Spring 2016

Find Your Voice During Comm Week 2016!
During the week of April 18–22, the department held its annual celebration of communication at Mizzou! Events included a public speaking showcase, an undergraduate research poster session, and trivia night.

Alumni
Communication Alumni, We Need Your Help!
Whether $50, $100, or $500, a gift of any amount will support the important work of our students and faculty.

MIZZOU ALUM Awarded $2.13 Million Research Grant
Bill Wells, PhD '99, MHA '05, associate professor in MU’s Department of Health Management and Informatics and director of the Health and Behavioral Risk Research Center, is leading Missouri’s largest-ever health surveillance study.

Top Paper Award
Senior Sam Peglow presented his research on gender and masculinity in fraternities in the top paper panel at the President’s Undergraduate Honors Conference during the Central States annual meeting April 13–16. He plans to continue studying organizational communication at the University of Colorado Boulder, where he will begin working on his master’s in communication in the fall. Congratulations, Sam!

A Rising Scholar
Congratulations to senior Qinyan Gao, who recently accepted a graduate assistantship at the University of Texas at Austin for fall 2016! After gaining valuable experience as a research assistant working with doctoral candidate Ryan Maliski this semester, she is looking forward to studying communication behaviors on social media for her master’s work at UT Austin. Good luck, Qinyan!

Congratulations to Lambda Pi Eta’s Fall 2015 Inductees!

Beyond the Google Search Bar
Doctoral candidate Mary Soerenson’s research on the use of social media in the classroom highlights how students can more effectively evaluate the credibility of Internet research.

Grad Student Kudos
Doctoral candidates Lexie Hays (with co-author Assistant Professor Colleen Colaner) and Dani Hal liwell (with co-author Noah Franken, PhD ’14) were awarded top papers in the Family Communication Division at the National Communication Association conference in November 2015.

Storytelling Enhances Daughters’ Well-being
Research by Assistant Professor Haley Horstman and her colleagues shows that storytelling helps daughters make sense of their difficult experiences and work through their emotions.

Crisis Center Helps Families in Need
The Disaster and Community Crisis Center, co-directed by Associate Professor Brian Houston, is developing tools for educators helping children involved in natural disasters.

Faculty Kudos
Assistant Professor Colleen Colaner was recently identified by Communications-Majors.com as a “Top 25 Communication Professor.”

A Message from Department Chair Mitchell S. McKinney
Following a momentous year at MU, and particularly within the department of communication, we want to hear from our Mizzou Comm Alums.

Communication, (or The Need For More)
Don’t just hear the rapid words of our students at Mizzou.

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