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2012 NCA Election

The 2012 NCA election will open on Tuesday, January 10. For the election slate and balloting information, [click here](#).

Leadership Opportunities at NCA

The NCA Committee on Committees nominates members for a variety of governance and award selection committees. The deadline for submitting candidates to the Committee on Committees for consideration is September 15, 2011. The full call for nominations is available [here](#). Please contact Committee on Committees chairperson Dawn O. Braithwaite at dbraithwaite@unl.edu with any questions.

NCA Award Winners

NCA's annual awards will be bestowed on several of our distinguished members at our convention in New Orleans. To read the list of those who will be honored at the NCA Presidential Address and Awards Presentation on Saturday, November 19, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in Grand Ballroom C of the Sheraton New Orleans, [click here](#).

Member Notes

Awards

Brenda J. Allen, University of Colorado Denver, was the 2011 recipient of Ohio University's Paul Boase Prize for scholarship.

Graham Bodie, Louisiana State University, received a three year research and development grant from the Louisiana State Board of Regents to study listening as a form of supportive communication. Bodie is also the recipient of the Emerging Scholar Award for the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences at Louisiana State University. This award is given to one junior faculty member exhibiting success at the assistant professor level as measured by significant contribution to the faculty member's field of research.

Nancy Brule, Bethel University, was the recipient of the 2011 Bethel University Faculty Excellence in Teaching award. The award is given to a faculty member for excellence in teaching both inside and outside of the classroom.

Robert Burns, Bridgewater State University, was awarded the Excellence In Mentoring Award from the Rhode Island Mentoring Association for his "imagination to envision, the courage to champion, and the determination to make a difference in the life of a child." Burns was also awarded the Lifetime Service/Achievement Award from Big Brothers/Big Sisters for his "recruitment and fund-raising success and for helping fatherless boys and those most at risk."

Don Boileau, George Mason University, was selected by the George Mason University Alumni Association as the "Faculty Member of the Year."

Michael Dreher, Bethel University, was the recipient of the 2011 Bethel University Faculty Excellence in Service award. The award is given to a faculty member for excellence in service both inside and outside of the university.

Gary R. Edgerton, Old Dominion University, received the 27th Annual Research Award in Recognition of a Distinguished Scholarly Career by the Old Dominion University Research Foundation on May 3, 2011.

Xiaoli Nan, University of Maryland, was the recipient of an ADVANCE Program Interdisciplinary and Engaged Research Seed Grant from the University of Maryland ADVANCE Program for Inclusive Excellence.

Michael H. Prosser, Ocean University of China, and **Steve J. Kulich**, Shanghai International Studies University, were among the five recipients of a special recognition award for devotion to China's Intercultural Communication Development at the 9th biennial China Association for Intercultural Communication Conference in Fuzhou, June 2011.

Alyssa Samek, University of Maryland, was the recipient of a Phil Zwickler Memorial Research Grant. The grant will support Samek's

travel to the Human Sexuality Collection of the Cornell University Libraries in New York.

Cindy Spurlock, Appalachian State University, was awarded a \$20,000 Graduate Research Associate Mentoring (GRAM) Award for 2011-2013. The GRAM provides support for research assistance with Spurlock's book project and grant applications. Ms. Alison Singer, an MA student in Environmental Politics and Policy Analysis, has been selected as Spurlock's GRAM RA for 2011-2012 due to her shared interest in environmental rhetorics, archival research, and public memory.

In the Media

Betsy Bach, NCA National Office, was interviewed by WDay6 in Fargo, North Dakota about the 2011 Doctoral Honors Seminar. You can watch the interview [here](#).

Juliet Dee, University of Delaware, was interviewed by WGN in Chicago about a recent court ruling regarding free speech.

Kelly McDonald, Arizona State University, was interviewed by NPR for a story on presidential communication. You can access the story [here](#).

Shawn J. Parry-Giles, University of Maryland, was quoted in a *Politico* article entitled, "For Obama, the Personal is Political" on July 28, 2011. She was also quoted in a *Washington Post* column entitled "The Down and Dirty of Heated Rhetoric," on August 21, 2011.

In Memoriam

Ray Edward Wagner, 81, of Athens, passed away on Thursday, July 14, 2011, at O'Brien Memorial Hospital. Born Sept. 19, 1929, in Hershey, Pa., he was the son of the late Sam and Mary (Patrick) Wagner. Ray was 1947 graduate of Hershey High School, earned a B.S. at Manchester College in North Manchester, Ind., in 1953 and an M.A. from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. He received his Ph.D. from Ohio University in 1969. He worked in the Hershey Chocolate Factory and did a year of volunteer service at a mental hospital in Elgin, Ill., through the Church of the Brethren before pursuing his higher education. He taught for 11 years in the high schools of Clay Township in Indiana where he taught english and history, directed school plays and debate teams. He came to Ohio University in 1964 to pursue his doctoral program and never left having replaced Elizabeth Andersch on the faculty of the School of Dramatic Arts and Speech when she retired in 1967. He continued to teach at Ohio until taking early retirement in the spring of 1995, and taught at least one class per quarter in the School of Interpersonal Communication until 1999 then taught as an adjunct professor at the Athens, Regional Campuses and Hong Kong, People's Republic of China program as needed. In 1988, he took a six month sabbatical to teach at the Sichuan Institute

of Foreign Languages in Chong Ching, People's Republic of China and was awarded an outstanding teaching award before leaving to return to Ohio University. He was privileged and proud to teach in the Ohio University program at Hong Kong Baptist University five times over the years for a month or week at a time. Teaching awards also included being twice named a University Professor, the Elizabeth Andersch Award through the School of Interpersonal Communication in 1987, Speech Communication Association of Ohio Outstanding College Teacher, Outstanding Graduate Teacher Award, Upward Bound Service Award, Residence Life Faculty in Residence award, and the L.J. Horton Faculty Mentor Award in the spring of 2011.

Nathaniel (Nacho) I. Córdova, Associate Professor of Rhetoric and Media Studies at Willamette University, died in a motorcycle accident on July 16.

Nacho's groundbreaking research on rhetoric, race and ethnicity appeared in publications including *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, *The Communication Review*, *Centro Journal*, and *Public Memory, Race and Ethnicity*. His forthcoming chapter, "Nuestro Himno as Heterotopic Mimicry: On the Ambivalences of a Latin@ Voicing," will be published in *Somos de Una Voz: New Directions in Latin@ Communication*. As a scholar who led through service as well as research, Nacho chaired the Latina/o Communication Studies Division of NCA and was a four-time recipient of Certificates of Recognition from La Raza Caucus.

After receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Maryland, Nacho joined the Willamette University faculty in 2002. During his nine years at Willamette he was known as an outstanding educator and advisor. One of Nacho's students writes, "his classroom was always a place of learning, of the honest interrogation of ideas and truths, even if those ideas were not a part of the day's plan. Nacho rarely shied away from a topic, and spoke with the same reverence to those who agreed with him and who were challenging him for, to him, all people deserved our kindness and our attention" (<http://bit.ly/pHyA12>).

As well as serving as chair of the department of Rhetoric and Media Studies, Nacho was integral to Willamette's programs in American ethnic studies and Latin American studies. Through his work with the China Advocacy Institute and the Bosnia-Herzegovina Democratic Life project, as well as his leadership of courses in Puerto Rico, Nacho fostered connections between rhetorical studies and global political life.

As a local activist observed of Nacho, "there is no shortage of people whose lives he has touched as a professor, a colleague, a friend and a fellow human being" (<http://bit.ly/oiXXwM>). In addition to a beloved educator, Nacho was a husband and father of three children, ordained into Thich Nhat Hanh's Order of Interbeing, and an exceptional photographer (www.nachocordova.org/fotorhetoric/).

A memorial service was held on the Willamette campus on July 20, and a second service will take place in the fall. Colleagues and friends are

invited to visit www.nacho-cordova.blogspot.com to share memories and condolences, learn about memorial funds established in Nacho's honor, and receive updates about arrangements to celebrate his life and legacy.

In Transition

Brenda J. Allen was granted one year sabbatical leave from University of Colorado Denver.

Theodore Avtgis was appointed Professor and Chair in the Department of Communication Studies at Ashland University.

Andrew Billings was appointed the Ronald Reagan Endowed Chair of Broadcasting at University of Alabama.

Delindus Brown was appointed Professor with Tenure in the Department of English and Modern Languages at South Carolina State University.

Caleb Carr was appointed Assistant Professor at University of Oklahoma.

Leroy Dorsey was appointed Professor of Communication and Chair of the Department of Communication at University of Memphis.

Tim Dun was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at Brock University.

Bill Eadie was granted sabbatical leave for Fall 2011 from San Diego State University.

Adam Earnhardt was promoted to Associate Professor of Communication with Tenure. He currently serves as Director of the Basic Course at Youngstown State University.

Shinsuke Eguchi was appointed Postdoctoral Lecturer at University of Denver.

Craig Fowler was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at California State University, Fresno.

Todd Goen was appointed Continuing Lecturer at Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne.

Maurice Hall was appointed Department Chairperson at Villanova University.

Katherine Hendrix was promoted to Full Professor at University of

Memphis.

Cary Horvath was appointed Special Assistant to the Dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts. She will continue to serve as chair of the Department of Communication at Youngstown State University.

Michael Kramer was promoted to Chair at Saint Mary's College.

Kevin Kuswa was appointed Assistant Professor and Director of Debate at California State University, Fresno.

Shauna MacDonald was appointed Assistant Professor at Villanova University.

Joseph P. Mazer was appointed Associate Department Chair at Clemson University.

Drew McDaniels was appointed Visiting Professor at Nanyang Technological University, Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information.

Scott Moore was appointed Senior Director, Division of Continuing and Global Education at California State University, Fresno.

Gretchen Norling Holmes was appointed Assistant Professor of Communication at University of Memphis.

Karyn Ogata Jones was appointed Interim Department Chair at Clemson University.

David Oh was appointed Visiting Assistant Professor at Villanova University.

Leah Omilion Hodges was appointed Assistant Professor at Western Michigan University.

Michael Pagano was promoted to Associate Professor at Fairfield University.

Kathleen Propp was promoted to Full Professor at Western Michigan University.

Michael Prosser was appointed Professor for the Autumn 2011 University of Virginia Semester at Sea.

Rodney Reynolds was appointed Director of Educational Effectiveness and Institutional Research at California Lutheran University.

Jennifer Samp was appointed Associate Head, Department of

Communication Studies at University of Georgia.

Matthew W. Seeger was promoted to Dean of the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts at Wayne State University.

Devendra Sharma was granted sabbatical leave for the 2011-12 academic year from California State University, Fresno.

Patric Spence was appointed to Associate Professor with Tenure at Western Michigan University.

Anne Marie Todd was promoted to Professor at San Jose State University.

D. Travers Scott was appointed Director of Graduate Studies at Clemson University.

Steven Venette was promoted to Associate Professor at University of Southern Mississippi.

Antonio de Velasco was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at University of Memphis.

Stacey Wieland was appointed Assistant Professor at Western Michigan University.

Susan Zaeske was promoted to Associate Dean for Advancement, Arts and Humanities, College of Letters and Science at University of Wisconsin, Madison.

New Books

Steve Duck, *Rethinking Relationships*, SAGE, 978-1-4129-5876-9.

Steve Duck and **David T. McMahan**, *The Basics of Communication: A Relational Perspective*, 2nd Ed., SAGE, 978-1-4129-8109-5.

Gary R. Edgerton, *Mad Men: Dream Come True TV*, I.B. Tauris/Palgrave Macmillan, 978-1-8488-5379-9.

Melissa Gregg, *Work's Intimacy*, Polity Books, 978-0-7456-5028-9.

Timothy P. Mottet, **Sally Vogl-Bauer**, and **Marian L. Houser**, *I, Your Interpersonal Communication*, Pearson Publishing, 978-0-205-49440-8.

E. Phillips Polack and **Theodore A. Avtgis**, *Medical Communication: Defining the Discipline*, Kendall Hunt, 978-0-7575-8597-5.

Of Interest

Mary Beth Earnhardt, Youngstown State University, was appointed Executive Director of the Society for Collegiate Journalists, the nation's oldest journalism honorary.

Michael H. Prosser, Ocean University of China, gave a major address on the history of the Middle East peace process and seven other lectures in May, 2011 at the Shanghai International Studies University. He was the external examiner for 9 MA theses in intercultural communication at the Shanghai International Studies University MA program in intercultural communication also in May 2011. Prosser's international wordpress blog, www.michaelprosser.com on intercultural and international communication, now has more than 200 posts. Members of NCA, interested in intercultural and international communication, are invited to submit approximately 500-800 word essays on intercultural and international topics to him at michaelhprosser@yahoo.com for possible posting on the blog.

Lenny Shedletsy, University of Southern Maine, will be the feature editor for the Winter 2012 Academic Exchange Quarterly. For more information, see <http://rapidintellect.com/AEQweb/7online.htm>.

David Silverman, Kansas Wesleyan University, was named the national chair for Animation for the Popular Culture Association.

About Member Notes

Member Notes appears every other month in NCA News and Notes. Member Notes contains information about NCA members including awards (e.g. research, grant funding, and teaching), quotes or appearances in the news media, memorials, transitions (e.g. promotions and appointments), new books, and miscellaneous items of interest. For more information and to submit items to *Member Notes* please visit www.natcom.org/membnotes. Please note that NCA reserves the right to edit material for style and length.