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SENIOR FACULTY

Last July Rosita Albert presented a paper entitled "Cultural Diversity and the Reduction of Prejudice and Conflict in Organizational Settings: Major Issues and Approaches" at the First International Congress on Prejudice, Discrimination and Conflict in Jerusalem, Israel. The congress was organized by a group of social scientists and included participants from the fields of psychology, sociology, political science, education and communication from 16 countries.

Vernon Jensen has been busy writing the "Forward" in Conversations on Communication Ethics, ed. by Karen Greenberg (Ablex, 1991). He also did book reviews of The Price of Empire, by Sen. William Fulbright with Seth Tillman (Pantheon Books, 1989), in QJS, Nov. 1991 and Leadership in Asia: Persuasive Communication in the Making of Nations, 1850-1950, by Robert T. Oliver (University of Delaware Press, 1989), in QJS, Aug. 1991.

"Using Computing to Facilitate the Quality Improvement Process: The IRS Minnesota Project" by Gerry DeSanctis, Scott Poole, George DeSharnais, and Howard Lewis was one of the 1991 Decision Support System Prize Papers offered by the Institute of Management Sciences. It was published in the November/December, 1991 issue of Interfaces.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

At the 14th Annual Communication, Language and Gender Conference in Milwaukee WI, Lisa Baumgartner Brody presented "Women's Talk - Making the 'Three Point Shot': Collaborative Femininity Versus Masculine Competitiveness." At the same conference Sara Hayden presented "Interruptions and the Construction of Reality."

Cindy Hanson has been named Director of Post-Secondary Education at Film-in-the-Cities in St. Paul, MN.

A Graduate School Tuition Scholarship was awarded to Laurie Pryor for Winter Quarter, 1992.

Dale Shannon presented "Doing It As A Group: The Impact of Computers On Interpersonal Communication" at the conference "Beyond Boundaries: Understanding Society and Technology" held at the University of St. Thomas.

Shelley Smith and Barbara Kappler presented a workshop on "Cross-Cultural Simulations: Using a Cultural General Approach" at the Region IV National Association of International Educators.

UNDERGRADUATES

Gaylen Paulsen, completing a degree in Speech-Communication and Educational Psychology, received the Buchta Award in November from University College. The Buchta Award was established in memory of J.W. Buchta, the first dean of University College and a distinguished faculty member in the Institute of Technology.

ALUMNI

Barry Brummett (Ph.D. 1987), head of the Department of Communication, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, has just published Contemporary Apocalyptic Rhetoric (Praeger).

Ray Christensen (B.A. 1949), play-by-play voice of University of Minnesota Gopher basketball on WCCO Radio called his 1,000th Gopher game on December 11 against Akron at Williams Arena. Christensen began covering Gopher basketball in 1955 when he worked at WLOL. He joined WCCO Radio in 1963. The 1991 season marks his 36th year with basketball.

Marlene Fine (M.A. 1972) has been promoted to Associate Professor with tenure at University of Massachusetts, Boston. Also, Marlene, along with Fern Johnson (Ph.D. 1974) currently at Clark University and Karen A. Foss, Humboldt State University had their article "Student Perceptions of Gender in Managerial Communication" published in Women's Studies in Communication Spr. 1991.

Laurie Hayes (B.A. 1966) has been named associate dean for curricular and student affairs in the College of Agriculture.

Larry Kegan (M.A. 1978), along with Gene Lafond, Neil Young, Don Henley, Nils Lofgren, Tracy Chapman, Willie Nelson, John Lee Hooker, and Sonic Young did a benefit for the Bridge School. The school, located in Los Angeles, CA was established to provide educational services to severely speech impaired, physically challenged children who require adaptive technology in order to benefit educationally.

Andrew King (Ph.D. 1968) has been promoted to Chair at Louisiana State University.

Kazuo Nishiyama (Ph.D. 1970) has returned to the Department of Speech, University of Hawaii at Mano after having served as Vice President and Trustee for Tokai University at Honolulu.

Midori Otani (M.A. 1989) has been accepted into the graduate program of the anthropology department at American University, Washington, D.C.

Thank you for your "Bits and Pieces" for composting. Next COMPOST, March, 1992.

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BECKY L. OMDAHL, (Ph.D. 1991, University of Wisconsin -- Madison) currently an Assistant Professor at State University of New York at Buffalo, has accepted our offer to join the department as an assistant professor starting in fall of 1992.

SENIOR FACULTY

KARLYN K. CAMPBELL and **ERNEST G. BORMANN** were among the first group selected to receive the Speech Communication Association Distinguished Scholar Awards. The purpose of these awards are to recognize and reward a lifetime of scholarly achievement in the study of human communication by members of SCA.

At the Woodrow Wilson Center (Smithsonian Institution) in Washington, D.C., **DONALD BROWNE** addressed a group of scholars, journalists and researchers on the subject of "The Fast-changing Radio Scene in Eastern Europe." He also served as panelist and speaker in the final session of a six-part series on international radio, held by the Voice of America and the Wilson Center in honor of VOA's 50th anniversary.

JANICE PECK was appointed to the adjunct faculty in the Department of American Studies and is also serving on the Graduate Studies Committee in that department.

SCOTT POOLE was the co-recipient of a \$3600 grant from NAFSA: Association of International Educators for a symposium titled "Sharing Our Voices." The symposium was held March 6-7 at Macalester College and provided undergraduates from Minnesota colleges and universities including the U of MN an opportunity to present research and art projects conducted for women.

GEORGE SHAPIRO spoke to the Harvard Business School Minnesota Club on "Left Handed Jewish Junk Pitchers with Men on First and Third" or "Ethical Leadership."

GRADUATE STUDENTS

MICHELE H. JACKSON was awarded the 1992-93 Adelle and Erwin Tomash Fellowship in the History of Information Processing by the Charles Babbage Foundation. The award consists of a \$10,000 stipend plus \$2,000 for research expenses. The fellowship is open to international competition and this is the first time the Tomash has been awarded to a University of Minnesota student.

SHELLEY SMITH and **GEORGE SHAPIRO** presented a workshop on "Communicating for Transformation" for the Minnesota Plan II Student Initiative Workshops to transform the climate for women students.

The Kaltenborn Foundation Grant was awarded to **REBECCA ANN LIND** to support her dissertation research into audience evaluations of ethically controversial local television news.

DOUGLAS THOMAS, along with R. J. Lesch, will be presenting a paper "Time, Evolution and Information: A Synthetic Approach To the Study of Science Fiction and Fascism" at the Fascism(s): Roots/Replays/Extension conference sponsored by the University of Oregon.

TODD ENDRES starts a new career as Assistant Human Resources Manager for Am West Management Group of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Academic Appointments

REBECCA ANN LIND accepted a tenure-track assistant professorship at University of Illinois, Chicago.

JANE LOEB accepted a tenure-track assistant professorship at University of Minnesota, Morris.

UNDERGRADUATES

TAMMY KRAUS and **ERNEST BORMANN** participated in the 18th Annual undergraduate Honors Conference at DePauw University.

Department News

Shane Stafford, Jon Hess, John Jackson, R.J. Lesch, Dan Molden, Mark Smeltzer, and Mike Tollefson formed the intramural basketball powerhouse called "Folwell Fans." Although the team's season record did not accurately reflect its NBA potential, fun was had by all. They did beat the team "Better than the Wolves."

ALUMNI NEWS

JOHN BOURHIS (Ph.D. 1988) and Mike Allen had their article "Meta-Analysis of the Relationship Between Communication Apprehension and Cognitive Performance" published in Communication Education January, 1992.

MARK BRAUN (Ph.D. 1990) had a paper selected as a chapter in a book to be published in the SCA Applied Communication series. The book, edited by Gary Kreps, is on Communication and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace. His chapter is titled "Fallongate: The Feminist, the Ad-Agency, and the Ten Million Dollar Case of Sexual Harassment."

LOREN EKROTH (Ph.D. 1967) is now in private practice as an organizational consultant and psychotherapist in Honolulu.

VAPORDEAL SANDERS (Ph.D. 1980) has become a full time entrepreneur specializing in communication skills and workplace diversity.

KRISTIN S. VONNEGUT (Ph.D. 1991) had her article "Listening for Women's Voices: Revisioning Courses in American Public Address" published in Communication Education, January, 1992.

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The NCR Communication and Cooperation Technology Laboratory was recently dedicated here at the University of Minnesota. The Speech-Communication Department will use the lab for research on interpersonal and organizational communication and research on electronic media. **M.SCOTT POOLE** directs the operation of this facility.

SENIOR FACULTY

At the recent International Communication Association Convention held in Miami, Florida, **ROSITA ALBERT** presented "Cultural Diversity and Cross-cultural Training for Multinational Organizations: Major Issues and Approaches." She also was the chair and organizer of the Crossing Cultures and Borders: Major Issues for Multinational Organizations Panel.

At the same convention, **DONALD BROWNE** presented "Maori Radio: A Voice for Tangata Whenua." His article "Raidio na Gaeltachta: Reviver, Preserver or Destroyer of the Irish Language?" is scheduled to appear in The European Journal of Communication this summer or early fall.

ROBERT SCOTT presented the Mohrmann Lecture "Debating PC and Multiculturalism: On Being Cicero in 1992" at the University of California, Davis, in early May.

GEORGE SHAPIRO was the keynote speaker at the Anti-violence Symposium sponsored by the Blandin Foundation in Grand Rapids, MN.

GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

BARBARA HANSON was recently elected Region IV chair-elect of NAFSA: Association of International Educators.

At the spring department reception the following awards were given out:

The George Montgomery and Anna Florence Frizelle Reid
Memorial Award

Winner: **Lisa Baumgartner Brody**

The Arle and Billy Haeberle Undergraduate Award

Winner: **Kerry McCue**

The Arle and Billy Haeberle Graduate Award

Winner: **Katherine Johnson**

The Stuart A. Lindman Award

Winner: **Sarah Wesley-Lemire**

The Marguerite Garden Jones Award

Winner: **Sandra Berkowitz**

The Robert L. Scott Book Award

Winner: **Sian Owen-Cruise**

Other Awards

President's Leadership Award For Leadership and Community Service at the University and in Surrounding Communities

Cora Ann Clark

Albert Howard Award

Michele Horner Jackson, Second Alternate
Speech-Communication Single Quarter Fellowships

Michele Jackson and Sian Owen-Cruise

Torske Klubben Fellowship

Anne Thori-Aamot

MacArthur Predissertation Fieldwork Award

Janice Watson

Recent Ph.D. Degrees

Alexandra Austin

"Audience Processing of Media Messages Concerning
AIDS: An Analysis of Rhetorical Visions
of a Public Health Issue"

Adviser: David L. Rarick

Rebecca Ann Lind

"Viewer Evaluations of Ethically Controversial
Local TV News Content"

Adviser: David L. Rarick

Richard D. Rowley

"How National Drinking Groups Talk About Drinking:
An Exploratory Discourse Analysis of Talk and Drinking Rules"

Adviser: Richard E. Sykes

Susan Senecah

"The Environmental Discourse of David Brower:
Using Advocacy Advertising to Save the Grand Canyon"

Adviser: Karlyn K. Campbell

Douglas Thomas

"Nietzschean Transformations: How Philosophy Becomes Rhetoric"

Adviser: Robert L. Scott

Academic Appointment

DALE SHANNON accepted a tenure-track assistant professorship at Western Michigan University.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Department softball team **ALL TALK** recently made the playoffs by qualifying with a 2-2-1 record. They won the first playoff game against Krusty's Klowns but later lost to the Spamballs. **ALL TALK** team members include Cassia Drake, George Gaetano, Jon Hess, Michele Jackson, Katie Johnson, Barb Kappler, Christee Lucas, Jen McGee, Dan Molden, Amy Sjoberg, Mark Smeltzer, Shane Stafford, Jen Stolte, and Mike Tollefson. Supporting the team were Chris Carroll, Randal Harobik, and R.J. Lesch. Rumor has it that **ALL TALK** will resurface this summer.

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At the Sixty-Second Annual Convention of the Southern States Communication last April, the following papers were presented by alumni:

"Mike Mansfield and Indochina: An Example of the Rhetorical Critic's Dependence on Rhetorical History"

Gregory Olson (Ph.D. 1988)

"Theoretical Implications of Rhetorical History Using the Vietnam Decision-Making Process as an Example"

Moya Ball (Ph.D. 1988)

In the May, 1992 edition of the Journal of Applied Communication Research, edited by William Eadie, a past visiting faculty person from California State University, Northridge, the following articles by alumni were published:

"Value Identification in Narrative Discourse: Evaluation of an HIV Education Demonstration Project"

Marsha L. Vanderford (Ph.D. 1982), David L. Smith, Willard Harris

"The Effects of Cross-Cultural Training on American Managers in a Japanese-American Joint Venture"

Mitchell R. Hammer (Ph.D. 1982) and Judith Martin

"The Use of Symbolic Convergence Theory in Corporate Strategic Planning: A Case Study"

John F. Cragan (Ph.D. 1972) and Donald C. Shields (Ph.D. 1974)

John Stone (Ph.D. 1990) and Andrew King (Ph.D. 1968) recently presented papers at the 5th Biennial Conference of the Rhetoric Society of America, held at the Park Inn International in Minneapolis, May 21-23. Current graduate students Doug Thomas and Janice Watson also presented papers.

Kristen Vonnegut (Ph.D. 1991) submitted the top SCA Public Address paper to be presented in November at the annual convention.

Emeritus Professor William S. Howell and Teruyuki Kume (Ph.D. 1979) have recently published a book using concepts from Howell's Empathic Communicator, converted to Japanese culture. The title of the book is Kansei No Komyunikeishon (Empathic Communication) with a subtitle Taijin Yuhwa No DainamizumyWo Saguru (Searching for the Dynamism of Interpersonal Harmony).

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The book Vietnam-on-the Potomac authored by Moya Ann Ball (Ph.D. 1988) is now available through Praeger Publishers. The book traces the Vietnam decisions from the combative rhetoric of Kennedy's presidential campaign through the creation of a small group culture in the Kennedy administration.

James Kushner (Ph.D. 1976) lives in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia where he works as Regional Development Director for R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. His areas include Southeast Asia and Australia and he also writes travel articles for Asian magazines and newspapers.

Charles Bantz (M.A. 1973) is on sabbatical leave from Arizona State University and is spending his time doing research in Scotland. He is also the new editor of Communication Monographs.

ALUMNI PROMOTIONS/NEW POSITIONS

Lori J. Abrams (Ph.D. 1988) accepted a tenure track Assistant Professor position at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN.

Dawn Braithwaite (Ph.D. 1988) and her husband, Charles have accepted offers at Arizona State University West, a new campus in the northwest part of Phoenix. It is part of the ASU system, fully accredited and offers only upper-division and graduate level courses.

James Chesebro (Ph.D. 1972) will assume the position of chairperson of the Department of Communication at Indiana State University.

Bonnie Dow (Ph.D. 1990) accepted a position as Assistant Professor at North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND.

Laurie Hayes (B.A. 1966) was named Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, University of Minnesota.

Margarita Gangotena (Ph.D. 1980) accepted a position as Assistant Professor at Texas A & M University, College Station, TX.

Susan Rickey Hatfield (Ph.D. 1988) was recently appointed department chair at Winona State University, Winona, MN.

Michael Holmes (Ph.D. 1991) accepted a position as Assistant Professor at the University of Utah, Department of Communication, Salt Lake City, Utah. Michael has spent the last two years as an Assistant Professor at Purdue University.

Becky Swanson Kroll (Ph.D. 1981) recently became Director of the Minnesota Women's Center at the University of Minnesota.

Jolene Koester (Ph.D. 1980) was named Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, California State University, Sacramento.

Richard Marsden (M.A. 1983) has been promoted to Assistant Director of the Academic Counseling Unit in Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Minnesota.

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Kelley Ott (Ph.D. 1989) accepted a position as Associate Professor at Winona State University, Winona, Minnesota.

Gerald Pepper (Ph.D. 1987) has been promoted to Associate Professor with tenure at the University of Minnesota, Duluth.

Eileen A. Scallen (M.A. 1983) has been promoted to Associate Professor at the Hastings College Of The Law, University of California.

Kathleen Waters (Ph.D. 1989) received tenure at the University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio.

Sharon Vipond (Ph.D. 1990) has been appointed Associate Vice President for Information Systems at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia.

Reminder: Professor Browne has announced there will be a Minnesota party at the SCA convention this November in Chicago. All alums are welcome. Please watch for further announcements.

CURRENT FACULTY/GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS

The following faculty and graduate students presented papers at the Second National Communication Ethics Conference, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, June 11-14, 1992:

Jon Hess, "Wait--Something's Missing!': The Status of Ethics in Basic Public Speaking Texts"

Yoshihisa (Sam) Itaba, "In Search of Freedom of Speech in Japan: A Case of Nagasaki City Mayor Motoshima's 'Unfitting' Remarks"

Vernon Jensen, "Ancient Eastern and Western Religions as Guides for Contemporary Communication Ethics"

Charlotte Krolokke, participant

David Rarick & Rebecca Lind, "The Role of Audience Analysis in the Scholarly Study of Media Ethics: Prospects and Problems in the Use of Empirical Audience Research"

At the 18th Annual Congress of The International Society for Intercultural Education, Training and Research (SIETAR International) conference, **Inge Steglitz** presented "Rethinking Education in an Age of Transition."

Rebecca Ann Lind & David Rarick's article "Public Attitudes Toward Ethical Issues in Television Journalism and Entertainment Programming: A Survey of Multiple Viewer Orientations" was accepted by the Journal of Mass Media Ethics, Fall, 1992.

"The Women Will Vote For Me': Lady Astor's Campaign for Parliament, 1919" by **Karen Musolf** was presented at the recent Southern States Communication Convention held in San Antonio, Texas.

"All Talk", the department softball team is awaiting news on their summer league playoff schedule.

Recent Ph.D. Degrees

Robbin Dale Crabtree

"Democratizing Radio Broadcasting in Nicaragua:
A Case Study of Regional Community Radio, 1979-1989"

Adviser: Donald R. Browne

Dale Shannon

"Time Pressure and Negotiation Support:
A Test of a Negotiation support System Using
a Complex Labor-Management Negotiation"

Adviser: M. Scott Poole

Barbara Telser-Gadow

"Intercultural Communication Competence
in Intercultural Marriages"

Adviser: Donald R. Browne

Wende Vyborney

"Computer Reasons and Human Power"

Adviser: Robert L. Scott

Michele Zurakowski

"Public Issue, Private Choice: The Rhetorical Construction of
Woman's Place in News Coverage of the Ban the Bill Rally,
February 28, 1990"

Adviser: Karlyn K. Campbell

Recent M.A. Degrees

Barbara Brian

Adviser: George L. Shapiro

Sheila Fanner

Adviser: George L. Shapiro

Meri Golden

Adviser: Janice Peck

Barbara Kappler

Adviser: Dean Hewes

Ruth Krueger

Adviser: Richard Sykes

Nanette Gesche Larsen

Adviser: Becky Swanson Kroll

Academic Appointments

Douglas Thomas accepted a Visiting Assistant Professor appointment for 1992-93 at Gustavus Adolphus College.

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SENIOR FACULTY

"Polycultural Perspectives on Organizational Communication by **Rosita Albert** appeared in the August issue of Management Communication Quarterly. She is also an invited reviewer of the current issue of the International and Intercultural Communication Annual which is focusing on communication in multinational organizations.

The fifth edition of Effective Small Group Communication by **Ernest G. and Nancy C. Bormann** was recently published by Burgess.

Karlynn Campbell is among the six fall fellows at the Joan Shorenstein Barone Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Her research will focus on the changing role of the wives of presidential and vice presidential candidates.

Vernon Jensen's book review of Alva Mydral: A Daughter's Memoir by Sisseal Bok appeared in the July 1992 edition of the World Communication Association Journal.

Becky Omdahl will receive the 1992 SCA Dissertation Award at the national conference in Chicago, IL in late October.

Janice Peck presented "TV Talk Shows as Therapeutic Discourse: The Ideological Labor of the Television Talking Cure" at the annual conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication in Montreal, August 5-8, 1992.

The second edition of Working Through Conflict by **Scott Poole**, Joseph P. Folger and Randall Stutman of Temple University was recently published by Harper-Collins.

David Rarick and Rebecca Lind (Ph.D. 1992) presented "Audience Evaluations of News Media Ethics" at a colloquium co-sponsored by the Department of Speech Communication, the Graduate Studies Program of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, and the Silha Center for the Study of Media Ethics and Law.

HAVE WE FINALLY GOTTEN RID OF ROBERT L. SCOTT? **Professor Scott** assumed the chair of the Spanish and Portuguese Department late this past summer. The answer to the question is NO. He will continue to be Director of Graduate Studies for speech-communication and will cloud minds in seminars and classes.

Amy Sheldon was invited to join our faculty after the Department of Linguistics at Minnesota was disbanded. Her interests include language and gender, discourse analysis, child and adult language acquisition (including ESL), psycholinguistics, applied linguistics, language pedagogy, conflict talk, language and thought, and language and society.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Professor Scott Poole and three U of M graduate students attended the Fifth Annual Organizational Communication Mini-Conference at the University of Illinois. Papers presented were "Innovation adoption in organizations: A dynamic model of the structural theory of action" by Carolyn Baldwin, "An examination of powerless speech during negotiation: The construct validation of powerless speech" by Cassia Drake, and "Technology development as an organizational activity: The last black box" by Michele Jackson.

Yuichi Kondo has co-authored the book Communication Handbook with International Students. This is the first of its kind teaching the Japanese general public how to deal with international students.

Recent Ph.D. Degree

Verna C. Corgan

"Stories of Justice: Controversial Judicial Opinions
and the Community"

Adviser: Robert L. Scott

UNDERGRADUATES

Waller Scholarships of \$1,250 were awarded to three Speech-Communication majors. Recipients are Darrel Cusey, Gracy McClun, and Christine Wermager.

Professor Amy Sheldon is supervising an Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program grant for Francine Parling entitled "Noun and Pronoun Use in Preschool Children's Pretend Play Talk."

ALUMNI NEWS

John Burtis (Ph.D. 1987) received tenure and a position on the graduate faculty as Associate Professor and Director of Forensics at Kansas State University, Manhattan. He also presented "A Theory of Leadership and Group Direction as Citizen Action: The Good Person Speaking Well" at the Association of Leadership Educators annual convention in Orlando Florida, Sept. 10-12.

In the September, 1992 edition of Critical Studies In Mass Communication "Toward a Discursive Ontology of Media" by Barry Brummett (Ph.D. 1978) and Margaret Carlisle Duncan appeared. In the same edition was "Electric Media and Electric Epistemology: Empathy at a Distance" by W. Lance Haynes (Ph.D. 1982) and Raymond Gozzi, Jr.

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SPECIAL SCA CONVENTION ISSUE

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It was a real pleasure to see so many Minnesota graduates at SCA, and especially at the Party! One couldn't help being impressed by our showing at the convention in terms of honors bestowed, papers presented, responses given -- and the list below doesn't include all of the fine accomplishments of our alums! (If your pride reaches out and tickles your checkbook, our Graduate Student Travel Fund can stand an infusion after the drain of SCA!)

Awards

Speech-Communication Association's Distinguished Scholar Awards
Ernest G. Bormann, Karlyn K. Campbell, Robert L. Scott

1992 SCA Dissertation Award
Becky Omdahl

SENIOR FACULTY

Panels

New Directions for Fantasy Theme Analysis at its Twentieth Anniversary:
Four Metatheoretical Considerations, **ERNEST BORMANN**, Respondent
The Rhetorical Construction of Social Problems, **ERNEST BORMANN**, Chair
Hegemony, Discourse, and Strategies for Social Change, **KARLYN CAMPBELL**,
Respondent
Elizabeth Cady Stanton's Solitude of Self: Readings to Celebrate Its
100th Anniversary, **KARLYN CAMPBELL**, Respondent
Exploring Japanese Rhetoric: Some Ethical Implications, **J. VERNON JENSEN**,
Chair
Asian Rhetorical Insights, **J. VERNON JENSEN**, Chair
Organizational Communication: New Perspectives, **M. SCOTT POOLE**,
Respondent

Papers

ERNEST G. BORMANN (with John F. Cragan and Donald C. Shields), "In
Defense of Symbolic Convergence Theory: A Look at the Theory and Its
Criticisms After Two Decades"
BECKY S. KROLL (Lecturer and Director of the Minnesota Women's Center),
"From Mainstream to Backlash: Rhetorical Depictions of a 'Women's
Movement'"
M. SCOTT POOLE, "An Observational Study of Everyday Use of a Group
Decision Support System"

**GRADUATE STUDENTS
Panels**

Round Table: I'm Your Coach - Not Your Therapist, **KATHRYN ELTON**, Chair

Responsibility and Diversity in Communication Ethics: Are We Like The Minnesota Vikings? - Continually Telling People How Good It Will Be When We Get It But Never Really Doing It, **JENNIFER MCGEE**, Chair

Debates About The Debates: Continuing Issues In Presidential Debates, **PHILLIP VOIGHT**, Chair

Papers

LISA BRODY, "The Search for Woman's Voice: Issues and Implications of Gender, Ethics, and Education," "An End to Exclusion--Feminist Epistemology and Epistemic Responsibility in Rhetorical Criticism and Public Address," and "Communication-Mediated Communication Technology and the Handicapped: A 'Stigma-Busting' Model"

LORI J. CHARRON and **MARILYN FUSS-REINECK** (with Alan Winegarden), "Using Star Trek: The Next Generation in Teaching Communication"

ANN CHISHOLM, "Rap, Racism, and Freedom of Expression"

CASSIA DRAKE, "Is the Powerless Speech Style Construct Valid?: A Preliminary Analysis and Recommendation for Study"

SARA HAYDEN, "'What Every Girl Should Know': The Intersection of Feminism, Socialism, and Sex-Reform in Margaret Sanger's Early Work"

JON HESS, "Assimilating Newcomers Into An Organization: A Cultural Perspective" and "Teaching Ethics in Basic Public Speaking: Review and Proposal"

YOSHIHISA ITABA, "Japan's History Textbooks as Rhetorical Discourse: An Ethical Approach"

BARBARA KAPPLER, "Our Ethical Responsibility: Utilizing Communication Courses to Recognize and Respond to Cultural Diversity"

CHRIS LUCAS, "Theoretical Definitions in Practice: Consciousness Sustaining Strategies in a Coven"

DAN MOLDEN, "The Responsibilities of Educators in Recognizing Diversity: The Model of Experience"

DUANE OLSON, "The Role of Public Discourse in Japan: An Analysis of Form and Function"

SHELLEY SMITH, "Developing an Integrative Approach for Exploring Intercultural Romantic Relationships: Some Approaches and Concerns"

KIMBERLY SZPIECH, "The Power of Feminine Style: A Critical Analysis of Representative Patricia Schroeder's Political Discourse"

PHILLIP VOIGHT (with Susan J. Stanfield), "If Only Kennedy Hadn't Been Shot: An Essay on the Fallibility of Contra-Historical Argument"

JANICE WATSON and **CASSIA DRAKE**, "Reassessing Normative Standards in Communication Theory: The Ethical Implications for Cultural Diversity"

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Those of you who live in Minnesota are well aware of the raging controversies over higher education and its responsibilities to the State and its citizens. The University of Minnesota is at the center of much of the firestorm, with "drug" problems (the ALG scandal) and computer glitches (the super computer imbroglio). Our department, thankfully, is not involved in any of this. However, it's clear that we, and all other departments, will be under increasing pressure to be publicly accountable in how we spend our working days and nights, and that we shall have to be more thorough in terms of teaching evaluation. In the bargain, we're told that we and all other CLA departments probably will face a few more years of "no growth," and possibly some shrinkage. Despite all of that, we're keeping our morale and our scholarly performance high! Happy Holidays.

Don

SENIOR FACULTY

ROSITA ALBERT'S article "Cultural Diversity and Intercultural Training in Multi-national organizations: Major Issues" was accepted for publication in an upcoming edition of the International and Intercultural Communication Annual.

In early November **SCOTT POOLE** gave a talk at Northwestern University entitled "A Multilevel Analysis of the Impacts of Computer Support on Group Decision-Making."

AMY SHELDON'S work with the Minnesota Historical Society in the area of gender and language in oral interpretive history was the subject of an article in the Star Tribune in October, 1992. The interview was in connection with an in depth investigation of the role of women in the world's agricultural production by a Tribune writer.

"Discourse Competence: Preschool Girls' Conflict Talk" by **AMY SHELDON** was published in Locating Power: Proceedings of the 1992 Berkeley Women and Language Conference Fall, 1992.

"Rhetoric is Epistemic: What Difference Does That Make?", a book chapter by **ROBERT SCOTT**, will appear in Defining the New Rhetorics. Book editors are Theresa Eros and Stuart C. Brown published by Sage, 1993.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

JON HESS recently completed margin annotations for the annotated instructor's edition of Confidence in Public Speaking 5th ed. by Paul Nelson (Ph.D. 1968) and Judy Pearson. Jon also revised the instructor's manual and both will be available in early 1993.

"Basic Public Speaking Principles: An Examination of Twelve Popular Texts" by JON HESS and Judy Pearson recently appeared in the Basic Communication Course Annual, IV, 1992.

CHRISTEE LUCAS'S book chapter "Observing Theory In Practice: Consciousness Sustaining in a Coven" will be appearing early next year in Communication in Context: Studies of Naturalistic Groups. The book is edited by Larry Frye of Loyola University, Chicago.

Recent Ph.D. Degree

Kathleen Ann Chisholm

"Toward a Rhetorical Hermeneutic for Film:
Blue Velvet as Cinematic Text"

Advisers: Robert L. Scott and Paula Rabinowitz

Recent M.A. Degrees

Linlee Lee

Adviser: J. Vernon Jensen

Georgina Lorencz

Adviser: Donald R. Browne

Eiko Niwa

Adviser: Ernest G. Bormann

UNDERGRADUATES

"Determination Got Us This Far..." was the title of honors student SARAH WESLEY-LEMIRE'S commencement speech given at the December College of Liberal Arts graduation ceremony. Sarah also won the Stuart A. Lindman Award in electronic media last spring.

KRISTI BENNECKE, a winter Speech-Communication graduate, was recently crowned Miss Minnesota USA.

ALUMNI

JUDY CHAYER (M.A. 1986) is now employed at Group Health, Inc. in a new position as an Organizational Development Consultant.

SISTER SHARON DEI (Ph.D. 1989) accepted a permanent position teaching broadcasting and communication at a catholic seminary in Nigeria.

SUZANNE WALFOORT (Ph.D. 1986) and MAYTHEE JENSEN KANTOR were tenured at Metro State University, St. Paul, MN.

I'M Here To Help: A Hospice Worker's Guide to Communicating With Dying People and Their Loved Ones by M. CATHERINE RAY (M.A. 1981) is now available and published by Hospice Handouts, McRay Company.

KATHLEEN WATERS (Ph.D. 1989) was the Ohio coordinator for a "Kid Vote" project bringing the 1992 presidential campaign to grade schools. She was interviewed by national and local media this year because her dissertation focused on the undecided voter and a three candidate campaign during the 1980 election.

Thank you for your "Bits and Pieces." Next COMPOST: February, 1993.