

# COMMUNICATION NEWSLETTER

For Our Alumni & Friends

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## Letter from the Chair

Greetings!

We celebrate two new doctoral graduates, Jessica Samens, teaching at Bethel College and Jeremy Adolphson, teaching at Gustavus Adolphus. Both of them seeking fame and

fortune in Minnesota.

Nancy Burrell has retired effective in January of 2018 with emeritus status after a long and successful run at UW-Milwaukee.

We celebrate the election and funding given to (President) Leslie Harris, and recognition of accomplishment by James Reed of the Top Debut Paper at Western. Also, Kikuko Omori has a new job at California State University-Sacramento, leaving Minnesota (and her winter coat) for the wildfires and earthquakes of California.

The list of research by faculty, students, and alumni provides some evidence of the contribution of this community of scholars. More than a few of the alumni are involved (Bailey Benedict, Michael Blight, Thomas Bunton, Andrew Cole, Richard Draeger, Tara Emmers-Sommer, Luke LeFebvre, Leah LeFebvre, Laura Motel, Kristine Nicolini, Kikuko Omori, Kelsea Schonenbauer).

If you have information you would like to share with the community, please send it to me. A new newsletter is planned for just after the Central States Communication Association convention this April. We are looking for information dealing with significant changes and accomplishments in your life (new jobs, births, marriages, celebrations, elected and appointed offices, publications, etc.). If you would like your email address included, please let me know so classmates and friends can renew contact and send messages. If you have contact information about alumni, please send it.

## *What about you? We want to hear from you.*

Did you have a great internship experience or have you been working in your dream job? We would love to hear from you. Your success is something we are proud of and can serve as an inspiration to others.

Even if you aren't ready to share your story quite yet, please keep in touch. We would like to make sure we have your email address on file. We promise not to fill your in-box but would like to be able to reach you with important information like job openings that we hear about.

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We look forward to hearing from you!



# Congratulations!

## Accomplishments

Leslie Harris was awarded a Freedom of Expression, Civil Discourse Series, Faculty Mini-Grant by the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in Fall 2017.

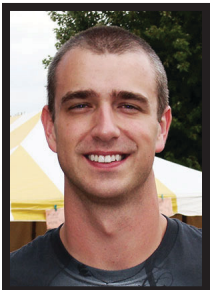
Leslie Harris was elected to serve as president of the Organization for Research in Women and Communication. She serves as president of the organization 2018-2020.

James Reed was awarded the Top Debut Paper by the Western States Communication Association Convention, 2018, Santa Clara, CA.

## Personals

Kikuko Omori started a new position as a tenure track Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication at California State University-Sacramento.

## Doctoral Degrees Granted in December 2017



Jeremy Adolphson (Advisor: Nancy Burrell)  
We'll Get Through this Together: Fan Cultures and Mediated Social Support on AMC's Walking Dead

Jessica Marie Samens (Advisor: Mike Allen)  
How Individuals Disclose Health Information: A Study Examining the Choices Made When Sharing Health Information



Allen, M. (Editor). (2017). Sage Encyclopedia of Communication Research Methods (Volumes 1-4). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage. <http://dx.doi.org/10.4135/9781483381411>.

Allen, M., LeFebvre, L., & Preiss, R. (2017, November). Teachers' use of humor in the classroom: A meta-analysis. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Convention, Dallas, TX.

Benedict, B. C. (2017, November). A critical analysis of the employment slogans on organizational recruitment websites. Paper accepted to the Student Section at the National Communication Association Annual Convention, Dallas, TX.

Blight, M. B., & Ruppel, E. K. (2017, November). Sense of community on Twitter and Instagram: Exploring the roles of motives and parasocial relationships. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Convention, Dallas, TX.



Maura Cherney

Cherney, M. R., & Benedict, B.C. (2017, November). To pause or not to pause: A meta-analysis exploring the effects of segmenting learning. Paper accepted to the Instructional Development Division at the National Communication Association Annual Convention, Dallas, TX.

Cole, A.W., Anderson, C., Bunton, T., Cherney, M.R., Fisher, V.C., Draeger, R., Featherston, M., Motel, L., Nicolini, K., Peck, B., & Allen, M. (2017). Student predisposition to instructor feedback and perceptions of teaching presence predict motivation toward online courses. *Online Learning*, 21(4), 245-262. Doi: <https://olj.onlinelearningconsortium.org/index.php/olj/article/view/966>

Emmers-Sommer, T.M., Allen, M., Schonenbauer, K.V., & Burrell, N. (2017). Implications of sex guilt: A meta-analysis. *Marriage and Family Review*, 53, 1-21. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01494929.2017.1359815>

Harris, L. (2017). Home-making, nation-making: American womanhood in progressive era presidential rhetoric. National Communication Association Annual Convention, Dallas, TX.

Harris, L. (2018). Roundtable participant, ORWAC president's roundtable: Questioning mindfulness and moving toward inclusion and justice. Western States Communication Association Convention, Santa Clara, CA.

Harris, L. J. (2018). Rhetorical mobilities and the city: The white slavery controversy and racialized protection of women in the US. *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, 104, 22-46. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00335630.2017.1401221>.



Leslie Harris



Kikuko Omori

McDonough, M. L., Marks, L. & Harris, L.J. (2017). "A truly inspiring notion": A case-study of project-based graduate service-learning. *Partnerships: A Journal of Service-Learning and Civic Engagement*. 8(2), 63-78.

Omori, K., & Eyo, B. (2017, November). Global mindset and empathy. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Convention, Dallas, TX.

Omori, K., & Schwartz, M. W. (2017, November). Japanese international students' Facebook use: What's the intersection on acculturation stress and cultural adjustment? Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Convention, Dallas TX.

Reed, J. (2018, February). Perspective incongruity and linguistic impiety in Thich Nhat Hahn's anti-war letter to President G.W. Bush. Paper presented at the Western States Communication Association Convention, Santa Clara, CA.



Erin Ruppel

Ruppel, E. K., Burke, T. J., Cherney, M. R., & Dinsmore, D. (2017). Social compensation and enhancement processes via mediated communication in the transition to college. *Human Communication Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/hcr/hqx00>

Ruppel, E. K. (2018). Preference for and perceived competence of communication technology affordances in face-threatening scenarios. *Communication Reports*, 31, 53-64. <http://doi.org/10.1080/08934215.2017.1370722>

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