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2011 NCA Election

The 2011 NCA election will begin Tuesday, January 11. For the election slate and balloting information, [click here](#).

Governance Committees

Several of NCA's governance committees are hard at work. For a summary of some of their activities, [click here](#).

Member Notes

Awards

Mariana Aroxa, Lewis & Clark College, was awarded membership in Phi Beta Kappa for 2010.

D. Robert DeChaine, California State University, Los Angeles, was awarded an American Communities Program Fellowship for the 2010-2011 academic year. The American Communities Program promotes humanities-based inquiry into the formation of individual and communal identities in American society and encourages work that explores the development of American communities in their local, national, and transnational contexts.

Abbe Forman, Temple University, was selected as having the best information systems dissertation at Nova Southeastern University.

John Lyne, University of Pittsburgh, received the 2010 Provost's Award for Excellence in Mentoring, in

recognition of his record for the successful mentoring of doctoral students.

Michelle Maresh, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi, and Cheryl Spaniol, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi, were the recipients of a grant for \$18,166 from the Texas Research Development Fund to research teacher behavior and teacher-student relationships in the online classroom, with the goal of creating a model for online instruction.

Michelle Maresh, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi, was awarded \$2,500 for being a recipient of the Texas A&M University System Teaching Excellence Award.

Valerie V. Peterson, Grand Valley State University, was one of two faculty members invited to speak at the 2010 Student Senate Last Lecture Series. She was also awarded the 2010 International Student Pineapple Award, a student-nominated award for hospitality.

Margaret Quinlan, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, was awarded a grant for \$4,360 from the Chancellor's Diversity Challenge Fund to host "The Dancing Wheels Company: Diversity in Motion" performance.

Roy Schwartzman, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, was awarded a grant for \$1,200 from the North Carolina Council on the Holocaust to develop interactive multimedia profiles and educational resources relating to Holocaust survivors living in North Carolina.

Cliff Scott, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, and **Alan Freitag**, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, received a grant for \$99,945 by the North Carolina Urban Water Research Consortium for their project "Improving Grease Disposal in Multi-family Housing and Latino Populations."

Matthew Spangler, San Jose State University, was the recipient of the San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Award for Best Original Script for his stage adaptation of Khaled Hosseini's novel *The Kite Runner*. The play, which has been produced by the San Jose Repertory Theatre, Arizona Theatre Company, Actors Theatre of Louisville, and Cleveland Playhouse, received four other Critics Circle Awards, including the Bay Area's Best Overall Production.

Cindy Spurlock, Appalachian State University, was awarded a research grant by the Arizona State University Foundation Fellows for 2010-2011.

Judith Trent, University of Cincinnati, was the recipient of the 2009 Alumni Achievement Award from the College of Arts and Sciences at Western Michigan University.

Shannon VanHorn, Valley City State University, was named Teacher of the Year by the Valley City State University Student Senate. The award is given annually to a professor who shows dedication to the students of VCSU through innovative teaching methods and continued professional development both inside and outside of the classroom.

In the Media

James E. Katz, Rutgers University, was quoted in an article in the *New York Times* about Facebook. To access the article, [click here](#).

Linda C. Lederman, Arizona State University; **Lisa Menegatos**, Arizona State University; and **Aaron Hess**, Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne were featured in the *Washington Post* web site for their study on the drinking decisions of college students. To access the article, [click here](#).

Michelle Maresh, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi, was interviewed for an article in the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* about British Petroleum's crisis communication. To access the article, [click here](#).

Minsun Shim, University of Georgia; **Joseph N. Cappella**; University of Pennsylvania; and **Caryn Lerman**, University of Pennsylvania, were quoted in an article on HealthCanal.com about their study on direct-to-consumer pharmaceutical drug ads. To access the article, [click here](#).

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.

In Transition

Stephanie Ahlfeldt was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at Concordia College, Moorhead.

Allison J. Ainsworth was promoted to Chair of the Department of Communication, Media Studies, & Journalism at Gainesville State College.

Theodore Avtgis was appointed the Editor-Elect of *Communication Research Reports*.

Elizabeth Bell was named Acting Chair for the 2010-11 academic year at University of South Florida.

Ann Burnett was promoted to Professor at North Dakota State University.

Carolyn M. Byerly was promoted to Professor in the Department of Journalism, John H. Johnson School of Communications, at Howard University.

Chih-Yun Chiang was appointed Visiting Assistant Professor at College of Charleston.

Ken Cissna, University of South Florida, is on research leave for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Christine S. Davis was appointed Graduate Coordinator and Associate Professor with Tenure at University of North Carolina, Charlotte.

Melody Dixon-Brown was promoted to Senior Lecturer at University of North Carolina, Charlotte.

Eric Eisenberg has been named Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at University of South Florida.

Abbe Forman was promoted to Assistant Professor at Temple University.

Gisela Gil-Egui was promoted to Associate Professor at Fairfield University.

Daniel Grano was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at University of North Carolina, Charlotte.

Debbie Goh was appointed Assistant Professor in the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information at Nanyang Technological University.

Sandy Hanson was promoted to Senior Lecturer at University of North Carolina, Charlotte.

Zachary Hart was promoted to Interim Chair of the Department of Communication at Northern Kentucky University.

Pamela Hayward was promoted to Chair of the Department of Communications & Professional Writing at Augusta State University.

Tom Heeney was appointed Director of American Studies at College of Charleston.

Matthew Heinz was promoted to Full Professor at Royal Roads University.

Arthur Herbig was appointed Assistant Professor of Communication at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Aaron Hess was appointed Assistant Professor of Communication at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

James Hikins was appointed Professor and Chair of the Department of Speech Communication and Public Relations at University of Central Arkansas.

Susan Jasko was promoted to Full Professor at California University of Pennsylvania.

Lisa Keranen was appointed Associate Professor with Tenure at University of Colorado Denver.

Liew Kai Khiun was appointed Assistant Professor in the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information at Nanyang Technological University.

Michael Kramer was appointed Professor and Chair at University of Oklahoma.

Nam-Jin Lee was appointed Assistant Professor at College of Charleston.

Carol Leeman was appointed Undergraduate Coordinator and Senior Lecturer at University of North Carolina, Charlotte.

Kurt Lindemann was promoted to Associate Professor at San Diego State University.

Shawn D. Long was named Department Chair at University of North Carolina, Charlotte.

Casey Man Kong Lum was appointed Professor and (Founding) Director for the Masters in Professional Communication Program in the Department of Communication at William Paterson University.

Brian McGee was named Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Advisor in the Office of the President at College of Charleston.

Mark McPhail was named Dean of the College of Arts and Communication at University of Wisconsin, Whitewater.

David Moscowitz was named Interim Director of Film Studies at College of Charleston.

Assem Nasr was appointed Assistant Professor of Communication at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Amy O'Connor was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at North Dakota State University.

Natalie Pang was appointed Assistant Professor in the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information at Nanyang Technological University.

Joanna Sin was appointed Assistant Professor in the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information at Nanyang Technological University.

Barbara Smith was appointed Assistant Professor of Communication at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Elena Strauman was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at College of Charleston.

Shannon VanHorn was named Chair of the Department of Communication Arts at Valley City State University.

Qin Zhang was promoted to Associate Professor at Fairfield University.

New Books

Theodore A. Avtgis and **Andrew S. Rancer**, *Arguments, Aggression, and Conflict: New Directions in Theory and Research*, Routledge 978-0-4159-9641-4.

Shannon A. Bowen, Brad Rawlins and **Thomas Martin**, *An Overview of the Public Relations Function*, Business Expert Press, 978-1-6064-9099-0.

David A. Craig, *Excellence in Online Journalism: Exploring Current Practices in an Evolving Environment*, SAGE, 978-1-4129-7009-9.

Gerald W. Driskill and **Angela Laird Brenton**, *Organizational Culture in Action: A Cultural Analysis Workbook*, 2nd Ed., SAGE, 978-1-4129-0560-2.

Lisa Keranen, *Scientific Characters: Rhetoric, Politics, and Trust in Breast Cancer Research*,

University of Alabama Press, 978-0-8173-1704-1.

Thomas R. Lindlof and **Bryan C. Taylor**, *Qualitative Communication Research Methods*, 3rd E., SAGE, 978-1-4129-7473-8.

Gary Rybold, *Debating in English: A Critical Thinking Approach to Effective Speaking*, Foreign Language Teaching and Research Press, 978-7-5600-9557-8.

Leonard Shedletsky and **Joan E. Aitken**, *Cases on Online Discussion and Interaction: Experiences and Outcomes*, IGI Global, 978-1-6152-0863-0.

Helen Sun, *Internet Policy in China: A field study of Internet cafes*, Lexington Books-Rowman and Littlefield, 978-0-7391-1921-1.

John T. Warren and **Deanna L. Fassett**, *Communication: A Critical/Cultural Introduction*, SAGE, 978-1-4129-5942-1.

Margaret Wills, *Communicating Spirituality in Health Care*, Hampton Press, 978-1-5727-3745-7.

Rhonda Zaharna, *Battles to Bridges: U.S. Strategic Communication and Public Diplomacy after 9/1*, Palgrave-Macmillan, 978-0-2302-0216-0.

Of Interest

Reynaldo Anderson, Harris-Stowe State University, was appointed to serve as a board member to the Saint Louis African American Caucus Foundation. Areas of focus for the foundation include eliminating current health disparities existing in low income communities and providing leadership in social and economic equality throughout the city of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Diane Hope, Rochester Institute of Technology, has retired. Hope served as William A. Kern Professor in Communications (1999-2010). Before joining RIT in 1982, Dr. Hope chaired the Department of Communication at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, (1979-1981). She taught at SUNY University at Buffalo (1976-1978) and at SUNY College at Buffalo (1969-1976). She earned the M.S (1969) and Ph.D. (1975) at SUNY University at Buffalo. She publishes in the areas of Visual Rhetoric and Communication and Social Change.

Helen Sun, The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, was invited to be a keynote speaker at the annual seminar of U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office (PTO), to talk about her book "Internet Policy in China: A field study of Internet cafes" on July 29, 2010.

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.

