976) is happily retired from his career with a tobacco company. He is now a regional director for one of Asia's largest market research firms based in Hong Kong.

NAN GESCHEN LARSEN (M.A. 1992) is working toward her first publication. Her booklet on Strategic Learning Management is scheduled to be printed by the American Society of Training and Development (ASTD) this October.

CHARLES LARSON (Ph.D. 1968) began his retirement a year ago with a trip to Alaska where he caught two halibut, 35 and 45 pounds, respectively (no confirmation from Mary). His retirement was short-lived--he has started yet another ad agency, and claims to be working on the tenth revision of his popular book on persuasion.

MONROE LEVIE (M.A. 1978) is pursuing his unfulfilled passion to teach speech to eager, bright-eyed students, especially at the junior college level. Since 1978 he has been the Regional Sales Representative for manufacturers of women's apparel in the upper midwest.

DANIEL LINTIN (Ph.D. 2001) is currently chair of the Rhetorical Theory and Criticism Division of CSCA, and is the upcoming chair of the Gay and Lesbian Concerns Caucus of NCA. He will present a paper this fall at NCA on parental favoritism in families with a disabled child.

ANN LOWRY (Ph.D. 1990) was promoted to full professor and (finally!) relieved of her duties as chair of her department.

MARY JANE MADDEN (Ph.D. 1982) has accepted a Fulbright Lectureship at Hacettepe University in Ankara, Turkey for the fall and spring semesters. Along with checking out carpets and drinking coffee, she will be enjoying the rich Turkish culture.

RICHARD MARSDEN (M.A. 1983) is a Senior Academic Adviser and Scholastic Committee Chair in the Inter-College Program (ICP) at the University of Minnesota. He also teaches math and study skills at Sylvan Learning Center in Minnetonka.

JERIE MCARTHUR (Ph.D. 1979) will be published in the *Handbook of Business Strategy* for the fourth consecutive year. This year's article is titled, "Team-Building on Task: You Can Keep Coaching While the Game's On." She was also interviewed by the *Journal for Business Strategy* for insight into obstacles facing the FBI director as that agency changes from law enforcement to intelligence.

JAN A. MEYER (Ph.D. 1986) consults on crisis management (preparation, prevention, and response) in Asia and Anchorage, AK, but is on a step-down to retirement.

HAL MILLER (Ph.D. 1962) retired from the Deanship of University College/Continuing Education & Extension at the University of Minnesota after 27 years in that role. Soon after, he joined the administration of Northwestern College in St. Paul as Vice President of Academic Affairs, where he remains, and is enjoying the change to a small college, his first alma mater.

KAREN J. MUSOLF (Ph.D. 1994) successfully completed the Central Rockies Leadership program offered by Colorado Mountain College. Her review of Joseph S. Meisel's *Public Speech and the Culture of Public Life in the Age of Gladstone* will be published in a forthcoming edition of *Albion*, an American journal devoted to British studies.

MICHAEL NETZLEY (Ph.D. 2002) has been named a Director-at-Large to the Association for Business Communication in the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota. His term begins in 2003.

BRIAN NUMAINVILLE (M.A. 1993) is currently Director of Research at Nash Finch Company, a Fortune 500 food distributor and retailer, based in Minnesota. He is also the current Chair of the Food Marketing Institute's Consumer Market Research Committee.

CLARK OLSON (Ph.D. 1986) directed the Arizona State University Hugh Downs School of Human Communication's summer abroad program. He managed the program and spent the summer teaching in London.

LES OPATZ (M.A. 1998) presented "The Power of the Peer Adviser: Effective, Efficient, and Ethical" at the National Academic Advising Association conference in May. He is the coordinator for the CLA Communications and Media Student Community at the University of Minnesota.

DEBRA L. PETERSEN (Ph.D. 1991) teaches at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN. She received a 2001 Minneapolis Award from then-mayor Sharon Sayles Belton for her work and fund-raising for playground accessibility and safety.

LINDA PUTNAM (Ph.D. 1976) has received a renewal on a \$110,000 NSF/EPA grant to study "Stakeholder Framing of Intractable Environmental Conflicts." The project involves three universities in an interdisciplinary study of different environmental disputes. Its goal is to understand how the framing of disputes has evolved during these protracted conflicts.

ANGELA RAY (Ph.D. 2001) teaches Rhetorical Criticism and Theory and Rhetorical History at the University of Memphis. She recently received a competitive summer research grant to publish her dissertation.

DONALD RUBIN (Ph.D. 1978) has accepted the editorship of *Communication Education* for 2003-2005. He teaches in the Department of Language Education at the University of Georgia.

DOUGLAS SAMIMI-MOORE (M.A. 1988) is the program director of the Bahá'í International Community's Office of Public Information, which coordinates media relations and public information activities worldwide. He and his family live in Israel.

COREY SCHLOSSER-HALL (Ph.D. 2001) is Communications Director for the Presbyteries of Seattle and Olympia, comprising 110 churches and over 30,000 people in the Puget Sound area of Washington State.

CAROL SHAFFER (M.A. 1988) is in her fifth year as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Freeport, Illinois. She has been married three years and has two stepsons.

DALE SHANNON (Ph.D. 1992) is the Training Coordinator for Allegan County Community Mental Health in Allegan, MI. He also is a Qualified Sexuality Educator for Community Mental Health, teaching sexuality education to adults with developmental disabilities and/or mental impairments. He serves on the Board of Directors for Special Olympics Area 21 in Michigan.

ELAYNE SHAPIRO (Ph.D. 1993) became Chair of the Department of Communication Studies at the University of Portland (Oregon) in January 2002.

BARBARA F. SHARF (Ph.D. 1976) is publishing a book this fall: *Communicating Health: Personal, Cultural & Political Complexities*, co-written with Patricia Geist-Martin and Eileen Berlin Ray. She is the Graduate Director for the Department of Speech Communication at Texas A&M University.

JUDY SIMS (Ph.D. 1990) is a professor in the Department of Communication and Journalism at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. She teaches Basic Communication and Screening Student Speeches on the Internet.

MARK SMELTZER (Ph.D. 1994) is Chair of the Humanities Department at Century College in White Bear Lake, MN. He has recently moved into a new home in the same city.

L. RIPLEY SMITH (Ph.D. 1996) is the chair of the Communication Department at Northwestern College in St. Paul. He has published seven articles in the past three years, and this past spring was elected as a Fellow to the International Academy of Intercultural Research. He is also busy with his four daughters, aged 4-12.

GARY SOLDOW (Ph.D. 1976) is beginning his sixth year as Chair of the Department of Marketing for Baruch College/SUNY. It is one of the largest marketing departments in the country with approximately 27 full-time faculty members.

NATHAN STORMER's (Ph.D. 1997) article "In Living Memory" appeared in Quarterly Journal of Speech, July 2002. His book Articulating Life's Memory: A Study of Nineteenth-Century U.S. Medical Antiabortion Rhetoric, published by Lexington Books, will be available in September 2002.

JENNIFER STROMER-GALLEY (M.A. 1997) starts as Assistant Professor at the University of Albany, SUNY, in the Department of Communication in January 2003. She is now completing her dissertation at the Annenberg School and hopes to defend in October.

CHRISTOPHER SWIFT (M.A. 1999) became an ABD at Northwestern University and is finishing his studies with a grant to study Samuel Weber at his Institute for Critical Theory in Paris this academic year.

JODI THOMAS (M.A. 1996) is a stay-at-home mom in Woodbury, MN. Her children, Jack and Gavin, are keeping her busy and happy. Her husband Will is a computer consultant specializing in PeopleSoft.

TIMOTHY TOMLINSON (Ph.D. 1994) is Dean of Alternative Education, Director of the Center for Distance Education, and Professor of Communication at Northwestern College. He also is president of a national association of distance education providers and chair of the board of The Bethlehem Institute—a seminary for studies of the Bible, theology, and missions.

ADAM TYMA (M.A. 2001) is entering his second year as a trainer for Best Buy's New Store Opening team. He is also an adjunct instructor for Brown College, a business school in the Twin Cities, where he teaches "Communication and Business in the Internet Age," which teaches a holistic approach to communication strategies from a business/corporate perspective.

ROBERT VENINGA (Ph.D. 1972) was recently named a Fellow in the World Confederation of Productivity Science. The award was presented for "long-standing and significant contributions to the quality of life and productivity."

THOMAS WALL (M.A. 1997) is an executive with a large engineering firm in southern California, and is a police officer in Laguna Beach, CA. Thanks in part to Drs. Shapiro and Scott, he also owns a company (www.tomwall.org) that provides leadership and motivational seminars and executive training.

SUE WEBER (Ph.D. 2001) is Director of Forensics at the University of Illinois-Springfield. She recently completed her dissertation and was awarded the Ph.D.

GAIL WHITCHURCH (M.A. 1981) is Associate Professor of Communication Studies and Adjunct Associate Professor of Sociology at Indiana University/Purdue University-Indianapolis. She teaches courses on couples and family communication, interviewing, and interpersonal communication. She also counsels couples, individuals, and families in private practice.

JULIE BELLE WHITE-NEWMAN (Ph.D. 1975) is director of the Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership program at the College of St. Catherine. Last year, she was chosen by the St. Catherine Alumni Association for its Teaching Excellence award.

Thanks to all the alumni who contributed their "bits and pieces" for the Alumni edition. Next COMMPOST: November 2002.

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It's an exciting and challenging time. The tenure files of Terry Kinney, Mary Vavrus, and Kirt Wilson have gone forward to be evaluated by the CLA Promotion and Tenure Committee and the Dean and Associate Deans. The senior faculty devoted time and energy to their preparation. As a result of the good work of the search committee, chaired by Terry Kinney and David Rarick, we are in the midst of interviewing candidates for a position in communication theory who will be a replacement for David Rarick when he retires. Like other states, Minnesota faces a significant deficit that will affect funding for the University. We are already beginning to think of all the ways that we can save money in the College, hoping that such preparation will enable us to avoid more severe cutbacks.

I am thrilled that the kickoff for the Kohrs-Campbell Prize in Rhetorical Criticism occurred at a wonderful party at NCA. That is a dream realized.

All of us here wish all of you happy holidays and a good new year!



NCA Convention Participation—Senior Faculty

A special congratulations to **KIRT H. WILSON**, recipient of the Karl R. Wallace Memorial Award for his proposed book-length project on race and imitation in U.S. culture from the 18th to the 20th century. This award is given to foster and promote philosophical, historical, or critical scholarship in rhetorical and public discourse.

Panelist: Communication in Action: International and Intercultural Communication Consulting
ROSITA ALBERT

Panelist: Communication Journals: Actors or Reactors?
KARLYN KOHRS CAMPBELL

Panelist: Meet the Editors
KARLYN KOHRS CAMPBELL

Panel Chair: State of Violence: Wrestling (With) Retaliatory Rhetoric
RONALD W. GREENE

- Respondent: Information Distribution in Groups
DEAN E. HEWES
- Paper: "Revisiting 'Sophistic Rhetoric: Oasis or Mirage?'"
EDWARD SCHIAPPA
- Panel Chair: Rhetorical Strategies in Teaching Communication Theory: The Creation of a Critical Media Literacy Video
MARY D. VAVRUS
- Paper: "Sexing Ralph Nader: The Representational Politics of a Third Party's Third Sex"
MARY D. VAVRUS
- Respondent: Place and Participation in the American Landscape
MARY D. VAVRUS
- Panel Chair: The Politics of Media Culture
MARY D. VAVRUS
- Respondent: Riding the Conservative Backlash: "Them and Us" Post September 11
MARY D. VAVRUS
- Paper: "From Genius to Method, Method to Genius: The Turns of Imitation"
KIRT H. WILSON

NCA Participation -- Graduate Students

- Poster Session: "Transforming Personal Tragedy into Public Triumph: A Proposed Analysis of September 11th as a Death Ritual"
DIANNE BLAKE
- Paper: "The Tragedy and Tomb: The Cultural Transformation of the World Trade Center into a Spiritual and Secular Space"
DIANNE BLAKE
- Paper: "John Walker Lindh: Youth Gone Awry and the Disciplining of American Dissent"
KRISTIN BROWN-OWENS
- Paper: "An Invitation to the Common Room: John Henry Newman's 'Knowledge Its Own End'"
KRISTINE S. BRUSS

- Paper: "A Resemblance and a Contrast"
KRISTINE S. BRUSS
- Paper: "An Ideological Analysis of the LG and CJ39 Home Shopping Channels"
JINBONG CHOI
- Paper: "A New Model for Establishing a Debate Team: The University of Minnesota
Parliamentary Debate Society"
ERIC FUCHS
- Paper: "Harry Potter and the Search for Discourse"
KITTIE E. GRACE
- Paper: "A Work in Progress: The Creation of a Critical Media Literacy Video"
PETER GREGG
- Paper: "The Production of Quiescence: The Environmental Rhetoric in the 2000
Presidential Campaign"
[This was a top student paper in environmental communication.]
ROBERT HINRICHS
- Paper: "The Rhetorical Virgin"
MARIKO IZUMI
- Paper: "Deploying the Gaze: Participating in the Work of Cindy Sherman"
[This was a top student paper in the Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division.]
JOSEPH JACOBS
- Paper: "A Revolutionary Feminist Rhetoric"
[This was a top student paper in the Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division.]
ZORNITSA D. KEREMIDCHIEVA
- Paper: "Migrant Bodies, Migrant Selves"
[This was the top student paper in Semiotics.]
ZORNITSA D. KEREMIDCHIEVA
- Paper: "Revolution in the Flesh: Alexandra Kollontai's Rhetoric of Women's
Emancipation"
[This was a top paper in the Feminist & Women's Studies Division.]
ZORNITSA D. KEREMIDCHIEVA
- Paper: "Searching for the Free Women of Post-communist Bulgaria"
ZORNITSA D. KEREMIDCHIEVA

- Panelist: **The Healing Dimensions of Communication: A Roundtable Discussion**
COLLEEN M. KLATT
- Paper: "Self-Talk and Right Livelihood: A Conscious Choice"
COLLEEN M. KLATT
- Paper: "Time is on Their Side: Sam Nunn's Argument of 'Temporal Ethos' During the Persian Gulf War Debate"
MICHAEL KRAMER
- Paper: "From 'Pretty Woman' to Political Pundit: The Authority of Celebrity Status After a National Tragedy"
MEGHAN KRAUSE
- Paper: "Feeding the 'Inner Ashcroft': Fear and the Rhetorical Redefinition of Citizenship"
JULIE MACTAGGART
- Paper: "Adorno's Hot Lunch: Feminism, Psychoanalysis and Bedside Astrology"
CHANI MARCHISELLI
- Paper: "Traversing Virtual Screens: The Creation and Consumption of Ideology Online"
CHRISTOPHER A. PAUL
- Paper: "W.E.B. DuBois, Ernesto Grassi and the Rhetorical Function of a Poetic History"
ARIC E. PUTNAM
- Paper: "Irony, History, and Memory"
ARIC E. PUTNAM
- Paper: "In Numbers Too Big to Ignore: Transcendent Feminism at Work in the Classroom"
KELLEY M. SKILLIN
- Panelist: **Views from the Fringe: Charting the Cultural Geography of "Deviance"**
NAIDA ZUKIC
- Paper: "Embodies Ambivalence: Reiterating and Transforming Phallogentrism in *The Pillowbook*"
NAIDA ZUKIC

Paper:

"Hollywood Censored: Negotiating Lesbian Visibility Under the Code"
[This was a top paper in the GLBT Studies Division.]
NAIDA ZUKIC

ALUMNI NEWS

One of the best things about the convention is seeing alumni from distant parts. I was glad to see so many of you at our party at the convention. I'm hoping that all of you will want to submit manuscripts to the Michigan State University Press and compete for the Kohrs-Campbell Prize.

Special recognition to:

ANGELA RAY (Ph.D. 2001) winner of the Gerald R. Miller Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award for "Pupils, Spectators, Citizens: Representations of US Public Culture in the 19th-century Lyceum."

BONNIE DOW (Ph.D. 1990) winner of the Golden Anniversary Monograph Award recognizing one of the most outstanding scholarly monographs published during the previous calendar year for "Ellen, Television, and the Politics of Gay and Lesbian Visibility," CSMS 18 (2001): 123-40.

Thanks for your "Bits and Pieces" for composting. Next edition: February, 2003.