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Mike Allen

Letter from the Chair

Greetings!

The summer was a busy one for departmental members. Awards were won by three of our PhD candidates - Megan Orcholski, Lisa Roth, and Samentha Sepulveda - across a variety of forums.

Leslie Harris and Erin Parcell are part of a grant dealing with gun violence. A timely and important topic for our country.

The big news is that Sarah Riforgiate was granted tenure and promotion to Associate Professor, so she starts the fall with less anxiety.

There are new jobs for Hawkins, Peck, and Dellinger. I am sure St. Cloud in Minnesota and the University of Kentucky are glad to have our graduates.

Finally, see the list of research, papers, articles, and books as the scholars continue to make contributions.

Members of the department continue to make contributions across a variety of academic enterprises. Let us know what you are up to; we're always interested in hearing from alumni.

Congratulations!

Jonathan Dellinger will be joining the faculty at the University of Kentucky in the Fall of 2019.

Jennifer Morey Hawkins will be starting a new position as an Assistant Professor at St. Cloud State University.

Brittnie Peck will be joining the faculty at the University of Kentucky in the Fall of 2019.

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Accomplishments

Leslie Harris, Erin Sahlstein Parcell, Portia Cobb, and Debra Gillipie have received a grant from Villanova University's Waterhouse Family Institute for the Study of Communication and Society (WFI) for the Gun Violence Project. WFI was founded on the principle that the study and practice of communication requires attention to values, ethics and social justice, and that properly understood, communication is central to the creation of positive social change. WFI explores the ethical dimensions of communication and its role in creating social change through cutting-edge research and student programs, as well as the hands-on involvement of communication scholars and professionals from around the globe.

Megan Orcholski was awarded an honorarium for her presentation at the UW-System Civil Liberties Symposium. She also received an award for her paper, one of the top three student papers at the 2019 Women's & Gender Studies Conference, UW System.



Megan Orcholski

Sarah Riforgiate was granted tenure and promotion to Associate Professor, Department of Communication, UW-Milwaukee.

Lisa Roth was awarded the Eliana G. Berg Award for the top Graduate Student Research Paper at the 2019 Women's and Gender Studies Conference, UW System.

Samentha Sepulveda was awarded the Bernard J. Brommel Doctoral Scholarship provided by Northeastern Illinois University and the top paper by the Performance Studies and Autoethnography division from the Central States Communication Association, 2019.



Sarah Riforgiate

Research

Allen, M., & Stoll A. The curious case of conversion therapy discourse. Paper presented at the International Association of Discourse Analysis, Milwaukee, WI.

Bloomfield, F. & VanderHaagen, S. (2019, August). Educating and inspiring future women scientists: Making arguments about significance and contribution in biography collections for young people. Paper presented at the Alta Argumentation Conference, Alta, UT.

Harris, L.J. (2019). Ethotic argument and woman's place: Wisconsin White slavery debates, 1887-1889. Paper presented at the American Forensics Association/National Communication Association Summer Argument Conference, Alta UT.

Kellett, P.M. & Hawkins, J.M. (2019). (Eds). *Women's narratives of health disruption and illness: Within and across their life stories*. Lanham MD: Lexington Books. (Series: Lexington Studies in Health Communication. <https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781498592635/Women's-Narratives-of-Health-Disruption-and-Illness-Within-and-Across-their-Life-Stories>)

Orcholski, M. (2019, March) Black Women, Beal and the Shifting of Enemyship. Paper presented at the Civil Liberties Symposium, University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menominee, WI.

Pu, Z. (2019, May). Serendipity, emotions and following changes in information consumption. Paper presented at the International Communication Association. Washington, D.C.

Pu, Z. (2019, August). Price of personalized ads: Collection, sharing and aggregation of online information browsing records on Google. Paper presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Annual Convention. Toronto, Canada.



Riley Richards

Richards, R. & Beattie, A. J. (2019, May). Alexa, why are you so dumb? Exploring empathy towards insulted virtual personal assistants versus humans. Presented at the 69th annual convention of the International Communication Associations, Washington, D. C.

Richards, R. (2019, May). One call away: Mediated affection in close relationships. Presented at the 69th annual convention of the International Communication Association, Washington, D.C.

Richards, R. (2019, April). Eggplant anyone? The theory of planned behavior applied to unrequested sexts. Presented at the 86th annual Central States Communication Association, Omaha, NE.

Riforgiate, S. E., & Turner, L. H. (2019). Don't mention the office: Workplace bullying spillover at home. In S. Symons-LeBlanc (Ed.) *Casing the family: Theoretical and applied approaches to understanding family communication* (pp. 209-219). Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt.

Sepulveda, S. (2019). Review of abstinence cinema: Virginity and the rhetoric of sexual purity in contemporary film. [Review of the book *Abstinence Cinema*, by C. R. Kelly]. *Women & Language*, 42(1), 125-128.

Sepulveda, S. (2019, April) Coming Out Against Speciesism. Paper presented at the Central States Communication Association Convention, Omaha, NE. Given the Top Paper Award.

Sepulveda, S., & Allen, M. (Eds.) (2019). *Business and Professional Communication*. New York: McGraw Hill Education.

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