



The COMM Husker

University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Department of Communication Studies Newsletter

FROM THE CHAIR'S CHAIR, DR. DAWN O. BRAITHWAITE



Dear COMMHuskers—current students, alumni & friends,

This is a year of transformation at the Department of Communication Studies. Given the great support of our Dean, Dr. Joe Francisco, and campus administration, three new faculty members joined us this fall: Associate Professors Drs. Kristen Hoerl and Casey Kelly, and

Assistant Professor Dr. Ángel Maldonado. This is a significant development for our Rhetoric & Public Culture emphasis.

Our big news is that we are on the move...literally! We are slated to be one of the Arts & Sciences departments moving to the "old College of Business Admin." building (next to Love Library) Summer 2018. How did we accumulate all this stuff in our offices anyway?

Read on in this newsletter as we brag about our undergraduate and graduate students. On the faculty side, Dr. Kristen Hoerl is now Editor of *Women's Studies in Communication* and Dr. Jody Kellas finished her editorial position at *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*. Dr. Bill Seiler received a 45-year award from Chancellor Green onstage at the State of the University Address. Dr. Kathy Krone won an important career award at ICA in May. Faculty have published new books and have several awards coming this year. Our faculty has won five National Communication Association-level awards in recent years, which is outstanding.

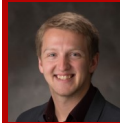

As I write this, our Speech & Debate team is off to their first tournament and they have one of their largest teams of students. Chancellor Ronnie Green hosted a dinner for the team in April. We are pleased to see new support for our Jack Kay fund as we work to endow scholarships. We are delighted to be hosting the British National Debate team with the E. N. Thompson Forum on World Issues. We had over 1,000 people attend in 2014 and expect a great crowd on November 7th. Do join us! (more details on page 8).

As you likely know, the state is facing significant budget issues. Those issues come at a time when Communication Studies is growing. The result: tough choices and challenges face the university. We so appreciate alumni who are supporting us in many ways, especially those supporting our students and program through the Communication Studies and Phyllis Japp funds, and in Speech & Debate. We have an exciting new research fellowship for graduate students from Dr. Diana Carlin. There are many opportunities to make a difference. (continued on page 2)

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Kathy Thorne, Alivia Michalski and Dawn O. Braithwaite

(Chair's column continued)

Alumni and current students please keep sending us your news. Follow us on Twitter @CommAtUNL, "like" the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Communication Studies on Facebook, and see us via comm.unl.edu. "CommHuskies" past and present, you are always part of us and we are proud of you. **GO BIG RED!**



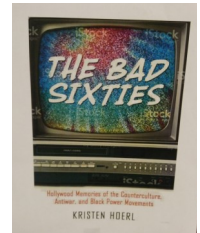
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COMMUNICATION STUDIES NEW FACULTY

Communication Studies Welcomes Three New Faculty Members



Dr. Kristen Hoerl, Associate Professor, undertakes a research emphasis on the ways in which popular media give meaning to public controversies, political violence, and dissent. Much of her scholarship analyzes how Hollywood film, television, and news coverage has depicted the black freedom, women's liberation and antiwar movements from the late-Sixties. She explains how mainstream culture constrains our resources for understanding the role of public protest in the process of social change, including her forthcoming book, *The Bad Sixties: Hollywood Memories of the Counterculture, Antiwar, and Black Power Movements* (University Press of Mississippi). She is currently the editor of *Women's Studies in Communication*, a national journal for feminist communication scholarship that foregrounds the intersections of gender and race, ethnicity, nationality, ability, sexuality, and class, as well as the articulations between gendered performances, power, and representation in public culture.



Dr. Casey Ryan Kelly, Associate Professor, studies at intersection between rhetoric and cultural studies and explores a range of cultural proxy wars concerning gender, race, and nationalism, including food and globalization, hegemonic masculinity, sexuality and film, pop culture and neocolonialism, and indigenous self-determination. He is the author of *Abstinence Cinema: Virginity and the Rhetoric of Sexual Purity in Contemporary Film* (Rutgers University Press, 2016), *Food Television and Other in an Age of Globalization* (Lexington, 2017) and co-editor of *Decolonizing Native American Rhetoric* (Peter Lang). His research has appeared in the *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, *Text and Performance Quarterly*, *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies*, among others.

Dr. Kelly is the 2017 recipient of National Communication Association's Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division's Early Career Award and the 2015 NCA Critical/Cultural Studies Division's New Investigator Award.



Dr. José Ángel Maldonado, Assistant Professor, specializes in rhetorical theory and cultural studies. Specifically, his research focuses on the ways that the militarization of Mexican cities and towns has altered civic life. His research centralizes critical rhetorics of life and death in post-NAFTA Mexico, and covers topics such as mass graves, narcoviolence, vigilantism, and feminicidios. Additionally, he is interested in globalization, modernity, colonialism, transnationalism, indigeneity, and Latin American rhetorics. His research on Mexican thanatourism appeared in the *Southern Communication Journal* and his research on immigration across the Mediterranean can be found in *Javnost-The Public: Journal of the European Institute for Communication and Culture*.

NOTABLE NEWS

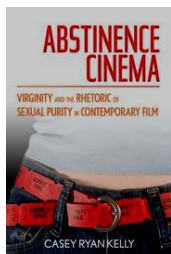
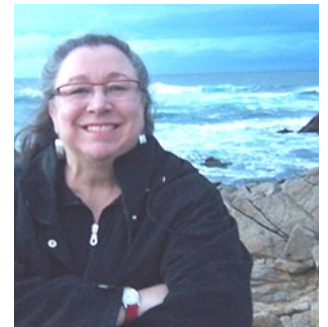


The Department of Communication Studies is pleased to announce that **Dr. Kathy Krone**, Professor of Communication Studies, received the Fredric M. Jablin Award for Outstanding Contributions to Organizational Communication from the International Communication Association on May 30, 2017. Dr. Michael W. Kramer of the University of Oklahoma nominated Dr. Krone and expressed, "Kathy exemplifies the qualities that made Fred Jablin the outstanding scholar that he was... She is a dedicated scholar who has produced significant amounts of important research and who has mentored some of the important younger scholars in our field." Congratulations Dr. Kathy Krone!



Chancellor Ronnie Green recognized UNL's 45 and 50 year employees on stage at his State of the University Address on Sept. 19. **Dr. Bill Seiler** was recognized for his 45 years of dedication and service to the university and our department. Especially noted was his outstanding teaching and 21 years as Department Chair. Other Communication Studies' staff reaching a milestone in their careers are Administrative Assistant **Donelle Moormeier** (25 years); Lecturer **Dr. Brigit Talkington** (5 years) and Secretary II **Kathy Thorne** (5 years).

Dawn O. Braithwaite, Willa Cather Professor and Chair of the Department of Communication Studies, will be awarded the National Communication Association Samuel L. Becker Distinguished Service Award which recognizes a lifetime of outstanding service to the Association and to the profession. The Award is presented to the person judged to have made the greatest contribution to the association and to the profession during her or his career in research, teaching, or service. In most cases, the individual selected will have made outstanding contributions in all three areas. Braithwaite was the President of the National Communication Association in 2010 and the Western States Communication Association in 2009. Dr. Braithwaite's nominator wrote, "Dr. Dawn O. Braithwaite is an ideal (if not, quintessentially the best) person for this award because of her exceptional service to NCA, her extensive number of service roles, and her ways of making a qualitative difference in the discipline. Her impressive record of service extends to multiple associations and goes in tandem with her scholarship and leadership in the profession. I believe she exemplifies the spirit and the values of this prestigious honor."



Dr. Casey Ryan Kelly, Associate Professor of Communication Studies, had his newest book, *Abstinence Cinema* (Rutgers University Press), included on the National Communication Association's Bookshelf, offering profiles of new and notable books written by Communication scholars. Dr. Kelly's book won the National Communication Association Visual Communication Division's 2016 Diane Hope Book of the Year Award.

2017-2018 PHYLLIS JAPP SCHOLAR

Congratulations to doctoral candidate **Adam Blood** who was named a **Phyllis Japp Scholar** this year. This award is given to outstanding senior graduate students who have demonstrated excellence. This fund is named for Dr. Phyllis Japp who was a member of the UNL Communication Studies faculty from 1986-2009. Dr. Japp's passion for mentoring students was evident to all who worked with her during her time on the faculty. The Department of Communication Studies at UNL created the Phyllis Japp Scholars Fund to support professional travel and research for top graduate students. The fund has been generously supported by valued alumni, friends, and the Japp Family, including the Phyllis and Lyle Japp Endowment.





UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA RECEPTION NCA DALLAS

Saturday, November 18, 2017

7:30-8:30 pm: Welcome Alumni
& Invited Guests

8:30-9:30 pm: Welcome NCA Guests

Majestic 5, Sheraton Dallas



FROM THE GRADUATE DIRECTOR DR. JORDAN SOLIZ

This academic year marks my 7th year as Director of Graduate Studies in our department. Reflecting on my tenure in this position, I am always impressed and often amazed at what our graduate students accomplish. Our graduate students—past and present—continue to be prolific scholars, serve on the faculty in top-tier teaching and research institutions, receive numerous awards for their scholarly activities, and hold leadership positions in regional and national associations. Every day, it seems like my social media feed has a new announcement about a current or previous graduate student's honors, achievements, new positions, and/or some innovative translational work or community engagement program. In fact, one of the many benefits of being a faculty member in a graduate program is witnessing the growth of scholars over the course of their professional trajectory. While we take a great deal of pride in our mentorship and the quality of the program that allows for student success, the fact is that faculty mentors are simply there to assist and

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2017-2018 New Graduate Students

Jonathan Baker, Jordan Johnson, Morgan April, Robbie Hall, Mallory Marsh, Megan Cardwell

guide when necessary. The success of graduate students and, thus, the reputation of our program really comes down to the innovation, hard work, and—often times—brilliance of our graduate students. When I was in graduate school, a faculty member once told me that being an academic was a wonderful profession because we can earn a living reading, writing, researching, and teaching. I completely agree! I would also add that we also get to work with amazing students. To past and present graduate students and on behalf of the faculty in our department, thank you for your efforts and the opportunity to work with you.

Dr. Jordan Soliz



FROM DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION DR. KATHY CASTLE

Our undergraduate major is ideally suited to prepare our students with the skill sets that will help them be successful across career paths. Throughout our curriculum, students learn how to better

advocate, negotiate, and relate.

Our students are learning how to effectively **advocate** for themselves, their ideas and the causes they care about. They are learning to advocate for others who may not have as strong a voice. They are learning to advocate in their personal and professional relationships as well as in their communities and for their organizations.

We teach our students how to better **negotiate** difficulties such as, personal, professional, and organizational transitions and struggles. We teach them how to negotiate different perspectives, ideas, experiences, and worldviews.

Our graduates are well-prepared to adapt to and thrive in changing circumstances across professions, and to understand and learn from people who differ from them.

Finally, our majors are learning how to effectively **relate** to others in personal, professional, and public contexts and are well-versed in how to initiate, develop, and maintain relationships across these contexts. Thus, our alumni have the skills and knowledge to be able to effectively develop and maintain a strong personal and professional network.

Some students come into our major with a clear sense of the type of career they would like to prepare for, and others come into our major while they are still sorting through their options.

In order to help you be more strategic in choosing your upper level courses in the Communication Studies Major, we've created advising emphasis areas. These include:

Comm. Studies General Emphasis: Same approach we've always taken.

Comm. Studies Emphasis: Communication, Public Advocacy, and Civic Engagement

Comm. Studies Emphasis: Diversity, Culture, and Global Communication

Comm. Studies Emphasis: Communication Health and Well-being

These are strictly for advising purposes (they will not show up on your degree), though they will help you choose courses along your areas of interest if you choose to engage them. They can also be helpful if you are leaning towards a particular career path. If you want to learn more, talk with me at your next advising appointment!

Wishing you all a great semester,

Dr. Castle

Major in
**COMMUNICATION
STUDIES** at UNL

INTERVIEW WITH UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI, KEVIN THOR



We are so pleased to interview Kevin Thor, who studied at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln from 2011-2016, earning his BA in Communication Studies and BS/BA in Management. Kevin won a coveted Fulbright fellowship, leading to a year in Vietnam, and is moving into global nonprofit/NGO work.

1) What have you been doing since leaving the university? Following graduation, I worked at Southwest Airlines as the SWA University Coordination Intern organizing logistics for training and development. It was a dream experience at Southwest—including the free flights on the weekends! I then moved to Vietnam on a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant (ETA) fellowship. I taught English to 350+ English majors at a college, served as a Cultural Ambassador building U.S. Vietnam relations, worked with nonprofits, and learned Vietnamese. Following my Fulbright, I spent two months traveling west around the world, learned about cultures in various development stages, and worked at a youth empowerment camp in Madagascar. At present, I am in transition to continue to work in a Global NGO/Nonprofit.

2) Why did you choose a major in Communication Studies? I chose to major in Communication Studies after serving as an Instructional Assistant in the Business and Professional Communication Course (COMM 286). The instructor, PhD student, Elizabeth Flood-Grady, became a close mentor and friend of mine and showed me how I could use the skills I'd learn in communication classes for my future goals of working with people and addressing global issues.

3) How has your communication degree helped you in your life and career? My Communication Studies degree has helped me with advocating for education and volunteer programs when working with nonprofits, negotiating large contracts for summits while at Southwest Airlines, and relating with people all around the world with cross-cultural understanding. My ability to advocate effectively while relating to others' points of view will be essential in my global work to come.

4) What is a favorite memory of your time in Communication Studies at UNL? My favorite memory was working with Elizabeth and other graduate students/PhD candidates to get ideas on research, taking classes, and future plans. I took multiple classes with graduate students and really enjoyed getting to learn from those at the place I see myself in the next 5-10 years.

5) In what ways can alumni support our department and students? Alumni can help provide resources to students, from connections into various organizations and companies, financial support for study abroad and research scholarships, or simply coming back to speak and meet with students on what they've learned and experienced since leaving the university.

6) What advice do you have for current undergraduate students in our department? My advice is to dig into the topics that intrigue you, meet with instructors with that expertise, and get coffee! As you go into your Capstone class, pursue those areas with your project. I interviewed global NGOs and nonprofits for my project and now work with them.

Nothing is more rewarding than doing quality research that will carry over into your career after the university.



WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

We are incredibly *grateful* for the many ways our alumni support us. Your financial support helps the students, department, and Speech & Debate program directly. One-time, monthly, yearly, and endowment support are *all* important. Every fall we list donors to our departmental and Speech & Debate funds.

The **Department of Communication Studies Fund** helps us assist undergraduate students work toward careers, bring in visiting scholars, and connect with alumni. We have a special goal to endow some undergraduate student scholarships: <https://nufoundation.org/-/unl-college-of-arts-sciences-department-of-communication-studies-fund-01035440>

The **Phyllis Japp Scholars Fund** supports graduate student research and travel. We need your help to continue our commitments to grad students and have some exciting developments in the works: <https://nufoundation.org/-/unl-college-of-arts-sciences-phyllis-japp-student-development-fund-01100710> **Look (near the end of this page) for the announcement of a new fund one of our alumni has created to support graduate students.**

THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE COMMUNICATION STUDIES AND THE PHYLLIS JAPP FUNDS

Dawn O. & Charles A. Braithwaite
Nancy J. Brule
Diana B. Carlin & Joe Pierron
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Mary Gill
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Allan & Virginia Overcash
Donna & Joseph Pawlowski
Jack Sargent
William J. Seiler
Thomas & Jean Sitzman
Jordan Soliz
Paul D. Turman
Shawn Wahl
James Zeman

There are several funds that support our **Speech & Debate program**: (1) the Donald Olson fund supports the team members, travel, and tournaments, (2) the Jack Kay Fund will go toward scholarships and (3) the “suit fund” will help with purchases of professional clothing for team members. Please check the Speech & Debate page for options: <https://nufoundation.org/unl/college-of-arts-sciences/programs/speech-and-debate-program> Donors to our Speech & Debate program are listed on page 8.

ANNOUNCING: NEW SUPPORT FOR OUR GRADUATE STUDENTS



Diana Carlin

The Department of Communication Studies is delighted to announce the creation of the Diana Carlin Research Fellowships to support graduate student research projects, theses, and/or dissertations. We will award the first fellowships this fall. We are truly blessed to have alumni like Dr. Diana Carlin who are so committed to the students and the department.

Visit the NU Foundation page to set up one-time or recurring support for our students. To discuss endowing gifts or estate giving, contact Victor Martinez vmartinez@nufoundation.org or Dawn O. Braithwaite: dbraithwaite@unl.edu; 402 472-2069.

Thanks for all your help!

SPEECH & DEBATE HIGHLIGHTS

DR. AARON DUNCAN, DIRECTOR OF SPEECH & DEBATE



The Speech & Debate Team is excited to begin its 147th season. One of the highlights of the fall season will be hosting the British National Debate Team for a public debate on Tuesday, November 7th at 7:00 pm at the Lied Center for Performing Arts. We hope you can join us for the debate. [Tickets are free and can be reserved through the Lied Center box office.](#) The teams will debate the resolution, "Is the regulation of social media necessary to protect democracy?" For those unable to attend in person, [NETV will be live streaming the debate on its website.](#)

The competition season began in October for the university's Speech & Debate Teams. This year, we are pleased to have one of the largest teams in school history. The speech team currently has 31 members and the debate team boasts 15 members.

A large group of Huskers headed out along with the debate team the first weekend in October to visit Southwest Baptist College, while the speech team traveled to Kansas State University.

In addition to a great first year class of undergraduate students, the team welcomed new graduate student assistant coaches, Mallory Marsh and Jordan Johnson. They join the returning coaching staff including Director of Speech and Debate, Dr. Aaron Duncan; Associate Director, Dr. Allison Bonander; assistant coach, Amy Martinelli; and graduate student assistant coach, Adam Blood. For more information about the team, please contact Aaron Duncan at aduncan3@unl.edu or follow us on twitter @UNLSpeechDebate.

Dr. Aaron Duncan

We Want to Thank Those Who Contributed to Our Speech & Debate Program

Roger C. Aden
Ivan R. Ashleman II
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy B. Bausch
Dawn O. & Charles A. Braithwaite
Melissa Buessing
Dr. & Mrs. Robert W. Cherny
Mr. & Mrs. Roger W. Doerr
Aaron M. Duncan
Richard M. & Beverly B. Fellman
Lloyd E. Goodson
Mr. & Mrs. Terry F. Hall
Carmen Heider

John R. Heineman
Gary Hill
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest E. Hines
Dr. & Mrs. Harold E. Hoff
Ruth E. Kay
James J. Kimble
Robert W. Kimball
Jack & Stephanie Koraleski
Jere D. & Ruth McGaffey
Linda S. MacDonald
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Mr. & Mrs. Michael S. Overing
Mr. & Mrs. Gary F. Pokorny
C. Thomas Preston Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Gary W. Radil
Jack B. & Sharon M. Rogers
Terry R. Schaaf
Joanna A. Sazama
Steven B. Shively
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas D. Sutherland
Carl L. Wangsvick & Carol L. Johnson
Richard & Judy Weill
Todd A. & Jessica Clark West

If you would like to support our Speech & Debate team, please check the Speech & Debate link for options: <https://nufoundation.org/unl/college-of-arts-sciences/programs/speech-and-debate-program>



Chancellor Ronnie Green hosted a dinner for the award-winning Speech & Debate team in April.

Pictured to the right are Dr. Green and his wife, Jane, along with the team.



INTERVIEW WITH GRADUATE ALUMNA, DR. SHERI BLOK



We are delighted to feature an interview with Dr. Sheri Blok, a longtime professor of Speech Communication at Southeast Community College in Lincoln. She earned her PhD with us in 2002.

Why did you choose a degree in Communication Studies? I had always been interested in people and their relationships, dysfunctional and not. I had thought seriously about pursuing a degree in Psychology. But then, I had the pleasure of taking classes in Interpersonal, Nonverbal, Family Communication, and Listening at Central Michigan University. I became fascinated with the role communication played in relationships; in their formation, maintenance and dissolution, among other things. I mean, who doesn't want to understand how family members, friends, coworkers, or how significant others interact?

What brought you to study Communication at the university? I attended Central Michigan University for my BA and MA in Interpersonal and Family Communication. Dr. Nancy Buerkel-Rothfuss, the Department Chair, was a strong advocate of the Communication Studies program at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. She knew I would love the program and the faculty. She was right.

What have you been doing since leaving the university? I have been teaching full-time at Southeast Community College since 1998 and absolutely love it! Because all students earning a degree at SCC are required to take a Speech class, I get to work with students from each program, which makes for some interesting speeches for sure.

While at SCC, I've served on numerous teams, including the General Education team, Assessment, and hiring committees. I also have the honor of serving as the Speech Adjunct Coordinator, with the opportunity to interview, hire, train, and mentor adjunct instructors.

In April 2017, I was appointed to the City of Lincoln Commission on Human Rights by Mayor Chris Beutler. This has been an enlightening and rewarding experience.

What is a favorite memory of your time in Communication Studies at UNL? There are so many. I loved the relationships between faculty and graduate students. Dr. Ann Burnett and Dr. Kathryn Carter had a huge impact on my life, both academically and personally. I might not have made it through the program without their support and encouragement. I also had a wonderful time working with and getting to know fellow graduate students – Linda and Scott Dickmeyer, Donna Pawlowski and Melanie Reese, to name a few.

In what ways can alumni support our department and students? Of course, providing financial support is vital. However, if that isn't an option right now, being a loud and proud advocate of the Communication Studies Department of UNL is also important. As an instructor at a community college where many of our students plan to continue their education at a four-year college or university, I get to encourage my students to pursue a degree in Communication Studies when they move on. Watching that lightbulb come on when a student realizes how truly advantageous a communication major or minor can be for them personally and professionally is a lot of fun.

What advice do you have for current undergraduate/graduate students in our department? Number one: If you are a grad student, get that thesis or dissertation done right away! But also, develop friendships with your classmates. Learn from, support, and enjoy each other. Pursue research and publication opportunities with the faculty members, which will allow you to learn from the best, while you are attending the best Communication Studies program in the country. Finally, don't forget to have fun. The city of Lincoln has a lot to offer—get out and enjoy it.

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Department of Communication Studies

Faculty Accomplishments

AWARDS

Dr. Dawn O. Braithwaite and Paul Schrodt (PhD, 2003) won the Gerald R. Miller Book Award, National Communication Association, Interpersonal Communication Division, for: **Braithwaite, D. O. & Schrodt P. (Eds.). (2015). *Engaging theories in interpersonal communication: Multiple perspectives* (2nd ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage. Dr.**

Braithwaite also received the 2017; Samuel L. Becker Distinguished Service Award, National Communication Association, to recognize a lifetime of outstanding service to the association and to the profession in research, teaching, and/or service. ([see page 3.](#))

Dr. Amy Martinelli and Dr. Allison Bonander have been nominated for a UNL Women of Character, Courage, and Commitment award! The announcement indicated "Your selfless service towards the university community is greatly appreciated here at the Women's Center. Without your constant determination to your own personal cause here in Lincoln, our community would not be the wonderful place it is today. Please know that your fight has not gone unnoticed." Both women will be recognized at the 11th annual Women's History Month Banquet.

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INVITED TO PRESENT

Drs. Kristen Hoerl and Casey Kelly were invited presenters for the Southern Colloquium on Rhetoric held at the University of Arkansas on October 5-6.

The theme of the meeting was on *Rhetoric and Trauma: 1968 to 2018* and "focuses on the relationship between rhetoric and trauma to explore how political and rhetorical fields manage, produce, and ameliorate pain." **Dr. Hoerl's** presentation was "If King Had Lived: Public Memories of 1968 and White Liberal Trauma." **Dr. Kelly's** presentation was "The Wounded Man: Faux Trauma and the Incoherence of White Male Victimhood."

Dr. Jody Koenig-Kellas served as Seminar Leader at the 2017 National Communication Association Institute for Faculty Development. ("Hope Conference"), Denison University, July 23-29, 2017

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Dr. Jody Koenig Kellas was one of the speakers on April 19 at an event hosted by the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and the UNL College of Business Administration for the 13th annual Women in Business Conference at the Country Club of Lincoln. The conference draws hundreds of emerging leaders. <http://www.lcoc.com/programs-and-events/women-in-business> <http://news.unl.edu/newsrooms/today/article/lincoln-chamber-cba-host-women-in-business-conference/>; **Dr. Kellas** was on local KFOR as a preview to her keynote address, "Telling Your Story."

Administrative Assistant Donelle Moormeier

planned a Nebraska Statehood 150th celebration with 152 antique tractors driving around the Nebraska State Capitol. http://journalstar.com/news/local/tractors-trek-across-state-to-share-history/article_f4f4354e-6b9a-55be-ac17-128648d00722.html

**MEDIA**

Dr. Aaron Duncan was cited in this *Omaha World Herald* article on fake news and it was picked up and featured by the National Communication Association: http://www.omaha.com/living/a-survival-guide-to-fake-news-how-to-be-a/article_2971d902-1644-11e7-b734-03690f30ad22.html and <https://www.facebook.com/NationalCommunicationAssociation/posts/10155115575876866>

Dr. Kathy Krone and Dr. Stacy Tye-Williams (PhD, 2012) were covered in *Business News Daily* <http://www.businessnewsdaily.com/9844-workplace-bullying-ad...> and featured on the NCA FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/NationalCommunicationAssociation/> for their research on the challenges and advice on dealing with workplace bullying.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Graduate Student Accomplishments

AWARDS

Jordan Allen and **Gretchen Bergquist** were awarded Communication Studies Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Awards at the department's Honors & Awards reception in April.

Nicole Allen received the department's 2017 Graduate Student Leadership Award, elected by her graduate student peers.

Gretchen Bergquist was awarded the Bruce Kendall Graduate Teaching Assistant Award at the department's Honors & Awards reception in April.

Gretchen Bergquist won an award at the UNL Research Fair for her project: "Investigating Layers of Identity and Identity Gaps in Refugee Resettlement Experiences in the Midwestern United States." **Kristen Everhart** and **Mackensie Minniear** also had their posters competitively accepted to present at the event. <http://news.unl.edu/.../40-students-honored-for-research-pr.../...>

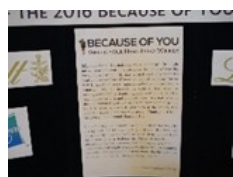
Jamie Downing has become a Fellow of The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Sarah Petite received a Dean's Fellowship from UNL Graduate Studies to help support her studies this academic year.

Kaitlin Phillips was awarded a Communication Studies Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award at the department's April 23rd celebration.

Jennifer Rome's UNO MA thesis on '[Disney princess "2.0": A feminist critique of Disney's newest generation of princesses](#)' was among ProQuest's [25 Most-Accessed Dissertations and Theses](#) during February 2017.

Carol Tschampl-Diesing won a \$1000 scholarship for her essay "My Superhero." The



Carol's winning essay!

contest was sponsored by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service

(AAFES), at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska. Carol was one of only ten winners chosen from around the world. She served as a committee member who



Carol, along with husband Roger, receives her prize from the AAFES store manager at Offutt AFB.

helped establish the new Gold Star Family Monument in Antelope Park in Lincoln, which was dedicated Sept. 24, 2017. Carol was awarded an NCA Caucus Student Travel Grant from the Affirmative Action and Intercaucus Committee to attend the NCA Convention.



Gold Star Family Monument

FACULTY POSITIONS 2017 GRADUATES

Dr. Nicole Allen joined the faculty as a visiting professor at St. Lawrence University.

Dr. Jon Carter joined the faculty at Eastern Michigan University.

Dr. Jamie Downing joined the faculty at Georgia College.

Dr. Kaitlin Phillips accepted a post-doctoral position at Utah State University.

PUBLICATIONS

Braithwaite, D.O., **Marsh, J., Tschampl-Diesing, C., & Leach, M.** (2017). "Love needs to be exchanged": A diary study of interaction and enactment of the family kinkeeper role. *Western Journal of Communication*, 81 (5), 1-19

Carr, C. T., **Hall, R. D.**, Mason, A. J., Varney, E. (2017). Cuing perceptions of employability from self- and other-generated information. *Management Communication Quarterly*, 31, 409-428.

Hall, R. D., & Simonds, C. J. (2017). eTools: Increasing participation and engagement through Packback Questions. National Communication Association eTools Webpage.

Minniear, M., Sillars, A. & Shuy, K. (2017). Risky Business: Disclosures of risk behavior among emerging adults in the digital age. *Communication Reports*.

PARTICIPATION

Will Cooney was accepted to participate in the Rhetoric and Public Culture Summer Institute, on "The Politics and Rhetoric of New Populisms. July 17-21 at Northwestern University.

(graduate student accomplishments continued)

PARTICIPATION

Ashley Garcia was one of 17 PhD students competitively selected to participate in Wayne State University's Detroit's Doctoral Seminar "Constructing Resilience in Career," led by Dr. Patrice Buzzanell (June 2017).

Gretchen Bergquist and Lecturer Amanda Irions were competitively accepted to participate in the

NCA Doctoral Honors Seminar in July at Bowling Green University.

Heather Voorhees is representing the Department of Communication Studies on the Graduate Student Assembly with **Toni Morgan** returning as the alternate representative. Heather was named as the 2017-18 co-chair of the Graduate Travel Awards Program (GTAP) committee, which grants more than \$10,000 annually to students across UNL.

Undergraduate Student Accomplishments

Bravo to **Laura Springer** on being named both UNL Homecoming Queen and on her engagement! http://journalstar.com/sports/huskers/couple-named-nu-homecoming-royalty-then-get-engaged/article_52dee275-07bb-5515-9840-3cb24c2ecdb8.html

**DEAN'S LIST**

Raegan Marie Arnoldy
 Fredrick Gerald Baskin
 Catherine Paige Bergen
 Danielle Leigh Bischoff
 Ronaldo Mauricio Carcamo
 Cooper Clair Christiancy
 Emily Melissa Coffey
 Alex Emry Foutch
 Justice Isabel Forte
 Michael Franken
 Francesca Eidth Giganti
 Nicholas James Gilbert

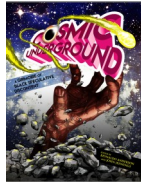
Tayce Michelle Hefner
 Taylor Holzfastner
 Erin Rose Husmann
 Zixi Jiang
 Tate Martin Kollar
 Alexandria Gerard Lang
 Benjamin Richard Leong
 Brandon Thomas Leopard
 Angela Faith Lorenz
 Erin Kiley McCready
 Michaela Anne Minton
 Madison Marie Morrissette

Kali Megan Patterson
 Sarah Nicole Pogue
 Carson Post
 Joshua Carter Randazzo
 Laura Elizabeth Springer
 Randy Keith Thomas
 Haley Lynne Weakland
 Alaytra Autumn Wendt
 Mia Rose Wilken

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Alumni Updates: Personal & Professional Endeavors

Reynaldo Anderson (PhD, 2005) is the Current Chair of Humanities at Harris-Stowe State University. He is starting a Communication Studies program this year and currently working on his second anthology coming out at the end of the fall semester. It is entitled *Cosmic Underground: A Grimoire of Black Speculative Discontent*.



Cosmic Underground

Jonathan Avery (BA, 2013) recently moved to Bloomington, IN., where he is pursuing a PhD in Cognitive Psychology.

Sara Baker (PhD, 2014) and Caleb Bailey (BA, 2010) were married in Brainard, NE., on Saturday, September 30. They were joined by members of the UNL family including Kaitlin Phillips (PhD, 2017) who performed a song during the ceremony and Jessy Ohl (PhD, 2014) who gave a toast to the couple.

Raymond Blanton (PhD, 2015) is now an Assistant Professor of Communication Arts in the School of Media and Design at the University of the Incarnate Word (tenure-track).

Kacey Christiansen (BA, 2014) works as a Maintenance Renewal Specialist at Stanley Healthcare, has earned his Private Pilot's License, and is part of the Civil Air Patrol.

Scott Church (PhD, 2013) published the lead article in the most recent issue of *Critical Studies in Media Communication*, "Against the Tyranny of Musical Form: Glitch Music, Affect, and the Sound of Digital Malfunction."

Colleen Colaner (PhD, 2011) Colleen was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure at the University of Missouri. She was also elected by her department to become the Director of Graduate Studies and Associate Chair of the Department of Communication.

Daniel Cronn-Mills (PhD, 1995) was recipient of the Claire E. Faust Public Service Award for 2017. The award recognizes a Minnesota State University employee for outstanding service to the university, community, state and nation.

Matthew Heinz (PhD, 1998) was appointed to the role of Vice Provost, Research and Interdisciplinary Studies, at Royal Roads University in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, in July 2017.

Angela M. Hosek (PhD, 2011) and Tim Hosek welcomed their daughter Genevieve Rose to their family in February 2017. She joins big sister Lillie (7yo) and big brother Ayden (4yo). Angela recently co-edited the 2nd edition of the *Handbook of Instructional Communication*.

Check out the article on Speech team alum **Ann Hunter-Pirtle** at <http://www.todaysomahawoman.com/news/why-everyone-should-care-about-public-education/> and help her advocate for public education.

Alexis Johnson (PhD, 2016) co-authored an article: Koenig Kellas, J., Castle, KM, **Johnson A**, & Cohen MZ. (2017). "Communicatively Constructing the Bright and Dark Sides of Hope: Family Caregivers' Experiences during End of Life Cancer Care." *Behavioral Sciences*. 7(2), 33. Dr. Johnson presented papers at the following conferences: National, Communication Association Annual Convention, Dallas, TX.; Southwest Popular Culture Association Annual Convention, Albuquerque, NM., Panel presented at the Central States Association Annual Convention, Minneapolis, MN., Papers to be presented at the National Communication Association Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA., Paper to be presented in the Family Communication Division at the National Communication Association Annual Convention, Dallas, TX.

Caroline Johnson (BA, 2015) has a new job working for her county's Behavioral Health department. She is coordinating and training county employees on how to perform their day-to-day customer service tasks using a trauma-informed lens. Because everyone has experienced some sort of stress, crisis, or trauma and that affects the way people communicate, training on how to effectively communicate to victims and bystanders of trauma is important. Caroline often refers to her studies in organizational communication at UNL in her position.

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Chad McBride (PhD, 2003), Chair at Creighton, is on sabbatical this Fall. He is the President of the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language & Gender (OSCLG) and presided over the October 2017 meeting in Omaha. Chad was elected as Second VP of the Central States Communication Association.

Mark Meister (PhD, 1997) finished his six-year term as chair in the Department of Communication at NDSU. He was a Fulbright Scholar to the Republic of Georgia in 2009-10 that resulted in the publication *Rhetorical Leadership for Emerging Democracy* (translated in Georgian and Russian).

Aimee Miller-Ott (PhD, 2007) was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor in the School of Communication at Illinois State University.

Dr. Nancy Mitchell (PhD, 1998). We congratulate University of Nebraska-Lincoln Director of Undergraduate Education programs and Professor of Advertising, Dr. Mitchell, who received the campus' James O'Hanlon Academic Leader Award in April, 2017. The award recognizes a campus leader who has demonstrated exceptional abilities to lead, serve, inspire and collaborate on the academic goals of the university. Dr. Mitchell has established herself as a champion for institutionalizing and promoting high-impact practices, especially civic engagement and service learning, for students and faculty.

Julia Moore (PhD, 2016) Assistant Professor of Communication at the University of Utah, has won the National Communication Association's Gerald Miller Dissertation Award. The association-wide Miller Dissertation Award was endowed in 1971 and honors top dissertations across the Communication discipline. Dr. Moore is the first UNL graduate to win this award. Dr. Moore has also been named the winner of the National Communication Association Interpersonal Communication Divisional Dissertation Award. Advisor: Dr. Dawn O. Braithwaite

Jessica Rick (BA, 2010) received her PhD in Organizational Communication from the University of Missouri and is now an Assistant Professor of Communication Studies at the University of Southern Indiana.

Bill Snavelly (PhD, 1977) retired June 30 from his position as Director of the School of Communication at San Diego State University. He then

moved to Oxford, Ohio, with a stop in Lincoln. Lots of changes in 40 years! Go Big Red!

Allison Thorson (PhD, 2009) gave birth to her second son (Thor Daniel Knutson) in July. She also published these articles: **Thorson, A. R.** (2017). "Communication and parental infidelity: A qualitative analysis of how adult children cope in a topic avoidant environment." *Journal of Divorce & Remarriage*, 58 (3), 1-19. **Thorson, A. R. & Horstman, H. K.** (2017). "Family communication patterns and emerging adult consumer outcomes: Revisiting the consumer socialization model." *Western Journal of Communication*, 81(4), 1-24.

Blair Thompson (PhD, 2007) is the current President of the Central States Communication Association.

Brian R. Whitemore (BA, 2009) is currently in his 8th year as a fire/explosion investigator in the greater Minneapolis area. His company covers 17 states including Nebraska. In parallel with that he is a firefighter for the Bloomington Fire Department in Bloomington, MN.

Mark Zmarzly (MA, 2005) His FinTech software company, Hip Pocket, was just awarded a \$100K AUD grant from the Queensland government to spend 6 months in Brisbane to explore business there and mentoring younger software startups. [Check out the Journal Star article.](#)

Shawn Wahl (PhD, 2003) was named Interim Dean of the College of Arts & Letters at Missouri State University. Shawn is the past President of the Central States Communication Association.

TRANSITIONS

Dr. Lisa M. Schreiber passed away on July 4, 2017, in Lancaster, PA at the age of 49. She was an associate professor in the Communications and Theater Department at Millersville University. Her advanced degrees were obtained from the University of Oklahoma and the University of Nebraska. One of her contributions to her field was a free on-line communications text book entitled, *The Public Speaking Project*. It is used by students and faculty around the world. She is survived by her sons, Dylan and Nathan Roeder, her father Thomas Schreiber (Caroll), her mother Nancy Grandinetti (Tom), and her brother Derek Schreiber. We miss her very much.

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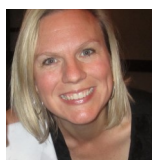
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