I have so appreciated the friendship and care our alums have shown to the faculty, staff, and students in the Department of Communication over the past year. Your support has been critical to our success. This year has seen important changes in our department, including a couple of new hires to meet the growing demand of our department and a new study-abroad program. I hope you enjoy rediscovering the Department of Communication at Mizzou as you read this year’s Communiqué.

Debbie Dougherty
Interim Chair

Representing #MizzouComm at the 2016 NCA Conference

PCI Making News Headlines. The Department of Communication’s Political Communication Institute (PCI) hosted multi-campus presidential debate-viewing parties and surveyed 400 college students from around the country before and after the debate.

Communication Alumni, We Need Your Help! Whether $50 or $500, a gift of any amount will support the important work of our students and faculty.

#MizzouComm Alum Received an Emmy! Kathryn Burns, BA ’02 Communication, won a Creative Arts Emmy for choreography for three musical numbers on the CW television show Crazy Ex-Girlfriend.

Thank you, Advisory Council Members! The Department of Communication is honored to have such an accomplished and talented group of alumni serve as members of our Advisory Council. We had a great time meeting them this semester!

Humans of Switzler. Our students have stories to tell! Learn more about why junior Noelle Mack picked communication as her major.

These students will represent 2016–17 Lambda Pi Eta and iCOM executive boards!

Congratulations to these students who received awards from the Rebecca Verser & Alumni Graduate Student Support Fund: Nettie Brock, Kristin Fitzsimmons, Joe Hoffswell, Leslie Nelson, Jessica Rick, and Sarah Smith-Frigerio.

Congratulations to Lexie Hays, who was selected to receive the Michael J. Porter Dissertation Year Fellowship! Her project applies the communication-based model of coping in the family system to explore the degree to which parents with a child with autism spectrum disorder perceive that their extended family members are meeting their standards for supportive communication.

Professor Mitchell McKinney was featured in the spring/summer 2016 issue of Illumination.

Assistant Professor Haley Horstman’s study on the importance of mother–daughter communication was featured in Bay State Parent Magazine.

Assistant Professor Ben Warner shared his thoughts on the power of watching presidential debates on Huffington Post.

Congratulations to Assistant Teaching Professor Michael Coleman, Visiting Assistant Professor Christopher Josey, and Assistant Professor Julius Riles.

Welcome New Faculty!