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2011 Election Slate and Procedures

The 2010 Nominating Committee, chaired by Paaige K. Turner of Saint Louis University, and the Committee on Committees, chaired by Judith Trent have developed a full slate of candidates for the 2011 NCA election.

Balloting for the annual election will open on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 and close at 5 p.m. Eastern time on Tuesday, February 8, 2011. Members will be asked to elect a Second Vice President and At-Large Representatives to the Legislative Assembly, the Committee on Committees, and the Nominating Committee.

All members of NCA as of January 1, 2011 are eligible to vote in the regular election. If you are eligible to vote and do not receive an electronic ballot on Tuesday, January 11, or if you would like to request a paper ballot, please contact Heather Franklin at NCA's National Office at 202-534-1110 or hfranklin@natcom.org.

[Click here](#) to find the full slate of candidates and read statements from the Second Vice President candidates.

Call for NCA Journal Editor Nominations

NCA's Publications Board is seeking applications for Editor-Elects for four journals.

Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies – [click here](#) for the call.

Communication Currents – [click here](#) for the call.

Text and Performance Quarterly – [click here](#) for the call.

Review of Communication – [click here](#) for the call.

Annual Award Winners Announced in San Francisco

NCA's annual awards were bestowed on several of our distinguished members at our convention in San Francisco. To read the list of those honored at the NCA Award Ceremony, [click here](#).

To read the list of those members honored by NCA divisions, sections and caucuses, [click here](#).

Legislative Assembly Meeting Held in San Francisco

The Legislative Assembly held its annual meeting in November at the 2010 NCA Annual Convention in San Francisco. During the meeting five proposed resolutions were debated. For text of the resolutions and the outcome of discussion, please [click here](#).

Member Notes

Awards

Wayne A. Beach, San Diego State University, received the 2010-2011 San Diego State University Faculty 'Monty' Award for Outstanding Contributions to Research and Teaching. He is also the recipient of a grant award from the National Cancer Institute entitled "Conversations About Cancer." Beach's book, *A Natural History of Family Cancer*, was awarded the NCA Outstanding Book Award from the Health Communication Division.

Charles Braithwaite, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, co-edited a book with B. Glasrud entitled *African Americans on the Great Plains: An Anthology* which has been selected for the 2010 Nebraska Center for the Book Award in the best anthology category.

The Department of Communication Studies at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte, received the 2010 Minority Recruitment and Retention Award from the Southern States Communication Association.

Elizabeth Dickinson, University of New Mexico, is the recipient of the University Graduate Student Mentor Award. The awards honor an outstanding faculty member and graduate student who have provided excellence in mentoring graduate students.

Peter K. Fallon, Roosevelt University, Chicago, won the Lewis Mumford Award for Outstanding Scholarship in the Ecology of Technics at the eleventh annual convention of the Media Ecology Association this past June at the University of Maine, Orono. He was given the award for his new book, *The Metaphysics of Media: Toward an End to Postmodern Cynicism and the Construction of a Virtuous Reality* (University of Scranton Press, 2010).

Gregg Feistman, Temple University, is the 2010 recipient of the Philadelphia Public Relations Society of America's Anthony Fulginiti Award for Commitment to Education. This award was established to honor a public relations professional who shares Fulginiti's commitment to the future of public

relations. Each year, one person is honored who excels in education, either through their mentoring/teaching, their efforts to help shape the careers of future PR professionals, or their contributions to PRSSA.

Karen Foss, University of New Mexico, is the recipient of the University Faculty Mentor Award. The award honors an outstanding faculty member and graduate student who have provided excellence in mentoring graduate students. The award is presented through the University of New Mexico's Office of Graduate Studies.

Janie Harden Fritz, Duquesne University, received the President's Award for Excellence in Service to the Mission.

Thomas Jacobson, Temple University, is the recipient of a \$195,844 grant from the National Science Foundation, along with a team of researchers led by Thomas Webler of the Social and Environmental Research Institute, to conduct research that examines how communication might change how a government agency makes a decision that satisfies the public's demands. The team is focusing on a series of public discussions led by the California Department of Fish and Game as it formulates a plan to comply with the Marine Life Protection Act and its requirement to redesign California's system of protected marine areas.

Richard Katula, Northeastern University, is the recipient of a \$153,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to conduct two workshops for community college faculty on "The American Lyceum and Public Culture: The Rhetoric of Idealism, Opportunity, and Abolition." The workshops will take place May 22-28 and May 29-June 3, 2011. For more information, go to www.americanlyceum.neu.edu.

Jimie Manning, Northern Kentucky University, received the Early Professional Leadership Award from the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality. The award honors an individual who is within five years of his or her terminal degree and who has demonstrated excellence in research and professional leadership.

Hector Postigo, Temple University, and **Tarleton Gillespie**, Cornell University, are the recipients of a \$237,000 grant from the National Science Foundation for the project titled "Cultural Production in the Digital Age: Defining a New Research Agenda." For the research project, they are convening an international research group composed of 15 to 20 leading scholars and graduate students from communication, science and technology studies, sociology and anthropology in order to advance inquiry in the field of cultural production and digital media.

Roy Schwartzman, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, has been named the 2011-2012 Chancellor's Resident Fellow in the Lloyd International Honors College at University of North Carolina, Greensboro. He will teach special topics courses in Holocaust studies and communication about science and technology. The fellowship includes \$7,000 in research support and stipends.

Cliff Scott, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, has received a \$32,500 sponsored research contract from TIAA-CREF to assess the company's knowledge management and organizational learning infrastructure.

Brian Spitzberg, San Diego State University, received a grant of \$1,300,000 from the National Science Foundation, Division of Computer and Network Systems, to conduct a four-year study entitled: "Mapping Cyberspace to Realspace: Visualizing and Understanding the Spatiotemporal Dynamics of Global Diffusion of Ideas and the Semantic Web." The project seeks to identify geo-

spatial patterns of web-related communication activities associated with events and processes such as militia development, disaster response, and disease outbreak.

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

Elaine Wittenberg-Lyles, University of North Texas, is Co-Investigator on a four year research grant from the National Institutes of Health's National Institute on Nursing Research (NINR). The grant will be used for the project "The ACTIVE intervention to improve Hospice Caregiver Pain Management."

Elaine Wittenberg-Lyles, University of North Texas, and **Joy Goldsmith**, Young Harris College, are invited faculty on a research grant (R25) from the National Institutes of Health's National Cancer Institute (NCI). They will be providing lectures on communication as part of a national education program on family caregiving in cancer. They have also been invited to lecture on breaking bad news and palliative care communication for the Hospice and Palliative Care Nurses Association continuing education program.

In the Media

Stephen J. Farnsworth, George Mason University, was quoted in a *Washington Post* article about President Obama's campaign outreach strategies going into the 2010 Midterm elections.

Dean Kruckeberg, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, was a featured alumnus in the *Iowa Journalist* (2010) for his new role as the Director of Global Public Relations in the Department of Communication Studies at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte.

Shawn Parry-Giles, University of Maryland, was interviewed for an article in *The Daily Record* about the role of negative campaign advertising in the 2010 Maryland gubernatorial campaign.

Trevor Parry-Giles, University of Maryland, was interviewed and quoted in a story on the Maryland Public Television's program *State Circle*, discussing blogging, social media, and the 2010 Maryland statewide elections. To access the story, [click here](#). Parry-Giles was also quoted in a *Baltimore Sun* article about a debate in the 2010 Maryland gubernatorial campaign. To access the article, [click here](#).

Cliff Scott, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, and **Angela Trethewey**, Arizona State University, had their research featured in the August edition of the fire service trade journal *Fire Engineering*. The article "From the Jumpseat: The Safety/Identity Conflict" is based on their original article, which appeared in Volume 36 of the *Journal of Applied Communication Research*, examined the role of organizational discourse in the management of occupational hazards.

Helen Sun, University of Texas, Permian Basin, was interviewed in August by the *Chronicle of Higher Education* about her book *Internet Policy: A Field Study of Internet Cafes*.

Richard E. Vatz, Towson University, and **Lee S. Weinberg**, University of Pittsburgh, published an article entitled "Bullying by Any Other Name" in the September 2010 issue of *USA Today Magazine*. The article argues that school bullying (as well as other types) should be treated as assault and battery or harassment, and the range of punishment should be targeted to protect the victims.

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

Kathy Adams was awarded sabbatical leave for the Fall 2010 semester from the California State University, Fresno.

Christina Anderson was appointed Assistant Professor at Coastal Carolina University.

Benjamin Bates was promoted to Associate Director for Graduate Studies at Ohio University.

Justin Boren was appointed Assistant Professor at Santa Clara University.

Isaac E. Catt was appointed Visiting Scholar in the Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center and the Department of Communication and Rhetorical Studies at Duquesne University.

Amy E. Chadwick was appointed Assistant Professor at Ohio University.

Devika Chawla was promoted to Associate Professor at Ohio University.

Yea-Wen Chen was appointed Assistant Professor at Ohio University.

Deborah Cunningham Breede was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at Coastal Carolina University.

Paul D'Angelo was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at College of New Jersey.

Stephen Daniel was appointed Lecturer at Coastal Carolina University.

Gary R. Edgerton was appointed Eminent Scholar at Old Dominion University.

Amy Edmunds was appointed Lecturer and Director of the Communication Internship Program at Coastal Carolina University.

James Everett was appointed Professor and Chair of the Department of Communication and Journalism at Coastal Carolina University.

Gwen Fowler was appointed Lecturer at Coastal Carolina University.

Douglas Fraleigh was appointed Chair of the Department of Communication at California State University, Fresno.

Cristina Gilstrap was appointed to Associate Professor with Tenure at Drury University.

Curt Gilstrap was appointed to Associate Professor with Tenure at Drury University.

Joy Goldsmith was appointed Associate Professor at Young Harris College.

Bethany Goodier was appointed Department Chair at College of Charleston.

Maurice Hall was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at Villanova University.

Gwen A. Hullman was promoted to Associate Professor and Director of Communication Studies at University of Nevada, Reno.

Caffie Jeanette Risher was promoted to Assistant Professor with Tenure at Passaic County Community College.

Eura Jung was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at University of Southern Mississippi.

Richard G. Jones, Jr. was appointed Assistant Professor and Basic Course Director at Eastern Illinois University.

Thomas Ksiazek was appointed Assistant Professor at Villanova University.

Matthew Lombard was appointed Director of the Mass Media and Communication program in the School of Communications and Theater at Temple University.

Paula McKenzie was promoted to Associate Professor at Bethune-Cookman University.

Jerry Miller was promoted to Associate Director for Undergraduate Studies at Ohio University.

Scott Moore was appointed Administrator of the University Summer Session at California State University, Fresno.

Shane Moreman was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at California State University, Fresno.

Billie Murray was appointed Assistant Professor at Villanova University.

Darrell M. Newton was promoted to Chair of the Department of Communication Arts at Salisbury University.

Trevor Parry-Giles was promoted to Professor at University of Maryland.

Brittany L. Peterson was appointed Assistant Professor at Ohio University.

James W. Pratt was appointed Professor at University of Wisconsin, River Falls.

Steve Schwarze was appointed Chair of the Department of Communication Studies at University of Montana.

Helen Sun was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at University of Texas, Permian Basin.

B. Scott Titsworth was appointed Director of the School of Communication Studies at Ohio University.

Alice Veksler was appointed Assistant Professor in Residence at University of Connecticut.

Qi Wang received her junior fourth year research sabbatical for the Fall 2010 semester from Villanova University.

Jim Williams was appointed Chairperson of the Theatre and Dance department at Winona State University.

Elaine Wittenberg-Lyles was promoted to Associate Professor at University of North Texas.

New Books

Corey Anton, *Sources of Significance: Worldly Rejuvenation and Neo-Stoic Heroism*, Purdue University Press, 978-1-5575-3561-0.

Corey Anton, ed., *Valuation and Media Ecology: Ethics, Morals, and Laws*, Hampton Press, 978-1-5727-3869-0.

Arthur Asa Berger, *Media and Communication Research Methods: An Introduction to Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches*, 2nd Ed., SAGE, 978-1-4129-8777-6.

Christine S. Davis, *Death: The Beginning of a Relationship*, Hampton Press, 978-1-5727-3978-9.

Deborah Eicher-Catt and **Isaac E Catt**, eds., *Communicology: The New Science of Embodied Discourse*, Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 978-0-8386-4147-7.

Laura L. Ellingson and **Patricia J. Sotirin**, *Aunting: Cultural Practices that Sustain Family and Community Life*, Baylor University Press, 978-1-6025-8152-4.

Gail Fairhurst, *The Power of Framing: Creating the Language of Leadership*, Jossey-Bass, 978-0-4704-9452-3.

Stephen J. Farnsworth and **S. Robert Lichter**, *The Nightly News Nightmare: Media Coverage of U.S. Presidential Elections, 1988-2008*, Rowman & Littlefield, 978-1-4422-0068-5.

H. L. (Bud) Goodall, Jr, *Counter-Narrative: How Progressive Academics Can Challenge Extremists and Promote Social Justice*, Left Coast Press, 978-1-5987-4563-4.

Laura K. Guerrero, **Peter A. Andersen**, and **Walid A. Afifi**, *Close Encounters: Communication in Relationships*, 3rd Ed., SAGE, 978-1-4129-7737-1.

James Honeycutt and **Suzette P. Bryan**, *Scripts and Communication for Relationships*, Peter Lang

Publishing, 978-1-4331-1052-8.

Sonia K. Katyal and **Eduardo M. Penalver**, *Property Outlaws: How Squatters, Pirates and Protesters Improve the Law of Ownership*, Yale University Press, 978-0-300-12295-4.

Joann Keyton, *Communication and Organizational Culture: A Key to Understanding Work Experiences*, 2nd Ed., SAGE, 978-1-4129-8022-7.

Shawn D. Long, *Communication, Relationships and Practices in Virtual Work*, IGI Global, 978-1-6152-0979-8.

Carey Noland, **Jimmie Manning**, and **Janet MacLennan** eds., *Case Studies in Communication about Sex*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 978-1-4438-2373-9.

Kelly M. Quintanilla and **Shawn T. Wahl**, *Business and Professional Communication: KEYS for Workplace Excellence*, SAGE, 978-1-4129-6472-2.

Robert R. Ulmer, **Timothy L. Sellnow**, and **Matthew W. Seeger**, *Effective Crisis Communication: Moving From Crisis to Opportunity*, 2nd Ed., SAGE, 978-1-4129-8034-0.

Elaine Wittenberg-Lyles, **Joy Goldsmith**, **Sandra L. Ragan**, and **Sandra Sanchez-Reilly**, *Dying with Comfort: Family Illness Narratives and Early Palliative Care*, Hampton Press, 978-1-5727-3985-7.

Of Interest

Ronald C. Arnett, Duquesne University, is the inaugural holder of the Henry Koren, C.S.Sp., Chair in Scholarly Excellence. The Chair was established in 2010.

Betsy Bach, NCA National Office, is a 2010 inductee of the University of Washington Communication Hall of Fame.

Peter d'Agostino, Temple University, is featured in the exhibition "Radical Light: Alternative Film and Video in the San Francisco Bay Area, 1945–2000," which runs October 6 to April 3, 2011, in the Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive at the University of California, Berkeley.

The Department of Communication and Rhetorical Studies at Syracuse University is celebrating its centennial in 2010. In 1910, the University inaugurated the Department of Oratory. Later, the department became part of the School of Speech and Dramatic Arts, then the Department of Speech Communication and now the Department of Communication and Rhetorical Studies. Throughout 2010-11, the University will celebrate the centennial of the Department through a special series of public lectures.

John Hammerback, University of Washington, delivered five lectures during "Build a Culture of Peace Week" at Fresno State University, Sept. 28-Oct. 2. His open address to the University was "Words and Work of Cesar Chavez" and he introduced the traveling exhibition created by the National Endowment of the Humanities on the life and work on Chavez at its official opening of a six-week stay in Fresno State University's main library, part of Fresno State University's centennial celebration. If interested in

hosting an exhibit, contact johnhammerback@comcast.net.

Kurt Ritter, Texas A&M University, has retired after a four-decade career, including 27 years at Texas A&M University. Ritter has been designated as his university's first Professor Emeritus of Communication.

Robert Sadowski, University of Scranton, has retired from academe after nearly forty years of service to the profession. His faculty and administrative positions were at Florida Atlantic University, the University of St. Thomas (Houston), the University of Maryland, Marist College (Poughkeepsie, New York), the University of Michigan at Flint, Marywood University (Scranton, Pa), and at the University of Scranton. Sadowski is a cancer survivor.

Elizabeth L. Toth, University of Maryland, was inducted into the PRSA College of Fellows at the PRSA International Conference, in Washington, DC, in October, 2010. She was also a featured panelist on an academic roundtable hosted by PR Week on issues ranging from master's degrees to pros entering the teaching ranks.

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.