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## **Introducing *NCA News and Member Notes***

Welcome to the first issue of *NCA News and Member Notes*. This e-newsletter focuses on *Member Notes* including awards, quotes or appearances in the news media, memorials, transitions (e.g. promotions and appointments), new books, and miscellaneous items of interest. In addition, these messages include *NCA News* about the association's governance, such as calls for leadership nominations. You will receive these messages every one to two months.

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## ***NCA News***

### **NCA President's Column: *Vantage Point of a Volunteer: Sweat Equity Well Invested***

To read NCA President Dawn O. Braithwaite's full column, please [click here](#).

### **2010 NCA Election**

The 2010 NCA Election opened on Tuesday, January 12. For the election slate and balloting information, please [click here](#).

### **2009 NCA Award Winners**

NCA is pleased to offer prestigious awards for scholarship, teaching, and service to its members. To see those honored at the 2009 NCA Award Ceremony, please [click here](#).

### **NCA is Hiring**

NCA invites applications for the position of Associate Director for Research Initiatives at the association's national office in Washington, D.C. For details, please [click here](#).

## **Member Notes**

### **Awards**

Robyn Boylorn, University of Alabama, was the recipient of the Illinois Qualitative Dissertation Award from the International Center for Qualitative Inquiry and received the Distinguished Graduate Achievement Award from the University of South Florida.

James M. Farrell, University of New Hampshire, was the recipient of the Religious Communication Association Article of the Year Award for "The Rhetoric(s) of St. Augustine's Confessions," published in *Augustinian Studies*.

Janie Harden Fritz, Duquesne University, received the Harvey Kelly Award for Teaching Excellence from the Pennsylvania Communication Association, the Presidential Teaching Award from Duquesne University, and the McAnulty College and Graduate School Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence from Duquesne University.

Brian T. Kaylor, James Madison University, was the recipient of the Religious Communication Association Dissertation of the Year Award for "I'm a Believer: Presidential Campaign Rhetoric in an Age of Confessional Politics."

Paul Marshall, Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute, was the recipient of the Book of the Year Award from the Religious Communication Association for "Blind Spot: When Journalists Don't Get Religion."

Pavica Sheldon, Louisiana State University, was the recipient of the Religious Communication Association Student Paper of the Year Award for "'Jesus' Matters: Gender and Religiosity Impact on Forgiveness Behavior and Conflict Avoidance."

Charles Taylor, Emeritus, McGill University, was the recipient of the Religious Communication Association Scholar of the Year Award; the interview podcast is available at [www.americanrhetoric.com/rca/index.html](http://www.americanrhetoric.com/rca/index.html)

Michael Waltman, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, was selected as a 2009 Fellow in the Foundation for Defense of Democracies Academic Fellowship Program. The Fellowship funded travel to Israel during the summer of 2009 to support the academic study of terrorism, using Israel as a case study for how democracies cope with and respond to terrorism.

Niranjala (Nina) Weerakkody, the Course Director of the Master of Communication Program at the School of Communication & Creative Arts at Deakin University, Australia, along with colleague Leonie Rutherford, was awarded \$19,000 from the Deakin University Central Research Grant Scheme (CRGS2010) for the project titled "Children's Digital TV Culture: Institutions, Texts and Policies."

### **In the Media**

If you have been interviewed by a reporter or your work has been cited in the news, please share the details with your colleagues. To submit an item, please visit [www.natcom.org/membnotes](http://www.natcom.org/membnotes).

### **In Memoriam**

If you know of a member of the association who has recently passed away, please honor his or her

memory in Member Notes. To submit an item, please visit [www.natcom.org/membnotes](http://www.natcom.org/membnotes).

### **In Transition**

Nora Alter was appointed Chair of the Department of Film and Media Arts at Temple University's School of Communications and Theater.

Deborah Cai was appointed Chair of the Department of Strategic and Organizational Communication at Temple University's School of Communications and Theater.

Patricia Covarrubias was appointed Director of the M.A. program in the Department of Communication and Journalism at University of New Mexico.

Tatyana Dumova was appointed Associate Professor of Digital Media at Point Park University.

Pamela Lutgen-Sandvik was appointed Director of the Ph.D. program in the Department of Communication and Journalism at University of New Mexico.

Patrick Murphy was appointed Chair of the Department of Broadcasting, Telecommunications and Mass Media at Temple University's School of Communications and Theater.

Lois Nemetz was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at Louisiana State University, Eunice.

Susan Walsh was promoted to Professor at Southern Oregon University.

### **New Books**

Lois Foreman-Wernet and Brenda Dervin, eds., *Audiences and the Arts: Communication Perspectives*, Hampton Press, 978-1-57273-941-3

Dustin Bradley Goltz, *Queer Temporalities in Gay Male Representation: Tragedy, Normativity, and Futurity*, Routledge, 978-0-415872287

James M. Honeycutt, *Imagine That: Studies in Imagined Interaction*, Hampton Press, 978-1-57273-830-0

Niranjala (Nina) Weerakkody, *Research Methods for Media and Communication*, Oxford University Press, 978-0-195560442

### **Of Interest**

Tom Bruneau, Radford University, was an opening plenary speaker for the annual conference of the Semiotic Society of America in October in Cincinnati. His presentation was entitled "Chronemics: The Study of Time."

Michael Waltman, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, presented "What We Know about the Use of the Internet in the Promotion of White Supremacist Terrorism" at the Department of Homeland Security Internet Radicalization Workshop in Chapel Hill, N.C. November 18-20, 2009. The workshop brought together academics, law enforcement, and intelligence officers from the United States,

England, and Israel.

Niranjala (Nina) Weerakkody, Deakin University, Australia, presented "The Causes and Effects of the 'Cultural Divide:' An Exploratory Study of the Teaching and Learning of International Postgraduate Students at an Australian University" at the 15th International Conference on Cross-Cultural Communication in Kumamoto, Japan in September 2009.

**Submitting Items to *Member Notes***

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