



Fall Semester off to busy start in Communication

This is the October 2015 edition of the monthly email to majors. At least once a month during the regular school year, we will email you to let you know about meetings of student organizations, guest speakers, important deadlines, opportunities, student and faculty achievements—and more. If you have information you'd like us to distribute, please email department chair Sheree Josephson at sjosephson@weber.edu.

What's Happening

October

- **Oct. 8:** 1:30 p.m., SUB 305, Michaela Funtanilla to present resume, job search tips
- **Oct. 20:** 6-7:30 p.m., SUB, PRSSA Alumni Night Mixer
- **Oct. 22:** 1:30 p.m., SUB 305, Salt Lake Tribune investigative reporter Nate Carlisle
- **Oct. 27:** Ogden City debaters debate "The role of police in a community"
- **Oct. 27:** Noon, EH 229, New York Times reporter Eric Schmitt who covers terrorism

November

- **Nov. 1:** Admission deadline for Master of Professional Communication
- **Nov. 5:** 9 a.m., SUB 404B, media attorney Jeff Hunt to discuss developments in Utah's media law
- **Nov. 9:** Registration for Spring Semester opens
- **Nov. 11:** 1:30 p.m., SUB 305, Ingrid Maldonado to present on diversity and bilingual journalism
- **Nov. 26-27:** Thanksgiving holiday

December

- **Dec. 8:** Ogden City debaters debate "Equitable uses of public spaces"
- **Dec. 10:** Speech Showcase
- **Dec. 18:** Graduation

Student News

WSU Debate team places fifth in national tournament while JV team wins championship

Kinsee Gaither and Misty Tippets were 7-1 in prelims and finished as the fifth-place team in a field of 82 at a tournament at the University of Missouri-Kansas City in September. They racked up wins against teams from Arizona State University, Baylor University, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, University of Kansas, University of Texas Austin and the University of North Texas, establishing themselves as one of the top debate partnerships in the country at the first tournament of the year. Samy Leyba and David Bessey took home the Junior Varsity division championship at the UMKC tournament, racking up wins against teams from the University of Oklahoma, Lindenwood University, the University of Central Oklahoma, Kansas City Kansas Community College, University of

Texas-Dallas, University of Kansas and Emporia State University. Additionally, Leyba and Bessey finished 10th and ninth among Junior Varsity top speakers.

Signpost students to share information learned at national conferences

The Signpost Editor-in-Chief Abigail Payne, Spanish editor Ingrid Maldonado and KWCR co-music director Michaela Funtanilla attended combined annual conference of the Society of Professional Journalists, National Association of Hispanic Journalists, and Radio, Television, Digital News Directors Association in Orlando, Florida, Sept. 17-20. They attended sessions with professionals and came back with information to share with students at Weber State University. On Sept. 24 Payne presented information she learned from the American Copy Editors Society. Funtanilla is scheduled to present tips on resumes and job searches on Oct. 8 at 1:30 p.m. in the Shepherd Union Room 305. Maldonado is scheduled to present about diversity and bilingual journalism on Nov. 11 at 1:30 p.m. in the Shepherd Union. All majors are welcome to attend.

Students, alums assisting Digital Media instructor in making Comic Con film

Digital Media Instructor Drew Tyler and his filmmaking team at Super Heumann productions began production on their feature-length film "The Comic Con." Many members of the team are proud Wildcat alums and current students. Tyler is one of the producers. The cinematographer is WSU graduate Kelly Cross. The audio engineer is senior Digital Media student Josh LeVitre. The lead production assistant is recent graduate Daniel Martinez. Several other production assistants include Digital Media students ranging from freshman to seniors: Danny Rubio (dedicated Camera A assist), Emily Eldredge, Christyna Cummings, Jeremy Sessions, Zach Lyons, Keela Disterhaft, Gleb Lapham and Aleesha Owens. Parts of the film were shot over four days at the Salt Palace during Salt Lake Comic Con. To follow behind the scenes and get updates, follow Twitter @comicconmovie15.

Civic Advocacy student interning in Sen. Lee's Washington, D.C., office

Madelaine Tesori, a Civic Advocacy major, is working in Sen. Mike Lee's Washington, D.C., office this semester. She has been able to see and listen to the Pope address Congress from the West Lawn of the Capitol. She has also seen former vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin, and current presidential candidates Donald Trump and Ted Cruz speak on the stage at the West Lawn. She also met MSNBC's Rachel Maddow.

PR&A major named as member of student Homecoming royalty

Amina Khan, a senior studying Public Relations & Advertising, was named as a member of the Weber State University student Homecoming royalty. Khan's photo is sponsored in a WSU ad that is plastered on the back of a UTA bus. She has helped plan multiple WSU Student Association events and is currently the organization's social media marketing director. As a participant in the Alternative Spring Break program, Khan traveled to Las Vegas to tackle community service projects there. Celebrating her Pakistani heritage, Khan performed a traditional dance and manned a henna booth at a recent campus party.

Digital Media student lands full-time job at KFAN in sports programming and production

Nick Bailey, a Digital Media student, has been offered a full-time job at KFAN in sports programming and production. He was offered this job after successful completion of an internship there. All Communication majors are required to complete an internship. To learn more about the internship program, visit <http://www.weber.edu/Communication/internship.html>. Internship director Dr. Susan Hafen can answer questions at shafen@weber.edu.

Announcements

Steimel named director of Master of Professional Communication program

Dr. Sarah Steimel has been selected as the director of the Master of Professional Communication program effective Jan. 1. She will replace Dr. Kathryn Edwards who will retire at the end of the year. Dr. Steimel teaches

classes in the MPC program such as MPC 6010 Intro to Grad Studies/Communication Theory, MPC 6700 Research Methods, MPC 6500 Special Topics Gender Communication in the Workplace and MPC 6550 Advanced Organizational Communication.

Admission deadline for Master of Professional Communication program is Nov. 1

The deadline to register for Spring 2016 admission to the Master of Professional Communication is Nov. 1. Contact Dr. Kathryn Edwards ([801-626-6571](tel:801-626-6571)) or Shari Love ([801-626-7499](tel:801-626-7499)) for more information or visit our website at weber.edu/mpc.

Investigative reporter for Salt Lake Tribune to speak on Oct. 22

Salt Lake Tribune investigative reporter Nate Carlisle will talk at The Signpost professional development Oct. 22 at 1:30 p.m. in the Shepherd Union Room 305. He will talk about his experience as an investigative reporter and encourage students to attend a conference on computer-assisted reporting in March in Denver. All majors are welcome to attend.

PRSSA Alumni Night Mixer to be held Oct. 20 in Union Building

Weber State University's Public Relations Student Society of America chapter will hold its first Alumni Night Mixer on Oct. 20 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Shepherd Union Building. Alumni will share their experiences and career journeys with current members.

Join the PRow! Join the Public Relations Student Society of America

WSU's chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America is accepting membership applications through Oct. 27 at 5 p.m. Join an award-winning chapter that is a part of a national organization that prepares you for your career through networking opportunities and real-world experiences. Tuition waivers are also available, with funding.

WSU to host 2017 National Debate Coaches Association national tournament

Weber State Debate has been chosen to host the 2017 National Debate Coaches Association (NDCA) national championship tournament. This tournament will bring 400 of the nation's most elite high school debaters and coaches from across the country to Ogden for nearly a full week. National champions will be crowned at the culmination of the tournament. Weber State University is a popular choice to host major national tournaments, most recently hosting this tournament in 2014. For more information, see <http://www.debatecoaches.org/board-and-officers/>. This is not the only national tournament on the schedule. WSU Debate won the bid to host the 2016 Cross Examination Debate Association National Conference in June 2016.

Winners of drawings from Wildcat Block Party announced

The prize winners for the Communication booths at the Wildcat Block Party have been announced. In all 83 participants were eligible for the prize drawing, visiting all four booths (Communication Department/Ogden Peak Communications, KWCR, The Signpost, and Studio 76) sponsored by the department. The winners are: Cynthia Villagomez, vest and skateboard; Alyssa Staley, Go-Pro camera; Tanya Stensland, iPad; and Delaram Hajhassan, mini iPad.

Alumni News

Former student body president speaks to Comm students during Homecoming week

Melinda Roylance McGrath, who was WSU's student body president from 1992-93 and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Communication, visited several Communication classes while she was in town for Homecoming. Roylance McGrath, who lives in Texas, is the human resources director at a large, global (7,000

employees, 22 countries, \$2 billion in sales) semiconductor/engineering company. She is part of the executive team that sets strategy. Before switching to HR, she had a successful 15-year career in sales and marketing at technology companies. She says, "My time at Weber gave me an awesome foundation for a successful future." Shortly after graduating WSU, she earned a master's degree in Organizational Communication from the University of Utah.

Recent graduate working in human resources office at Snowbasin

Kya Hadley, a 2015 graduate in Communication in Public Relations & Advertising, is working in the human resources office at Snowbasin Resort as a payroll and recruiting coordinator.

Faculty Achievements

Gillen Hoke is co-author on two articles accepted by international journals

Dr. Hailey Gillen Hoke is a co-author on two articles that will be published soon in international journals. She co-authored "Throwing stones at the glass partition: Responses to coworkers' cross-sex workplace friendships" that will be published in the European Journal of Management and "Differences in information seeking among organizational peers: Perceptions of appropriateness, importance, and frequency" that will be published in the International Journal of Business Communication.

Lancaster has article accepted for publication in Southern Communication Journal

Dr. Alex Lancaster, a new faculty member in Communication, has received word that his article will be published in a forthcoming edition of Southern Communication Journal. His article is titled "Managing information about a romantic partner's relationship history: An application of the theory of motivated information management." Lancaster is the lead author on the article with four others.

Seven faculty to present papers at the conference of the National Communication Association

Seven members of the Department of Communication will present papers at the annual conference of the National Communication Association in Las Vegas on Nov. 19-22. Dr. Susan Hafen will present a paper with Dr. Leah Murray called "Deliberating social economic differences in the American Democracy Project. Dr. Hailey Gillen Hoke will present "Equity theory in workplace relationships: An examination of relationship type, sex-composition of the relationship, and peer sex." Dr. Jean Norman will present "Social capital of last resort: How people with low socio-economic status rely on god when social resources are scarce." Dr. Colleen Packer will present "Embracing opportunities to maximize student learning: the scholarship of teaching and learning in disciplinary communication." Dr. Sarah Steimel will present "Pinterest as cultural artifact collage: critiquing gender communication in cultural texts online" in GIFTS (Great Ideas for Teaching Speech) division and "Community engaged research: embracing opportunities for participatory student learning." Robin Haislett will help perform a miniature ethnographic examination of Las Vegas titled "Experimental tourism: mapping and performing Las Vegas." Dr. Alex Lancaster will present multiple papers: "An exploratory investigation of a college campus cancer intervention," "Flying blind to safety: mortality salience, efficacy, and message recall of airline safety demonstration videos," "Something to look forward to: understanding the appeal of ritualistic television coviewing events," "The effect of sharing source on behavioral intentions of viewing an online video," and "Death is coming, but I'm too scared to think about it": Defining and distinguishing the roles of death and fear as motivators to cognitive, affective, and behavioral change."

Dawson to present paper at Goldsmiths University in London

Dr. Veronica Dawson, a visiting assistant professor, will present a paper that outlines a typology of the impact of organizational communities through social media conversations at a symposium in London. The meeting where the paper will be presented is called "Social media, activism, and organizations" and will be held Nov. 6 at Goldsmiths University. The meeting will draw an international group of scholars and is organized by Dr. Dhiraj Murthy, a well-known sociologist and social networking scholar.

Norman to present two panels at College Media Association conference

Dr. Jean Norman will present on two panels at the College Media Association conference Oct. 29-Nov. 1. She will be on a panel about options for graduate school and a research panel where she will present work on mobile devices and student journalists.

Get Involved

- **The Signpost:** Contact Dr. Jean Norman at jeannorman@weber.edu.
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