



COMMunity BUZZ

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FROM THE CHAIR'S DESK - As we settle into the routine of the Fall semester, we can look forward to familiar events taking place in October. Homecoming has



been combined with "Family Weekend" so I hope you had a chance to have a fun weekend! This week the IPJ is sponsoring an event "Women, Media, & Revolution." I would recommend attending some of the films and other events this week.

Fall holiday is already fast approaching, which means that exams, papers, and other assignments are coming due! It is easy to put things off until the last minute, but you will reduce your stress and improve the quality of your work if you plan ahead.

USD will have a strong presence at the San Diego Asian Film Festival again this year thanks to Dr. Leeva Chung! Many students and faculty will be able to see films that break through the mainstream Hollywood narrative of Asians and Asian Americans to tell stories that are inspiring, informative, and fun.

Intersession registration began October 1. The department will be offering COMM 336W, 338 & 365 on campus so you can take some of the hard to get classes. Of course, the Independent Cinema class will also be taught at the Sundance Film Festival as well! Contact Drs. Pace or Pierson if you are interested in participating.

Thank you to Dr. Chung's Small Group Communication class from post-session (summer) 2011 who came up with name "COMMunity Buzz."

EVENTS

* **Office renovations** are nearly completed in the Camino 126 Main Office. We are still expecting some new furniture in our student waiting area that will be in place before the end of the month.



DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduation Petitions

Are you graduating in May 2012? Be sure to complete the "petition to graduate" form available on your mysandiego portal. The form needs to be signed by your advisor and the department chair. If you have not completed the form, a hold will be placed on your account and you will NOT be able to register for Spring 2012.

Looking for Your Professor?

Looking for your professor? Faculty contact information and office hours are posted and available on the departmental website faculty pages.

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

Student Athletes

Did you know that almost 10% of Communication Studies majors are student athletes? We have Comm students participating in a variety of sports including baseball, football, basketball, soccer, rowing, softball, swimming, volleyball, and golf! Pretty much any sport you attend you can cheer for a fellow Comm student! Be sure to show your support for your classmates and watch some Torero action.

San Diego Asian Film Festival

The San Diego Asian Film Foundation (SDAFF) will be hosting its 12th annual Asian Film Festival, October 20-28th, where 160+ Asian films from 20+ countries will be showcased. All are invited to come to the Festival to enjoy, be enlightened, and educated by some of the best in independent and international cinema. Filmmakers, Actors, and Celebrities will be at hand for many of the screenings for intimate meet and greet and Q+A sessions. Student discounts available! Plenty of Volunteer opportunities are also available for those seeking. To get more info please contact myself, Monica Lim at MonicaLim@scaff.org. To learn more about the Foundation and the Festival, visit the official website at www.scaff.org.

12th San Diego Asian Film Festival

October 20-28, 2011

UltraStar Hazard Center Mission Valley

7510 Hazard Center Drive (at HWY 163 and Friars)

Lambda Pi Eta

Lambda Pi Eta is the National Communication Honor Society. Congratulations to the new Lambda Pi Eta executive board: Callie Gallagher, President; Shauna Riley, Vice President; Tessa Dolkas, Secretary; Annabel Naish, Treasurer. Membership in Lambda Pi Eta is restricted to those outstanding communication studies juniors and seniors with a GPA of 3.0 overall, and who have taken at least 12 COMM units with a major GPA of 3.25. If you missed the informational lunch in September, you can still sign up for Lambda Pi Eta. Just come to the Communication Studies Department Main Office and grab an application form and we'll handle it from there. Once you've signed up, you'll get a list of all the upcoming events, including a happy hour with the faculty, events with nationally-known speakers, workshops on interviewing and careers, and a moonlight canoe trip with a wine mixer. For more information about the Communication Honor Society ask one of the board members or Dr. Bowman at bowman@sandiego.edu.

2012 Winter Intersession Course – Intercultural Communication with Dr. Leeva Chung

Want to celebrate Chinese New Year in China this intersession? Earn three units of COMM 475 this January while participating in the Hong Kong program with Dr. Leeva Chung! This unique study abroad program is complemented by the rare cultural opportunity to be in Hong Kong during the country's biggest celebration of the year: Chinese New Year! Students will also have the opportunity to explore mainland China and Macau during a 4-day weekend excursion. Applications and more information can be found at: <http://gointernational.sandiego.edu>.

Application deadline – October 14, 2011.



The poster features a red background with a Buddha statue in the bottom right corner. At the top right is the Hong Kong Intersession 2012 logo. The main text reads: 'Study Abroad HONG KONG, CHINA WINTER INTERSESSION 2012'. Below this, two course options are listed: 'ECON/BUSN 494 Business Environment in Asia Dr. Alan Gin' and 'COMM 475 Intercultural Communication Dr. Leeva Chung 2011 Davies Award for Teaching Excellence Winner'. To the right, 'Program Dates JAN 2 - JAN 21' are listed, with a sub-note: 'JAN 2 - JAN 23 - Staying for Chinese New Year YEAR OF THE DRAGON'. Below that, 'International Studies Abroad' is mentioned with contact info 'Serra 315 | 619.260.4598'. At the bottom right, 'APPLY ONLINE' is written with the application deadline 'October 14' and the website 'gointernational.sandiego.edu'.

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Professor Kristin Moran to present at Global Fusion Conference

During October, Kristin Moran will be at Global Fusion: A Global Media and Communication Conference presenting a paper titled “*If they’re trying to say something about my culture...I’m confused.*” *Recognizing & Resisting Authenticity in Latino-themed Television*,” which she co-authored with Caitlin Mace ('11) who served as her research assistant in Spring 2011.

Congratulations to Professor Gina Lew!

Congratulations to Professor Gina Lew for becoming the Department of Communication Studies' first Professor of Practice. Professor Lew's extensive broadcasting and media experience has been recognized as worthy of special acknowledgment by the college. The department is very lucky to have her as a member of its faculty.

Professor Emerita, Linda A.M. Perry, Ph.D.

The department extends our thoughts and prayers to Professor Emerita, Linda A.M. Perry, Ph.D. Dr. Perry is recovering from major surgery and we wish her a speedy recovery.