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## Letter from the Chair

Dr. Kristina Horn Sheeler

Dear Alumni, Students, Friends, Faculty and Staff of Communication Studies:

With pleasure, I welcome you to this first issue of comm studies @ iupui for 2011-2012. This year the School of Liberal Arts celebrates the 40th anniversary of the School and of the building we call home. At the [celebration of Cavanaugh Hall in September](#), I had the wonderful opportunity to spend some time with retired Professor Richard Curtis and his wife Beth, and former Department Chair Dorothy Webb.

It is an exciting time for the Department of Communication Studies. This issue of comm studies @ iupui features just a few of our students' accomplishments, alumni successes, graduate student achievements, and faculty recognitions. Be sure to read about the LIVE UNITED campaign video produced by Communication Studies student Lizzy Richards and her

classmates. Communication Studies alumna Carissa Hawkins makes us proud in her work with the Indiana Mothers' Milk Bank. Graduate students Neesha Mathur, Janice Bankert-Countryman, and Kanti Crain presented their research at the National Communication Association convention in mid-November. And we've welcomed faculty members Jennifer Bute, Jonathan Rossing, and Steve LeBeau and Office Coordinator Jill Cobb to new roles in the Department. These are just a small sample of the exciting stories that are just a click away.

The most exciting development is the Ph.D. program in health communication. We're starting our way through the approval process and hope to welcome our first class of students in Fall 2013.

I just became Chair in July 2011 and I'm settling in to my new role. My thanks to former Chair, Professor Kim White-Mills, for her six years of service. I've been at IUPUI nearly 10 years and look forward to the challenges that this new position brings. I'm currently doing the final edits on a book manuscript titled *Madame President: Gender and Presidency in "Postfeminist" Political Culture*, under contract with Texas A&M Press's series on Presidential Rhetoric. If you want to talk politics, stop by my office sometime in Cavanaugh 309.

I hope you enjoy this issue of comm studies @ iupui. Please consider it your invitation to explore all the exciting events, opportunities, classes, and people that make our Department the place that it is today.

Best wishes,  
Kristy Sheeler

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## Communication Studies Scholars LIVE UNITED

by Trevor Potts, Lecturer

*G100 Intro to Communication Studies* student Lizzy Richards with help from fellow scholars and instructor Trevor Potts has put together an inspirational video in support of United Way of Central Indiana. [Watch the video](#) or vote for the video as the best in this year's campaign at [www.givegleefully.org](http://www.givegleefully.org). | [Read More »](#)



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## Alumni Spotlight: Carissa Colter Hawkins

2009 IUPUI Communication Studies graduate, Carissa Hawkins, currently the Donor Outreach Coordinator for the Indiana Mothers' Milk Bank, utilized a Groupon campaign to secure donations to the organization. The campaign yielded Indiana Mothers' Milk Bank 132 Groupons. Using the skills she gained at IUPUI Carissa is exceeding expectations. | [Read More »](#)

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## Alumni Updates

Congratulations to our alumni, Ebony Barney, Leilan McNally, Alana Maddox, and Les Duffield, for their post graduate accomplishments. To keep us posted on Alumni updates email [commdept@iupui.edu](mailto:commdept@iupui.edu) or post on the Department of Communication Studies at IUPUI Facebook page. | [Read More »](#)

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## IUPUI Jaguar Speech Team

by Jaime Hamilton, Director of Speech and Debate

The IUPUI Speech and Debate team is growing rapidly. Ending last year with nine active members the team has burst to its current twenty-six active members. Congrats to our members who have already qualified for Nationals and to the successes of our Parliamentary and Lincoln Douglass Debate Team. The team will be hosting two more tournaments this academic year the first in January and the second in March. To be a volunteer judge, please contact Jamie Hamilton at [jhami@iupui.edu](mailto:jhami@iupui.edu). | [Read More »](#)



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## Curtis Memorial Oratorical Contest

by Jaime Hamilton, Director of Speech and Debate



The 5th Annual Curtis Memorial Oratorical Contest will be held on December 8, 2011. Six finalists will compete for a scholarship as they discuss peaceful resolutions to conflict in a public oratorical setting. Come and enjoy a wonderful evening as we continue our efforts toward peace. For more information call the Department of Communication Studies at 317-274-0566. | [Read More »](#)

## Audition Call

IUPUI-Hoosier Bard Productions is seeking actors, musicians, and crew for Shakespeare and Fletcher's "The History of Cardenio" (April 19-28, 2012), which will open the brand-new IUPUI theatre. This will be a gala grand opening with extensive media attention, and a historic production as well as the first fully-staged performances of this re-imagining of the "lost" play of Shakespeare and his contemporaries. The play is based on Miguel de Cervantes' Don Quixote. A romantic tragicomedy, by turns hilarious and devastating, with great opportunities for actors, from the largest to the smallest parts.



Professional actors will be compensated for their time and talents, while students may earn credit hours. Reading dates TBA, rehearsals begin March 5. | [Read More »](#)



## Alumni and Student Opportunities

by Dr. Kristine Karnick, Director of Undergraduate Studies

Spring registration is here! Take some time to [check out the spring schedule](#) of over 30 different Communication Studies courses. Looking to study abroad? [Dr. John Parrish-Sprowl](#) will be taking students to Poland to study intercultural communication. Alumni looking to further your education? Check out the [Comm Studies Certificate in Online Communication](#). [Contact us](#) for more information. | [Read More »](#)

## Annual Communication Week and Alumni Conference

Mark your calendars for the week of March 19 - March 24, 2012 for the Second Annual Alumni Conference and Communication Week. The conference will be held on Saturday, March 24. This is a great event celebrating communication and our students, alumni, and faculty. | [Read More »](#)

## Achievement Corner

Congrats to the achievements of our faculty and graduate students who presented at the National Communication Association Convention in New Orleans, November 16-20. | [Read More »](#)

## New Faculty and Staff Updates

We welcome new faculty and staff to the Department of Communication Studies community. We are happy to recognize Jennifer Bute and Jill Cobb this year. We are glad to welcome Steve LeBeau into a full-time lecturer position and Jonathan Rossing as assistant professor. | [Read More »](#)

## Undergraduate Corner

by Ron Sandwina, Lead Academic Advisor

Do you know your academic advisor? If not then call 317-274-0566. There are now 270 Communication Studies majors in the program. Congratulations go out to some of our astonishing students: Jason Maddox, Ryan McDaniel, and Clayton Jennings, for their achievements so far. | [Read More »](#)



## The R110 Corner

by Steve LeBeau, Director of R110 Public Speaking

The relationship between Themed Learning Communities (TLCs) and R110 has continued to grow over the past few years. These leaning communities provide increased integration of knowledge and improved bonding among students leading to higher levels of student retention and success. For more information on TLCs click [here](#) or [here](#). | [Read More »](#)

## Graduate Corner

by Dr. Nancy Rhodes, Director of Graduate Studies

The Graduate program, with new director, Dr. Nancy Rhodes, has begun the review process of starting a PhD program in Health Communication. Keep an eye out for increased course offerings, new faculty involvement, and new research projects for student assistance. | [Read More »](#)



## Lambda Pi Eta

by Alecia Burkhardt, Communication Studies Senior and Lambda Pi Eta President

The Kappa Rho Chapter of Lambda Pi Eta came out to support the community through the IUPUI Day of Caring this fall. The members of LPE along with their new advisor, Professor Beth Goering, are looking forward to many more opportunities to get involved with the community. | [Read More »](#)

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