SUNDANCE 2018 was the 13th time that professors Eric Pierson and Roger Pace have taken students to the famed independent film festival. The professors were joined by 24 students and several administrators including President James Harris and Dean Noelle Norton. Professors and students arrived in Park City, Utah one week before the festival began and conducted class in a hotel conference room. Once the festival began, the course became a series of screenings and panel discussions. Students saw between 12 and 20 films during the festival as well as panel discussions and virtual reality demonstrations. A former student in the program, Jared Ruga, produced and co-directed a documentary film which screened at the festival this year. Less than one percent of all documentary films submitted were accepted by the festival. Before leaving Park City, the professors negotiated a hotel contract for next intersession so the a return trip for the 14th time will occur next January for anyone who would like a film experience and course like no other. The only prerequisite is a love of film and the program is open to all majors.
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Professors Bond and Stern spent part of winter break on a faculty immersion seminar to the Holy Land with the Center for Catholic Thought & Culture. Here they are pictured on the Mount of Olives overlooking the old city of Jerusalem.

Dr. Bond will be presenting two research papers titled, “The Character Attributes Influencing Heterosexual Audiences’ Likening of Gay Television Characters” and “Exposure to Gay Television Characters: A Longitudinal Experimental Test of the Parasocial Contact Hypothesis.”

Dr. Stern recently was featured in NBC’s new program, THINK. She spoke about adult actors playing teenage roles in television and its effects on teenagers who watch those shows. Check it out here.

Prague, Czech Republic
Annual Conference: May 2018
In the last issue of the COMMunity Buzz, Dr. Bowman mentioned that one of his new year’s resolutions was to get a dog by May. He’s happy to announce that he rescued a shepherd mix puppy over the holiday break. He and Nala the Noodle are having a great time exploring the San Diego beaches and parks. Nala is part German Shepherd!

A picture of Dr. Chung’s Hong Kong class during Intersession 2018. She taught COMM 475: Intercultural Communication.
COMM 380: International Media
Dr. Pierson
London, England
Program dates: Jul 28, 2018 - Aug 18, 2018
Application deadline: Feb 21, 2018

COMM 385: Media & Conflict
Dr. del Rio
Paris, France
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COMM 480: Advanced Topics in International Media: Latin American Media Systems
Dr. Mercado
Program dates: Aug 6, 2018 - Aug 24, 2018
Walk-in registration begins: Apr 3, 2018

Summer 2018 International Classes

Are you considering a future study abroad trip over summer? Consider attending Dr. Bowman’s Summer 2019 class in Paris. This class “Les Amours et Les Amis: Friendships and Relationships in Modern France” will take place in the heart of Paris, and will use the city of Paris as a primary text for the course. The class has a focus on how French culture mirrors or differs from American culture. Plan now for Summer 2019!
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- **Ghio**
- **Bond**
- **Bowman**
- **Pace**

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**San Dieguito County Park, Del Mar, California**

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One small step for man, one giant leap for the Communication Studies department. Williamson wants to travel to Uranus!

Cowabunga, dude! Chio’s favorite travel spot is Hawai’i.

Keeling: Prague
Bartoli: Argentina
Canepa: Rome
Pace: Iceland
Lew: India
Pierson: China
Sullivan: Australia
Herman: Australia

Mercado, Brinson, Tullis and Stern all love hanging out in Peru.

What are other Comm Studies faculty & staff dream vacations?

Bond: South Africa
O’Rourke: China
Scialabba: Italy
Huston: Japan
Bowman: Australia
The Department of Communication Arts and Sciences at Penn State welcomes applications from undergraduates at colleges and universities in the United States who are interested in learning about research and teaching opportunities in the communication discipline. Selected applicants will gather on the main campus of the Pennsylvania State University from June 18 - June 21 for conversation with faculty experts from Penn State.

Participants will receive up to $500 for documented travel expenses, as well as meals and lodging during their visit. The Communication Arts & Sciences Department would like to thank the National Communication Association for its support with an Advancing the Discipline grant.

For more information, click [here](#).
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2. **“LEARN YOUR LIBRARY”**
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6. **“GRAD STUDENTS: THESSES, DISSERTATIONS, AND CAPSTONE PROJECTS IN DIGITAL USD”**
   - 4:00PM - 4:45PM

All workshops held in the Seminar Room!
San Diego, California, United States

MARCH 2018

COPLEY SPRING WORKSHOPS

#7  “WHAT’S ALL THE BUZZ ABOUT OPEN ACCESS?”
   1:00PM - 1:45PM

#8  “APA THE EASY WAY”
   12:30PM - 1:30PM

#9  “PREVENTING PLAGIARISM”
   11:00AM - 12:00PM

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