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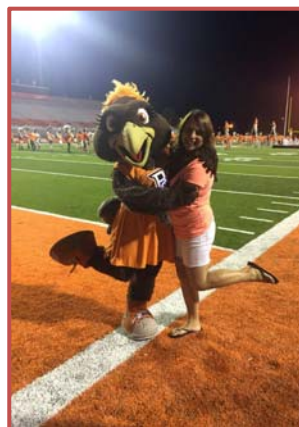
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Students in “doc mc’s” (Dr. Kate Magsamen-Conrad) health communication classes have been fighting sexual assault on campus using CBPR (community-based participatory research) since the Spring 2014 semester. One Tuesday night early in the Spring 2017 they tested out a communication based mechanism that would support implementation of anti sexual violence and misconduct policy on college campuses. Provost Rodgers stopped by to check out the action – but some students may not have seen him.

The focus group room, one of many tricked out spaces in the new Michael and Sara Kuhlin Center, is equipped with one-way glass. The COMM 4440 class has a history of partnering with community groups to improve the lives of people in our community. Previous partners include Josina Lott, the Wood County Committee on Aging, and BGSU’s office of Recreation and Wellness.

Revealing Characters: Celebrating Communication Students' Contributions as Freddie and Frieda Falcon



The Department of Communication would like to congratulate Lexi, Drew, and Katie on their outstanding job as Freddie and Frieda Falcon—and to thank them for their leadership, service, and commitment to BGSU!

Freddie and Frieda Falcon are arguably the most beloved members of Bowling Green State University’s (BGSU) campus community. They welcome prospective students at recruiting events, spark school spirit at athletic and homecoming events, take numerous photos with BGSU fans and families, and serve as university ambassadors.

Image: Katie Webb (as Frieda Falcon, 2016-2017) smiles with alumna Lexi Adams (who was Frieda Falcon during the 2015-2016 academic year)

Each year, BGSU selects four outstanding students to serve as Freddie and Frieda Falcon. For nearly nine months, these students’ identities remain hidden. During the spring semester, their true identities are revealed during highly anticipated “unmasking ceremonies” at BGSU home basketball games. In 2016 and 2017, these ceremonies have revealed a total of three communication majors as Freddie and Frieda Falcon: Alexis (Lexi) Adams, Drew Ashby-King, and Katie Webb.

#SocialMediaActivism: Kevin Roberts Investigates How Social Media Can Change People's Attitudes about U.S. Immigration Reform



Funded by Bowling Green State University's (BGSU) Center for Undergraduate Research and Scholarship (CURS), Kevin Roberts worked with faculty advisor Dr. Lisa Hanasono to investigate how social media messages can influence adults' attitudes about U.S. immigration reform. After carefully designing his study and receiving approval from BGSU's Institutional Review Board (IRB), Kevin gathered data from a national sample of U.S. voters. Kevin's results indicated that the social media message, regardless of its stance on immigration reform, did not significantly change participants' attitudes. Rather, people's longstanding ideologies were predictive of their corresponding attitudes about U.S. immigration reform.

"The CURS research grant was an amazing opportunity to challenge myself and learn from a great faculty member," Roberts said. "Although the entire project was exciting, my favorite aspect was designing the research study and its measures...I learned that conducting communication research can be a powerful way to understand the multiple facets that affect how social problems can be perpetuated and reconciled."

Image: Kevin Roberts presented his research poster at the 2017 Undergraduate Diversity Symposium at BGSU.

Forensics & Debate Team Wins State Championship



BGSU Falcon Forensics, Speech and Debate Team topped off a double weekend stretch of tournaments, culminating in earning the Ohio Novice State Championship title hosted by the Ohio Forensics Association at Ohio University in January 2017. The Falcons won the Marshall University portion of the University of Kentucky/Marshall University swing tournament and the OFA State Champion Title in two weekends. The team entered 35 different events in this year's state competition from Persuasive Speaking to Poetry Interpretation to Communication Analysis. Each of BGSU's 35 events placed in final rounds for a historic 100% breaking average, with all team members earning multiple state honors.

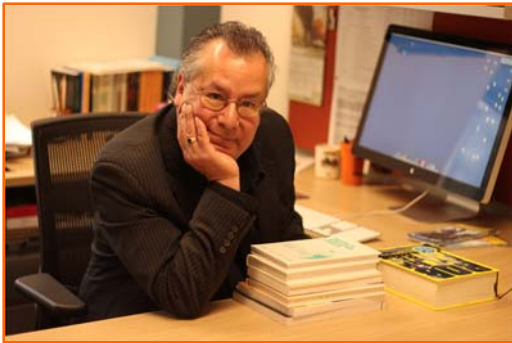
Other than the state championship, the team also placed third in the nation and earned the national title in International Public Debate Association (IPDA) Debate at the 2017 Novice National Championships held on the campus of Western Florida University in Pensacola. Additionally, BGSU received the high honor of having its bid accepted to host the 2019 National Championship Tournament on campus. This will mark the first time since 1959 that the University has hosted a national speech and debate competition, and will coincide with the 100th anniversary of its Forensics and Debate Team.



Falcon Forensics & Debate
Team

Follow the Falcon's progress on Facebook: "BGSU
FALCON FORENSICS SPEECH AND DEBATE".

Faculty Honored: Dr. Alberto González Awarded Distinguished University Professor by the BGSU Board of Trustees



Dr. Al González was named a Distinguished University Professor by the BGSU Board of Trustees at its Feb. 17 meeting. The titled of Distinguished University Professor is conferred upon members of the faculty already holding the rank of professor, whose creative professional achievements are such as to have won them national distinction or recognition beyond the limitations of a narrow field of interest.

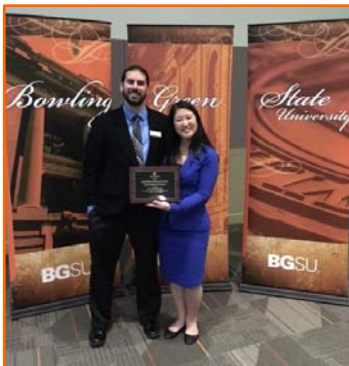
Dr. González built his career on the scholarship in intercultural communication studies. His research and writings also focus on poverty, disability studies, pop music, youth theater, and Latino/Latina education.



His collection of essays appear in a co-edited book *Our Voices: Essays in Culture, Ethnicity and Communication*, published by Oxford University Press, and is now in its sixth edition and is used internationally. Currently, Dr. Gonzalez serves as the chair of communication department in BGSU.

Images: Dr. González in his office of Kuhlin Center (top). Dr. González receives the Distinguished University Professor award (bottom left). Dr. González with his students in front of Kuhlin Center (bottom right).

Faculty Honored: Dr. Lisa K. Hanasono received the 2016 College of Arts and Sciences' Diversity Award and the David Hoch Memorial Award



Dr. Lisa K. Hanasono received the 2016 College of Arts and Sciences' Diversity Award and the David Hoch Memorial Award for Excellence in Service for her role in developing and coordinating a service-learning project called #BG4Unity and working with students on a community-based research project. Last spring, she also received the President's Award for Academic Advising of Undergraduate Students, the Graduate Student Senate's Outstanding Contributor to Graduate Education Award, and the Elliott L. Blinn Award for Faculty-Undergraduate Research.

Images: Dr. Hanasono receives the David Hoch Memorial Award for Excellence in Service from Ohio's Campus Compact (left). Dr. Hanasono receives the David Hoch Memorial Award for Excellence in Service from Ohio's Campus Compact (right).

Faculty Honored: Dr. Laura Stafford received the Bernard J. Brommel Award for Outstanding Scholarship and the 2016 Faculty Senate Leadership as a Chair/School Director Award



During the 2016 NCA annual meeting, Dr. Laura Stafford, director of the School of Media and Communication received the Bernard J. Brommel Award for Outstanding Scholarship or Distinguished Service in Family Communication. Stafford was recognized because her work consistently pushes the field of communication in new directions. Her research on relational maintenance as well as on distance and communication have influenced multiple generations of researchers. On April 14, 2016, she was also recognized with the 2016 Faculty Senate Leadership as a Chair/School Director Award. Dr. Stafford has been instrumental in her two years as director, leading curricular revisions in the school's three undergraduate departments with the goal of boosting enrollment and retaining majors.

Faculty Honored: Dr. Kate Magsamen-Conrad received the 2017 Elliott L. Blinn Award for Faculty-Undergraduate Student Innovative Basic Research/Creative Work



The Elliott Blinn award recognizes innovative basic research/creative work conducted by individual faculty members in collaboration with undergraduate students and supports collaboration with additional students. It is given in memory of Dr. Elliott Blinn, a professor of chemistry, who dedicated his career to sharing with his undergraduate students the excitement of the process of discovery by directly involving them in basic research/creative work. Magsamen-Conrad received a \$2,500 award, which included \$1,250 transferred to a department account for the continued collaborative research activities with BGSU undergraduate students, as well as a \$1,250 cash prize.