



COMMUNITY BUZZ

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CHAIR'S CORNER - Welcome to Spring 2012. The Communication faculty have had a busy intercession teaching courses on campus, in Hong Kong, and Park City!



Overall, 91 students earned communication credit in January. As we look forward to Spring, I want to highlight undergraduate research opportunities that are available at USD. These experiences are a great addition to your academic career and are not just beneficial for graduate

school applications, but also can make you stand out when applying for that perfect job! Research experience showcases your initiative, independent work ethic, and ability to work collaboratively.

The SURE (Summer Undergraduate Research Experience) program is designed to support a student-led research project with a faculty sponsor. The student receives \$3500 as a stipend to work on the project. Check out the website for more details: http://www.sandiego.edu/ugresearch/students/on_campus/sure/. The 2012 proposal deadline is February 10, 2012.

Another program at USD is the Keck Fellows program and is specifically for undergraduates in the arts, humanities, and social sciences (that means Comm!). In this case, a faculty member and student work together on a faculty-led project. The deadline for this semester has past, but it is something you can plan for next year. More information on the website: http://www.sandiego.edu/ugresearch/faculty/faculty_fellows.php

In fact, Dr. Jonathan Bowman was recently named a 2012 Keck Foundation Faculty Fellow for his ongoing commitment and engagement with undergraduate research. His 2012-2013 project will be conducted with Connor Sullivan, a double major in Communication Studies and Theatre Arts.

Creative Collaborations is an opportunity for undergraduates to showcase research. Last year 17 communication projects were displayed at the event. If

you have conducted original research for a class, you should consider submitting an abstract. On-line submission of abstracts begins February 6 and the final deadline is February 24 at 5:00pm. Contact a faculty member if you have any questions. http://www.sandiego.edu/ugresearch/events_calendar/creative/information/

DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Media Roundtable

The Trans-Border Institute is hosting their annual Media Roundtable event on Tuesday February 7 at 8:30. The theme is "Cross-Border Conversations in Journalism: Training, Supporting and Empowering the Press in the U.S.-Mexico Context" and will feature our invited guest Prof. Amy Schmitz Weiss, Assistant Professor in the School of Journalism and Media Studies at San Diego State University. Her talk is titled "Training for Crises and Disasters: Explorations in Virtual Journalism Education" where she will specifically discuss how "Virtual worlds such as Second Life provide a new window of opportunity in education in providing simulated and experiential learning opportunities for students and educators alike."

Attention Student Filmmakers!

You are invited to submit original work for inclusion in the Border Film Week hosted by the Trans-Border Institute March 26 – 29. The work should be between 5-7 minutes and can be on any topic, including news items. Contact Dr. Kristin Moran for more information. kmoran@sandiego.edu

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Free Speech Fight in San Diego, 1912 - 2012

Join us for *Remembering the San Diego Free Speech Fight of 1912-1915, One Hundred Years Later: A Colloquium and Panel Discussion* on Monday, February 20, 2012, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Mother Rosalie Hill Hall, Warren Auditorium. This event is co-sponsored by Lambda Pi Eta and the history honor society Phi Alpha Theta. The panel will be moderated by Michael Gonzalez, Ph.D. (USD Assoc. Prof., History), and will include * James Bartoli (USD M.A. History Candidate) * Esteban del Río, Ph.D. (USD Assoc. Prof., Comm. Studies) * Jim Miller, Ph.D. (SD City College Prof., English & Labor Studies) * Lorena Gonzalez, J.D. (SD-Imperial Counties Labor Council)



Lambda Pi Eta

Are you eligible to join Lambda Pi Eta, the communication honor society? Yes, if you are junior who has a 3.0 overall GPA and a 3.25 in the Communication major. Contact Callie Gallagher callieg@sandiego.edu for information about joining. For more information, check out <http://www.natcom.org/lambdapieta/>.

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Interested in television production? Broadcast journalism? Marketing? Creating a new show? We're looking for students who are interested in joining USDtv, the ONLY cable station on campus! We meet weekly on Tuesdays at 1:30pm in IPJ 219! The first meeting is on February 7th! Students of all majors and career interests are welcome! USDtv may also be taken for 1, 2, or 3 units of COMM 492 credit!

Check us out: facebook.com/usdtv or vimeo.com/usdtv or email us: usdtvstaff@gmail.com

Recent publications by Communication faculty:

* Susannah Stern published, "Portrayals of Teen Smoking, Drinking and Drug Use in Recent Popular Movies" in the *Journal of Health Communication* with Lindsay Morr ('10).

* Jonathan Bowman published "Time Pressure Affects Process and Performance in Hidden-Profile Groups" in *Small Group Research* with co-author Gwen Wittenbaum.

* Mary Brinson published "On-screen Muslims: Media priming and consequences for public policy" in *The Journal of Arab & Muslim Media Research*.

* Leeva Chung released the 2nd edition of the well-received textbook *Understanding Intercultural Communication* with Stella Ting-Toomey

Faculty Highlights

* Kristin Moran has joined the Trans-Border Institute as an affiliated faculty member. Moran will enhance efforts to promote cross-border collaboration and understanding by organizing events such as the "media roundtable" and "border film week." Kristin (KJ) Jones ('12) is interning with TBI to assist Moran in her efforts.



* Congratulations to Susannah Stern and John Cronin who welcomed Eden Cronin on January 25, 2012. Eden joins big brothers Julian and Kieran.



* Did you catch Eric Pierson on *Who's Still Standing*? Pierson was a great competitor, but ultimately was dropped through the floor! No big money, but a lot of fun.

Pierson & Williamson: Professors of the Game!

Faculty are chosen by student vote organized by the Associated Students to honor a faculty member who has demonstrated a strong commitment to teaching excellence and support of student-athletes.

* Dr. Eric Pierson will be honored at the February 11th Men's Basketball game when the Toreros take on the University of San Francisco.

* Dr. Larry Williamson will be honored at the February 25th Men's Basketball game when the Toreros take on division rival Gonzaga.

Lauren Diaz ('11) heads to Ecuador for World Teach

Upon graduation, I was offered a job with the Procurement Department at the University of California, Los Angeles. Not exactly the path a Communication Studies/ Political Science major would typically take, but I felt fortunate to have a job and save a bit of money. While my experience at UCLA was very educational and insightful, I felt conflicted over the fact that I was not on a path more aligned with my interests. So I asked myself, what am I interested in? Well, international development, education, empowering women, and hmm...traveling! My search quickly led me to World Teach, a non-profit organization that organizes college graduates to teach various subjects and host community events in developing countries. While in Ecuador, I plan to apply to graduate school for my PhD so that I may return to school in the fall of 2013. I would love to eventually become a professor. While I am not one-hundred percent certain of where my path will take me, I am confident that the knowledge and skills I learned at USD will be practical in any field I pursue. If I could offer any advice, it would be to take advantage of the great professors and resources USD has to offer.

Introducing Our Student Employees



Hi! My name is Siena Park and I am one of the two student employees in the Communication Studies Department office. I am a sophomore here at USD and love it so far! I am pursuing a Communication Studies major with a double minor in Marketing and English. I am in the office almost every afternoon and am always here to help or answer your questions in any way that I can! Have a wonderful Spring Semester!