

Department of Communication

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The New Chair Reflects on the Accomplishments in the Department

Greetings and welcome to the Department of Communication's newsletter. As I assume my new role as chair, I want to begin by thanking our previous chair, Dr. Lara Martin Lengel, for her service and dedication to the department and the School of Media and Communication. Dr. Lengel, with the assistance and support of faculty, staff, students, and alumni, has led the department through many changes in the past four years.

Primary among those changes are curriculum revisions that have given our department increased rigor and a sharper focus. Undergraduate majors may now select one of three areas of concentration: relational communication, intercultural/global communication, or rhetoric/public communication. Meanwhile, we added a new course, COMM 3000: Research Methods in Communication. These developments, following the change of our department's name that took effect in 2009, have fostered greater enthusiasm among our majors, attracted more interest from first-year students at BGSU, and highlighted the research and teaching strengths of our faculty.

Speaking of our faculty, we are extremely proud of the work being done in the department. As you can see on pages 6-7, the Department of Communication faculty publish scholarship in a wide range of national and international journals. In addition, they are active in professional and community service. And we are extremely fortunate to have added two excellent new faculty members: Lisa Hanasono, an Assistant Professor with expertise in interpersonal, intercultural, and health communication, and John Dowd, an Instructor with expertise in rhetorical studies and organizational communication. Lisa and John both join us from Purdue University, and we enthusiastically welcome them to BGSU.

Meanwhile, we are seeing great things from our students, too. Be sure to check out pages 2-6, where you can read about the awards, internships, and other accolades earned by our majors. Our Falcon Forensics & Debate team continues its tradition of success, and the department has added two exciting new student organizations: Lambda Pi Eta, a national honorary society sponsored by the National Communication Association, and a chapter of the Association for Women in Communications. These organizations represent the best and brightest among our students and they promise to represent our department with pride and distinction.

It is my privilege to work alongside so many talented students and faculty. I invite you to read further and learn more about what has been happening in the Department of Communication. As always, I welcome any updates from our alumni or comments and questions from others interested in our programs.

Michael L. Butterworth
Associate Professor and Chair

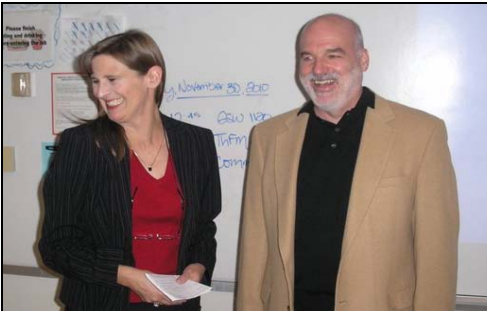
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Points of interest:

- ◆ The Department has a new name to better reflect our identity and curriculum
- ◆ The Department has been identified as a "Top Ten" department for research by CIOS
- ◆ We are now on facebook. Please keep us posted about your career, travel, and all the other cool things that are going on in your life!

Alumni Visit: John Parrish-Sprowl Back On Campus



In this Photo: Drs. Lara Lengel and John Parrish-Sprowl.

In the Fall of 2010 the Department and the School greeted John Parrish-Sprowl back to

campus to celebrate his career in health communication research.

Dr. John Parrish-Sprowl received his Ph.D. in Communication from BGSU in 1983. He is Co-Director of the Global Health Communication Center in the Indiana University--Purdue University Indianapolis School of Liberal Arts. Prior to this position he was Chair of the Department of Communication Studies.

He is internationally-known for his applied communication research and project consultancies in Belarus, France, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Macedonia, Poland, Russia, and Thailand. He has been honored with awards from universities in Macedonia and

Poland for his work.

Currently he is contributing to the Community Health Engagement Program of the Clinical Translational Sciences Institute of Indiana and collaborating with World Health Organization to work with Ministries of Health in developing countries to create better health communication to improve health care access and indices.

John Parrish-Sprowl delivered a guest lecture, "Reducing Global Health Disparities through Collaborative Health Communication Partnerships."

Internship Report: Audrey L Rinicella Vouches for the Importance of Internships



In this photo: Fox8 Meteorologists Angelica Campos, Andre Bernier, Audrey Rinicella and Dick Goddard

Internships have always provided great opportunities for our students in the Department of Communication. Students are encouraged by faculty to gain work experience and course credit by taking part in internships with local organizations.

Audrey Rinicella a recent graduate from the Department and current employee of WTVG 13abc is a great example of the opportunities an internship can create. Ms. Rinicella has some advice for current students. Rinicella states, "thinking about spending your summer as an intern? DO IT, DO IT, DO IT!!!!!! Just last

year you could not have paid me enough to have an internship, I thought that it was a waste of time and not worth the credit. Little did I know, because as it turns out the two internships that I was so lucky to have had landed me in a position that I would have never imagined."

Ms. Rinicella recalls her experience working as a meteorology intern in the summer of 2010 at WJW-Fox8: "From the first step I took in the station door I was hooked. Something about the energy that filled Fox's three-story building left me so addicted that I had to find another internship for the fall! So when I came back to BG I started to make contacts at the Toledo stations and I landed an interview at WTVG 13abc. I was hired on the spot as a newsroom intern and once again I found myself thriving in this very fast-paced environment."

After completing the internship Ms. Rinicella applied for a part-time position in engineering and was hired this past January. She is now looking for a full-time position and she is confident about her future: "I have incredible contacts and job prospects thanks to all of the wonderful people at both Fox8 and 13abc."

Dr. Aaron Burton supervised both of Rinicella's internships. Burton said "in my opinion, internships are extremely important for students approaching graduation in a competitive job market. Internships allow students to make connections with potential employers and gain practical experience. Ms. Rinicella is a great example of one of our students who took an internship with Fox in Cleveland, worked hard, and made a great impression. She even had some air time delivering the weather during a broadcast. The folks at Fox then recommended Ms. Rinicella to the ABC station in Toledo for another internship, which eventually lead to her employment." Commenting on internships Dr. Burton adds, "I have supervised several student internships at a variety of organizations such as the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce, Forklifts of Toledo, and various local television stations. These internships have provided valuable experience for our graduates and it is great to see our students like Audrey Rinicella put their knowledge of communication into practice in the workplace."

Students in the Department of Communication have completed successful internships in the following organizations: Tenley Feldstein, Make-A-Wish Foundation of NW Ohio, Toledo, OH, Summer 2010; Brittany Johnson, Urban Radio Broadcastin, Toledo, OH, Summer 2010; Joseph G. Lepone, Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce, Fall 2010; Melissa Moon, Sofia Quintero Art & Cultural Center, Toledo, OH, Fall 2010; Max Smith, Forklifts of Toledo, Toledo, OH Spring 2011; Audrey L. Rinicella, WTVG ABC, Toledo, OH Fall 2010; Audrey L. Rinicella, Fox News 8, Cleveland, OH, Fall 2010, Peter Johnson, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Wood County, Spring 2010; Miyako Boyer, 13 ABC News, Toledo, OH, Spring 2011.

Department of Communication Student Award & Scholarship Recipients 2011



In this photo: Front row (left to right): Sarah Burston, Jasmine Jennings, Dina Carrisalez, Kristi Shaner. Back row (left to right): Dylan Murphy, David Johnson, Shaylynn Galley, and Brian Krasula

The Department of Communication hosted its annual awards ceremony on Tuesday, April 12, in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Honorees at the ceremony included scholarship winners, award winners, and inductees into the official communication studies honor society of the National Communication Association, Lambda Pi Eta.

Among honorees who received scholarships and other monetary awards, Dina Carrisalez won the Julie A. Burke Memorial Scholarship, which honors the work of Dr. Burke as a faculty member and chair in the department by rewarding a Communication major for excellence in academic performance. Dr. Burke, who passed away in 2007, is remembered for her unfailing professionalism, her passion for fairness, her dedication to the interests of students, and her meticulous attention to detail. She held high standards and expectations for her students, and felt passionately about the importance of Communication as a field and practice. Students who embody Dr. Burke's ideals and passion for the field are considered for this award.

Shaylynn Galley won the R.K. Tucker Outstanding Communication Student Award, which honors longtime department faculty

member R. K. Tucker by rewarding a Communication major for both academic excellence and extracurricular activities.

Kristi Shaner won the School of Media and Communication Excellence Fund award, which was begun by former director of the school J. Michael Sproule and rewards outstanding academic performance.

Additionally, a number of students received non-monetary awards for excellence within the major. Sarah Burston won the Women in Communication award for her work with the BGSU chapter of the Association for Women in Communications. David Johnson won the Undergraduate Research award for his essay titled, "Gender Roles Strike Back: How the *Star Wars* Films Challenge Dominant Gender Assumptions."

Faculty-nominated awards for Top Seniors went to Elizabeth McRoberts, Dylan Murphy, and Shawn Smith; Top Junior went to Ashley Merriweather; and sophomores and first-year students, designated "Rising Stars," went to Michelle Grywalsky and Jasmine Jennings.

Finally, Lambda Pi Eta welcomed its new members. Lambda Pi Eta inductees included Brian Krasula, Kristi Shaner, and Dina Carrisalez. Students receive induction into the honors society by earning a grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 or higher in the major and a cumulative 3.0 GPA. Thus, Lambda Pi Eta is an organization of our best and brightest students in the Communication major. Lambda Pi Eta BGSU chapter is one of over 400 active chapters at four-year colleges and universities worldwide. One of the goals of this internationally recognized organization is to recognize, foster and reward outstanding scholastic achievement in communication studies.

The ceremony was followed by a reception during which faculty, students, and parents shared food, beverages, and conversation.

Shots from the awards ceremony



Banner Year for Falcon Forensics & Debate: Extends CFA Winning Streak in Montreal & Earns Top Ranks in Invitational Tournaments



In this photo: Front row (left to right): Ashley Hendricks, Mandy Montgomery, Samantha Kirsch, Megan Sympson & Rachel Rine. Back row (left to right): Matthew Hendershott, Katie Curran, Jacob Redfern & Nicholas Blaine

2010-2011 was an exceptional year for the Falcon Forensics and Debate Team. From its first tournament at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia to its capstone Pi Kappa Delta National championship in Portland, Oregon, forensics team members earned both individual honors and team placement at each tournament through the grueling seven month season.

The highlight of this season was the team's successful defense of its Collegiate Forensic Association title in Montreal, Quebec, extending the longest winning streak in CFA history to, currently, nine years running. The Collegiate Forensic Association "Winter Weekend" Tournament is a league championship which took place at the Queen Elizabeth II hotel in Montreal, Quebec from January 20 through 22, 2011.

BGSU won their 9th CFA title against 12 teams, including Tallahassee Community College, Shepards College, Randolph-Macon College, Bloomsburg University, and Brooklyn College. Leading the success were junior Nicholas Blaine (Sylvania, Ohio), senior Jacob Redfern (Gahanna, Ohio) and freshman Megan Sympson (New Middletown, Ohio). The team combined its efforts to amass a close win over second place Talahassee College, earning finals in 23 of BGSU's 42 events entered in the tournament. In addition, BGSU team members placed first in eight categories and

second in another seven. BGSU speakers swept the top placements in extemporaneous speaking, parliamentary debate, communication analysis, persuasion, prose interpretation and poetry interpretation. New members, Megan Sympson (New Middletown, Ohio), Ashley Hendricks (Canton, Ohio), Mandy Montgomery (Liberty Twp, Ohio) and Rachel Rine (Bowling Green, Ohio) mounted impressive performances, earning a combined nine CFA awards in their first year. Sophomore and junior team members, Samantha Kirsch (Perrysburg, Ohio) and Matthew Hendershott (Toledo, Ohio) held the team's base firm with a combined six finals placements.

This tournament also marked BGSU's formal return to multi-platform debate, where our program participated in more than one debate format at the CFA tournament. BGSU returned to debate with a force, with Mandy Montgomery earning 4th place in Lincoln/Douglas Debate and our two entries in National Parliamentary Debate placing first and second, decided in favor of our senior team on speaker points. The debate teams of Nicholas Blaine/Jacob Redfern and Rachel Rine/Matthew Hendershott swept the competition both with undefeated records. "We were particularly pleased that our debaters earned honors with such strong scores, considering the high quality of their competition," noted Paul Wesley Alday, Director of Forensics and Debate. Jacob Redfern and Nicholas Blaine were both honored with top debate speaker awards. In addition to performance excellence in individual events, Falcon speakers ranked at the top of the pentathlon category for those students entered in five or more events. Nicholas Blaine earned 1st, Megan Sympson placed 2nd, Jacob Redfern took 3rd, Samantha Kirsch netted 4th, and Matthew Hendershott rounded out the honor in 6th place.

"This was an amazing tournament marked by exceptional competition. I am truly proud of their accomplishments," said Alday. Falcon Speakers earned their way into final rounds of every event offered in the competition. BGSU edged Tallahassee Community College coached by John Schultz, an alumnus of the BGSU Forensics Program, himself. "It was an absolute pleasure to compete with the folks from Tallahassee. They and John are a 100%

class act and their level of competition was truly exceptional. We were certainly in great company," said Alday. This was Alday's 13th C.F.A. championship, standing as the only unbeaten coach in CFA history. Alday had previously taken Midland College from Fremont, Nebraska to four consecutive CFA titles. "This was a particularly rewarding experience as our team was so young this season, with 70% of our team members being true freshmen," said Alday.

This win comes on the heels of an impressive season where the BGSU placed first as a team at a double header in New York, and impressive wins at Oakland Community College, the University of Akron, Eastern Michigan University, Murray State University, and Hillsdale College. This year 100% of BG team members qualified for national competition, most in multiple events.

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Falcon Forensics & Debate: Student Award & Scholarship Recipients 2011

Awards

Nicholas Blaine (junior) of Sylvania, Ohio received this year's Martin L. Hanna Family Award in public speaking. The award is sponsored by the Hanna Law Firm and supporters, recognizing excellence in public speaking for a senior member of the forensics team. Nicholas served this year as president of Pi Kappa Delta, BGSU's oldest communication honorary, a member of the BGSU Honor Society, and a senior member of the team, earning finalist honors at 100% of the tournaments he attended.

Ashley Hendricks (freshman) of Canton, Ohio received this year's Howard L. Shine Memorial Award in public speaking. This award was established in the memory of alumnus Howard L. Shine, honoring the outstanding new forensics member based on their contributions to the program. Ashley is involved with the WBGU PBS Television Station, had an outstanding competitive season, assisted in the coordination of the Falcon Classic Speech Tournament, and has been elected as the Vice President for the Ohio Eta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta.

Scholarships

This year, Forensics and Debate honors 14 outstanding scholarship recipients with Forensics Grant-in-Aid Talent Scholarships for their participation in competitive forensics and debate:

- Nicholas Bentley (Incoming Freshman) Massillon, OH
- Olivia Buzzacco (incoming Freshman) New Middletown, OH
- Rebecca Barth (incoming Freshman) Massillon, OH
- Margo Vida (incoming Freshman) Streamwood, IL
- Morgan Holliger (incoming Freshman) Perrysburg, OH
- Rachel Rine (Junior) Bowling Green, OH
- Megan Sympson (Sophomore) New Middletown, OH
- Nicholas J. Blaine (Senior) Sylvania, OH
- Erin Veller (Junior) Perrysburg, OH
- Shirley O'Nan (Junior) Findlay, OH
- Samantha Kirsch (Junior) Perrysburg, OH

- Ashley Hendricks (Sophomore) Canton, OH
- Madeline Fening (Sophomore) Middletown, OH
- Danielle Germonprez (Sophomore Transfer) Rotunda West, FL

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New Student Organization Established: Association for Women in Communications



The Department introduces BGSU Chapter of the Association for Women in Communications (AWC).

The mission of the AWC is to champion the advancement of women across all communication disciplines by recognizing excellence, promoting leadership, and positioning its members at the forefront of the evolving communication era.

The AWC started in 1909 as Theta Sigma Phi at the University of Washington. The organization has evolved from a student honorary women's journalism fraternity to a strong national network of communicators in a broad range of disciplines.

The AWC chapter was established in the

Spring of 2011. The work was initiated by a group of Communication faculty--Lara Lengel, Ramune Brazuonaite, Cheongmi Shim, Emily Anzicek-- with overwhelming support from the Director of the School Terry Rentner. The biggest kudos go to the core group of women who were instrumental in establishing this organization: President Sarah Burston, President, Vice President Courtney Seel, Treasurer Kalee Vectirelis, Secretary Ashley Ward, Membership Chair Lashae Torres and Newsletter Editor Justina Bucceri.

With strong leadership from the organization's officers and faculty advisor Cheongmi Shim, the organization has spring-boarded with 15 members and is set to grow. A highly motivated core group of women have formed the groundwork to carry on the tradition through diverse activities inside and outside the campus.

The organization intends to schedule the following events and programs during the upcoming months: leadership and career building training, volunteering for the local community, and engaging in communication campaigns on health and social issues.

The Department is proud to support the chapter's initiatives of women's leadership role and building this new tradition at BGSU. Visit AWC on facebook for ongoing updates!



In this photo: Front row (left to right): Courtney Seel, Stephanie Crow, Kalee Vectirelis, Melissa Cho, & Cheongmi Shim. Back row (left to right): Ashley Ward, Amanda Cadle, Julia Pierce, Abby Harrod, LaShae Torres, & Sarah Burston.

Advice from a Recent Graduate: Alumnus Gabriel H. Tirado Says Communication Degree Helped Him Achieve Professional Success

After obtaining a BAC in Communication with an emphasis on Promotions and Advertising in 2007, Gabriel H. Tirado pursued an MA in Mental Health Counseling. He currently works as a counselor in the Logan, OH area.

Gabriel found his Communication degree tremendously helpful in his career and personal life. "I have learned of the importance of mastering all channels of communication including persuasive communication, creative marketing communication, written communication, public relations, and public speaking. And to this day, I remember the amazing professors that I have had that have helped me on my path of professional success," said Gabriel.

Gabriel noted that the communication field is in need of well-developed and experienced communicators and writers. He thought the following classes are most important for a graduate with a communication degree: Persuasion, Argumentation, Organizational Communication, and Leadership in

Communication.

When asked to provide advice to students considering a communication degree Gabriel had many things to share: "To succeed in a career, you must have confidence and take risks. See your career as a ladder, you take it step by step and at the same time you climb up the ladder of career positions starting from entry-level heading into management level. And if there are dream careers that you want to achieve, go for it. Volunteer at your favorite company, ask a lot of questions, be passionate about learning, and never give up. And to those who are not sure which career direction to choose, I would like you to please not give up. Everybody has an inner calling. Choose a career that has meaning to you, and that will give you long-term success."

Gabriel also wanted to encourage those who are already enrolled in the program to take their education more seriously during the last 2 years. Gabriel noted that a good GPA is important for both employers and future education. He also stressed the importance of

being active on campus: "This also means to be more active in the campus community by joining organizations that will help you with your communication skills and teach you leadership skills."

He highly suggested embarking on as many internships as possible. "Networking is also important," said Gabriel. He said the book by Dale Carnegie, *How to Win Friends and Influence People*, has taught him the importance of staying in touch with your peers.

"Congrats to successfully completing your semester and coursework at BGSU! Keep moving forward!" Said Gabriel Tirado.

Faculty Achievements: A Year in Review

Awards

Sandra Faulkner received BGSU Feminist Falcon *Women Mentoring Women* 2011 Award

Paul Wesley Alday received the 2011 Ohio *Forensic Association Educator of the Year* Award

Grants and Fellowships

Ellen Gorsevski received the *Institute for Cultural Studies (ICS) Fellowship* award for Fall 2011 to work on articles and book chapters about the rhetoric of the women Nobel Peace laureates.

National Service and Recognition

Ramune Braziunaite was invited to serve as Associate Editor of *Journal of Intercultural Communication Research*.

Michael Butterworth was named Executive Director to the *Summit on Communication and Sport*. He was also named to the editorial board of *Rhetoric, Race and Media* book series with the University Press of Mississippi, Series Editor Davis W. Houck

Lynda Dee Dixon was named to the editorial board of *Journal of Intercultural Communication* and serves as a reviewer for *Journal of Communication*. She has also been named a 2-stage reviewer for a new book

of health communication case studies, book Editor Jim Query.

Al González was appointed to a second term as Chair of the Affirmative Action & Intercampus Committee of the National Communication Association. He also serves on NCA's Nominating Committee and Legislative Assembly.

Invited Presentations

Joshua Atkinson was one of five keynote speakers at the Activist Media and Biopolitics conference in Innsbruck, Austria, hosted by Innsbruck University in November, 2010.

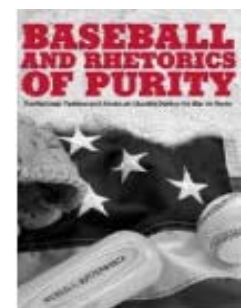
Al González spoke at New York University and Baruch College during Hispanic Heritage Month.

Lynda Dee Dixon will present the keynote at the Oklahoma Speech and Theatre Association in September, 2011.

Creative Work

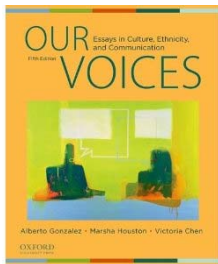
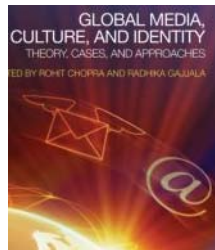
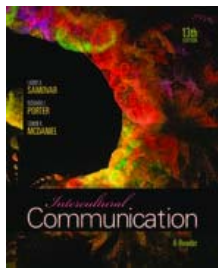
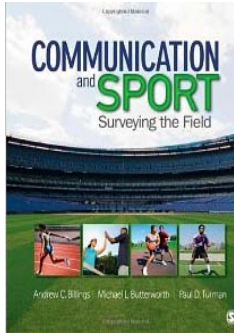
Sandra Faulkner was the finalist in the Black River 2010 Poetry Chapbook Competition for *Hello Kitty Goes to College*.

On the Book Shelves:



Faculty Achievements: A Year in Review (Cont.)

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Books

Joshua Atkinson published *Alternative Media and Politics of Resistance: A Communication Perspective* (Peter Lang Publishing, 2010).

Paul Wesley Alday was a contributing author on *Speaking with Ease* (Kendall/Hunt Publishing, 2011)

Michael Butterworth published *Baseball and Rhetorics of Purity: The National Pastime and American Identity during the War on Terror* (University of Alabama Press, 2010)

Michael Butterworth, with co-authors Andrew Billings (first author) and Paul Turman, published *Communication and Sport: Surveying the Field* (Sage Publications, 2011)

Lynda Dee Dixon's work with Pratt, Buchanan-Pratt on Cherokee identity is included in a peer reviewed chapter on Indian identity in Larry Samovar's et al. new edition of *Intercultural Communication: A Reader* (Wadsworth Publishing, 2011)

Radhika Gajjala co-edited with Rohit Chopra (first editor), *Global Media, Culture, and Identity: Theory, Cases, and Approaches* (Routledge Media, 2011)

Ellen Gorsevski's book project *Dangerous Women: The Rhetoric of the Women Nobel Peace Prize Winners* is under contract (Troubadour Publishing, Ltd.; projected for 2012)

Al González, with co-editors Marsha Houston and Victoria Chen, published the fifth edition of the award winning book, *Our Voices: Essays in Culture, Ethnicity, and Communication* (Oxford University Press, 2011).

Peer Reviewed Publications

Joshua Atkinson, with co-author Laura Cooley, published, "Narrative Capacity, Resistance Performance, and the 'Shape' of New Social Movement Networks," in *Communication Studies* (2010).

Joshua Atkinson with co-author Clayton Rosati had an article entitled, "DetroitYES! And the Fabulous Ruins Virtual Tour: The Role of Diffused Intertextual Production in the Construction of Alternative Cityscapes," accepted for publication in *Critical Studies in Media Communication*.

Ramune Braziuntaite, with co-authors Stephen Croucher (first author), Kyle Holody, Samara Anarbaeva, Deepa Oommen, Anthony Spencer,

Garcia-Michael, and Yoon published, "Religion and the Relationship Between Verbal Aggressiveness and Argumentativeness in *Atlantic Journal of Communication* (2011).

Sandra Faulkner, with co-author Michael Hecht, published, "The Negotiation of Closetable Identities: A Narrative Analysis of LGBTQ Jewish Identity," in the *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships* (2011).

Sandra Faulkner, with co-authors Stephen Croucher (first author), Brigit Long and Deepa Oomen, published, "Demographic and Religious Differences in the Dimensions of Self-Disclosure Among Hindus and Muslims in India" in the *Journal of Intercultural Communication* (March 2010)

Sandra Faulkner, with co-author Pamela Lannutti published, "Examining the Content and Outcomes of Young Adults' Satisfying and Unsatisfying Conversations about Sex," in *Qualitative Health Research* (March 2010).

Sandra Faulkner published a visual and performance piece titled, "Hello Kitty does Gender in Four Scenes," in *Women and Language* (2011). Available at <http://www.womenandlanguage.org/category/visual-performance/>

Lynda Dixon, Terry Rentner (first author), and Lara Martin Lengel have an article, "Critiquing Fetal Alcohol Syndrome: Health Communication Campaigns Targeted to American Indians," that is to be published in the *Journal of Health Communication* (forthcoming 2011).

Ellen Gorsevski and Michael Butterworth co-authored, "Muhammad Ali's Fighting Words: The Paradox of Violence in Nonviolent Rhetoric," published in *Quarterly Journal of Speech* (February 2011).

Raymond Schuck published, "The Rhetorical Lines on TV's Poke Face: Rhetorical Constructions of Poker as Sport," in *American Behavioral Scientist* (July 2010).

University Collaboration

In Spring 2011 Ellen Gorsevski taught and coordinated the cross listed course *Peace and Cultural Legacies in the Nuclear Age*. The course is a team taught, collaborative experience for students, with contributing lectures by Peace and Conflict Studies (PaCS) faculty in several departments across campus.

Faculty Achievements: A Year in Review (Cont.)



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Community Collaboration

Lynda Dee Dixon (2009-continuing) was appointed to the Sequoyah Commission serving with former Principal Chief Wilma Mankiller (d. 2010), and other Cherokee researchers to plan a physical hard copy center for Cherokee research that includes a virtual library as well.

In the 2010-11 academic year Ellen Gorsevski continued to offer service learning components in both of her undergraduate classes, Comm 4120: Communication and Gender; Comm 4040 Communication and Conflict. Students provided service hours to a variety of local nonprofit organizations, including Cocoon, Habitat for Humanity, and the Wood County Humane Society. Following their completion of service, students wrote a research-reflection paper to study the issues their chosen organization addresses and

to reflect on their experience there, making connections to concepts covered in each Communication course.

Al González spoke at New York University and Baruch College during Hispanic Heritage Month.

International Collaboration

In August 2010 Ellen Gorsevski travelled to Hiroshima, Japan for PACS 3100/ASIA 3100: Hiroshima and Beyond: Peace Workshop in Japan. The summer travel class took BGSU students to witness the 65th anniversary commemorative ceremonies for victims of the atomic bombing of Japan; the event was attended for the first time ever by a U.S. Ambassador.

Obituaries

John T. Warren (1974-2011)

The department mourns John T. Warren, who passed away in April of 2011 from complications from esophageal cancer.

John was a valued and much loved faculty member in the Department of Communication (then the Department of Interpersonal Communication) at BGSU from 2001 until he took on a fantastic opportunity in 2006 to create a new Ph.D. program at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale focused on performance studies and critical pedagogy. John taught a wide range of undergraduate and graduate classes in speech communication, communication pedagogy, performance studies as well as the study of communication and culture.

John was known for his innovation, dedication, ability to create a positive learning climate, and standards of excellence to which he held his students, inspiring them to reach higher.

We have only started to witness the impact that John had on our discipline and on our lives as a scholar, colleague, and friend. He will be sorely missed.

Memorials are encouraged and may be made to John T. or Gina D. Warren Survivor Account, c/o of First Southern Bank, 109 East Walnut St., Murphysboro, IL.

Donald K. Enholm (1935-2011)

The department mourns Donald Enholm, who passed after a year long sickness following a stroke.

Don was a faculty member at BGSU for 35 years, retiring in 2008 as associate professor of interpersonal communication. He was awarded the associate professor emeritus designation in May of 2008.

Don taught classes in argumentation; persuasion, public speaking, critical thinking, as well as communication in the arts, business, the sciences, and the professional world. He led graduate courses in rhetorical criticism, contemporary rhetorical theory, and ethics.

"He was a professor who demanded a lot of his students, and we all worked very hard to rise to his expectation level," said Marcia Sloan Latta, a student of his while an undergraduate in the early 1980s.

Surviving are his wife, Sue, whom he married in 1955; daughter, Kirsten Palmer; sons, Charles and Eric Enholm; brother, Charles and Ted Enholm; sister, Susan Perkins, and two granddaughters. The family suggests tributes to Bridge Hospice Care Center, Bowling Green.