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Communication Studies Department

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The power of voices

Speaking to transform



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We're on a Mission!

In keeping with the evolving directions of the university and the field, the Communication Studies department has updated its mission.

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MISSION

We research, teach, and practice communication to cultivate the ethical voices of people that speak in critical, constructive, and transformative ways to identities, relationships, and communities.

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Philosophy of Scholarship

We believe that communication is formative and foundational to human identities, relationships, and communities--and that ethical and strategically effective communication can be the means of critiquing, constructing, and transforming identities, relationships, and communities.

We engage in communication scholarship in the form of research, teaching,

and service that:

- Integrates dialogue and other approaches to communication as the foundation for scholarly inquiry and application to the world
- Cultivates diversity and respect for differences
- Promotes change that leads to more democratic, just, and peaceful relationships and communities
- Engages creative partnerships of faculty, students, and other stakeholders in addressing contemporary challenges and opportunities for improving communication

Scholarly Focus Areas

These beliefs and values are articulated in the following ongoing scholarly focus areas of the department:

Public Voice

How can communication scholarship help us to understand and improve the quality of public discourse in the world around us?

Voices of Change, Diversity and Difference, and Conflict

How can communication scholarship help people to engage with diversity, differences, and divisions in ways that promote understanding and collaborative/democratic change?

Voices of Identity and Relationships

How can communication scholarship help us understand how people create and sustain desired identities and healthy relationships?

Voices of Teaching and Learning

How can communication scholarship help us understand how we co-construct, critique, learn, and share knowledge?

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Alumni: Where Are They Now?

Katie Hunt is now a graduate teaching assistant in the University of Cincinnati's Communication Department. **Andrew Strickland** completed law school this year at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. **Neubia Williams** entered Wake Forest University law school. **Lyndsay Parham** spent the summer in Kenya as part of her new job as School Programs In-

structor at Sky Ranch Camps in Texas. **Heidi Merrill** is a sales associate at Triad Copy Data. **Jaclyn Moore** is Assistant Marketing Director for Star-mountain Company's Retail Division in Greensboro. **Sheena Harvey** is a second lieutenant in the US Air Force. She is heading to Patrick AFB/Cape Canaveral AFS, in Florida to work with the Spacelift program. She will be with

contractors from Boeing, Lockheed Martin, and Northrop Grumman. **Anna Simanovich** received the Gladys Strawn Bullard Award for Service.



Graduate Student Successes

Many of our M.A. students have subsequently entered or completed prominent doctoral programs in communication or in other disciplines. Many have received teaching assistantships or other funding. Here's an update on some of those alumni.

Korrie Bauman and **Robin Boylorn**: University of South Florida
Lori Britt: University of Colorado



Hema Yarragunta, graduate assistant for the Speaking Center

Shaun Cashman: NC State University
Chris Davis: University of South Florida (now at University of North Carolina Charlotte on tenure track)
Jessica Delk, Amanda Gunn, and Pat Fairfield-Artman: UNCG
Becky DiVerniero: University of Nebraska
Nikki Howard and **Amy Smith**: Bowling Green State University
Rich Jones: University of Denver

Billie Murra: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Katie Williams: Purdue University

Hema Yarragunta, currently the graduate assistant for the Speaking Center and formerly the Center's managing consultant, was honored as UNCG's student recipient of the 2007 Betty Dobson Klemm Outstanding Volunteer Award. Her service activity was catalyzed by taking the Communication & Society course, and she has worked extensively with the volunteer program at Lutheran Family Services.

UNCG hosted the
 2007 National
 Association of
 Communication
 Centers
 Excellence at the
 Center
 Conference

Undergraduate News

Undergraduate major **Amanda Lawing** received the inaugural North Carolina Campus Compact (NCCC) Community Impact Student Award on November 11, 2006 at North Carolina State University during the annual NCCC Student Conference. This statewide award recognizes students who have made significant, innovative contributions to campus-based efforts to address community needs.

Senior **Kyle Hines** is rated the na-

tion's 11th best power forward by collegehoops.net. He has a 50 game streak of scoring in the double-digits, the longest active streak in the nation. He is also just 55 points shy of the Spartan men's basketball career scoring mark of 1,645 points.

Natalie Poole is an inductee to Golden Chain honor society, which recognizes UNCG students for outstanding achievement and service to the university. Founded at UNCG in 1948, the

organization's seven "links" are leadership, scholarship, service, tolerance, magnanimity, judgment and character. To receive this prestigious award, a student must demonstrate academic achievement, leadership and service.

Jasmine Dixon was selected for membership in Phi Beta Kappa and is now a graduate student in UNCG's Department of Communication Studies.

Faculty Roster

[Sharon Bracci](#)

[David Carlone](#)

[Kimberly M. Cuny](#)

[Jessica Delk](#)

[Patricia Fairfield-Artman](#)

[Joyce G. Ferguson](#)

[Spoma Jovanovic](#)

[Pete Kellett](#)

[Etsuko Kinefuchi](#)

[Marianne LeGreco](#)

[Killian Manning](#)

[Elizabeth J. Natalie](#)

[Christopher N. Paulos](#)

[Roy Schwartzman](#)

[Carol Steger](#)

[Sarah Wilde](#)

Events

In April, the UNCG Speaking Center hosted the 2007 Excellence at the Center Mini-Conference of the National Association of Communication Centers. The conference was coordinated by Speaking Center Director **Kim Cuny** and Assistant Director **Sarah Wilde**. The conference was well-attended by speaking center administrators and student staffers from across the nation.



Kim Cuny, Director of the Speaking Center

Faculty Awards and Accomplishments

Dr. **Spoma Jovanovic** and Dr. **Chris Poulos** were tenured and promoted to Associate Professor in 2007.

Dr. **Spoma Jovanovic** won the Ray Camp Research Award for the top competitive paper at the 2007 Carolinas Communication Association convention. Spoma also was the 2007 recipient of UNCG's Martin Luther King Service Award, recognizing "commitment to leadership, dedication to service, and impact of

involvement."

Dr. **Etsuko Kinefuchi** and Dr. **Roy Schwartzman** are presenting Top Four Papers on panels at the 2007 National Communication Association convention.



Dr. Spoma Jovanovic, 2007 Martin Luther King Award winner

Dr. **Jody Natalie** was awarded a UNCG research assignment for Fall 2007 to research the rhetoric of first lady Jackie Kennedy.

Dr. **David Carlone** was a finalist for the 2006 Aubrey Fisher Outstanding Journal Article Award sponsored by the Western States Communication Association.

Dr. **Chris Poulos** won the 2007 Ellis-Bochner Autoethnography and Personal Narrative Research Award. He will be presented with the award and a cash prize at the business meeting of the Ethnography Division at the NCA convention.



New Books by Faculty Published This Year

Dr. **Pete Kellett** published *Conflict Dialogue: Working with Layers of Meaning for Productive Relationships* (304 pages; Sage, 2006). The book uses actual first-hand stories of conflicts to reveal their patterns and potential solutions.

Dr. **Jody Natalie** published *Teaching Interpersonal Communication: Resources and Readings* (209 pages;

Bedford/St. Martin's, 2007). This book is a treasure trove of resources for instructors who will teach interpersonal communication. It contains primary source readings, teaching strategies, and an extensive annotated bibliography.

Dr. **Roy Schwartzman** published *Fundamentals of Oral Communication* (575 pages; Kendall/Hunt, 2007), a

comprehensive, research-based basic course textbook that covers interpersonal relationships, small groups, interviews, and public speaking. He also co-authored the accompanying 374-page instructor's manual.

Dr. **Chris Poulos** just completed his book manuscript *Accidental Ethnography: An Inquiry into Family Secrecy*, under contract with Left Coast Press.

New Faculty Hires

Dr. **Marianne LeGreco** joined the department as an Assistant Professor in August 2007. She earned her Ph.D. from Arizona State University and specializes in health communication. Her dissertation deals with school meal programs, and she researches public health policy and nutrition education. Marianne is the faculty advisor for the Communication Club.



Dr. Marianne LeGreco and Dr. Roy Schwartzman

Dr. **Roy Schwartzman** arrived as Professor in August 2006. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of Iowa and specializes in rhetorical studies. A former President of the Carolinas Communication Association, he researches communication about science and technology, Holocaust studies, computer-mediated communication, and critical/cultural studies. Visit Roy's web page at <http://www.roypoet.com>.

**Department
faculty published
3 books and have
a fourth under
contract in 2006-
2007.**



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Communication Club Enjoys Active Semester

The Communication Club has enjoyed an active and engaged fall semester at UNCG. Most notably, the Club hosted a National Freedom of Speech Week on October 18th, 2007. Club members designed posters about the importance of free speech, discussion boards for students and faculty to share their thoughts, and a dialogue spot for small groups to consider important communication issues. Dr. Sharon Bracci's Communication Ethics course also contributed to the event by surveying students about their knowledge of First Amendment rights, and Dr. Killian Manning's Communication & Prejudice class offered performances at an evening open microphone night. Overall, the event was very popular with those students who participated.

The Club is currently working on several charity projects for the holiday season. In the spring semester, they plan to organize an alumni event as an opportunity to bring together undergraduate and graduate students, alumni, and faculty. Please keep in contact with the Department for further details.



One of many Communication Club discussions during Freedom of Speech Week

Who's Who

Department Head: Dr. Pete Kellett
Undergraduate Director: Dr. Jody Natalle
Graduate Director: Dr. Sharon Bracci
Internship Coordinator: Patricia Fairfield-Artman
Basic Course Director: Joyce Ferguson
Speaking Center Director: Kim Cuny