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NCA Caucus Student Travel Grants

NCA offers travel grants for our national convention for student members of NCA's Caucuses in support of our commitment to promoting diversity in our discipline. Applications are due September 2, 2011. [Click here](#) for more information.

Free Online Access to NCA Journals

To help celebrate the launch of the new website, [Taylor & Francis Online](#) (www.tandfonline.com), Routledge, Taylor & Francis is providing free online access to all ten of NCA's journals for NCA members for the next few months. During this period of unrestricted access, NCA members must access the journals through the Members' Area of the NCA website at <https://web.natcom.org>. Once in the NCA Members' Area, click on the link to Online Journals Access and then click on "Access NCA Journals Online." Members are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to explore journals to which you have not previously subscribed. Routledge, Taylor & Francis has developed several online demonstrations to help guide NCA members through the features of the new website. To access those demonstrations, please go to <http://resources.tandfonline.com>. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact NCA at inbox@natcom.org.

Centennial Celebration: Seeking Ideas

NCA's Centennial Celebration will take place during the year 2014, culminating with our November 2014 convention in Chicago. The Centennial Committee, co-chaired by Dawn O. Braithwaite and Richard West, has been meeting and working on NCA's important anniversary. The committee wishes to solicit ideas from NCA members. If you have an idea for how you

would like to see the association celebrate our 100th during our anniversary year or at the convention, please send a brief description of the idea by August 15th to NCA Associate Director Brad Mello at bmello@natcom.org.

Communication Monographs Number One Journal in the Thomson Reuters, 2010 Journal Citation Reports®

Communication Monographs is now the leading communication journal in the Thomson Reuters 2010 Journal Citation Reports®. This number one ranking reflects an Impact Factor of 2.029. Currently in its 78th volume, *Communication Monographs* is published quarterly by NCA in partnership with Routledge, Taylor & Francis. Katherine Miller, Texas A&M University, serves as the current editor, and Mike Allen, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, was the editor during this ranking period. For more information about *Communication Monographs*, [click here](#). To learn more about Impact Factors, [click here](#).

2011 Resolution Submission

The membership was invited to submit resolutions to our Resolutions Committee by June 30. One resolution was submitted for consideration. To view the proposed resolution, please [click here](#). If you have comments about this proposal, please contact Charles Tardy, Ph.D., Chair of the Resolutions Committee, at charles.tardy@usm.edu no later than Thursday, July 21, 2011. To review the current NCA Policy Platform, please [click here](#).

Member Notes

Awards

Reynaldo Anderson, Harris-Stowe State University, has been awarded the 2010 Exemplary Community Achievement Award in the Humanities by Missouri Governor Jay Nixon. Anderson's statewide work in the Humanities with the Executive Board of the Missouri Arts Council and international advocacy for C.U.R.E. International, a prison reform organization, serve as outstanding examples of community and public advocacy.

Bernadette Calafell, University of Denver, was named the 2011 William T. Driscoll Master Educator at the University of Denver.

Elizabeth Desnoyers-Colas, Armstrong Atlantic State University, is participating in the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) 2011 Summer Seminar/Institute hosted by the Center for Africana Studies at Johns Hopkins University. Participation is supported by an NEH grant awarded to Johns Hopkins' Center for Africana Studies. The institute, "Slaves, Soldiers, Rebels: Currents of Black Resistance in the Tropical Atlantic, 1760-1888," runs from June 27 through July 29. It delves into scholarship in the field of black Atlantic history, offers black Diaspora studies and serves as a training ground for college and university faculty members across the country. Visiting scholars from Vanderbilt, Columbia, Duke, Yale, Northwestern, Stanford and other universities, who are leaders

in their fields, lead the sessions. Attendees at the summer institute will participate in seminars, visit nearby research facilities and sites related to the black experience in the mid Atlantic region, and have access to the library and facilities of Johns Hopkins University

Maria Dixon, Southern Methodist University, is the recipient of the "M" Award, the highest student-nominated award for teaching excellence.

Jennifer Edwards, Tarleton State University, was awarded the Barry B. Thompson Service Award, the university's highest service award for faculty. This award is given annually to a faculty member for his/her contributions to student-faculty relations outside the classroom.

Andrew Flanagin, University of California, Santa Barbara, with Co-PIs Divyakant Agrawal (Computer Science), Stacy Patterson (Mechanical Engineering), Bassam Bamieh (Mechanical Engineering) and Amr El Abbadi (Computer Science), received a \$199,934 grant from the National Science Foundation, Division of Information and Intelligent Systems for their project "Data-Driven Frameworks for Analyzing User Interactions in Social Media."

Alan Freitag, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, received a Fulbright Award to study public relations practices in Poland in the spring of 2012.

Ellen Gorsevski, Bowling Green State University, was awarded a Scholars-in-Residence Fellowship for the 2011 fall semester by the Institute for the Study of Culture & Society (ICS) at Bowling Green State University. During her research leave, Gorsevski will work on her book on the rhetoric of the women Nobel Peace laureates.

Renee G. Heath, University of Portland, was honored by her colleagues as the University of Portland's 2010-11 outstanding teacher. This is the third time in a decade a University of Portland communication studies faculty member has received this university-wide award.

Laura Jansuik, Rockhurst University, is the recipient of one of six Presidential Research Grants this summer for her continued work in metacognitive listening strategies. She will be joined in her work by Shawn Keaton of Louisiana State University. The next phase of the project involves translation and data collection in five different countries to further investigate metacognitive listening strategies.

Joann Keyton, North Carolina State University, is the recipient of the 2011 College of Humanities and Social Sciences Outstanding Research Award.

Allan Loudon, Wake Forest University, and **Alessandra Beasley Von Burg**, Wake Forest University, are the recipients of a grant from the U.S. Department of State for the 2011 Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellows Summer Institute at Wake Forest University.

Jennette P. Lovejoy, University of Portland, received the University of Portland student body's 2010-11 "faculty of the year" award, which similarly

has been bestowed on University of Portland communication studies faculty thrice in the past ten years.

Linda Putnam, University of California, Santa Barbara, has won the 2011 Academy of Management Distinguished Service Award. This award recognizes excellence in developing and enhancing a field of study and building institutions through creative and unusually effective service to major professional organizations. This award honors her contributions to promoting organizational communication studies in the field of management, her centrality in promoting conflict management research in organizations, and her service to the Academy of Management through multiple divisions and association-wide committees. She will accept her award at the Academy of Management Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, August 12-16, 2011.

Paul Siddens III, University of Northern Iowa, is the recipient of the 2011 College of Humanities and Fine Arts Faculty Excellence Award. The purpose of this award is to honor tenured faculty who have excelled as teachers and scholars, and effectively combined the two into exciting classroom experiences.

Michael Stohl, University of California, Santa Barbara, has been awarded the Applied/Public Policy Research Award by the International Communication Association. Professor Stohl was nominated due to his 30-year program of research addressing a vitally important applied and policy program, state terrorism and human rights, and especially his development of the Political Terror Scale, which has been used extensively by scholars, policy researchers, the United Nations, national governments, and NGOs worldwide. Stohl's Political Terror Scale (PTS), developed in 1983 while he was at Purdue University, has served as the applied and policy-relevant cornerstone of this program of research on state terrorism and repression and, by extension, his concern with human rights.

Rebecca M. Townsend, Manchester Community College, was honored by the State of Connecticut Department of Higher Education with a Community Service Award for Commitment to Community Service and Leadership for work done as part of the Federal Transit Administration grant in the Public Transportation Participation Pilot Program. Students who participate in the project take public speaking and/or group communication courses and work with a youth, minority, or low-income community group to facilitate transportation needs assessment discussions. Results are shared with government officials and transportation planners.

Ronald Zboray, University of Pittsburgh, and **Mary Saracino Zboray**, University of Pittsburgh, are the recipients of the Everett Lee Hunt Award of the Eastern Communication Association for their book, *Voices without Votes: Women and Politics in Antebellum New England*, University of New Hampshire Press / University Press of New England, 2010.

In the Media

Valerie V. Peterson, Grand Valley State University, had a story based on her book, *Sex, Ethics, and Communication*, appear in the *Grand Rapids News Press*.

Michael Waltman, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill was quoted in the July 2011 issue of *Wired* magazine. The article dealt with how individuals interested in history might tweet links to 19th Century racist cartoons in responsible ways.

In Memoriam

Ralph Behnke, Ph.D., Buergierres Professor of Communication Studies, 1932-2011. Behnke passed away at his home in Fort Worth, Texas, on May 7, 2011. Ralph received his Ph.D. from the University of Kansas in 1966 and subsequently taught at the University of Texas and at Florida State University. He accepted a position as Department Chair at Texas Christian University in 1974. He held the administrative appointment for almost a decade and continued to teach at Texas Christian University until his retirement in 2009. As Texas Christian University's Buergierres Professor of Communication Studies, Ralph enjoyed a prolific scholarly career centered primarily around the study of communication anxiety. Among his honors, Ralph was presented with the Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Research at Texas Christian University. Ralph loved all things electronic.

Growing up in Chicago, Ralph began building his own radio receivers and transmitters as a youngster. Following high school, Ralph enlisted in the Air Force, where he repaired radar units on F-86 jets during the Korean war. He was an avid ham radio operator, and maintained the highest level of radiotelephone engineering license available from the FCC throughout his life. He enjoyed speaking to other hams in countries around the world, including notable ham operators such as the King of Jordan. Ralph was the very proud father of two beautiful daughters—Gretchen and Stephanie—and he loved to tell everyone how extraordinary they were (at great length), along with the latest news from his grandson, Jack, and his granddaughter, Claire. Ralph was extroverted and never suffered from state anxiety in his personal life. He will be missed by his family and by his many friends, colleagues, and goonburgers (his affectionate name for all of his students).

D. Ray Heisey, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus and Director Emeritus of Communication Studies at Kent State University, died May 20, 2011, at University Hospitals, Cleveland (Ohio), after a three-month battle with thyroid cancer. He was 79. Heisey was recognized as one of the major intellectual contributors to the area of intercultural communication. Indeed, Heisey brought his own stamp to the phrase prolific author and scholar. He was recognized for his earlier assistance and advice in the publication of *The Cultural Economy of Falun Gong in China: A Rhetorical Perspective* by the University of South Carolina Press.

Many of the research and teaching assignments initiated during his tenure at Kent State and continued after his retirement in 1996 frequently brought colleagues and students at Kent State together in collaboration with scholars and students from the Far East, Middle East, Europe, and North

America.

Heisey is remembered as an educator whose enthusiasm for sharing knowledge exceeded the boundaries of the classroom. He loved traveling and experiencing other cultures, having lived in or visited over 40 countries.

Heisey was a prolific author and editor whose publications included numerous peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, books, and popular press publications. Heisey was also the editor of *Chinese Perspectives in Rhetoric and Communication* (2000).

His publications are reflective of a scholar whose interests extended far beyond a single field of academia and classroom and encompassing multiculturalism, cultural diversity, global communication, political communication, women's roles and communication, religion in communication, genealogy, and history.

From 1975 to 1978, Heisey was granted leave from Kent State to serve as president and a professor of Damavand College in Tehran, Iran, where he assisted in the educational development of this private, university college for women offering bachelor's and master's of arts degrees.

Heisey's international teaching posts included Peking University, School of International Studies, in Beijing and also Renmin University, Department of International Politics, in Beijing during fall semester 1996.

Heisey was a visiting professor for the Estonian School of Diplomacy in Tallinn, Estonia in 1993; the University of Lund, Department of Applied Psychology, Sweden, in 1992; and University of Leuven, Center for Communication Studies, Leuven, Belgium in 1972 and 1973. His stateside visiting teaching appointments included Messiah College, Ashland Theological Seminary in Ashland, Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., and Ohio State University.

Heisey initiated exchange programs with institutions in England, Sweden, Poland and China. One exchange arranged for editors from the *Guangming Daily* newspaper in Beijing to come to the Kent for and faculty from Kent State to go to Beijing.

Heisey was presented the President's Medal in May 1997 by proclamation of the Kent State University Board of Trustees for 30 years of outstanding service to the university. Heisey was the recipient in 1992 and 1996 of the Faculty Award for International Culture from Kent State's Beta Zeta Chapter of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars. The award recognizes recipients for "building a body of international studies or cultural exchanges which enrich our campus and our community."

International honors included an Honorary Professorship in the Beijing University of Self-Study by the university president in 1994 for work in international communication and education. In 1996, Heisey and colleague Wenxiang Gong of Peking University International Politics Department, co-

hosted an international conference on "Communication and Culture: China and the World Entering the 21st Century" held in Beijing. Heisey joined the Kent State faculty as an associate professor in 1966 and was promoted to the rank of professor in 1970. He served as coordinator of the Division of Rhetoric and Communication from 1980 to 1983 and as acting director of the School of Speech Communication from July through December 1993. He was then appointed Director of the School of Communication Studies, a post he held until June 1996.

Heisey graduated in 1954 from Greenville College in Greenville, Ill., where he majored in speech. He completed a post-graduate program in 1957 at Messiah College in Grantham, Pa., with a major in theological studies. Heisey earned a master's degree in 1955 from Ohio State University in Columbus in speech and a doctoral degree in 1964 from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., with a major in public address and group communication.

Previous to joining Kent State, Heisey held a number of teaching and administrative positions at Messiah College from 1955 to 1966 including chair of the Division of Language, Literature, and Fine Arts, Director of Debate, and Head of the Speech Department.

Heisey was born in Gladwin, Mich., Jan. 9, 1932, and was raised in Louisville, Ohio. He attended Kent Presbyterian Church since 1968 and had been an active member of the choir and frequent contributor in adult education.

He was an avid genealogist, serving on the board of the Brimfield Historical Society, and authoring *Healing Body and Soul: The Life and Times of W. O. Baker*, a leader in the Brethren In Christ denomination (BIC). Heisey himself was an ordained minister in the BIC church.

In addition to his wife, Susanne (VanValin), whom he married in 1959 and who accompanied Ray on most of his world travels, survivors include sons Kevin (Elizabeth) and grandchildren Erin, Megan, Clare and Paul of Chagrin Falls, Ohio; Alec (Alece) of Mechanicsburg, Pa, and Ian (Christine) of Cleveland; sister, Ruth Blackketter, of Leedey, Okla; brother, Marion J. (Beverly) of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, H. Orville.

Constantine "Gus" Perialas, former speech communication professor at Ithaca College, passed away. A native Ithacan, he began teaching in the Department of Theatre Arts and Speech Communication in 1967. Through much of the 1970s he served as vice president for student and campus affairs. He returned to teaching in 1977 and served as chair of the Department of Speech Communication from 1982 to 1994, retiring in 1996. The Perialas Prize—a campus-wide oratorical contest—was established by the department in 1997 to celebrate and promote the principles of classical rhetoric.

In 1984 Perialas had been ordained as a priest in the Greek Orthodox

Church, taking at that time the name Epiphanius. He served as a pastor in a number of parishes, and in 2003 he was elected as the first bishop of the newly created Metropolis of Spain and Portugal. His full obituary can be [found here](#).

In Transition

Marla Chisholm was promoted to Full Professor at Del Mar College.

Susan Cook was promoted to Full Professor at Metropolitan State College of Denver.

D. Robert DeChaine was promoted to Professor at California State University, Los Angeles.

Timothy Downs was appointed Vice President for Academic Affairs at Niagara University.

Alan Freitag was promoted to Full Professor at University of North Carolina, Charlotte.

Loril Gossett was promoted to Associate Professor at University of North Carolina, Charlotte.

Katherine Hawkins was appointed Professor of Communication and Dean of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences at Radford University.

Pete Kellett has been awarded research leave beginning August 2011, from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

Rita Kirk was promoted to Director of the Maguire Center for Ethics & Public Responsibility at Southern Methodist University.

Loreen Olson was appointed Associate Professor at University North Carolina, Greensboro.

Chris Poulos was appointed Department Head at University North Carolina, Greensboro.

Erin Reser was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at Rocky Mountain College.

Cliff Scott was promoted to Associate Professor at University of North Carolina, Charlotte.

Kristina Sheeler was appointed Department Chairperson at Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis.

Julia A. Spiker was promoted to Professor at University of Akron.

Courtney Waite Miller was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at Elmhurst College.

Daniel Stuart Wilbur was promoted to Associate Professor of Communication at Purdue University, North Central.

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

New Books

Edd Applegate, *Journalism in the United States: Concepts and Issues*, Scarecrow Press Inc., 978-0-8108-8185-3.

John Arthos, *Speaking Hermeneutically: Understanding in the Conduct of a Life*, University of South Carolina Press, 978-1-5700-3968-3.

Stephanie Bennett, *Communicating Love: Staying Close in a 24/7 Media Saturated Society*, Linus Publishing, 978-1-6079-7120-7.

Andrew C. Billings, *Communication and Sport: Surveying the Field*, SAGE, 978-1-4129-7293-2.

Maria Brann, *Contemporary Case Studies in Health Communication: Theoretical & Applied Approaches*, Kendall Hunt, 978-0-7575-7925-7.

W. Timothy Coombs, *Ongoing Crisis Communication: Planning, Managing, and Responding*, 3rd Ed., SAGE, 978-1-4129-8310-5.

David Croteau, *Media/Society: Industries, Images, and Audiences*, 4th Ed., SAGE, 978-1-4129-7420-2.

Stephen Croucher and **Daniel Cronn-Mills**, *Religious Misperceptions: The Case of Muslims and Christians in France and Britain*, Hampton Press, 978-1-6128-9013-5.

William A. Donohue, **Randall G. Rogan**, and **Sanda Kaufman**, *Framing Matters: Perspectives on Negotiation Research and Practice in Communication*, Peter Lang, 978-1-4331-1148-8.

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

Garth S. Jowett, *Propaganda & Persuasion*, 5th Ed., SAGE, 978-1-4129-7782-1.

Michael G. Lacy and **Kent A. Ono**, eds., *Critical Rhetorics of Race*, New York University Press, 978-08147-6223-3.

Ananda Mitra, *Needs Assessment: A Systematic Approach to Data Collection*, Sagamore, 978-1-57167-575-0.

Of Interest

Mike Murray, University of Missouri, St. Louis, was re-elected to serve a second-term as chair of the Faculty Senate and University Assembly. He will continue serving as representative to the four-campus University of Missouri system Inter-Faculty Council (IFC). He was also recently selected to represent the faculty on the Academic Advisory Committee to the University of Missouri search for a new president for the University of Missouri system.

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.