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Communication faculty members selected to lead national initiative – *Communicating Common Ground*

2003 leadership team announced

Sixteen communication faculty members have been selected to lead a national project designed to foster respect and acceptance through multicultural education.

Communicating Common Ground (CCG) is a cooperative project of the National Communication Association (NCA), the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), the American Association for Higher Education (AAHE), and Campus Compact (CC). Now in its third year, the project has spawned over 50 partnerships across the nation. Each local partnership, under the direction of a faculty member, engages communication college students and faculty with K-12 teachers and students or youth from community groups in learning activities designed to advance multicultural education, appreciation of diversity, and the creation of communities in which hate, hate speech, and hate crimes do not exist.

This national initiative integrates the interests of NCA, SPLC, AAHE, and CC in better educating youth to embrace the advantages of a diverse society, forwarding engagement of higher education with elementary/secondary education, and promoting service learning as an effective approach to enhancing student learning and civic responsibility.

Additional information about CCG is available on the NCA home page at:

<http://www.natcom.org/Instruction/CCG/ccg.htm>

2003 Communicating Common Ground Leadership Roster

Barbara Clinton, Highline College, Chairperson

Mary Eicholtz, University of Arkansas-Little Rock, Convention Planning

Radhika Gaijala, Bowling Green State University, Convention Planning

Leda Cooks, University of Massachusetts, Recruitment

Dreama Moon, Cal State University, San Marcos, Recruitment

Kimberly Cuny, University of North Carolina Greensboro, Publicity

Cheryl Lossie, Edinboro University, Publicity

Karen Sindelar, Coe College, Conference Coordination

Colleen Garside, University of Utah, Conference Coordination

Claire Deal, Hampden-Sydney College, Conference Coordination

Laura Manning, Highline College, Assessment

Colleen Garside, University of Utah, Assessment

Michael S. Waltman, University of North Carolina, Grants/fundraising

Detine Bower, Huston-Tillotson College, Grants/fundraising

Patricia Chantrill, Eastern Washington University, CCG Website

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