

MAJORS/MINORS UPDATE

May 4, 2020

LAMBDA PI ETA

Lambda Pi Eta is the national honor society for communication undergraduate students. This semester, USD's chapter inducted six new members. Unfortunately, these new members did not get to be acknowledged at an induction ceremony. Please send a hearty congratulations to our newest COMM honor society members:

- Juliana Fulop
- Aidan Marmion
- Jennifer Mossuto
- Eric Saldivar
- Kelly Tran
- Joseph Runge
- Helena Witiw

INSIDER SUMMER & FALL REGISTRATION TIPS

Consider some of the following tips as you finalize your fall 2020 schedule and your summer 2020 plans:

- **INST 450-01 in the fall** is a new team-taught class about the role of film in scientific debates. The course is taught by Dr. Pierson and Dr. Ellis of the biology department. The course will count as an upper-division media requirement for the major or an elective, *and* as your advanced integration requirement for the core.
- **COMM 494-03 in the fall** is a new course on strategic communication, focusing on marketing, advertising, and public relations and has open seats! This class can also count as your upper-division media requirement for the major or an elective.
- **THRS 332 HIV/AIDS and Christian Ethics** has been added to the **summer 2020** schedule. This class fulfills your domestic diversity 1 AND ethical inquiry OR theology and religious studies inquiry requirements for the core. Email OneStop (onestop@sandiego.edu) to register.
- **EOSC 123 Organisms and Ecosystems** and **EOSC 105 Natural Disasters** have been added to the **summer 2020** schedule. These classes fulfill the science requirement for the core. Email OneStop (onestop@sandiego.edu) to register.
- See the flyer at the end of this update for a new class that may be of interest to COMM majors: ARTH494: Nuclear Cinema.

COMMUNICATION STUDIES SENIOR AWARDS

Every year the faculty of the department select outstanding COMM majors to be recognized for their academic excellence, research or creative work, and service to the department. This year's awardees will not be recognized at a traditional in-person Honors Convocation, so we want to recognize them here. Congratulations to our COMM senior award recipients:

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



Upon graduation, Sarah plans to teach English abroad for a year in Madrid, Spain. She hopes to return to academia in pursuit of a Master's degree in English Literature. Her dream graduate school is The University of Oxford.

EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH
OR CREATIVE WORK

Perla plans to continue seeking spaces where she is most needed after graduation, and hopes to obtain a position where she can be a resource for her community.

EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE

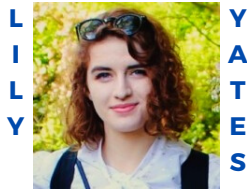


Nadia will be attending USC's Communication Management program focusing on international and intercultural communication. She has aspirations to work in higher education administration.

STUDENT CONTEST RESULTS: WHAT TIPS DO YOU HAVE FOR YOUR PEERS FOR REMOTE LEARNING?



I use the Pomodoro technique of doing 25 minutes of work, then a 5 minute break, and so forth in cycles... I find that having some structure to my work time really helps me focus in and get past the mental block of looking at a blank page.



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One tip I have for students doing remote learning is to set a schedule for schoolwork. With digital classes it feels a lot less structured than usual classes, so having a self-made schedule of when to do homework is helpful.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

COMM students:

Had the semester gone as planned, I would be finalizing my notes to address seniors at our department's "Senior Sendoff" at a beach bar, you would be hugging each other and sharing summer plans as you pass one another in Camino Hall, and our faculty would be busy grading in their offices and attending meetings. It goes without saying that this semester did not go as planned.

As a COMM student, however, you have the unique ability to apply your education in ways that may help you through this tumultuous time. Skills you learned in COMM 203 can help you engage in your Zoom class sessions, theories you learned in COMM 300 can help you understand why the uncertainty of the pandemic is causing distress, your human communication courses helped to prepare you for maintaining psychological closeness with loved ones during social distancing, and your media courses have given you media literacy skills needed to dissect the inundation of pandemic-related news stories. You're a COMM student. You've got this. And if you have moments where you feel that that you don't "got this," there are resources on campus to help. Reach out when needed. Asking for help is a sign of strength; not weakness.

To our seniors--this is not how any of us planned to celebrate your successes and send you off to better the world, but here we are. Come back and see us, volunteer to mentor future COMM Toreros, speak at department events--we want you to know you're always welcome. You'll always be part of the communication studies family.



SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL

INTERSESSION 2021 - Jan 16 - 26



SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

COMM 433

American

Independent Cinema

Dr. Eric Pierson & Dr. Roger Pace

Application Deadline:

To Be Announced

Please contact Drs. Pierson & Pace

for more information

and a link to a Zoom
informational meeting

epierson@sandiego.edu

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ARTH494: Nuclear Cinema*

Wednesdays, 5:30 - 8:20pm

Dr. Hannah Holtzman

*Counts toward the Film Minor.

Face one of humankind's greatest threats and fears on the big screen and from the comfortable remove of the classroom!



We hope to never experience nuclear disaster ourselves, so what can we learn from films and philosophical reflection about nuclear concerns? And how can we use what we learn to prevent another global disaster?

Screenings include *Godzilla* and *Dr. Strangelove* and arthouse masterpieces *Hiroshima mon amour* and *La Jetée*.

QUESTION

VIRTUAL

ANSWER

**CAREER Q&A
FOR SCIENCE STUDENTS**

Tuesday, April 28
12:30 - 1:15 pm, PST
sandiego.zoom.us/j/93034917103

**CAREER Q&A FOR HUMANITIES
AND SOCIAL SCIENCE STUDENTS**

Tuesday, May 12
12:30 - 1:15 pm, PST
sandiego.zoom.us/j/93467299836

**CAREER Q&A
FOR ARTS STUDENTS**

Tuesday, May 5
12:30 - 1:15 pm, PST
sandiego.zoom.us/j/98676960753

GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT CAREERS?

Join Katie Freedman and Emily Baxt for a Q&A session to answer any career questions you have - such as searching for jobs and internships in the current economy, utilizing your alumni networking during this time via LinkedIn and TEAM, and capitalizing on your summer during COVID-19.