

COMMUNICATION NEWSLETTER

For Our Alumni & Friends

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Erin Ruppel

Letter from the Graduate Program Director

Greetings!

Summer is always a time of transition in the academy. We said goodbye to many students who have been with us for 2, 4, 6, or more years. At the graduate level, J. Reed, Jenny Awah-Manga, Julie Hoffman, and Mary Dantzler all earned their MA degrees. Doctoral degrees were earned by Maura Cherney, Valerie Cronin-Fisher, Samantha Quinn, and Karina Willes. And, as you'll see below, several of our alumni are transitioning to new faculty positions.

As our graduates move on to new adventures, the work continues in the department. With Mother's Day and Father's Day, the focus is on family. Doctoral student Brittnie Peck and faculty member Erin Parcell presented their research on marital mental health conversations in military families to the Military Family Research Institute, and faculty members Leslie Harris and Erin Ruppel were each interviewed on their research related to parents and parenting. We are also preparing to welcome a new class of graduate students and all the fresh energy, ideas, and excitement that they bring with them.



Personals

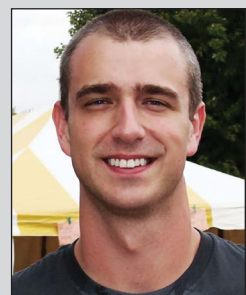
Jeremy Adolphson will be joining the faculty at UW-Green Bay in Fall of 2018.

Kimberly Kulovitz will be joining the faculty at Valdosta State College in the Fall of 2018.

Samantha Quinn will be joining the faculty at Mansfield College (PA) in the Fall of 2018.

Terra Rasmussen will be joining the faculty at Lake Michigan College in the Fall of 2018.

Joshua Miller will be joining the faculty at Texas State University, San Marcos in the Fall of 2018.



Jeremy Adolphson

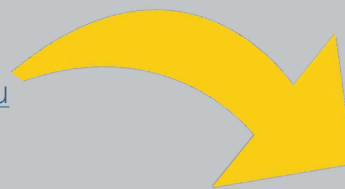
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Accomplishments

Leslie Harris appeared in the May 9th issue of UWM Report for her research on Mother's Day: <http://uwm.edu/news/history-of-mothers-day-echoes-complexity-of-motherhood-itself-leslie-harris-uwm/>

Anna Herrman received the award for Outstanding Teaching at St. Norbert College.

Erin Ruppel was interviewed on television about her research concerning the value of parents texting children in college: <https://www.tmj4.com/news/local-news/uw-milwaukee-study-how-texting-your-college-freshman-helps-them-succeed>



Megan Orcholski

Megan Orcholski (Doctoral student), was one of three winners of the Eliana Berg Award for Graduate Research at the 24th annual Women's and Gender Studies award contest on March 15, 2018 at the UWM Hefter Conference Center. The title of her winning research paper was, Would You Say You Had Sex If You Were Queer? Exploring Sex Constitution and Discourse in Sexual Minority Communities.

Peck, B., Parcell, E., & Klasen, W. (2018, April 18) Marital mental health conversations in military families: Dilemmas faced in necessary conversations. Invited Presentation at the Military Family Research Institute, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.

PhD Recipients - May 2018

Maura Cherney (Chair: Erin Ruppel) - Continuing to Advance Warranting Theory: Weight, Time, and Testing the Warranting Value Scale

Valerie Cronin-Fisher (Chair: Lindsay Timmerman) - Understanding the Discourse of Traumatic Birth and the Transition to Motherhood Using Relational Dialectics Theory

Samantha Forbes Quinn (Chair: Erin Ruppel) - Computer-Mediated Communication and Changing Expectations of Romantic Couples

Karina Willes (Chair: Mike Allen) - Lesbian Patients Using Online Video Profiles to Find Doctors: How Cues Inform the Decision-Making Process



Maura Cherney



Valerie Cronin-Fisher



Samantha Forbes Quinn



Karina Willes

MA Recipients – May 2018

Jennifer Awah-Manga (Mike Allen, advisor)

Mary Dantzler (Erin Parcell, advisor)

Julie Hoffman (Kathryn Olson, advisor)

James Reed (Kathryn Olson, advisor)



Mary Dantzler

BA Recipients - January 2018

Brooke I. Buckley

Emily J. Harding

Alissa N. Krenke

Sara J. Sanderson

BA Recipients – May 2018

Julia P. Akashio
Jumana Z. Al-Juma
Nicole Alswager
Danielle M. Ball
Kursten A. Bauer
Austin J. Bevilacqua
Borgen, Sarah L. Borgen
Kristine M. Carpenter
Mitchell W. Coey
Cassandra L. Cravillion
Allison M. Donner
Arica L. Drezdron
Amanda J. Duranso
Winona M. Evans
Samantha L. Foster
Erin M. Frank
Marisol Genett
Amanda N. Grauman
Jamie L. Harris
Jasmin Hernandez
Abigail J. Jorgenson
Jordan S. Kellogg
Keely M. Kohrs-Herwig
Charise Krstic
Stephanie Legoo
Margaret C. Lessor
Eric G. Lira
Natalie M. Magnin

Alysa V. Maldonado
Kelsey A. Malenke
Christy Matthews
Marian C. Mlachnik
Roderick K. Montgomery
Kailen R. Mueller
Sarah A. Murphy
Gabrielle S. Newman
Emily Holters Nordloh
Grace M. O'Neill
Taiye O. Olayemi
Mallory R. Porcaro
Anne E. Ryan
Natalie M. Schlachter
Daniel J. Sorenson
Miranda J. Stangle
Gabrielle I. Stein
Eikiya S. Stewart
Vivien L. TenHaken
Lisa M. Thompson
Morgan Torrence
Lauren N. Trock
Alisa S. Weant
Andrew P. Whittaker
Gregory J. Wisniewski
Timothy T. Wolff Jr.
Nicole Wood

Minor Recipients – May 2018

Kiana M. Ayala
Wanniegbah P. Cole
Geaneth A. Garcia
Biltu Hamda
Molly J. Harmon
Alisha D. Harper
Haley S. Hornung
Kayla L. Kontney
Michelle M. Latona
Madeleine A. Magnuson
Maryann S. McClellan
Maura R. McMullen
Ashley R. Meyer
Rachel J. Muelrath
Alex J. Neuendorf
Rachel N. Reimann
Joseph P. Russella
Nancy F. Segura
Benjamin R. Slowey
Gabriel J. Stoltz
Nicole R. Venturini
Allison R. Weiher

Lambda Pi Eta Inductees

Anastasia Louise Budney

Abigael P. Hutchinson

Maryann Stana Ruzicka-McClellan

Allyson Cotter

Kali Knutson

Amanda Marie Savatski

Winona Evans

Grace M. O'Neill

Alana Catherine Schneider

Amara Grubor

Emilie Christine Rackovan

Sarah M. Stoudt

Haley Hornung

Eva Rodriguez

Kurstyn Alyse Thompson

Undergraduate Honorees

John R. Johnson Scholarship, Fall 2017:

Alana C. Schneider

John Paul Jones Memorial Trust Award, Spring 2018:

Hannah Borchert

Melvin H. Miller Award for Highest Communication GPA, Spring 2018:

Vivien Lee TenHaken

Randy and Joanna Parlee Scholarship, 2017-2018:

Vivien Lee TenHaken

Commencement Honors, Fall 2017:

Anubhav Das

Elise K. McArdle

Courtney M. Nachreiner

Kali N. Timm

Madison R. Williams

Heather A. Yute

Summa Cum Laude, Fall 2017 :

Sara McNallie

Kali N. Timm

Heather A. Yute

Magna Cum Laude, Fall 2017:

Madison R. Williams

Cum Laude, Fall 2017:

Mari-Kathleen K. Marzano

Courtney M. Nachreiner

Jenna C. Towers

Phi Beta Kappa:

Gabrielle Isadora Stein

Graduate Honorees

Mediation Certificate, 2017-18: Julie Hoffmann

John Paul Jones Memorial Trust Award, 2017-2018:

Tosin Adebayo

Riley Richards

Lindsay Kelpinski

Jaclyn P. Willenborg

Megan M. Orcholski

Amelia Lucas Trust Fund, Fall 2017:

Tosin Adebayo

Karina L. Willes

Department of Communication Research Recognition Award, 2017-18: Samantha Quinn

Department of Communication Service Recognition Award, 2017-2018: Tosin Adebayo

Department of Communication Teaching Recognition Award 2017-2018: Derrick Langston

Renee A. Meyers Memorial Scholarship, 2017-2018: Valerie Cronin-Fisher

Melvin H. Miller Award for Service, 2017-2018:

Mary Dantzler – MA

Riley Richards – PhD

Melvin H. Miller Award for Teaching, 2017-2018:

James Reed – MA

Maura Cherney – PhD

Melvin H. Miller Award for Research, 2017-2018:

James Reed – MA

Marnie Lawler McDonough – PhD

Central States Communication Association Award:

Kristy Jagiello

International Communication Association Teaching Award:

Megan Orcholski

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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