

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES

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KU Debate: A Great Place to be a Champion

On March 31st the KU Debate Team of Brett Bricker and Nate Johnson won KU's 5th National Debate Tournament championship defeating the defending national champions from Wake Forest in the final round. In the aftermath of winning the national championship the debate team has discovered that KU truly is a great place to be a champion. The University has gone to great lengths to signify how much the debate championship means. The images of Brett Bricker, a first year MA student in the Department of Communication Studies, Nate Johnson and Dr. Scott Harris can be seen plastered on giant bill boards on either side of I-70 proclaiming their national championship. Brett and Nate can be spotted hosting the national championship trophy in the 30 second video promoting KU shown during every football and basketball broadcast this year. The team was recognized in Allen Field house in front of a crowd of 16,000. The team has been invited to appear in a variety of public debates before alumni groups. Dr. Harris was recently selected as co-announcer for the KU homecoming parade as a way of honoring the debate team. This week the NDT championship trophy made an appearance along with the NCAA basketball championship trophy in a YouTube video in which Big Jay takes on Steven Colbert.

While the glow of winning the championship continues the debate team has shifted into the 09-10 debate season. The squad has already traveled 18 debaters to four tournaments and won sixteen trophies. Two KU teams; Christopher Stone and Patrick Kennedy and Sean Kennedy and Dylan Quigley are currently ranked in the top 20 teams in the country in the new

Coaches Poll. Dylan and Sean recently finished 5th out of 133 teams at the University of Kentucky tournament. Rather than resting on its laurels the debate team continues to work hard and the future looks bright as well.



Brett Bricker, Scott Harris, and Nate Johnson

Communication Studies Welcomes Newest Faculty Member

The Communication Studies Department is pleased to welcome its newest faculty member, Dr. Suzy D'Enbeau! Dr. D'Enbeau joins the department as an Assistant Professor in Communication Studies after receiving her Ph.D. from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. She also holds an M.A. from Duquesne University where she studied corporate communication and a B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. D'Enbeau's research interests include feminist theories, gendered organizing processes, work-life issues, and popular culture. Most recently, her research focuses on branding and commodification processes of feminisms, intersections of popular culture and organizing, organizing for social change and work-life issues. Dr. D'Enbeau's dissertation explored how a media organization with a message of social change survives within a neoliberal economy. In 2009, she published in *Feminist Media Studies* as well as *Qualitative Inquiry* and co-authored two book chapters.

After a few months on the job, Dr. D'Enbeau has settled in and reports to feeling right at home in Lawrence: "The Communication Studies department at KU has been so welcoming. I've really enjoyed getting to know everyone. I'm so happy to be here!" She is currently teaching an undergraduate and graduate student bridge course titled, Gender in Applied Communication Contexts and an introductory course on organizational communication, which she will teach in the spring 2010 semester as well. Dr. D'Enbeau has also advised several graduate students on their research and recently led a workshop for graduate student enrichment titled "The Ideal Curriculum Vita."

When Dr. D'Enbeau is not working, she enjoys "watching indie movies, going to shows, volunteering at Women's Transitional Care Services in Lawrence, walking around downtown with my manfriend" and dining at any of Lawrence's downtown restaurants, including a local favorite Zen Zero.

Welcome Dr. D'Enbeau!



Letter from the Chair



For the last ten years this page has been brought to you by Dr. Robert Rowland. Communication Studies continues to reap the fruits of Dr. Rowland's administration. In just the past three years, the department has hired a half dozen new faculty members who teach and perform research in a range of areas: rhetoric and political communication, organizational communication, interpersonal communication in health and family contexts. In addition, under Dr. Rowland's leadership, the department performed a self-study and participated in an external review. The results confirmed that the department has been able to do a lot with a little. Our faculty members' research and teaching are stronger than ever. Moreover, the department continues to be a fantastic place to work. To paraphrase a well-known communication researcher, it is a paradigm case of "The Collegial Culture." Although Dr. Rowland is on sabbatical this fall, he continues to frequent Bailey Hall and is serving as Director of Graduate Studies. He certainly appears to be more relaxed and, now that he confronts fewer occasions that make people want to pull out their hair, may experience cosmetic changes along with lower blood pressure.

I am in my tenth year as a KU Communication Studies faculty member and delighted to be in a position to help faculty, graduate students, undergraduate majors and minors, and other Communication Studies Jayhawks in new ways. I will highlight just two of the more public things happening to help people in the department and to make our accomplishments available to people outside of the department.

First, the Communication Studies department is hosting a Colloquium Series. This bimonthly meeting brings together faculty, graduate students, and some undergraduate students in the department and around the university to listen to and discuss a presentation of Communication Studies research. Presenters include Communication Studies faculty members and graduate students, as well as researchers in other departments at KU such as Psychology. Thanks to the generous support of Communication Studies faculty members, we have even been able to invite scholars from around the country to talk to us about their research. These scholars have included rising stars and well-established thinkers from some of the strongest programs in the discipline. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has recently provided some extra funding to support our efforts.

Second, the Communication Studies department is working to increase our visibility. In the bricks and mortar establishment that has been our home for almost ten years now, Bailey Hall, we have a display that showcases books and articles published by Communication Studies faculty and graduate students. Bailey Hall also houses our state-of-the-art lab that includes equipment for performing experimental research, conducting focus group research, and more. These kinds of resources, as well as pens and paper for the historians among us, enable our faculty and graduate students to continue producing publishable and award-winning research. In addition, the Communication Studies department continues to work on its online presence. The department website continues to improve. It includes more information in more forms: text, pictures, videos; more information on the Edwards Campus Masters Program; and, coming soon, more information on the Communication Studies Graduate Student Organization.

The Communication Studies department faces challenges and uncertainty. We have a new Chancellor, an Interim Provost, and an Interim Dean and an Acting Associate Dean for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Departments have been asked to plan for budget cuts in January, although it is not yet certain that we will need to make them. One budget cut that the College has made already is the Chair's fund to bring in a visiting scholar. This cut as well as others put hallmarks of our program in jeopardy: funding for graduate students to attend conferences, the annual Linkugel Lecture, the annual department party at NCA, and more. If now is a time when you believe you can give something back to the department--even the small amount \$10 per month helps--please visit www.kuendowment.org.

While you are at it, please visit us online at <http://www2.ku.edu/~coms/>, or in Bailey Hall and at NCA this year.

Beth Innocenti, Chair

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Letter from the Director of Graduate Studies: *Weathering the Storm*

Robin Rowland



For the last ten years, as Chair of the department I wrote an annual letter to alumni. This year I'm writing as the alumni development coordinator for the department (and Graduate Director), positions I'm enjoying a great deal. The good news is that the state of the department is strong with terrific young (and older) faculty and great leadership in the form of our new chair, Dr. Beth Innocenti. I've had several current and former chairs ask me how I was doing, clearly thinking that I would have had trouble adjusting to not being chair. That hasn't been a problem at all, largely because I knew the department was in such good hands!

I'm sure you are well aware of the strengths of the department:

- A faculty that has won far more significant teaching awards than any other program in the university;
- A faculty composed of people with national and international reputations in a host of areas and the research credentials to back up those reputations;
- A large and respected graduate program that continues to place students at good programs around the country.

The other good news is that to this point we have weathered the storm produced by the recession pretty well.

Now, for the bad news—while we have weathered the storm so far, the next several years could be pretty grim, especially in relation to supporting strong young faculty and outstanding graduate students. In order to deal with the recession, the university has significantly cut back on support for research, support for travel, support for alumni development, technology, and a host of other areas. For example, the department used to receive money to bring in a guest lecturer. For many years, we used that support to fund the Linkugel lecture. That support is now gone, along with the other major cuts I mentioned. What does this mean? Without additional support, the department will have to cut back dramatically on support for graduate student and faculty research and travel. It may well mean no party at NCA after this year. The Linkugel lecture may have to be cut. Truthfully, we have done an awful lot with a shoestring budget, but now even that budget is about to be gone.

While I'm quite proud of what we accomplished in the ten years that I was chair, I want to focus on one quite conspicuous failure. I wasn't very successful in convincing alumni to support the program. Over the years, I've heard from literally dozens of alumni from the graduate program, probably over 100. It is amazing how similar the comments are. Again and again, I've heard from people who loved the program while they were here and who, after reflecting on it for a number of years, came to value it even more highly. I've heard again and again from Jayhawks who felt that they received a better education here than they could get anywhere else in the country. If you feel that way and I know how many do, my message is that we need your support to prevent the current budget crisis from fundamentally harming the department.

I know that bad economic times are not a great time to ask for money, but without additional support that can only come from alumni, some pretty awful things may happen to the department. The good news is that even small contributions could make a big difference. This summer, I set up a monthly donation to the department that will total \$1,000 a year. But you don't have to give that much. A donation of \$250 or \$100 would really help. \$100 is only \$8 and change a month. It is easy to make a contribution of any size. It probably took me a total of 5 minutes. I called KU Endowment (785.832.7316, or toll free at 800.444.4201 ext 316.) and they did the rest. You also can make a contribution on-line (there is a link on our web-site).

To get through the current economic crisis, we desperately need support from alumni of the graduate program. Otherwise, the cuts will go into muscle and bone. I've heard again and again from alumni who said someday they would start contributing. My question to all of you is if not now, when?



Colloquium Series Hosts Scholars in Vibrant, Intellectual Setting

Since the spring semester of 2009, the Department of Communication Studies has sponsored a Colloquium Series. The series consists of seven to eight lectures per semester, given by a wide variety of graduate students and professors from across the department, across the university, and across the country. Approximately half of the lectures in a given semester are dedicated to understanding human communication from a social scientific perspective, and the other half from a humanistic, rhetorical perspective. Director of the Colloquium Series, Dr. Dave Tell, reports, "In the last two years alone, the colloquium has focused on such topics as stigma communication, stoic rhetoric, inaugural addresses, the internet revolution, communication and aging, presidential debates, persistent patterns of paternalism, crises of masculinity, the rhetorical habits of Ronald Reagan, creativity, the cold war, the woman's movement, environmental communication, online gaming, the communicative pitfalls of newly weds, public confession, and Freud. Clearly, the colloquium series indicates a vibrant intellectual setting."

The goal of the Colloquium Series is to foster an environment of collaborative research and to help the members of the Communication Studies Department community stay connected with research being done beyond its borders. Colloquium committee member, Dr. Hall notes, "The colloquium is a terrific opportunity for Communication Studies graduate students and faculty to engage in a dialogue with renowned local and national scholars in the field. The line up for this semester has been the best ever. Nationally known scholars from exceptional graduate programs have presented their original research findings and ongoing programs of research." The department has welcomed well-known and up-and-coming scholars in communication, including Dr. Martin Medhurst of Baylor University, Dr. Karlyn Kohrs Campbell of the University of Minnesota, Dr. Melanie Morgan of Purdue University and Dr. Ned O'Gorman of the University of Illinois in addition to research presentations from faculty and graduate students of the department. This fall, the department is pleased to report the following series schedule:



- August 26:**
Dr. Alesia Hanzal, Communication Studies, KU, Interpersonal Communication
- September 2:**
Dr. Joshua Gunn, The University of Texas, Rhetorical Studies
- September 23:**
Dr. Rebecca J. Meisenbach, University of Missouri, Organizational Communication
- October 7:**
Pete Knutson, Graduate Student at KU, Organizational Communication
- October 21:**
Dr. Kristine Bruss, Communication Studies, KU, Rhetorical Studies
- November 4:**
Dr. Steve Wilson, Purdue University, Interpersonal Communication
- November 17:**
Dr. David Zarefsky, Northwestern University, Rhetorical Studies
- November 18:**
Dr. Jeremy Engels, Penn State University, Rhetorical Studies

KU Alumni React to National Debate Tournament Victory

A host of former KU debaters and coaches reacted, often by e-mail, to the National Debate Tournament victory by Brett Bricker and Nate Johnson in the spring of 2009. Robin Rowland, himself a former National Debate Champion (1976) remarked that it was the happiest call he had ever received at 1:45 AM! That feeling was shared by Donn Parson after his call.

Remarkably, debaters from four decades sent their congratulations. Dan Stanley, from the 1970s commented, "This is fabulous. I hope there will be a DVD out soon." Several commented on the billboards, some 12 feet high on Interstate 70, picturing Scott, Brett and Nate with the trophy, the first time this has happened. "When are we going to get our billboard?" lamented one former (unnamed) KU debater.

John Fritch, a KU coach in the 1980s is current director of the NDT, so he wound up awarding the trophies. He commented, "I don't know if anyone has mentioned this, but the top four first round at-large teams were also the top four seeds after the prelims and were also the four semifinalists. It was probably the strongest semifinals in history. I had the privilege of presenting the trophies and watches to the Jayhawks." Al "Tuna" Snider, a former coach and now debate director at the University of Vermont, added: "As a KU alumni, former debate coach and Scott Harris' debate coach at Wayne State, I say Hurrah for the Jayhawks. They do it in style."

Several debaters from the 1990s joined the chorus. Hajir Ardebili shared his excitement: "What an unbelievable, tremendous accomplishment! Coach Harris, Nate, Brett and the rest of the squad and coaches have made us all very proud in not only continuing but also augmenting the rich tradition of the University of Kansas in debate. I couldn't sleep for hours after hearing the news and I'll be on cloud 9 for some time." Josh Zive, from the 1990s spent several days with the Jayhawks at the NDT in Austin. He commented, "All KU alums should be proud of Scott, the debaters and the coaching staff. They really were amazing to watch and conducted themselves with the sort of focus and class that I like to think defines the KU program for all alums."

Summarizing several of these ideas, Bill Hensley, an NDT semifinalist from the 1970s, added: "Winning Nationals is great in that it gives the program and the university visibility. Beyond that, winning nationals is important to former debaters because we recognize that no team can win Nationals without a good coaching staff, a strong squad and financial support for the debate program from the university, alumni and friends. So while winning Nationals requires two great debaters, it also means that last year KU had one of the best programs in the country - which makes all former KU debaters quite proud."



Interdisciplinary Research Group Gets Off the Ground Thanks to Faculty and Graduate Students



CRIG Members:

Jeff Hall,

Mike Anderson,

and Alesia

Hanzal

Communication Studies faculty members, Dr. Adrienne Kunkel, Dr. Alesia Hanzal, and Dr. Jeff Hall along with graduate students Jennifer Guthrie and Mike Anderson, are actively involved in KU's Close Relationship Interest Group (CRIG), an interdisciplinary group of faculty and graduate students that meet monthly to discuss and disseminate research about close relationships. CRIG meetings are meant to provide a forum to discuss ideas, share research, practice presentations, and facilitate collaboration and coordination of efforts related to research, conferences, grant funding, graduate training, and teaching.

Communication Studies faculty members and graduate students have been instrumental to the group's success. Dr. Kunkel notes, "My specific role in the Close Relationships Interest Group is to try to create and forge interdisciplinary relationships among students and faculty from Communication Studies with students and faculty from Psychology and

other related disciplines. We are starting to work on collaborative research together and the work is very rewarding and engaging." Likewise, fellow member of the group, Dr. Hanzal, reports that the group's "positive atmosphere allows scholars, at all stages in their careers, to collaborate and coordinate efforts related to relationship research, conferences, grant funding and graduate training/teaching." In an effort to foster research and conversation this fall, Communication Studies faculty and graduate students have met with other CRIG members several times.

Faculty members and graduate students involved with CRIG are also helping to sponsor the International Association for Relationship Researchers (IARR) conference at KU, November 5-7, 2009. The theme for the conference is *New Directions in Research on Close Relationships: Integrating Across Disciplines and Theoretical Approaches*, with a particular emphasis on cultural, neuroscientific, evolutionary, and health perspectives. The conference will feature presentations and posters by researchers based in at least seven different disciplines across fourteen countries (Australia, Belgium, Canada, Finland, Ghana, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Poland, Taiwan, Turkey, the UK, and the USA) describing work they conducted in these and another five countries (India, Nigeria, Russia, South Korea, and Uganda). Dr. Kunkel reports, "I am one of three faculty co-organizers of the group and the conference. There are three Psychology students who are also involved, and then we have our own Jenny Guthrie and Mike Anderson."

The pivotal involvement of Communication Studies faculty and graduate students with CRIG speaks to the department's overall philosophy to forge relationships between faculty members and graduate students, across fields at KU and beyond.

Graduate Students Win Prestigious Teaching Award

Two doctoral students in the Communication Studies Department won the highest honor in teaching for graduate student assistants at KU! Mary Beth Asbury and Kiley Larson earned the University of Kansas Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award. The two winners were honored along with just six other graduate teaching assistants with \$5,750 in awards at a reception that took place on April 29, 2009 at KU.

Asbury's advisor commented that, "Her students say she made a class they were nervous about enjoyable and worthwhile." A student nominator on behalf of Larson reported that, "Kiley has made a huge impact on my college experience and my future career choices. She is a key role model for KU and the Communication Studies Department." KU students and representatives of departments and academic programs throughout the university nominated graduate students for the awards. A selection committee chose winners based on their dedication to teaching, departmental and student comments and level of responsibility.

Winners Kiley Larson and Mary Beth Asbury



Communication Studies Faculty Research, Honors, and Awards

Nobleza Asuncion-Lande presented research at the World Communication Bi-annual Convention in Maynooth in Dublin, Ireland and was also published in the Proceedings of the World Communication Association Conference.

Mary Banwart published a book chapter with two graduate students, participated in the Kansas Leadership Center's year-long program examining civic leadership in Kansas and continues to direct the interdisciplinary Leadership Studies Minor.

Nancy Baym published *Internet Inquiry: Conversations about Method*, which she co-authored with Annette Markham and published articles in the *Journal of Computer Mediated Communication*, *International Journal of Cultural Studies* and *Information, Communication & Society*.

Tom Beisecker has been invited to be a participant in a museum exhibition grants review panel for the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, DC later this year. Since he is not an arts professional but has experience from his two years chairing the design department at KU as well as through his collecting and traveling to art sites and exhibitions with his wife, he will be serving as the lay member of the panel.

Kris Brass presented research at the 2009 International Society for the History of Rhetoric conference, was elected to participate in the Brigrance Colloquy on Teaching Public Speaking as a Liberal Art held at Wabash College and has an article forthcoming in *Communication Teacher*.

Diana Carlin published *The Third Agenda in U.S. Presidential Debates: DebateWatch and Viewer Reactions, 1996-2004* with alums **Tammy Vigil**, **Susan Buehler** and **Kelly McDonald**, published an article in *Communication Studies* with graduate student Kelly Winfrey, and was elected as chair of the Board of Directors of Kids Voting USA, a national civic engagement program.

Jay Childers published two book chapters and has an article forthcoming in *American Behavioral Scientist*.

Suzy D'Enbeau is the newest faculty member and published articles in *Feminist Media Studies* as well as *Qualitative Inquiry*.

Jeffrey Hall received the New Faculty General Research Fund Award, had a publication accepted at the *Journal of Social & Personal Relationships* and received top paper awards at NCA in San Diego last fall.

Alesia Hanzal published articles in *Journal of Family Communication*, *Communication Monographs* and *Communication Research*. She also received the Outstanding Faculty Award by Students in Communication Studies

Scott Harris continues to coach the number one debate team in the country!

Mary Lee Hummert continues to serve as the Vice Provost for Faculty Development and published an article in the *Journal of Applied Communication Research*.

Adrienne Kunkel published an article in *Journal of Language and Social Psychology*, continues to plan the International Association for Relationship Researchers conference to be held at KU and has a book forthcoming in 2010 that will be co-authored and published by the American Psychological Association.

Beth Innocenti is serving her first year as Chair of the Department of Communication Studies.

Donn Parson continues to research and teach on argumentation and rhetorical theory, both classical and contemporary.

Dorothy Pennington continues to research and teach on intercultural communication, human relations, public address, racial identity and power. Her paper on mediation and memory in the rhetoric of Condoleezza Rice earned her a top paper award at NCA last fall.

Robin Rowland completed ten years as chair with sanity intact and hair completely gone (a good tradeoff), published two articles and completed a book with KU alumnus **John Jones**, and received a sabbatical to write a book on the rhetoric of the Obama campaign for president.

Tracy Russo continues to direct the Edwards Campus program. She also published an essay in *Quality Management Forum*, made a series of presentations to organizations, including KUMedical Center and Sprint, about generational differences and was presenter for the Edwards Campus Professional Edge series for business leaders in Kansas City.

Dave Tell continues to direct the Colloquium Series and published an article in *Rhetoric Society Quarterly* as well as a book chapter.

Yan Bing Zhang was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in the spring of 2009. She directed two M.A. theses and one dissertation last year, and is currently working with a number of graduate students on their dissertation projects. She has published a few articles and continues to be the undergraduate coordinator in the department.



Jayhawk Alumni Updates

Julie Apker, an associate professor of communication at Western Michigan University, is on sabbatical for academic year 2009-2010 to write a book titled *Communication in Health Organizations* scheduled for publication by Polity Press in 2011.

R.B. Bookwalter is in his twenty-second year at Marshall University and his second year as chair of the Department of Communication Studies. He is also the Faculty Athletics Representative for Marshall University and a member of the NCAA Financial Aid Cabinet.

Jeremy Engels is Assistant Professor of Communication Arts & Sciences, and Assistant Director of the Rock Ethics Institute, at Penn State University. His first book, *Enemyship: Democracy and Counter-Revolution in the Early Republic*, is forthcoming in the Rhetoric & Public Affairs Series from Michigan State University Press in 2010. He is beginning a new book on the crisis of rhetorical and democratic theory in the 1960s and 1970s.

Debra J. Ford has added a new hat to her role as Assistant Dean--she is now Program Director for Leadership Majors for the MS and DNP programs in the KU School of Nursing. She also teaches a leadership course for the School of Nursing, and when possible, a course for Communication Studies. She has completed a textbook with Mary Hoffman, *Organizational Rhetoric: Situations and Strategies* which should be coming out any day now.

Joy K. Grisafe-Gross is still working at Baker University as the Graduate and Records Specialist.

Karla (and Travis) Jensen: Recently returned to Nebraska Wesleyan University from their 08-09 sabbatical in Vienna, Austria; the home base from which they visited all NWU's partner schools in Austria and Germany. Check out karlatravis.blogspot.com for stories and photos of their adventures. A highlight of their year was the unexpected pleasure of enjoying a Viennese dinner with Dr. Cal Downs! Colleagues in Germany invited them to present lectures at a European Union conference on university teaching excellence; hence they recently enjoyed their fall break in Thessaloniki, Greece. Their next international journey will hopefully take them back to Austria for summer teaching. Karla has a newfound passion for the practice of yoga; Travis continues to mix up the "pink drinks." Those familiar with the "pink drink" legend are welcome to stop by any time. Peace from Lincoln.

Lori J. Joseph was recently elected by her peers to serve as Chair of the Faculty of Hollins University, received a \$10,000 grant from the Greater Montana Grant Foundation to complete her documentary on women ranchers in Montana and is developing a physician communication training program for a large hospital system in Maryland.

John M. Jones continues to teach at Pepperdine University, taught overseas in Pepperdine's Florence program this past summer, and completed a book with Robin Rowland.

Lauren Markward is a Research Associate at Trial Partners, Inc., a litigation consulting firm based in Los Angeles. Lauren works out of the San Francisco office designing and managing all aspects of research projects, including focus groups, mock trials, public opinion surveys, and post-trial juror interviews in both civil and criminal cases.

Amber Messersmith is currently an Assistant Professor at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA. She teaches courses within the Organizational Communication concentration in the School of Communication Studies and continues researching issues of organizational socialization within the nursing profession. In her free time, she and her husband have been enjoying the Washington, D.C. area as well as the beautiful Shenandoah Valley.

Kevin Minch continues to serve as Dean of the Joseph Baldwin Academy for Eminent Young Scholars and as an Associate Professor of Communication Studies at Truman State University. He was recently named the inaugural Director of the Truman Institute at Truman State University designed to promote entrepreneurial educational initiatives and partnerships.

Cindy Peterson is currently serving as the Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and continues to serve as a Professor of Communication at MidAmerica Nazarene University.

Kirsten Theye is enjoying her new position as an assistant professor at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. She is very cold.

Tammy Vigil won the NCA's 2009 Wrage-Baskerville Award for the top contributed paper for the Public Address Division and since July 2009 has been serving as the Associate Dean of the College of Communication at Boston University.



Communication Studies Graduate Student Research, Honors, Awards

Mary Beth Asbury won the University of Kansas Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, KU's most prestigious award for graduate teaching assistants. She also won the 2008-2009 Walter Crockett Research Award and had top papers at Central states and ICA.

Leilani Carver won the Kim Giffin Research Award given by the Department of Communication Studies to recognize the excellence of graduate students conducting independent research.

Jennifer Guthrie won the E.C. Buehler Outstanding First-Year Basic Course Instructor award given in recognition of outstanding basic course instruction by a first-year GTA.

Jaclyn Howell won the NCA's 2009 James L. Golden Award for the best paper in rhetoric written by a student who has not yet received their M.A. degree.

Kiley Larson won the University of Kansas Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, KU's most prestigious award for graduate teaching assistants.

Ryan Milner published an article in the *International Journal of Cultural Studies* and has a book chapter forthcoming on fandom and gaming.

Ryan Shepard won the E.C. Buehler Teaching Fellowship given by the Department of Communication Studies to recognize and reward excellence in teaching and won the Kim Giffin Research Award given by the Department of Communication Studies to recognize the excellence of graduate students conducting independent research

Jim Schnoebelen and Ben Warner co-authored a book chapter with Diana Carlin, "Hillary, You Can't Go Home Again: The Entrapment of the First Lady Role," which appeared in the book *Cracked But Not Shattered: Hillary Rodham Clinton's Unsuccessful Campaign for the Presidency*.

Jim Schnoebelen and Kelly Winfrey co-authored a book chapter with Mary Banwart, "It's 3 a.m.: Strategic Communication in Hillary Clinton's 2008 Presidential Primary Televised Announcements," which appeared in the book *Cracked But Not Shattered: Hillary Rodham Clinton's Unsuccessful Campaign for the Presidency*.

Mick Souders published an article in *Rhetorica*.

Kelly Winfrey published an article in *Communication Studies* with Diana Carlin.

Song Yi won the 2009 E. Jackson Baur Student Award for Research and Study of Social Conflict and Conflict Resolution.

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in
Chicago**

You are invited to a
Jayhawk Gathering
hosted by
The University of Kansas
Department of Communication Studies

Friday, November 13, 2009

8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

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Chicago, IL 60605

We hope you'll join us!

