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SENIOR FACULTY

In April 2004, the Board of Regents voted to promote RONALD WALTER GREENE to the status of Associate Professor with tenure.

ROSITA ALBERT will be giving two presentations and making comments about the contributions of Harry Triandis, who is receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award at the meetings of the International Academy for Intercultural Research in Taipei, Taiwan, May 21-24, 2004. She also will be lecturing at the Shanghai International Studies Department at the University in China.

EMERITUS PROFESSOR ERNEST G. BORMANN was inducted into the Central States Speech Communication Association Hall of Fame on April 4, 2004.

DONALD R. BROWNE completed the final revisions on his book, Ethic Minority, Electronic Media and the Public Sphere, which should be available in late 2004 through Hampton Press.

KARLYN KOHRS CAMPBELL received the Elizabeth Andersch Award from the School of Communication Studies, University of Ohio, Athens, and presented a lecture, "Buried in Cincinnati: The Rhetorical Career of Frances Wright," on COMS Day, April 30, 2004.

On May 7, 2004, KARLYN KOHRS CAMPBELL was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities by the Graduate School of Michigan State University in East Lansing. On the same occasion, Condoleezza Rice was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters and delivered the commencement address. Campbell said she would not accept the honorary doctorate unless she also received a photograph with Dr. Rice, which, along with a special hood and plaque, have yet to arrive.

KARLYN KOHRS CAMPBELL is traveling to Cape Town, South Africa, June 4-12, to attend the Rhetoric and Democracy Conference in celebration of South Africa's 10th year of democracy. She will lead a discussion about deliberation with members of parliament and scholars attending the conference after a session of the Parliament.

RONALD WALTER GREENE'S essay "Rhetoric and Capitalism: Rhetorical Agency as Communicative Labor" will be published in Philosophy and Rhetoric 37.3 as part of a special issue on agency.

RONALD GREENE and David Breshears wrote a critical review essay of the new book Foucault, Cultural Studies and Governmentality which is due out shortly in Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies.

RONALD GREENE has been particularly active reviewing essays as an associate editor of two NCA journals, Quarterly Journal of Speech and Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies. He also is an editor of the NCA/AFA Argumentation Conference Proceedings of 2003, which should be published by the end of Summer 2004. Recently he reviewed essays for the 2004 NCA Conference in the Critical/Cultural Studies Division and the American Forensic Association.

SUSANNE JONES has been selected to participate in the 2004-05 Bush Early Career Teaching Program with 36 other faculty members from the University of Minnesota campus. She also received a 2004 Faculty Summer Research Fellowship as well as a McKnight Fellowship. Her article "Putting the Person into Person-Centered Emotional Support: Emotional Change and Perceived Helper Competence as Predictors of Comforting Quality in Helping Situation" was recently published in Communication Research. She received a Top Three Paper award at the Central States Communication Association Conference for "The Communication Between Religious Orientation and Drug Use: A Meta-Analysis," co-authored with Mike Allen (U Wisconsin-Milwaukee), William Donohue (Michigan State Univ.), and Monique Mitchell (University of Maryland).

ASCAN KOERNER (with graduate student Laura Maki) will present "Family Communication Patterns, Corporal Punishment and Social Support and their Effects on Relational Violence in Adult Children's Romantic Relationships" at the International Communication Association Convention May 27-31, 2004. Ascan will also be presenting the paper "Evolutionary Bases of Interpersonal Relationships? An Argument for the Role of Evolved Psychological Mechanisms in Relational Cognition" and serve as a respondent for the panel "Conflict, Styles, Resolution Methods, and Behavior."

EDWARD SCHIAPPA'S book Defining Reality: Definitions and the Politics of Meaning won the Garl Olson Award for the best book published in 2003 in rhetoric and cultural theory, given by the Association of Teachers of Advanced Composition at the 2004 Conference on College Composition and Communication.

EDWARD SCHIAPPA, PETER GREGG (Ph.D. student), & DEAN HEWES'S essay "Can a Television Series Change Attitudes about Death? A Study of College Students and Six Feet Under" was in Death Studies 28 (2004): 459-474.

Research by EDWARD SCHIAPPA, PETER GREGG (Ph.D. Student), & DEAN HEWES was mentioned in the May 24, 2004 issue of Newsweek in an article titled "The 'Will & Grace' Effect."

EMERITUS PROFESSOR ROBERT SCOTT attended the Rhetoric Society of America Conference in Austin Texas May 27-31, 2004. He gave a paper entitled "Ethical Dilemmas: How Our Choices Affect our Theorizing and Pedagogy." He claims to enjoy seeing "old Minnesotans" meaning mainly former students now teaching hither and yon. Editorial question: Was he responsible for the yawn?

MARY DOUGLAS VAVRUS presented "Postfeminism Redux: Women in Presidential News Coverage, 2004" at the Barnard Center for Research at the Women's Annual "The Scholar and the Feminist" Conference April 3, 2004

KIRT WILSON presented a public lecture at the University of Minnesota on Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. The lecture was part of the University of Minnesota Library exhibition on the Emancipation Proclamation and Lincoln's struggle against slavery. Kirt is also traveling to Cape Town, South Africa, to present a paper at the Rhetoric and Democracy Conference in celebration of South Africa's 10th year of democracy.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

KRISTINE BRUSS presented "Constructing American Democracy: The Report of the President's Commission on Higher Education, 1947-1948" and "Seeking an Eternal Presence: Discourse I of Newman's Idea of a University" at the Rhetoric Society of America Conference May 28-31, 2004.

JINBONG CHOI will receive an annual award for outstanding teaching by graduate teaching assistants at the 54th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association in May. His paper, "The Framing of the 'Axis of Evil'," was accepted as a chapter in the book, Global Media Go To War: The Role of News and Entertainment Media During the 2003 Iraq War.

NANDA BOGNAR DIMITROV'S article "Eastern European Women and the Battle of the Sexes in American Culture" was accepted for publication in Great Plains Research and will be forthcoming in a special issue of the journal on 'New Immigrants in the Great Plains' in November 2004.

ERIC FUCHS won first place in the University of Minnesota library's Student Book Collection Contest for submitting an essay and an annotated bibliography plus a collection of 19th century books about rhetoric and debate.

ZORNITSA KEREMIDCHIEVA was awarded a Graduate School Dissertation Fellowship for the school year 2004-2005. Her dissertation project is tentatively titled "After the Vote: Women's Citizenship, Immigration, and the Nationalization of Politics, 1920-1924." She also presented two papers at the 4th Biennial International Feminism & Rhetoric Conference in Columbus, Ohio. They were entitled "The Rhetoric of Utopia: Radical Feminist Visions in the late 19th Century" and "Inventing the Bolshevik Woman: Visual Rhetorics of Class, Labor, and Literacy."

CHRISTOPHER PAUL presented "A Rhetorical Web: Understanding How Rhetoric Engaged the WWI," a paper competitively selected for presentation at the Broadening Horizons conference hosted by the University of Michigan Communication Studies Department in February 2004.

NAIDA ZUKIC presented "Sehokia—The Voice of North African and Arab Lesbians: Performing Homoeroticism in Cyberspace" at the Western Speech Communication Association Conference February 13-17, 2004.

Recent Ph.D. Degrees

KRISTEN EIS CVANCARA

"Social Influence in Interpersonal Relationships:
An examination of parents', peers', and mass media's
ability to instill antisocial communication"
Advisers: Edward Schiappa & Terry Kinney

LAURA JACOBI

"Psychological Protective Factors and Social Skills:
An Examination of Spirituality and Prosocial Behavior"
Advisers: David Rarick & Terry Kinney

PEGGY KENDALL
"Expertise and Patient-Centeredness:
Examining the Doctor-Patient Interaction"
Adviser: Dean E. Hewes

MICHAEL KRAMER
"President Carter's Moral Rhetoric:
Panama, Zimbabwe, and Human Rights"
Adviser: Karlyn Kohrs Campbell

Recent M.A. Degrees

MAIKNUE MOUA
"An Examination of Hmong Student's Values and Beliefs
Regarding Higher Education"
Adviser: Terry Kinney

DIANE L. ODASH
Adviser: Edward Schiappa

ELIZABETH ANNE OWEN
Adviser: Edward Schiappa

DEPARTMENT NEWS

The department spring reception was held on Monday, May 3, 2004. Approximately 85 faculty, students, parents, grandparents, and friends attended. A short program concluded the event with the awarding of the departmental awards/scholarships from endowments and gifts from alumni of the department. Awards winners are:

Marguerite Garden Jones Graduate and Undergraduate Awards
Christopher Paul
Khanh Tran

The Arle & Billi Haeberle Graduate and Undergraduate Awards
Zornitsa Keremidchieva
Luke Brown

The George Montgomery & Anna Florence Frizelle Reid Graduate Memorial Award
Peter Gregg

Old Buffalo Graduate Awards
Jinbong Choi
Abraham Khan
Naida Zukic

The Stuart A. Lindman Broadcasting Award

Eric Johnson

The Donald V. Hawkins Awards

Amanda Babcock

Alicia Plath

The Nick Schoen III Award

Jessica Swintek

William O. And Natalie Krauch Lund Endowed Scholarships

Alyssa Banks

Daniel Fischer

Research Awards

Kristine Bruss

Mariko Izumi

ALUMNI

I am starting to receive "bits and pieces" for the alumni edition to COMMPOST. Items can be about you or another alum who might not be on our current mailing list. Please send along their e-mail address and I will check out the bit before printing it. Deadline: August 15, 2004.

It is with sadness that your COMMPOST editors note the death of Donald Bargaen (M.A. 1989) January 12, 2004. Don was ordained as an Oblate, then became Provincial of the National order (like an archbishop) and he fought the good battles for married priests, women priests, and social justice. He worked with Caesar Chavez and Dorothy Day. He lost the battles with the church and came back for his M.A. degree working closely with Emeritus George Shapiro. He became Vice President of the Blandin Foundation and after a number of years working with them, left to do his own thing in working to build healthy communities.

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Notes from the chair:

Kirt Wilson and I attended an international conference on "Rhetoric and Democracy: About an African Athens" held in Cape Town, South Africa, June 8-15, 2004. Kirt delivered a paper; I led a discussion about their current parliament, and we enjoyed socializing with Minnesotans Eileen Scallen, Bob Hariman, and Barry Brummett along with folks from U.S. departments and from Sweden, Germany, Lesotho, France, Hungary, Zimbabwe, and Canada, and ate such rare delicacies as crocodile, kudu, and warthog. I visited with long-lost paternal relatives on their farm in the Cape Flats and marveled at a cemetery filled with stones with the name "Kohrs." Lin-Lee Lee spent several weeks here seeing friends before starting her new position, currently Roichi Okabe (who spent a year at Minnesota on a Fulbright) and his wife Chizuko are visiting and being hosted by J. Vernon Jensen, emeritus, and Khin-Khin Jensen, yours truly, and other friends. They were gracious hosts to Angela Ray this summer in Nagoya. I delivered a paper and led a seminar on "Dissenting Rhetorics" at Northwestern, led by Dilip Gaonkar and Minnesotan Angela Ray.

Yoshihisa "Sam" Itaba (Ph.D. 1990) and his wife Junko arrive next week on their way home from Rutgers where she has been on a Fulbright and he has been on a research leave. As a result of Itaba's efforts, I shall be a visiting professor at Dokkyo University in Tokyo from September 2005 to March 2006. I am ending my second consecutive and third term as department chair and taking a much-needed sabbatical in 2005-06.

In May of last year I received the Elizabeth Andersch Award from the School of Communication at the University of Ohio, Athens, for "a significant contribution to the field of communication." I also was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree by Michigan State University, along with National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, who delivered the commencement address. As you can imagine, this was a strange and humbling experience.

Happily, I have just completed my three-year editorship of the Quarterly Journal of Speech. My assistant Chris Paul has informed me that I have read 351 manuscripts during that time!

Next week we start a new academic year with orientation activities. Thirteen new graduate students will be joining us, and they include students from China, Japan, and Korea. Six are new students in communication theory, and one is an instructional technology fellow awarded to the department to help us integrate more technology into our instruction.

Kirt Wilson will be on sabbatical next year working on a book on the concept of imitation; this fall, Don Browne will be acting DGS while Ed Schiappa devotes himself to research and writing. Ron Greene has taken over RLS's duties as emcee and organizer of Wednesday Noon Research.



MOYA BALL (Ph.D. 1988) considers herself and her husband Alan to be not "good" retirees. Alan is doing patent work for a group of lawyers, and Moya is going to teach Political Communication this fall at Arizona State University-West. They traveled to England in June and they currently are surviving in the Arizona heat.

ELIZABETH BAUER (M.A. 1993) will be co-directing Korean Heritage Camp for 2005. KHC is part of Colorado Heritage Camps, providing foreign-born adopted children and their families a chance to spend a weekend in the mountains learning about their countries of birth and adoption issues. She has also accepted a position teaching speech at Pikes Peak Community College.

SANDRA BERKOWITZ (Ph. D. 1994) has been promoted to Associate Professor with tenure at the University of Maine.

DAWN O. BRAITHWAITE (Ph.D. 1988) and Charles Braithwaite (former lecturer in the department) spent their 20th anniversary (April 1st) in Minneapolis. Chuck lectured for Wednesday Noon Research on views of Lewis & Clark at Tribal Colleges and Dawn lectured at Metropolitan State University. Chuck and Dawn had dinner the night of their anniversary with U of MN department friends and alum's Gail Hanson, Patricia Kovel-Jarboe, David Lapakko, Kelley Ott, and Suzanne Walfoort.

LEILA BRAMMER (Ph.D. 1995) was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN.

MARK BRAUN (Ph.D. 1990) was acting Dean of Faculty this past spring at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN. He is beginning his 6th year at Associate Dean of the college. By the way, two of those "little daughters" from his graduate school days are now in college (a St. Olaf senior and an Augsburg freshman).

ROBERT BROOKEY (Ph.D. 1998) presented a paper coauthored with Angela Powers entitled "Michael Eisner was Framed: Personality and the Narrative of Corporate Conflict" at the Workshop on Corporate Governance of Media Companies in Stockholm, Sweden.

BARRY BRUMMETT'S (Ph.D. 1978) new book Rhetorical Homologies: Form, Culture, Experience (University of Alabama Press) will be available in September-October. He presented a paper at the international conference in Cape Town this June, along with fellow alums Robert Hariman and Eileen Scallen.

CYNTHIA CARVER (Ph.D. 1994) will start her 16th year at Concordia College, Moorhead, MN, where she is professor and chair of the Communication Studies and Theatre Arts Department. Recently, she has become involved in the curriculum review process underway on campus including serving as Chair of the Task Force on the development of a comprehensive First Year Experience Program. She is also Chair of the American Forensic Association National Individual Events and Tournament Committee and a member of the Board of Governors for the Communication and Theatre Association of Minnesota.

LORI CHARRON (Ph.D. 1995) has been promoted from Associate to Full Professor at Concordia University-St. Paul, St. Paul, MN. She and alum MARILYN REINECK (Ph.D. 1995) are working on a public speaking video and instructor's manual.

JUDY (CHAYER) HARTLEY (M.A. 1986) reports that she has married for a second time (this time to her childhood crush Todd Hartley whom she has known for 35 years.) Serving as a senior consultant, she has joined a local management consulting firm "Logic Opera," where her area of focus is leadership development.

ROBBIN CRABTREE (Ph.D. 1992) was elected Vice Chair-Elect of the Feminist and Women's Studies program for the 2005 convention in Boston. She and her husband David Snapp, a faculty member in the English Department at Fairfield University, have several recent publications: "Technical Communication, Participatory Action Research and Global Civil Engagement: A Teaching, Research, and Social Action Collaboration in Kenya," Reflections: A Journal of Writing, Service Learning, and Community Literacy 4.2 (coming out in 2004), and "Your Culture, My Classroom, Whose Pedagogy? Negotiating Effective Teaching and Learning in Brazil," Journal of Studies in International Education 8.1 (coming out in 2004).

In last year's Alumni Commpost, Charles Larson reported that he and John Cragan murdered the walleye on Lake Erie to celebrate their respective retirements. This year JOHN CRAGAN (Ph. D. 1970) reports coming out of retirement to accept a five-year limited-term appointment at the University of St. Thomas. St. Paul, MN as Professor of Communication Studies. He also attended the retirement of Roger Mosvick from Macalester College where he saw lots of Minnesota graduates like Jim Pratt, Len Hawes, and Suzanne Johnson.

KARYL DAUGHTERS (M.A. 1998 and currently Ph.D. ABD) reports that she and her husband Randy have a son, Kenton Thomas, born May 7. Claire (almost 9) is a great sister, and they enjoy their time together.

THOMAS de RANITZ (B.A. 1987) continues to operate his own consulting firm, Forte Consulting, Inc. Founded in 2000, Forte Consulting helps clients deal with a wide variety of strategic marketing, communication, and planning issues. Those attending Gopher football games might also know Tom – or at least his voice – as he is entering his 9th season as PA announcer for the University of Minnesota Marching Band.

DAVID DOTLICH (Ph.D. 1981) has published his 5th book entitled Leadership Passages: The Personal and Professional Transitions that Make or Break a Leader with James L. Noel and Norman Walker. The book is available in bookstores nationwide.

Three-time University of Minnesota visiting faculty member WILLIAM EADIE just concluded his third year as Director of the School of Communication at San Diego State University where he oversees programs in advertising, communication studies, journalism, and public relations. In his spare time he has written a chapter on gay and lesbian culture and communication that will appear in the upcoming edition of Samovar, et.al., Intercultural Communication: A Reader. He also is coauthoring a chapter on the history of applied communication research for the Handbook of Applied Communication Research.

LOREN EKROTH (Ph. D. 1967) recently published "Small Talk Success Tips," a booklet in which he lists 125 specific tips to master small talk. Loren says he will be happy to send a copy of this booklet to any U of MN Commpost reader who request one at no charge. Provide name and postal address with request to Loren@converstation-matters.com

GUSTAV FRIEDRICH (B.A. 1964) continues to serve as a dean at Rutgers University. He recalls that Professor Robert L. Scott was the adviser of his undergraduate honors thesis here at the University of Minnesota. As a bit of fun news, he mentions that his son Bruce is involved in a campaign to be the alternative Presidential Candidate, appearing on the reality show "American Candidate," which will air on Showtime starting in August. In his "real life" Bruce is the Vegan Campaign Coordinator for PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals). The reality show "American Candidate" will feature the campaigns of about a dozen (screened from 1,500+ applicants) candidates. The prize is \$200,000 plus an opportunity to address the U.S. public on issues of concern.

JOSHUA GUNN'S (Ph.D. 2002) article "The Rhetoric of Exorcism: George W. Bush and the Return of Political Demonology" is the lead essay in a recent issue of The Western Journal of Communication.

ANNE-HELENE GUTIERRES (M.A. 1996) returned to Paris in 2001 after 12 years in Minnesota. She started a business as an independent consultant after being Director of Training for Window on the World in Minneapolis MN, where programs in predeparture, post-arrival, reentry, and coaching programs for employees of multinational companies were designed and taught. She is the mother of her first child Enzo, born October 13, 2003.

COREY SCHLOSSER-HALL (Ph.D. 2002) is Communications Director for the Presbytery of Seattle, a governing body for 60 Presbyterian congregations in the Seattle area. He currently is honored for his work in the Presbyterian church (USA) national magazine Presbyterians Today, as one of "40 leaders under 40 to watch."

ROBERT HARIMAN (Ph.D. 1979) moved to Northwestern University, Evanston, IL where he is Professor of Communication Studies. His publications for this year include "Civic Education, Classical Imitation, and Democratic Polity," Isocrates and Civic Education, ed. Takis Poulakos and David Depew (Austin: University of Texas Press, 2004), 217-234, and "Ritualizing Modernity's Gamble: the Iconic Photographs of the Hindenburg and Challenger Explosions," with John Louis Lucaites, Visual Communication Quarterly 11 (2004): 4-17.

SARAH HAYDEN (Ph.D. 1994) has been promoted to full professor in the Dept. of Communication Studies at the University of Montana. She is also the editor of Women's Studies in Communication.

LAURIE HAYES (B.A. 1996) and her husband JIM HAYES are moving to Canada. At their ages, it is not to avoid the draft (!) or to escape the 2004 election; instead, Laurie will be Provost and Academic Vice President at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Jim will teach on the faculty of Business Administration. The cross cultural and immigration issues intrigue them and provide a challenging adventure as well.

JONATHAN HESS (Ph.D. 1996) finished his first year serving as the Director of Graduate Studies at the University of Missouri, Columbia. He also put his communication skills to use as a group facilitator at the Wakonse Conference on College Teaching and as a t-ball coach (5-6 year olds). He doesn't think any of his players left the t-ball season ready to play for the Minnesota Twins, but at least they learned what good sportsmanship means.

MICHELLE JACKSON (Ph.D. 1994) has been promoted to Associate Professor at the University of Colorado. She will be spending part of her sabbatical teaching at Waikato University in Hamilton, New Zealand.

BARBARA KAPPLER (Ph.D. 1994) is coauthoring a book on communication styles with BASMA IBRAHIM DEVRIES (Ph.D. 2003) and Dianne Hofner Saphiere, to be published in late 2004 or early 2005 by Intercultural Press. Currently Coordinator of International Programs at the U of MN, Barbara was awarded a 3-year grant to design and implement intercultural training for approximately 100 faculty from Eurasia and Southeast Europe.

KATHRYN KELLEY (Ph.D. 1989) will be on sabbatical leave from Metro State University. While on leave, she plans to develop intercultural communication connections and programs for students in several countries all taking the same intercultural communication course. At this time Sweden, Ireland, and Japan will be involved in the program; perhaps Thailand will join the project by January. Kelley has contacts in St. Croix and Kenya as well, making this quite an exciting project for her and for the students involved.

ANDREW KING (Ph.D. 1968) stepped down after 13 years as Chair at Louisiana State University. He is not retiring but will continue in the department. He also will become Director of the College Political Communication Program, which is a program that includes communication, mass communication, political science, sociology, and history. Like Robert L. Scott, he will maintain two offices. Andy and his wife, Ellen (who has her own CPA business) practice yoga, cycling, and gardening. They own 485 acres, planted mostly in sugar and barley.

JOLENE KOESTER (Ph.D. 1980) is starting her 5th year as President of California State University Northridge. She continues to focus on improving the University's fund-raising infrastructure and results. Of course, the University faces a state budget situation that has seen major reductions to higher education over the last couple of years. The work and the responsibilities remain challenging and interesting. She writes, "Nothing prepares one for the range of issues that include parking structures to security to the thrill of meeting distinguished alumni. With a 33,000 headcount last academic year, its size brings with it all of the complexity of a small city."

MICHAEL KRAMER (Ph.D. 2004) spent the summer resting and recovering from finishing his dissertation and his first year of professoring at St. Mary's College in South Bend, Indiana. He and his wife Clair experienced both highs (hiking the Appalachian Trail in Great Smoky National Park) and lows (scraping multiple layers of wallpaper in the dining room.) Overall, Michael claims it has been quite enjoyable.

TIMOTHY KUHN (M.A. 1996) just finished his 4th year at the University of Colorado, Boulder. He and his wife Sophia enjoy the Rocky Mountains as much as an assistant professor can.

JAMES KUSHNER (Ph.D. 1976) came out of retirement to run one of Indonesia's largest market research companies, which has an office in Bali. Don't we all wish we had an office in Bali, especially in the winter. Jim states that he tried to keep his interviewers away from erupting volcanoes.

DAVID LAPAKKO (Ph.D. 1989) reports no Nobel or Pulitzer prizes for him at Augsburg College, Mpls. MN, just steady work full time at Augsburg and part time at Hamline teaching intercultural communication, persuasion, argumentation, organizational communication, and ethics. He tries to be a halfway decent parent (oldest son is off to college at Gustavus Adolphus this fall) and spouse, and he runs every other day.

LIN-LEE LEE (Ph.D. 2000) accepted a new position in Taiwan as associate professor at National Kaohsiung Normal University in the Department of English starting August 1, 2004. Her essay "Pure Persuasion: A Case Study of Nüshu or 'Women's Script' Discourses" will appear in the November Quarterly Journal of Speech.

TAMMY SWENSON LEPPER (Ph.D. 1998) has accepted an assistant professor position at Winona State University where she will teach a broad range of courses (public speaking, interpersonal communication, and business and professional communication). Her husband Todd is now out of the Navy and is an air ambulance pilot flying out of Marshall, Wisconsin.

RICHARD LELAND (Ph.D. 1975) reports: "After 27 years of faithful service to the State System of Higher Education, East Stroudsburg University, I retired in spring 2002 and was honored to be selected as the commencement speaker for that semester's commencement exercise. Since retiring I have enjoyed the opportunity to play and practice on the Steinway I selected in Hamburg, Germany, two years ago. I now have two grand pianos: the Steinway Model C and a Yamaha CD7. The highlight of my retirement thus far was the visit I had from Joan and Bea here in Pennsylvania last fall. We discovered that even though more than a quarter of a century has passed since we regularly laughed our way through the trials of third floor Folwell Hall, we are still able to regain our perspective, enjoy lingering over lunch, nod toward civility, and of most importance, share a laughter from which I have always taken strength and renewal. I think often of the memorable years I spent in Minnesota and enjoy reading the bits of Commpost Joan and Bea have so carefully passed along to us. My best to all."

CHRISTEE LUCAS LESCH (Ph. D. 1994) continues as a practicing artist. She paints murals, furniture, and fine art. She and her husband RJ are renovating a 1900 home in Adel, Iowa. She lends considerable communication talents to the local Chamber of Commerce and Main Street preservation organization as well as to the political campaigns of several local and regional Democrats. In her spare time, she rides her horse, the creature who brings peace into her life by her very presence.

ROBERT LITTLEFIELD (Ph.D. 1983) and his wife Kathy recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. He enjoys working on research projects as well as working with doctoral students in communication at North Dakota State University. Daughter Lindsay is beginning course work at the LBJ School of Public Policy at the University of Texas at Austin. Son Bradley will be a sophomore at Boston College majoring in film studies.

ANN LOWRY (Ph.D. 1990) continues as faculty member and chairperson of the Department of Communication Studies at the College of St. Catherine. She is in her third year as the "faculty" team coach for students in the Executive MBA program at the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota. She is working on a book on trust, and she has been granted a sabbatical for the Winter/Spring of 2005.

JULIE MACTAGGART (Ph.D. 2003) will return to St. Cloud State University as an adjunct professor.

RICHARD MARSDEN (M.A. 1983) accepted the position as Director of Student Services and Advising, College of Continuing Education, University of Minnesota. He continues to teach "Human Communication" for the College of St. Scholastica, Accelerated Degree Extended Program, St. Paul Campus. In his spare time he continues to participate in various multi-day cycling events to raise awareness and funds for HIV/AIDS organizations.

JENNIFER MCGEE (Ph.D. 1998) was promoted to associate professor at Aichi Shukutoku University in Nagoya, Japan. Over the summer Jen spent her time doing guest lectures to high school teachers about how to coach and judge debate.

JAN MEYER (B.A. 1973, M.A. 1974, Ph.D. 1986) continues to do consulting work with some of her longer-term Thai clients and is attempting to finish up three research/application projects for them. Although her retirement was forced because of health issues, she reports that her three-month blood tests were so good that the hematologist is skipping the bone marrow biopsy at this time. In her spare time, she writes a weekly column for a newspaper, which has blossomed into being "Brenda Starr, Ace Reporter." Living in the country with a nearby small town in SE Minnesota, she is making the necessary adjustments.

LISA MILLHOUS (Ph.D. 1998) received tenure at West Chester University, Philadelphia, PA. She also is caring for foster children, Rachael, age 2.5 and Sarah, age 5 weeks. Needless to say, life for her was/is hectic and as she states, "also fun."

DAN MOLDEN (Ph.D. 1998) was promoted to associate professor at Aichi Shukutoku University in Nagoya, Japan. Dan spent the month of August in Morgantown, West Virginia, overseeing the summer exchange program.

KAREN MUSOLF (Ph.D. 1994) continues to make good progress recovering from a stroke two years ago. She is back doing some of her favorite activities, which include hiking, biking, and skiing. Both she and Bill volunteer for the South Park Archeological Project, a major undertaking in nearby Park County in Colorado. They spend time on their hands and knees sifting through dirt in search of projectile points left by Paleo-Indians over 10,000 years ago. Since their focus is on flint napping and hunting, Karen has had little opportunity to investigate their rhetorical interests.

GAYLE NELSON (Ph.D. 1989) is chair of the Department of Applied Linguistics at Georgia State University. She continues to be passionate about intercultural communication and has received a 4-year North American Mobility grant (\$200,000). The grant will send graduate students to institutions in Canada and Mexico and host students at Georgia State University and Portland State University for a semester in which they will study the "culture of learning" at their host institution.

MICHAEL NETZLEY (Ph.D. 2002) welcomed his first child, daughter Holland Lilly-Rose, to his family in June. He says fatherhood is wonderful. In his spare time he is working on a new book discussing corporate communication practices in SE Asia, China, and India. The book will be published by John Wiley & Sons in mid-2005. He also has been charged with developing the teaching excellence initiative at SMU (Singapore) where he now directs the Center for Communication and Teaching Excellence.

BRIAN NUMANVILLE (M.A. 1993; currently Director of Research at Nash Finch, a Fortune 500 food distributor) was a panelist at the 2004 Food Marketing Institute Supermarket Industry Convention. The panel was entitled, "Ethnic Merchandising: Building Your Bottom Line," and discussed Hispanic, Asian, and African American supermarket shopping. He also is on the advisory board of a current FMI study of Hispanic shoppers.

CLARK OLSON (Ph.D. 1986) (with Kathryn M. Olson) wrote "Beyond Strategy: A Reader-Centered Analysis of Irony's Dual Persuasive Uses" which was published in the February 2004 issue of the Quarterly Journal of Speech.

LINDA PUTNAM (Ph.D. 1976) will be on sabbatical leave in the spring of 2005. She plans to spend about six weeks at the University of Melbourne in Melbourne, Australia. She will also make a few side-trips to Sydney and New Zealand while she is down under.

ANGELA RAY (Ph.D. 2001) received the 2004 Feminist Scholarship Award from the Organization for Research on Women and Communication for her essay "Representing the Working Class in Early U.S. Feminist Media: The Case of Hester Vaughan." It was published in Women's Studies in Communication, Spring 2003.

DEBORAH REDMOND (BART) (M.A. 1980) is now department chair at Augsburg College, Mpls., MN. Last year the department had a formal but amicable split from theatre, so the new department name is Department of Communication Studies, not Speech, Communication, and Theatre.

GWENDOLINE REID (Ph.D. 1987) celebrated her 98th birthday on August 12. In late July Peter Gregg (2004 George Montgomery & Anna Florence Frizelle Reid Graduate Memorial Award), his wife Rhianda, and Bea Dehler visited Gwen in her downtown Minneapolis apartment. Over snacks of cashews and cookies, they reminisced, laughed over Peter forgetting how old he was, and talked of plans for the future. Peter remains hopeful that at age 98 he will have as much zest and zeal for life as Gwen.

JEREMY ROSE (Ph.D. 1994) will continue as the debate coach and will teach classes in the Department of Communication Studies for the 2004-05 academic year. In June he was the trial consultant for the plaintiff attorney in the case of Boman V. Robert W. Baird, Inc., in which he helped the plaintiff win \$214,000 in damages.

EILEEN SCALLEN (M.A. 1983), professor at William Mitchell School of Law, published two articles last year that are of some interest to rhetoric types. They are "Evidence Law as Pragmatic Legal Rhetoric: Reconnecting Legal Scholarship, Teaching and Ethics," 21 Quinnipiac Law Review (this draws heavily on Ed Schiappa's work on Isocrates) and "'Mere' Rhetoric About Common Ground and Different Perspectives: A Comment on Twining's Evidence as a Multi-disciplinary Subject," 2 Law, Probability & Risk 109. (2003). She writes, "Responding to William Twining, an English academic, who argues that evidence law is epistemic, I counter that rhetoric was (and is) there first—that if evidence law is epistemic, it is because evidence law is rhetorical." Eileen also was in Cape Town, South Africa in June, where she spent time with Barry Brummett, Karlyn Campbell, and Kirt Wilson. Eileen states that she was surprised yet again by what wonderful people study and work at the University of Minnesota Communication Studies Department.

CAROL SHAFFER (M.A. 1988) had a good three-month check up after her recent bout with cancer. She is in her 7th year as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Freeport, IL.

ELAYNE SHAPIRO (Ph.D. 1993) continues as Chair of the Dept. of Communication Studies at the University of Portland. In addition to visiting her children (Joseph works for World Bank, Ari is an NPR national reporter, and Dan has a startup company, wildseed.com), she volunteers weekly in an assisted living and nursing home with a class called "Putting your 2 cents in the News."

GEORGE SHAPIRO (Ph.D. 1960) writes that "his picture was in the Southwest Tennis Magazine, next to Venus Williams. So there!"

BARBARA SHARF (Ph.D. 1976) & husband Marlynn May were happy to have Betty and Bob Scott visit them at home in College Station, Texas (Texas A&M). The visit worked out well since Bob had just finished presenting at the Rhetoric Society of America in Austin, Barbara had just returned from ICA in New Orleans, and Marlynn had just returned from Laredo, one of the places where he does community development on the Tex-Mex border. They were joined for dinner by Tom and Linda Putnam (Ph.D. 1976). Four days later, Barbara and Marlynn left home again for a fantastic two-week visit in Brazil where they hope to return in the near future.

RIPLEY SMITH (Ph.D. 1966) continues to chair the Communication Department at Northwestern College in St. Paul. The department moved into a new \$10 million facility last year including new radio and television studios and "smart classrooms." In Taipei last May, Ripley presented "Refugee adjustment structures: Resettlement's effects on personal networks," at the 2004 Meeting of the International Academy for Intercultural Research.

NATHAN STORMER (Ph.D. 1997) completed a very enjoyable year visiting the University of Minnesota while on sabbatical from the University of Maine. He is working on a second book project and has essays in the September Critical Studies of Media Communication and in the August edition of Quarterly Journal of Speech.

SHINOBU SUZUKI (Ph.D. 1994) continues to teach at Hokkaido University as an associate professor. She presented a paper "A Framework for Analyzing Informal Argument" at the 2nd Tokyo Conference on Argumentation.

KATHLEEN TORRENS (Ph.D. 1997) accepted a tenure track position at the University of Rhode Island.

PAULA TOMPKINS (Ph.D. 1986) currently at St. Cloud State University, reports several new publications: "Truth, Trust, and Telepresence," in Journal of Mass Communication Ethics 18(2003); "Is There More to Ethics than the Prime Directive? Personal Integrity in Star Trek: The Next Generation " and " Star Trek: Voyager," in Communication Ethics, Media and Popular Culture, ed. Phyllis Japp, Debra Japp, and Mark Meister (forthcoming). Paula also participated as a seminar leader on communication ethics at 2004 NCA Institute for Faculty Development, where her keynote address was "Rhetorical Relationship."

ROBERT VENINGA (Ph. D. 1972), contrary to rumors, did not win the lottery; however, a new program that he directs called the Executive Program in Public Health Practice at the University of Minnesota now has 40 postdoctoral students who are preparing for careers in public health. Bob keeps in regular contact with his mentor George Shapiro, Professor Emeritus, who gives much needed advice and guidance, which Bob says he can't get along without. As these words are written, Bob and George are planning their annual conference on leadership on Madeline Island. It is a great conference although Bob admits that attendance is limited to the two of them.

PHILLIP VOIGHT (Ph.D. 1997) is currently on leave from Gustavus Adolphus doing research on the Hindutva movement in India (the radical Hindu Nationalist movement associated with the RSS). In addition to his teaching duties and serving as Director of Forensics, he is now the Faculty Coordinator of the "Social Justice, Peace, and Development Program," aka the Gustavus semester in India Program.

GAIL WHITCHURCH (M.A. 1981), Associate Professor of Communication Studies at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) received a grant to develop fluency in Gaeilge, the Irish language, a total immersion course at the Irish Language Centre of the National University of Ireland-Galway. The language course is located in the Irish-speaking village An Ceathru Rua, in the Connemara area of western County Galway, Republic of Ireland.

BRENT WHITMORE (Ph.D. 2000) left academia in January to join his wife Valerie Whitmore in the family business, CDKitchen.com, a commercial Website that averages 8.4 million pageviews (i.e., hits) a month, with over 600,000 unique visitors monthly. They recently have negotiated an exclusive agreement with a major Internet ad agency that will enable them to semi-retire on Padre Island, Texas.

RICHARD WISEMAN (Ph.D. 1978) received the Outstanding Professor of the Year Award from California State University, Fullerton. The award is given to the one of 1100+ faculty who demonstrates excellence in teaching, research, and service.

ESTHER LEE YOOK (Ph.D. 1996) was co-host of the National Association of Communication Centers Conference at University of Mary Washington last April 2004.

SENIOR FACULTY

KIRT WILSON received a McKnight Presidential Fellow Award, a University-wide award given to five associate professors who received tenure in the past year. The award includes three years of research funding of approximately \$13,000.00 per year.

Title correction: Ethnic Minorities, Electronic Media and the Public Sphere is currently being copy edited by its author, DONALD R. BROWNE.

RECENT M.A. DEGREES

Patrick Carpenter
Adviser: Kirt Wilson

Maiknue Moua
Adviser: Terry Kinney

John Wirtz
Adviser: Terry Kinney

RECENT Ph.D. DEGREES

Nanda Bognar Dimitrov
"Being Russian, Being American: The role of value-behavior discrepancies in
the cultural adaptation of Russian immigrants in the United States"
Adviser: Rosita Albert

Manako Fujiwara
"Friendship Communication In Japan and the United States:
Cultural and Individual Level Analyses"
Advisers: Dean Hewes & Ascan Koerner

Thanks to all for the "alumni" bits and pieces. It has been fun catching up. Please continue to send your bits and pieces to me at dehle001@umn.edu

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