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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](mailto:hfranklin@natcom.org).

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

### **Call for NCA Resolutions**

NCA members are invited to submit resolutions to the Resolutions Committee for review by June 30, 2011. For details about submission, please [click here](#).

## **Member Notes**

### **Awards**

**Ryan Bisel**, University of Oklahoma, received the Longmire Teaching Scholar Award from the College of Arts and Sciences. This award is given to a faculty member who demonstrates excellence in teaching and also contributes to the scholarship of teaching as a way to help others become more effective teachers.

**Denise Bostdorff**, College of Wooster, was the recipient of the 2010 Bruce E. Gronbeck Political Communication Research Award for her book *Proclaiming the Truman Doctrine: The Cold War Call to Arms*. The award is organized by the Carl Couch Center for Social and Internet Research ([www.cccsir.com](http://www.cccsir.com)).

**Darrel Enck-Wanzer**, University of North Texas, is the recipient of a \$7,500 Research Initiation Grant from the University of North Texas Office of Research and Economic Development. The grant provides summer 2011 salary support and research funds for completion of his book project, tentatively titled *All Power to the People: The Young Lords and Radical Democratic Possibilities*.

**Paul Falzone**, Green Mountain College, was a recipient of the 2010 Ellis-Bochner Autoethnography and Personal Narrative Research Award for his article "Speaking (un)Truth to Power: Fish Tales from the Ethnographic Front." The award is organized by the Carl Couch Center for Social and Internet Research ([www.cccsir.com](http://www.cccsir.com)) and Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (SSSI)-NCA Branch.

**Joann Keyton**, North Carolina State University, and **Stephenson Beck**, North Dakota State University, were the recipients of the 2010 Stanley L. Saxton Applied Research Award for their paper "Facilitating social support: Member-leader communication in a breast cancer support group." The award is organized by the Carl Couch Center for Social and Internet Research ([www.cccsir.com](http://www.cccsir.com)).

**Meina Liu**, University of Maryland, was selected as a 2010-2011 CTE-Lilly Fellow by the Center for Teaching Excellence and the Office of Undergraduate Studies. Liu is also the recipient of a 2011 Summer Research and Scholarship Award from the University of Maryland Graduate School to support full-time research on "Emotion and Shared Mental Models in Negotiation: A Dynamic Constructivist Analysis of Culture's Influence on Dispute Resolution."

**Robert McKee**, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, was selected for the 2010 Norman K. Denzin Qualitative Research Award for his paper "The Genesis of an African American Social Movement: F Street, from a Coalition to a Force for Social Change." The award is organized by the Carl Couch Center for Social and Internet Research ([www.cccsir.com](http://www.cccsir.com)).

**John Omachonu**, Middle Tennessee University, and **Kevin Healey**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, were the recipients of the 2010 Clifford G. Christians Ethics Research Award for their article "Media Concentration and Minority Ownership: The Intersection of Ellul and Habermas." The award is organized by the Carl Couch Center for Social and Internet Research ([www.cccsir.com](http://www.cccsir.com)).

**Trevor Parry-Giles**, University of Maryland, received a 2011-2012 Semester Research and Scholarship Award from the University of Maryland's Graduate School which releases him from teaching for a semester to pursue a research project entitled "Peitho's President: Rhetoric, Deliberation, and Power during the Clinton Presidency."

**Larry Russell**, Hofstra University, was a recipient of the 2010 Ellis-Bochner Autoethnography and

Personal Narrative Research Award for his article "Learning to Walk." The award is organized by the Carl Couch Center for Social and Internet Research ([www.cccsir.com](http://www.cccsir.com)).

**Alyssa Samek**, University of Maryland, received a Research Development Grant from the Organization for Research on Women and Communication (ORWAC). She will use the grant to support research on "Queering Citizenship, Crafting Identity, and Envisioning Liberation at the Intersections: A Rhetorical Analysis of 1970s Lesbian Feminist Public Discourse."

**Stuart Sigman**, Naropa University, was awarded a \$1.97 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Strengthening Institutions Program. The grant will be used to revise the undergraduate core curriculum, establish a Student Success Center, and develop a faculty-student mentoring program called "journey guides." More information can be found at: [www.naropa.edu/academicaffairs](http://www.naropa.edu/academicaffairs).

**Lenny Shedletsky**, University of Southern Maine, was selected as the 2009-2011 Walter E. Russell Chair in Philosophy and Education for a two-year period. The distinction carries the responsibility of presenting one or more public lectures on issues in education and/or philosophy during each of the two years. He has convened a series of discussions titled "The Quality of Discussion Online versus in the Classroom: Where do you stand?" He is also the recipient of a \$8,350 grant from the Center for Technology Enhanced Learning (CTEL) at the University of Southern Maine for 2011-2012, for "Visual Learning, Concept Mapping and Visual Deliberation: Strategies to Improve Knowledge about Argument Development, Critical Thinking and Writing."

## In the Media

**Scott Campbell**, University of Michigan, was interviewed for an article in *USA Today* about the increase in technology use over the past year. To access the article, [click here](#).

**Kathryn Fonner**, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, was quoted in a blog post on the *Wall Street Journal's* website about her study on teleworkers and job satisfaction. To access the post, [click here](#).

**Jeffrey Hall**, Kansas University, was quoted in a *USA Today* article about his study on different types of flirting. To access the article, [click here](#).

**Kenneth Levine**, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, was quoted in an article in the *Seymour Herald* about his study on charismatic communication. To access the article, [click here](#).

**Kristy Maddux**, University of Maryland, was quoted in the *Washington Examiner* about the popularity of Maryland governor Martin O'Malley with women voters.

**Shawn Parry-Giles**, University of Maryland, and **Trevor Parry-Giles**, University of Maryland, were featured on the *Midday with Dan Rodricks* program on WYPR, Baltimore's NPR affiliate, on Election Day to discuss the future of the Obama presidency.

**Trevor Parry-Giles**, University of Maryland, was twice quoted in separate articles in the *Washington Post* about the politics of the 2010 Maryland gubernatorial campaign.

**Michael Waltman**, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, was quoted by Barton Gellman in the cover story of the October 11, 2010 issue of *Time*. The article is entitled "Locked and Loaded: The

Secret World of Extreme Militias.”

## **In Memoriam**

**Brant Burleson**, Professor of Communication and Affiliate Professor of Psychological Sciences at Purdue University, passed on December 10, 2010 after battling cancer. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Bruce Burleson and is survived by his wife Erina MacGeorge and children Jesalyn and Carson all of West Lafayette, Indiana, as well as his mother Ethel Claire Burleson of Lubbock, Texas, his sister Dr. Janet Oressa Dehler of Berthoud, Colorado, his brother Robert Carl Burleson of Houston, Texas.

Brant was born in Boise, Idaho on December 9, 1952. He grew up in Boulder, Colorado, graduating from Fairview High School in 1971. He graduated Summa cum Laude with a B.A. in Communication from the University of Colorado, Boulder in 1975, and an M.A. in 1977 and Ph.D. in Communication from the University of Illinois in 1982. After spending two years on the faculty at SUNY Albany, Brant came to Purdue University in 1980 where he spent the next 30 years.

Brant was a prolific scholar who published more than 150 peer-reviewed articles and chapters in scholarly books; he also edited five scholarly volumes including Communication Yearbook and the Handbook of Communication and Social Interaction Skills (with John Greene). Along with his mentor Jesse Delia and several colleagues, Brant was an early proponent of the “constructivist” perspective which focused on explaining individual and developmental differences in communication skills. His primary research focus was on the communication of social support, for which he became recognized as the leading authority in the communication discipline. Using social scientific methods, Brant showed that social support matters — that the support we receive from others during difficult times has consequences for our health and well being , and that specific ways of providing emotional support are more effective at relieving distress and facilitating coping.

Brant received numerous awards and honors in recognition for his scholarship. He was elected a fellow of the International Communication Association as well as a distinguished scholar of the National Communication Association, and was recipient of the Mark L. Knapp Award for career contributions to the study of interpersonal communication from the NCA as well as the B. Aubrey Fisher Mentorship Award from the ICA. Brant was especially proud of this latter award as it recognized his work with graduate students. Brant directed 20 Ph.D. dissertations during his years at Purdue and co-authored with and helped launch the professional careers of many more students.

As Brant said during a recent award acceptance talk, he found incredible joy in studying communication and being part of the communication discipline. Let us remember him as an outstanding scholar, a devoted mentor to his advisees, and a faculty member who always stood by his convictions. His joy in scholarship and mentoring was matched only by his love for his family. Let us also remember him as a loving husband, and a devoted “Papa” to his children.

## **In Transition**

**Rasha Abdulla** was promoted to Associate Professor and Chair at American University in Cairo.

**Meredith Bagley** was appointed Assistant Professor at University of Alabama.

**Kristen Berkos** has been awarded sabbatical leave for the Spring 2011 semester from Bryant University

**Jason Black** was appointed Associate Professor with Tenure at University of Alabama.

**Linda Cardillo** was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at College of Mount St. Joseph.

**Alexa Chilcutt** was appointed Assistant Professor at University of Alabama.

**Marcia Dawkins** was appointed Visiting Scholar at Brown University.

**Autumn Edwards** was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at Western Michigan University.

**Jimmie Manning** was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at Northern Kentucky University.

**Alfred Mueller II** was appointed Professor and Chair of the Department of Communication Studies at Mount St. Mary's University.

**James W. Pratt**, Professor, has moved from the Department of Communication Studies and Theatre Arts to the Marketing Communications Program, both at University of Wisconsin, River Falls.

### **New Books**

**Kristy Maddux**, *The Faithful Citizen: Popular Christian Media and Gendered Civic Identities*, Baylor University Press, 978-1-6025-8253-8.

**Craig Smith**, *Silencing the Opposition: How the Government Suppresses Freedom of Expression*, SUNY Press, 978-1-4384-3519-0.

**Michael Waltman** and **John Haas**, *The Communication of Hate*, Peter Lang, 978-1-4331-0447-3.

**Gary C. Woodward**, *The Perfect Response: Studies of the Rhetorical Personality*, Lexington Books/Roman and Littlefield, 978-0-7391-4001-7.

### **Of Interest**

**Don Anderson**, NeuroEconomic Management, has been chosen to present at the Global Speakers Summit in the Netherlands this coming April.

**James L. Grunig**, University of Maryland, and **Larissa Grunig**, University of Maryland, presented the 3rd Annual Grunig Lecture in conjunction with the international conference of the Public Relations Society of America. The annual lecture is sponsored by the Institute for Public Relations and the University of Maryland's Department of Communication. The lecture is available at

[www.instituteforpr.org](http://www.instituteforpr.org).

**Katherine Hawkins**, Clemson University, will serve as the graduate director for a new Master of Arts program in Communication, Technology and Society. The new program will launch in the fall of 2011. For more information, see [www.clemson.edu/caah/communication/graduate/index.html](http://www.clemson.edu/caah/communication/graduate/index.html).

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