Greetings!
Faculty were successful in the Fall, with some grants awarded to Leslie Harris and Erin Parcell dealing with urban gun violence in Milwaukee. Any contribution to finding a means to reduce the violence, of course, is welcome and desirable.

Both Ali Gattoni and Sarah Riforgiate earned recognition for efforts in teaching. The recognitions involve working with other top teachers in the UW System at teaching improvement; something important to everyone in the academy. The research output continues as both graduate students and faculty presented at the National Communication Association in Baltimore. As well as articles in a variety of journals (Journal of Transcultural Nursing; Southern Journal of Communication; Journal of Family Communication; Communication Teacher; Imagination, Cognition, and Personality; Human Communication and Technology).

Always interested in hearing from alumni; please send information to: mikealle@uwm.edu

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Personals

Falon Kartch (Associate Professor at California State-Fresno) announced her sabbatical for the Spring of 2021. After her successful service-learning project in her two gender communication courses in the Fall of 2019 resulted in the collection of 11-days-worth of menstruation products for menstruators in need, Falon will continue her activism with her sabbatical research, which will focus on parental messages to both sons and daughters regarding menstruation. The goal is to develop a training program for parents to empower them in these conversations in order to facilitate parent/child interaction and de-stigmatize menstruation within society. Falon also earned her PhD in communication from UWM in 2013.

Leslie Harris and Erin Parcell’s The Gun Violence Project was featured on Milwaukee’s TMJ4: https://bit.ly/2UCo8N5
Accomplishments

Ali Gattoni was named a Wisconsin Teaching Fellow, representing UW-Milwaukee at the UW-System Fellowship gathering.

Leslie Harris and Erin Parcell were awarded the 2019 Wisconsin Humanities Council Grant for “The gun violence project: Mapping narratives of violence in Milwaukee.” The grant provides a budget of $10,000. In addition, to Leslie and Erin, others assisting on the project include Portia Cobb, Kaija Zusevics, Barbara Beck, and Debra Gillispie.

Sarah Riforgiate was named a Wisconsin Teaching Scholar, representing UW-Milwaukee at the UW-System teaching institute.

Sarah Riforgiate and Ali Gattoni, along with six graduate students, attended the October 4-6, 2019 Organizational Communication Mini Conference at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Research


Harris, L. J., & Sahlstein Parcell, E. (2019, November). The Milwaukee gun violence project. Presentation at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Baltimore, Maryland.


Riforgiate, S. E. (2019, November). Teaching career relevance: Student interviews with community mentors. Discussion panel presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Baltimore, Maryland.


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