THE COMMUNITY BUZZ
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Holiday Edition

SPECIAL DOUBLE ISSUE!
SCAN IT! READ IT!

CLASSIC AND MODERN ITEMS
NEW PRODUCTS
BLOCKBUSTER SPECIALS
SEASONAL ITEMS
**Academics.** I was a student at USD from 1987-1991. I declared Communication in my sophomore year and loved it! The department was small--Dr. Williamson, Dr. Pace, and Dr. Linda Perry were developing the curricula, with Dr. Huston coming aboard. They all inspired me to get an MA in Speech Communication from SDSU.

**Diploma.** Graduation was bittersweet. USD was more than just a place to go to school; it was the first place where I really felt like I belonged, surrounded by people who would challenge me to grow, and the only place where I could get free donuts :)

**Business.** I worked in the Office of Financial Aid as a Financial Aid Advisor and Counselor in 1994-1998, then returned in 2011. I now serve as the Student Employment Coordinator and as a Financial Aid Counselor. It is wonderful working with a mix of students, families, and campus leaders. Occasionally, I give a presentation in which I draw upon my communications skills, and I use them regularly meeting with students and families.

**Community.** Being an alum makes it easier to relate to students--and my oldest son is a freshman! Although there has been significant change on campus, much is the same. Whenever I walk into Serra Hall, Camino/Founders, and Maher hall, and parts of the UC, I feel like I am ‘coming’ home because USD was my first home away from home :)

**Future.** The most valuable lesson I learned in COMM is honing my critical awareness, cultural, and interpersonal skills. The ability to decode and read subtle cues, as well as anticipate and clearly articulate a thoughtful response, is applicable to any job. So, question everything around you, expose yourself to different cultures and ideas, and to never stop asking for extra credit (no harm right?) :)

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**TRENT SAIGET**  
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Dr. Stern's TLC inspire class played card games with her children!

Dr. Mercado and her students celebrated Dia de los Muertos and set up a traditional ofrenda.

Over the summer, senior James Douglas, (English and Communication), interned for inewsource. He was tasked with intern investigating Gompers Preparatory Academy.

Dr. Keeling participated in a roundtable discussion on "Everyday Rhetoric" during the NCA 2017. Her latest publication with Dr. Prairie (EOS) is out now!

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**Blockbuster Specials**

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**Picture Show and Tell with Professor Kristin Scialabba-Bartholomae**

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**just a little bit of Dr. Leeva Chung**

Interview conducted by Dari Lampitt, summer 2017

Dr. Chung is celebrating her 20th year teaching at USD. Originally from San Francisco, she received her undergrad at SF State, masters at CSU Fullerton and PhD from the University of Oklahoma.

**Hey Mon, in this pic, where were you at this point in your life?**

Hai! It was 1987. I was in Xi'an China, in a dorm room studying abroad with CSU Northridge students. I was the only one from San Francisco State. At this point I was an undeclared junior, never lived in a dorm or been away from home for more than two months.

**Dope, what one word describes your experience in China... why?**

Life Changing—I began to understand what it meant to be both Chinese and American. There was a sense of internal strength and freedom that grew from the first day I got there. Perhaps this is why I love studying intercultural communication and ethnic identity.

**Is it true you are going on Sabbatical next semester? What are your plans?**

Oh yes I am! I've got it! First, I'm finishing the 3rd and final edition intercultural communication textbook with Stella Ting-Toomey. Second, I have to work on my keynote invitations. And finally, I'm working on a new class to offer in the communication department—regarding technology and identity. And of course I will be traveling 😊

**You will be missed. What are you gonna miss the most?**

Aww how sweet! I will definitely miss being in class with my students. I am not kidding when I say class is like a planned road trip but always includes an unexpected stop along the way. I will miss the humor, the challenge, the appreciation, and co-learning.

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**Some Random Questions for You Chung!**

**Comfort Food?**

Home cooked Chinese village food my sister makes for me.

**Best Movie Ever seen?**

The most? Purple Rain. The Best? It changes

**Sunday Funday Evening?**

A nice glass of sparkling knowing I finished all my grading 😎

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**Kristin Scialabba started teaching in 2008 as an adjunct professor. This was a huge change from her former job as a CNN researcher 😄.**

She loves teaching and is not on any form of social media! If she had to pick, she'd get an Instagram account.

In 2016, Kristin was promoted as the associate director for the center for educational excellence (CEE).

**Random Facts:**

1. Matilda is her favorite children's book.
2. Favorite singer is Carla Bruni.
3. Never can have enough Sicilian olives!

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**Chung circa 1987 Xi'an China.**

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**usual am routine**

6am

Wake up, stretch, do a 20 minute Gilad workout.

7am

Brew a 9oz cup of Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf Costa Rican Tarrazu coffee with a little bit of cream and watch some news.

8am

Pack my stuff and head for the bus stop!
Stern wants to take more road trips.
Pace wants to get some of his backlogged research out.
Pierson will be chilling with his mom and kids.
Bowman will get a dog by May.
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