



COMMunity BUZZ

News for the Department of Communication
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FROM THE CHAIR'S DESK - Welcome back to Communication Studies! You will notice some changes around the office, but the one thing that hasn't changed is the personal connection and great experiences you have within the major. For immediate updates on department happenings, "like" us on Facebook:



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Personally, I love getting ready for "back to school." I feel renewed every year and eager for what lies ahead. Fall 2011 will be an exciting time. We will have some fun events and activities that you'll not want to miss.

As the new Chair of the department, I am eager to hear from you about how we can make your experience at USD more fulfilling. I am excited to find out what ideas you may have and also hope you will be open to some changes that the department will implement over the next few years.

The faculty have had a busy summer. Bowman and del Río both taught in Europe and each had over 20 students with them. Dr. Pace has been making the transition as the Honors director and Williamson got lots of students through Comm 336 before heading off to bike the woods! Dr. Chung co-facilitated her annual intercultural training workshop for working professionals. Ghio held down the internship program, supervising 12 students. I'm pretty sure we are all ready for a great fall semester.

EVENTS

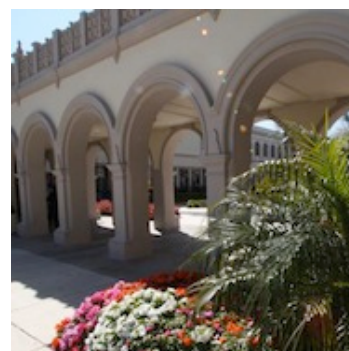
* **USD TV Mandatory Meeting** – Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. at IPJ 215

* **Transfer Student Welcome Meeting** – Thursday, September 8, 2011, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. in Camino 128 (New Communication Studies Conference Room)

* **Fall Internship Class Mandatory Meeting** – Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 12:30 p.m. in Camino Hall Room 112.

* **Lambda Pi Eta Fall Informational Meeting** – Some time during the month of September 2011...stay tuned!

* **Office renovations** are planned for the Camino 126 Main Office during the months of September and October, 2011.



FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Publication date for book by Ron Bonn

A new edition, the first in 16 years, of "How to Help Children Through a Parent's Serious Illness," by Ron Bonn and Kathleen McCue, C.C.L.S., will be published Dec. 20 by St. Martin's Press. The book, a manual for parents, based on McCue's work as a child life specialist, aims to help children of all ages emerge whole and emotionally sound from the trauma of a parent's grave or fatal illness. The original, which has become a standard in its field, has never been out of print.

New chapters, based on developments since the original publication, include "The Wonderful, Terrible Internet," "When the Single Parent Falls Ill," "Trauma," "The Mentally Ill Parent" and "Genetic Diseases." In addition to completely updating the original, the new edition contains well over 100 pages of new material.

Looking for Your Professor?

Looking for your professor? Dr. Pierson has moved to Camino 105D, Dr. Moran is now Camino 126B, Dr. Pace is at the Honors Department in SLP 409, and Dr. Huston is now in Camino 105B. Faculty contact information and office hours are posted and available on the departmental website faculty pages.

<http://www.sandiego.edu/cas/commstudies/>

Professors Roger Pace and Jonathan Bowman Present to International Audience

Dr. Roger Pace and Dr. Jonathan Bowman co-presented research at the International Communication Association annual convention in Boston this summer. Looking at the effects of communication technologies on relational quality, that piece was titled: "Dual-tasking Effects on Outcomes of Mobile Communication Technology."

Professor Jonathan Bowman Co-presents Small Group Research to a Large Group

Dr. Jonathan Bowman co-presented research at the INGroup Interdisciplinary Network for Group Research annual convention in Minneapolis that he co-authored with Gwen Wittenbaum, PhD, from Michigan State University. That research is titled "Time Pressure Affects Process and Performance in Hidden-Profile Groups."

Professors del Río and Moran to Present Research About Reality Show

Professors Esteban del Río and Kristin Moran will present their research that examines textual elements of the reality show *Undercover Boss* featuring Fernando Aguirre, Chariman and CEO of Chiquita. The paper, "The Boss Goes Bananas: Reality Television's Positive Spin On Transnational Labor," will be shared at the National Association of Hispanic and Latino Studies Western Regional Conference in San Diego at the end of September.

Professor Leeva Chung's Year of Sabbatical: or what the (*&\$ did I do?

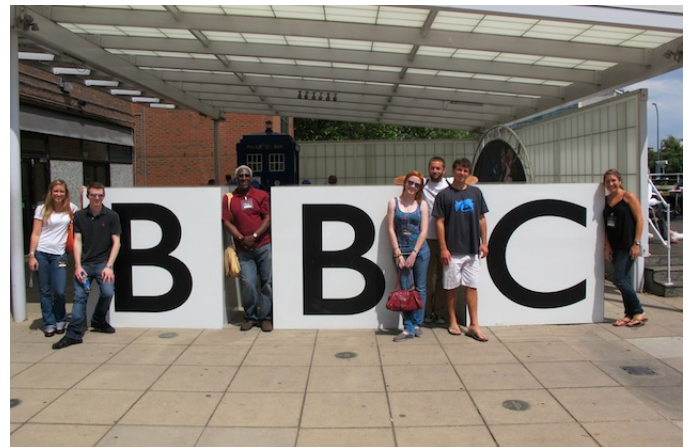
"Welcome back to USD!" is what students, colleagues and friends have been saying to me—followed by "what did you do?" How can I explain in a simple sentence what I did during my sabbatical time away? I simply say it was "phenomenal," and leave it at that. But now, you can read my "official" list of accomplishments and how I was challenged to expand my horizons on so many levels! From August 2010- August 2011, I:

- * Worked 40 hours as a kindergarten volunteer in Pacifica, California...absolutely amazing and incredible!
- * Gave my 1st 90-min Keynote Address to the On Course conference-- in front of 500 people! Freaked me OUT!
- * Traveled to South Korea twice, interviewing people about the quality of life. Bonus? Cherry blossom season—a must see!
- * Completed a 2nd edition textbook "Understanding Intercultural Communication"...Major chill time after that was done!
- * Coordinated the winter intersession program in Hong Kong with your fellow communication students taking ICC!
- * Headed to Lille, France in June to teach multicultural team competency. Students were German, French and African.
- * Co-taught a week long intercultural workshop in Portland, Or. with Dr. Stella Ting-Toomey—for the 14th year! The End ^.^

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Mary Brinson, PhD for being awarded the National Communication Association's Political Communication Dissertation of the Year Award!

Congratulations to Esteban del Río, PhD who received tenure and was promoted to Associate Professor!



COLLEGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

USD Vista Opportunities

Be a good citizen and earn upper-division Comm. Studies elective credit at the same time this semester by working with USD's award-winning undergraduate student paper, the *Vista*. The *Vista* is looking for reporters and writers, copy editors, staff photographers, and advertising reps. All students, regardless of major, are encouraged to participate in *Vista* work. To find out more, contact Editor-in-Chief Chris Hanneke at channeke@usdvista.com. To earn academic credit, contact Dr. Sullivan, the *Vista*'s faculty advisor, at sully@sandiego.edu.

2012 Summer Course – British Media Systems

- * Would you pay \$400.00 a year to have commercial-free television programming?
- * What are the dimensions of a regulation Quidditch pitch (field)?
- * What is it like to enjoy an outdoor concert with people from around the world?
- * What kind of county bans a magazine cover because the model was too photo shopped?

Communication 480: British Media Systems will help you investigate these and other interesting questions during the summer of 2012. Engage and interact with industries and individuals that gave the world, Harry Potter, The Beatles, Dr. Who, and Simon Cowell. We will explore British Media Systems for the inside as we connect with practitioners and products. The goal of the course is to garner a greater understanding and appreciation of how and why British media are so successful. The media content created within the UK ranks only behind the US in its scope and worldwide influence. The course will include trips to Leavesden Studios (the production home for the Harry Potter films) BBC television and radio division, The Advertising Council, The British Film Institute, The Guardian Newspaper, and Hard Rock Calling, one of the UK's premier music festivals. For additional information, contact Dr. Eric Pierson. epierson@sandiego.edu