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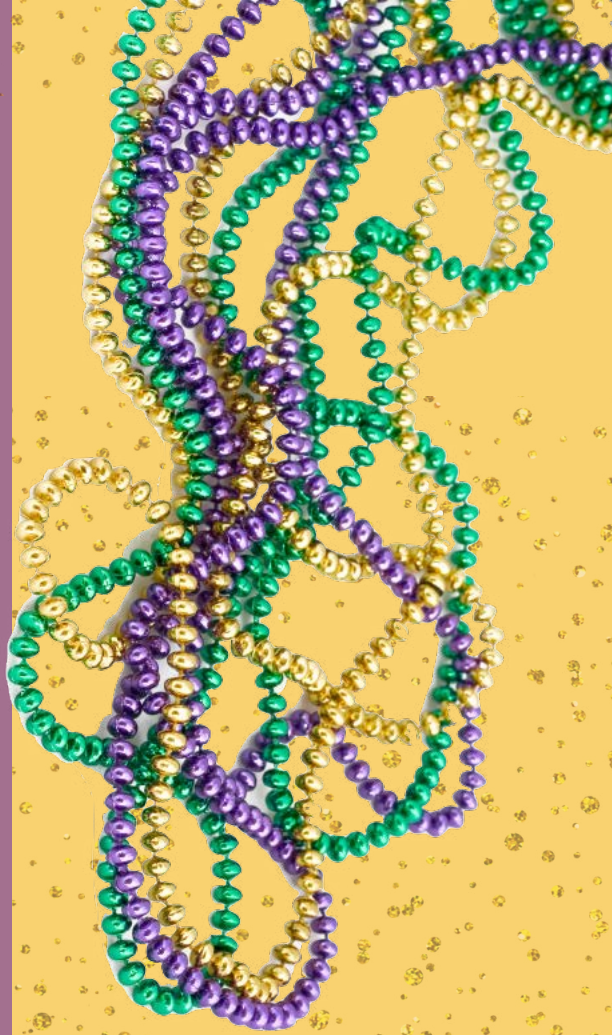
# COMMUNITY BUZZ

Department of Communication Studies

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Faculty Updates



Student Updates



Calendar!



Meet Dr. Moran!



# Updates Faculty

At the Women's March, Dr. Brinson made shirts to sell to benefit Planned Parenthood! She went camping and hiking in southern Utah with just her dog Lucy. She camped and made a fire by herself--quite the challenge!



**Dr. Brinson!**

Drs. Mercado, del Rio, and Moran traveled to Guatemala and El Salvador with the Center for Catholic Thought and Culture. They were guided through the devastation of the recent civil wars, including a response from the Catholic Church. They met with survivors and listened to their powerful testimonies about resistance using the social justice teachings of the Church.



**Drs. Mercado, del Rio, and Moran!**

# Updates

# Student

*Under a BRIDGE in Cambodia!*



*Group photo in Hong Kong*



## Summer Internship Awards!

Summer Internship Awards fund students who want to do research or get an internship in the summer! You must secure an experience before applying. Deadlines are March 1 and April 1. For more information on eligibility and how to apply, visit the Career Development Center website.

## Dr. Chung's Seoul Asia Tour!

## Copley Library Workshops!

Copley Library is offering numerous student workshops. Research workshops include learning to develop research strategies and exploring databases in depth. For more information and registration please visit:  
<http://www.sandiego.edu/library/services/workshops.php>

## Alumni Relations Scholarships!

The Office of Alumni Relations is accepting applications for alumni-supported scholarships! Awards range from \$500 to \$7000 and average \$2000. Applications are open until Feb. 27th at 11:59pm. To apply and learn which scholarships you're eligible for, go to [sandiego.edu/futurealumni](http://sandiego.edu/futurealumni).



# Coffee Talk with **DR. MORAN**



*Did you know that Dr. Kristin Moran has been teaching in communication studies since 1999?*

## **Describe your journey into your research interest**

As a native San Diegan, I've always had a deep interest and experience with Spanish speaking countries. When I was at USD, I went to Madrid to study abroad, not just for a semester but for one year! At the time, USD did not have a program in Madrid so I went with Syracuse University. I continue to be interested in Latino/a representations in the media and what this means for audience perceptions of themselves and others. In graduate school, one of my favorite classes that I TA-ed for was "Children and the Media." The approach by Dr. Heintz was inspiring. She began class saying "Children deserve respect and they do not get it from the media industry."

## **Trends you see?**

I am fascinated by how the economic model of the distribution of media products is changing. Media channels have given more "space" to diverse characters.

**For example?** Netflix has unlimited space for programming where as traditional distribution is limited by time and space. I wonder this will mean for creativity? Will we see the same recycled programs, genres, or will something new come?

## **Congratulations on your new position as Associate Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences that begins in July! What excites you about this position?**

Well, I was chair of the communication department and chair of the Core Committee but I really enjoy faculty mentoring and development, which is what this Associate Dean role will be.

## **What will you miss the most no longer teaching full time?**

Students, in-class storytelling, and the feeling you get when the semester is over. 😊

## **Music?**

Lady Gaga is coming to California. I hope to go with my daughter Madison!

## **Comfort Food:**

Pizza



## **Your signature dish:**

Vegetable Lasagna

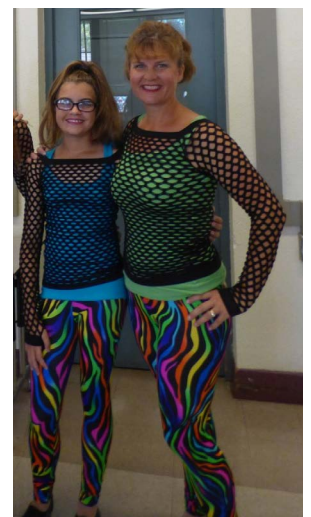
## **A surprising random fact about you:**

I went to see the Grateful Dead several times—once in Vegas when it was 117 degrees

**The Moment:** Dancing at the Superbowl 23 Halftime Show (Redskins vs. Broncos). We ended up riding in Mr. Nordstrom's limo to the Redskins Victory Party!

## **If you were not a Professor...**

I would be a Performer on a Cruise Ship.





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*Alisha Agrellas*

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## Persistence, patience and positivity



Alisha was born in Newport Beach, CA. An only child who was extremely close to her parents, Alisha decided to go to University of San Diego rather than leave the state for college. Finding her passion for TV broadcasting, Alisha was actively involved in USDTV as a reporter, anchor and producer. She was able to land an internship at FOX news her senior year at USD, and with that experience, she went on to be an entertainment reporter for FOX and is now a Sales Assistant at CNN.



Although her path has been unconventional, she's now back in the TV business and loves it



Alisha loves being on camera, and would rush to have to get ready in 45 mins before interviewing a complete stranger!



Even though she loves being on camera and reporting, she loves how profitable the business side of news networks are.



Alisha loves her family and friends that live here - making her want to stay in Southern California forever!



She attributes her success at a young age to being persistent patient and extremely positive!



## Lambda Pi Eta

The National Honor Society  
for Communication Undergraduates

### **Benefits:**

- Leadership opportunities
- Networking with professionals
- Relationships with peers
- Interactions with faculty
- Recognition at graduation
- Resume builder

### **Requirements:**

- Junior standing (60+ units)
- Comm Studies Major or Minor
- 3.0 Cumulative GPA
- 3.25 Major GPA
- Completed 12+ units in Comm Studies

Apply online by March 1st!

[\*\*http://tinyurl.com/usdlph\*\*](http://tinyurl.com/usdlph)

For more information, contact the faculty advisor:  
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# SAVE THE DATE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>February 2017</b>						
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Countdown to...
12	13 <b>SPRING!</b> 	14 Valentine's Day! 	5	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24  Torero Trek	25 Grandparent's Weekend 
26	27	28 Fat Tuesday 	Notes: <--- "New Challenges Facing Journalism" Discussion!			

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>March 2017</b>							
			1 Ash Wednesday	2	3	4	
5	6 	7	8 <b>SPRING BREAK</b> 			10	
12  Daylight Savings	13	14	15	16	17  St. Patty's Day!	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31	Notes:	