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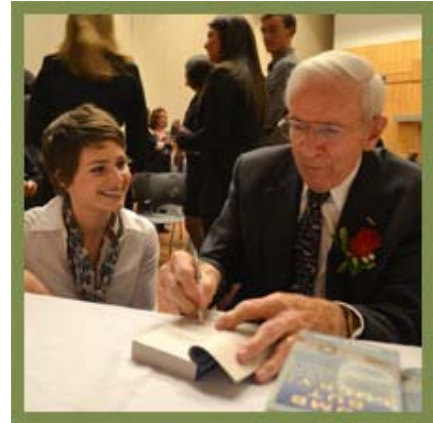
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Letter from the Chair

Dr. Kristina Horn Sheeler

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

Welcome to the spring issue of Comm Studies @ IUPUI. This semester brings several changes to our department, some that we approach with sadness as we reflect on the past, and others we approach with great excitement for the future of the department.

During winter break our department lost three dear friends: Jack Price, Bruce Wagener, and Beth Curtis. Each brought something special to our department family and will be missed. This issue of the eNewsletter features tributes and memorials honoring these special individuals.



We also have much to celebrate: faculty publications, graduate and undergraduate student achievements, speech team success, a record number of December graduates, our upcoming alumni conference, and many other exciting developments that you can read about here. I hope you enjoy catching up on the many events and people that make our department stand out.

We would love to know what you are up to and we especially want alumni to come back to our Alumni Conference on March 24. Contact us by emailing commdept@iupui.edu or posting on our Facebook page: [Department of Communication Studies at IUPUI](#).

Best wishes,
Kristy Sheeler

In Memory

The Department of Communication Studies lost three friends and colleagues during the last week of December 2011: Jack Price, B. Bruce Wagener, and Beth Curtis. Memorial Resolutions in honor of Bruce and Jack were presented at the January 27, 2012 School of Liberal Arts Faculty Assembly.

[\[View Bruce's Memorial Resolution\]](#) [\[View Jack's Memorial Resolution\]](#)

Dr. John M. "Jack" Price died on December 24, 2011 surrounded by family and friends. Jack was an Indianapolis native who graduated from Southport High School and went on to receive an Associate's Degree from the University of Indianapolis, a B.A. from IUPUI, a M.A. from Indiana State University and his Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University in Speech, Communication, and Performance Arts. He is survived by his wife Bernadette M. Price of Indianapolis. A funeral mass was held on December 28, 2011 at the Good Shepherd Catholic Church. [\[A Tribute to Jack Price\]](#)

Dr. Billy Bruce Wagener of Palmetto, Florida and formerly of Indianapolis, Indiana died on December 27th, 2011. He is survived by his beloved partner Rev. E. John Dorr in Palmetto, FL; his daughters Krysti Hughett and Kerra Wagener; his grandchildren, Megan, Mindy, Molly and Kendra; former wife, Myrla Newell Wagener all of Indianapolis, Indiana; and his sister, Neva Colbert of Bakersfield, California. A memorial service will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, June 16, 2012.

[\[A Tribute to B. Bruce Wagener\]](#) | [\[B. Bruce Wagener in His Own Words\]](#)

M. Elizabeth Curtis was married to Professor Emeritus Richard Curtis, former chair and founding faculty member of the Department of Communication Studies. Beth was born in Worcester, Massachusetts and died peacefully on December 30, 2011 surrounded by her family. Beth taught U.S. History at North Central High School in Indianapolis and served as chairperson of the Social Studies department until her retirement in 1993. She is survived by her husband Dick, three children, Stephen, David, and Laurel; four grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. A Celebration of Life was held on January 14 at First Baptist Church, Indianapolis.

Communication Week and Second Annual Alumni Conference: Match.COMM

Communication Week, March 19th – 24th. This year's events include:

- *Comm 101* – A "speed dating" session, of sorts, to introduce students to faculty and Communication Studies courses.
- *Student Showcase* – A showcase of the work of Communication Studies majors.



- *Community Match Link* – This first-ever internship fair sponsored by www.CheckMyMatch.com and the Department of Communication Studies.
- *Communication Studies Alumni Conference* – Saturday, March 24th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm at Fairbanks Hall, featuring the return of some of our alumni who share stories and answer students' burning questions! A luncheon follows with a keynote delivered by the winner of the Outstanding Alumni Award. It was a hit last year...don't miss it! | [Read More »](#)



Comics That Care

The Communication Club is once again planning the annual *Comics That Care*, a live comedy show to raise money for the Salvation Army's *Homelessness Bites* program. The show will feature nationally touring comedians, as well as our department's own "Mr. Mike." It will be held in the Herron School of Art's Basile Theater on the campus of IUPUI on Monday, April 9th at 7:00 pm.

Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the Jag Tag Office the week before the show or reserved by calling 317-BIG-LAFF. We look forward to seeing everyone at this fabulous event!

Outstanding Undergraduate Student: Jeff Hoffmann

The Department of Communication Studies is proud to recognize Jeff Hoffmann as our 2012 outstanding undergraduate student. Jeff will graduate in May with a double major in Communication Studies and Spanish and a very impressive G.P.A. Jeff really embodies the knowledge and abilities with which we hope all of our students graduate. | [Read More »](#)

Undergraduate Student Spotlight: Ryan McDaniel

By Jonathan Rossing

On January 17, Ryan McDaniel, a Communication Studies senior, leapt forward in his career as a recording artist when his [new music video, "Naive"](#) debuted on BET's *106 & Park*. [\[Watch the Video\]](#) | [Read More »](#)



Internship Spotlight

By Adam McGowan, WISH-TV

As an intern with WISH-TV I took part in the Super Bowl's first appearance in Indianapolis at WISH-TV's studio, as the studio produced newscasts live in the week leading up to the big game. | [Read More »](#)

Graduate Student Achievements

Applied Communication graduate students Anthony Allanson, Doug Fellegly, Jon Ford, Spencer King, and Neesha Mathur along with faculty sponsor, John Parrish-Sprowl, Co-Director of the Global Health Communication Center, are collaborating on a grant to help fight childhood obesity in Marion County. Working with their collaboration partner, the Children's Better Health Institute (CBHI), along with Riley Hospital for Children and St. Vincent's, the graduate students hope to receive a \$10,000 grant from the [BICCHEC \(BiNational/Cross-Cultural Health Enhancement Center\)](#). | [Read More »](#)

Faculty Achievements

Assistant Professor [Jennifer Bute](#) has three articles in press in the following journals: *Health Communication*, *Journal of Applied Communication Research*, and *American Journal of Health Sciences*.

Congratulations to Professor [Sandra Petronio](#), who is one of the Keynote speakers at the 2012 Amsterdam Privacy Conference. This is an interdisciplinary conference in October organized by the Amsterdam Platform for Privacy Research, an initiative of the University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Associate Professor [Nancy Rhodes](#) has two articles in press, one in *Communication Research* and the other in *Health Communication*. She also has two book chapters in press and two grant submissions pending.

Professor Rhodes will also present her research "Why Do Boys Drive so Fast? An Exploration of Gender Roles, Emotion, and Risk Perception," April 10 at noon in the Campus Center room 148.

Assistant Professor [Jonathan Rossing](#) has one article in the *Journal of Communication Inquiry* and one book chapter in *Race/Gender/Media* slated for publication in 2012.

Associate Professor [Kristy Sheeler's](#) co-authored book *Woman President: Gendered Presidency and "Postfeminist" Political Culture* is under contract with Texas A&M Press.

Faculty Spotlight: John Parrish-Sprowl

Robin Waldron, Assistant to the Communication Studies Department Chair sat down with Professor John Parrish-Sprowl to get some insights into his teaching, research, travels, and applied health communication work with the World Health Organization and the Global Health Communication Center. | [Read More »](#)



IUPUI Jaguar Speech Team

by Jaime Hamilton, Director of Speech and Debate

As we embark on this 2012 spring semester journey, we are finding that things are getting more demanding and competitive. We started with the Butler/Miami Swing in January. The team took home 2nd overall in Team Sweepstakes. We then competed in the Indiana State Forensics Associational Tournament. The team collectively took home 2nd place in Team Sweepstakes for both individual events and debate. | [Read More »](#)



Curtis Memorial Oratorical Contest

The 5th annual Curtis Memorial Oratorical Contest was held December 8, 2011. The contest was made possible through the generosity of Professor Richard Curtis and his late wife Beth. The contest gives students the opportunity to explore peaceful resolutions to conflict in a public oratorical setting. This year the contest took a new spin as it was part of a Themed Learning Community (TLC) bringing together Communication Studies, Anthropology and the First Year Seminar with faculty members Jaime Hamilton, Gina Gibau and Starla Officer. This class was titled around the theme of "Moving Beyond 'I'm right; you're wrong': Approaches to Conflict Resolution in Contemporary Society." | [Read More »](#)



Graduate Corner

by Dr. Nancy Rhodes, Director of Graduate Studies

It is a busy time in the graduate program. We had a record number of applicants for our January 15 application deadline, and we were extremely pleased with the quality of this year's applicants. Letters went out to the early admits in early February, and we hope to entice many of these fine scholars to come here. Of course, we continue to accept applications until April 1, and we are excited to see what this next group of applicants brings. | [Read More »](#)



Undergraduate Corner

by Ron Sandwina, Lead Academic Advisor, and Kristine Karnick, Director of Undergraduate Studies

We have a record! Twenty-three Communication Studies majors graduated last December. This is the largest number of December graduates to date, and more than any other major in the School of Liberal Arts. We anticipate a large number (maybe a record) of May and August graduates. For those of you who are about to leave us, congratulations, best of luck, and stay in touch! | [Read More »](#)



The R110 Corner

by Steve LeBeau, Director of R110 Public Speaking

Looking back on 40 years of Speech Night competitions, it is amazing how far we have come.

Speech Night winners, Fall 1981, the 21st Speech Night, or the 10th anniversary of the first Speech Night Competition.

The Fall 2011 Speech Night was held December 5th in the Lecture Hall at IUPUI. It was the 81st speech night (40th anniversary) of the first speech night competition. What used to be a hundred students in one place watching speeches is now over a thousand. In the last 10 years, the event has been held in the Lecture Hall, the Campus Center, Madam Walker Theatre and the Scottish Rite Cathedral. | [Read More »](#)



Lambda Pi Eta

The Kappa Rho Chapter of Lambda Pi Eta had an exciting fall semester with eleven new members. Lambda Pi Eta members, along with their advisor Professor Beth Goering, also have new plans for community involvement and continuing the momentum throughout the new semester. | [Read More »](#)

New Theater Grand Opening: Shakespeare and Fletcher's *The History of Cardenio*

Shakespeare and Fletcher's *The History of Cardenio* will open the brand-new IUPUI Theater with performances April 19-28, 2012. It will be a gala grand opening, and a historic production as well as the first fully-staged performance of this re-imagining of this "lost play". The play is based on Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra's *Don Quixote*. For more information about the performance and events: <http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/cardenio/>.

If you are an IUPUI theatre alumnus and would like more information about attending a special alumni reunion event preceeding the play Saturday April 21, please send a note with your current address to libarsvp@iupui.edu with Theatre Reunion in the subject line so we can send you an invitation.



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