Behind & Ahead of Us—Achievements in Scholarship

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Welcome back!

As you know, 2010-2011 was the first year of our new Research Coordinator initiative, an effort to spotlight your scholarly achievements and support your hard work. During that time, we saw many successes in getting out the word about your amazing scholarship. Here’s what we’ve done as a Department so far:

- The 2010 Fall Communication Scholarship Showcase (CSS)
- The 2011 CSS Spring Mixer
- The 2011 ETSU Boland Undergraduate Research Symposium
- The 2011 Appalachian Student Research Forum

Plus, we yielded numerous publications, conference and invited presentations, and awards.

And that’s just the beginning!

Thanks to your willingness to participate in this initiative, our successes will continue. Here’s some of what’s coming up in 2011-2012:

- The 2011 Fall CSS featuring Karen Brewster and Melissa Shafer (November 2, 2011)
- The 2011 CSS Spring Mixer featuring [Who will it be???] (April 11, 2012, tent.)

So read on, friends, and see all that we’re accomplishing as scholars…
Before we begin--A quick word about Karen Brewster & Melissa Shafer…

Join us November 2 for the 2011 Fall Communication Scholarship Showcase in the East Tennessee Room, Culp (4:30-6:00PM). This year, we’re featuring Karen & Melissa and their newly released book *Fundamentals of Theatrical Design*

Karen & Melissa will be joined by Judy Slagle (Chair, Literature and Language) and Don Good (Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis)—These authors will participate in an interactive panel about the behind-the-scenes of academic book publishing. Karen, Melissa, Judy & Don have great stories. It will be an educational, enlightening and fun event. Oh! And we’ll get to celebrate 2 of our newest book authors.

Thank you, Karen & Melissa, for agreeing to be featured. Many may not know how busy these 2 authors have been this last year. This summer Karen took on the ambitious task of costume design at the Barter Theatre (Alfred Hitchcock's *The 39 Steps*). Melissa served as the state theatre conference programmer at the Southeastern Theatre Conference. They’ve managed to do all this while publishing their first book.

Come listen about the secret world of scholarly publishing.

*Fall 2011 CSS*  
November 2, 2011  
4:30-6:00pm  
East Tennessee Room, Culp
AY 2010-2011 (Let’s review what’s behind us!)

Spotlighting Communication Faculty…

➢ 2010 Fall Communication Scholarship Showcase—Amber Kinser’s *Motherhood & Feminism*.

  o Thanks to you, this inaugural event was a smashing success! When planning this event, we were shooting for an audience of 30-40, but the audience quickly swelled to 60+ ETSU faculty, administrators, staff, and students. Amber graciously agreed to be our spotlighted scholar. Former Communication students Elizabeth Cosentino-Vonderahe and K.C. Gott added their voices to the event, reading selections from Amber’s *Mothering in the Third Wave*. Amber gave life to her own 2010 Seal Press book *Motherhood and Feminism* by reading excerpts and leading an interactive Q&A session. On a personal note, I was heartened by the number of you who came out to show the ETSU community who we are and what we’re about. We were pleased that Dr. Wilsie Bishop and Dean Gordon Anderson were there to help celebrate what we’re accomplishing.

  ▪ Kelly’s calling you out!

  o A big ole Thank You to Lise Cutshaw (Publicity) & Lori Ann Manis (Event Planning) for all the help with our 2010 Fall CSS event.

➢ 2011 CSS Spring Mixer—Dan Brown & Wesley Buerkle... *Studying the Risky & Risqué*

Designed to be a more intimate in-house event, the Spring Mixer proved to be provocative and interactive. Author of over 30 publications, Dan highlighted his media effects and commercial sex scholarship. Wesley’s critical and timely research on media, sexuality, and gender provided an eye-opening analysis of how we talk about some of the most sensitive issues of our times. Thanks to this gathering, we learned a bit more about one another’s work and scholarly interests.

  Kelly’s calling you out!

A big ole Thank You to Kathryn Duvall, James Fiske & Laughton Messmer for helping with event set-up!
Spotlighting Communication Faculty…

➢ 2011 Spring & Summer selected academic publications

Karen Brewster & Melissa Shafer (a joint publication)

Wesley Buerkle


Andrew Dunn

Delbert Hall

John King

2011 Spring & Summer selected academic presentations

Karen Brewster & Melissa Shafter (joint presentations)

Kelly A. Dorgan

Kelly A. Dorgan & Kathryn Duvall (joint presentations)


Andrew Dunn

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Spotlighting Communication Faculty…

Kathryn Duvall

Delbert Hall


Cara Harker


Andrew Herrmann


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Spotlighting Communication Faculty…

John King


Amber Kinser

Charles Roberts


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Spotlighting Communication Faculty…

➢ 2011 Spring research-related awards

*Kathryn Duvall

2011 Outstanding Thesis in Social Science/Education – School of Graduate Studies, East Tennessee State University

*A student award but Ms. Duvall was teaching as a department adjunct when she was nominated and received this award.

Amber Kinser

2011 YW Tribute to Women Award for Education, East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia YWCA.

Spotlighting Communication Students…

➢ 2011 ETSU Boland Undergraduate Research Symposium

This was quite a year for our Communication student-scholars! Eight (8) of our students participated in the 2011 symposium—That’s a record number of Communication participants. In fact, Frosty Levy, Director of Undergraduate Research, recognized our department during the luncheon, acknowledging our spectacular number of student scholars.

Who participated? Here’s a list of our students and their advisors: Savannah Arwood (Herb Parker), Kelly Harris (Mary Alice Basconi) Brittany Long (Wesley Buerkle), Amanda Milstead (Andrew Dunn), Danielle Mumpower (Cara Harker), Stephanie Myers (Kelly Dorgan), Donald Peppers (Mary Alice Basconi), Noah Wall (Candy Bryant & Tammy Hayes).

➢ 2011 ETSU Appalachian Student Research Forum (ASRF)

This year, we were represented at ASRF by two celebrated PCOM graduate students: James Fiske & Dinah Tetteh. Under the guidance of their Thesis Advisor, John King, both participated in the poster competition. Interestingly, Dinah received the second place prize in the Arts & Humanities and Social & Behavioral Sciences Division for her research on newspaper coverage of the U.S. healthcare debate. Not surprisingly, Dinah also received our 2011 department award for outstanding graduate research.
Kelly’s calling you out!

A loud “Thank You!” to the faculty members who supported our student scholars at the 2011 Boland Symposium. Throughout the day, I saw so many of you: Pat Cronin, Wesley Buerkle, Mary Alice Basconi, Carrie Oliveira, Andrew Dunn, Tammy Hayes (Who did I miss?). Several of our Communication students also came out in support, including Crystal Smallwood and Casimiro Razo. A special thanks to John King for representing the faculty at the 2011 ASRF.

AY 2011-2012 (What’s ahead of us!)

Spotlighting Communication Faculty…

➢ Forthcoming academic publications

Wesley Buerkle

Andrew Dunn


Andrew Herrmann


Stephen Marshall
There’s more to know about our two Andrews….

For over a year now, we’ve worked with Andrew Dunn in Mass Communication/Journalism. Just a quick glance above and below and you’ll see his multiple publications and conference presentations—all in his first year too!

Now here comes Andrew Herrmann, our brand new Speech faculty member who also has an impressive record of scholarship—6 publications under his belt and more on the way!

While our two Andrews come from different disciplines, their scholarship is connected. First, both researchers were trained in Florida, with Dunn completing his M.S. at Florida State and Herrmann completing his PhD at the University of South Florida. Second, both focus much of their research on cyberspace.

Dunn’s recent work on avatars and online self presentation has resulted in 1 forthcoming peer-reviewed publication and 1 presentation at the prestigious International Communication Association.

Herrmann combines his interests in Organizational Communication and Computer-Mediated Communication by investigating how people use the internet to reduce ambiguity about stocks.

There’s something else about these two…

Combined, they have 4 forthcoming publications! Congratulations to both of you.
Spotlighting Communication Faculty…

➢ Forthcoming academic presentations

Kelly A. Dorgan

Kathryn L. Duvall

Andrew Herrmann


Amber Kinser

Laughton Messmer

Carrie Oliveira

Reminders for AY 2011-2012!

➤ 2011 Fall CSS featuring Karen & Melissa: Wednesday, November 2, 2011, 4:30-6:00PM [East Tennessee Room, Culp]

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➤ 2012 CSS Spring Mixer: Wednesday, April 11, 2012, noon-1:30PM [503, Warf Pickel]. Tentative

Also…

Please send me updates regarding peer-reviewed/juried academic publications & presentations.

And if you have any ideas, suggestions, or notifications about oversights/corrections email me (Dorgan@etsu.edu).