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## Message from the Chair



Hello!

Even though the weather outside is quite chilly, we have many exciting events and accomplishments to keep us warm, and we hope you will enjoy reading about them and staying in touch. Your support increases our impact and helps to make the many accomplishments of our department possible.

Thank you!

In this issue you can read more about everything from our nationally recognized speech and debate team, to Communication Week, to one of the most affordable study abroad programs on campus: studying intercultural communication in Poland. Plan now to join us for our Student, Alumni, and

Employer Networking Conference in March. And if you can't attend, let us know what you've been up to by joining us on [Facebook](#) or [sending us an email](#).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

[Kristy Sheeler](#)

Chair, Department of Communication Studies

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## Communication Week 2014

[Trevor Potts](#) and [Kim White-Mills](#), Faculty event organizers

Now in its fourth year, Communication Week will begin on Monday, March 24, with a keynote presentation and discussion by our department's own [Sandra Petronio, Ph.D.](#) The title of her presentation is "The Language of Privacy Management." Her keynote will serve to demonstrate and celebrate the growing influence of her work and our department and its research expertise.

Communication Week will continue with events each day. Tuesday will feature an Undergraduate and Graduate Student Research Panel; Wednesday will provide an opportunity to "Choose Your Communication Class," and a showcase of our scholars' amazing efforts in the area of Civic Engagement will be Thursday's feature. On Friday, March 28, we will host a presentation, discussion and reception for Health Communication Scholar Gary Kreps.

We hope you will be able to attend some or all of these exciting events! || [\[See full schedule of events\]](#)



Student Civic Engagement Presenters Kayla Najera, Nicole Bowers, Hailey Brooke Barham, Jacqueline Pingul, Loghan Pickett, Tony Greco, and Katie Koile with faculty member Trevor Potts



Left to Right: Faculty member Mike Polites, 2013 Alumni of the Year recipients Casey Cawthon and Lauren Guidotti, and faculty members Kristy Sheeler and Trevor Potts

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## Student, Alumni, and Employer Networking Conference 2014

[Mike Polites](#), Senior Lecturer and Conference Chair

On Saturday, March 29th from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm, the Department of Communication Studies will host the 4th Annual Student, Alumni and Employer Networking Conference to be held at Fairbanks Hall, 340 West 10th St., Indianapolis. The conference will feature two panels of Communication Studies alumni. They'll answer questions, offer advice, and network with students. Last year's response was overwhelming and several students earned internships while others were able to make key contacts. Employers will be back this year as well.



A catered lunch will be provided at noon. Please RSVP by [emailing conference chair Mike Polites](#) by Friday, March 21st with subject: RSVP. This promises to be a "can't miss" for everyone. || [\[Read more\]](#)

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## Alumni Spotlight: Casey Cawthon and Zachary Burton

Casey Cawthon (MA, 2014)



While in the last semester of my Master's in Applied Communication, I accepted a position with the Town of Fishers. My title is Marketing and Public Relations Manager and my role can best be explained as a project manager. Since starting my position, in multiple instances I have thanked my communication courses for guiding me through obstacles.

Throughout my graduate experience I refined the ability to argue my point of view, using logical reasoning in a constructive manner. The ability to construct a logical argument has provided an invaluable tool as I work alongside different personalities who specialize in various industries. || [\[Read more\]](#)

Zachary Burton (MA, 2010)

As the Communications Specialist for the City of Westfield, it's my job to create and implement a

variety of internal and external communication initiatives. Having a degree in communication from IUPUI has allowed me to approach these projects with a larger theoretical and practical communication toolbox.

I'm so grateful to have had professors who challenged me to think in new ways, took the time to help me identify my strengths, and gave me the freedom to make mistakes. Their experience, superior knowledge and dedication to the field of communication theory and practice have inspired me to find my own way in a career that I love. || [\[Read more\]](#)



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## Study Abroad in Poland Celebrates 15 Years!

[John Parrish-Sprowl](#), Professor of Communication Studies

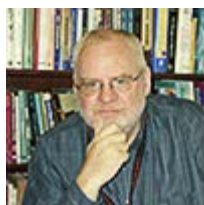
This year marks the 15<sup>th</sup> year of the intercultural communication study abroad program held in Wroclaw, Poland. Many students have described this class as a transformative experience. If you are interested, please note that both IUPUI and the School of Liberal Arts offer scholarships to support international experience. So go ahead, make this class part of your degree program; it will be an enriching experience and contribute to your RISE designation achievement. To learn more about this course, talk with [John Parrish-Sprowl](#). || [\[Read more\]](#)



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## Undergraduate Program Breaks Records!

[Ron Sandwina](#), Lead Advisor and Senior Lecturer



The Department of Communication Studies continues to break graduation records! We graduated more majors last December than any other department in the School of Liberal Arts. And we continue to lead the School of Liberal Arts in the number of undergraduate majors enrolled in our courses. Enrollment in all of our courses continues to grow, including R110 public speaking, which has nearly 1,800 students. Speech Night this semester will be very exciting! || [\[Read more\]](#)

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## Graduate Program Spotlight

[Jen Bute](#), Director of Graduate Studies

I'm honored to be writing in my new capacity as Director of Graduate Studies!

We are preparing to review applications for our inaugural class of students for the new Ph.D. program in health communication. A small cohort of high-achieving applicants will be admitted to the program and will begin their studies in fall of 2014.



Our current M.A. students continue to do amazing things. Several presented competitively-selected papers at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in November 2013. At this same conference, M.A. student Erin McAloon was elected as the secretary of the Disability Caucus. Konye Ori has lent his expertise on political communication and international affairs in interviews with the BBC World Service and The Africa Report, and a number of our graduates have continued their advanced studies at top-notch Ph.D. programs across the country.

If you are a graduate of the M.A. program, we'd love to know what you're up to. Please [email](#) us and maybe you'll show up in our next newsletter! And please spread the word about the outstanding graduate education our department offers. You can direct potential applicants to our [website](#) for all the details. || [\[Read more\]](#)

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## Jaguar Speech and Debate - IUPUI to host Nationals

[Jaime Hamilton](#), Director of Forensics, Lecturer in Communication Studies



The IUPUI Jaguar Forensics team has been named the tournament host for the 2014 Pi Kappa Delta National Comprehensive Tournament on March 21-23. We need your help to put this dream into motion! If you are available to help us by being a judge please contact [Jaime Hamilton](#). The only qualification needed is a 4-year degree from an accredited institution and a willingness to help foster education through oration. Thank you for supporting this dynamic team as we represent IUPUI in this forum.

#### Recent Results:

On January 24-26 the IUPUI forensics team traveled to Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri, to compete in the Gorlok Gala. The debate team had pairs advance to quarter and semi-finals. In speech individual events, Bethany Crocker took home fourth in Persuasive as well as an Excellent Speaker Award. Meredith Moore took home Fifth and the Top Novice Award in the Dramatic Interpretation category. Congratulations! || [\[Read more\]](#)

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## 7th Annual Robert and Dana Curtis Memorial Oratorical Contest

By Jaime Hamilton, Director of Forensics

The Department of Communication Studies in the School of Liberal Arts held the [7<sup>th</sup> Annual Robert and Dana Curtis Memorial Oratorical Contest](#) on December 3, 2013.

This spectacular event highlighted several top public speaking students from two IUPUI Themed Learning Communities, recognizing them with scholarships. This year's TLC topics were: "We Are All in This Together: Understanding Peace and Conflict in Contemporary Society" and "From Social Inequality to Social Justice"

Congratulations to our contest winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Emily Beckman, "Religion and its Involvement in World Conflict"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Erick Beauchamp, "US Adventurism"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Arnold Delvonte, "The Cost of War"
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place - Seth Milenbaugh, "Silenced Nevermore"
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place - Luke Pamer, "The Who, What's & Why's of the Syrian Civil War"
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place - Joseph Richardson, "War is not the answer in Syria"

*\*Scholarships were given to each of the winners.*

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## R110 Corner

[Steve LeBeau](#), Director of Public Speaking and TCN Faculty Co-Advisor



When six leading industry professionals were asked, "What do you feel is important when making presentations?" they included these points: Focus on a clear message, think about the audience, prepare, get feedback, review before presenting. It was encouraging to have people from outside of the classroom confirm what we try to teach every semester. While all of these are important, I want to focus on the comments from Christopher Caprio, the Chief Financial Officer for Altran Solutions of North America and Vic Reasinger, Human Resource Manager for Lowe's. Mr. Caprio believes that communication needs to focus on a clear message, and he suggests that every message should have a specific audience.

My clear message for this column is to share that effective communication is important beyond the classroom. Listen to our experts and practice now what you will need later.

Happy and effective communicating to all! || [\[Read more\]](#)

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# You're invited! Student Events in Spring 2014



[Steve LeBeau](#), Director of Public Speaking and TCN Faculty Co-Advisor, and [Jaime Hamilton](#), Director of Forensics

You are invited to join the Jaguar Forensics Team as they celebrate their many accomplishments on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, for The 5th Annual Speech and Debate Showcase. This show is a wonderful way to see what the students have been working on throughout the year.

R110, the public speaking class, would also like to invite you to join the IUPUI Speech Night, held April 28, 2014, at 7pm in the Scottish Rite Cathedral located in downtown Indianapolis.

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## Communication Studies Continues to Lead the Way in Civic Engagement

[Trevor Potts](#), Civic Engagement Coordinator

Building on past semesters, current scholars in our department have assumed leadership roles in several campus organizations committed to making our world better, including Emily Gregory (The Communication Network), Jacqueline Pingul (Campus Crusade Against Trafficking), Katie Koile (Advocates for Sexual Equality), and many more. Our scholars also continue to organize valuable learning opportunities with Democracy Plaza and "Pass the Mic" as part of their G100 experience.



Whether you are an alumnus or a current student, we welcome your continued involvement in our service learning efforts. If you are interested in participating or volunteering in any of these, please contact [Trevor Potts](#). Thank you for continuing to set the pace in creating a community of engagement!

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## Upcoming Activities

### IUPUI Relay for Life

April 5 and 6<sup>th</sup> (5 pm - 5 am) Taylor Courtyard

For more info or to register, visit our [website](#) and begin raising money now for the fight against cancer.



### Susan B. Komen "Race for the Cure"

April 12, 8am - noon, IUPUI campus/Military Park

There are two ways to participate: volunteer, or walk or run with "TEAM COMM STUDIES."

We will meet as a team to walk together at 8:15 am. Family and friends are most welcome. Registration for both volunteers and walkers/runners can be completed [here](#).

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