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Call for 2012 Resolutions

NCA members are invited to submit public policy statements, ethical statements, and statements about academic and professional issues to the Resolutions Committee for consideration no later than June 30, 2012. To read the call, please [click here](#).

Resolutions Updates

Please [click here](#) for a summary of the 2011 Legislative Assembly's deliberation about a resolution submitted by Dana Cloud on clarification within job-listings with regard to the presence or absence of domestic partner benefits at specific institutions.

Please [click here](#) for an update on the resolutions that were passed by the Legislative Assembly in 2010 including a resolution regarding high school communication education (speaking, listening, and media literacy) as a graduation requirement and a resolution regarding extended solitary confinement.

Call for Policy Platform Reviewers

The 2011 Legislative Assembly has mandated a review of NCA's current [public platforms](#). We are seeking groups (e.g., divisions, committees) that are willing to revise public statements for which they have particular substantive expertise. [Click here](#) for the full call for reviewers.

National Office Staff Transitions

Please [click here](#) for a National Office staffing update. The professional staff in the National Office is here to serve NCA's members, and we hope you will not hesitate to contact us any time.

Member Notes

Awards

Brenda J. Allen, University of Colorado, Denver, was the recipient of the inaugural award for Excellence In Faculty Mentoring from the University of Colorado, Denver.

Deborah Ballard-Reisch, Wichita State University, was the recipient of the Wichita State University Excellence in Community Research Award for 2010-2011.

Joseph Cappella, University of Pennsylvania, Annenberg School for Communication, and **Michael Kearns**, from University of Pennsylvania School of Engineering and Applied Science, have been awarded a \$1 million grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to develop a new way of evaluating effective anti-smoking appeals. This NIH Exceptional Unconventional Research Enabling Knowledge Acceleration, or EUREKA, grant supports high risk research endeavors with potentially high payoff. The grants are intended to support studies that can revolutionize science in a field, even though the research carries an unusually high degree of scientific risk. They will develop descriptors for a large number of smoking cessation advertisements, and compile preference data from smokers to develop and test algorithms that can be used to recommend anti-smoking appeals that are effective for individual smokers. The approach is modeled after recommendation systems commonly used by commercial operations like Amazon.com and Netflix where suggestions for products are based on past preferences or matches to related items.

Andrew Flanagin, University of California, Santa Barbara, along with **Divyakant Agrawal** (Computer Science), **Stacy Patterson** (Mechanical Engineering), **Bassam Bamieh** (Mechanical Engineering) and **Amr El Abbadi** (Computer Science) received a 2011-2013 grant from the National Science Foundation, Division of Information and Intelligent Systems for \$199,934. The grant is for the research project "Data-Driven Frameworks for Analyzing User Interactions in Social Media."

Lawrence Frey, Trinity University and University of Colorado, Boulder, was the recipient of the 2011 Elizabeth G. Andersch Award from the School of Communication, at Ohio University. This award is given to a member of the communication discipline who is acknowledged as an outstanding teacher, scholar, and mentor.

Steve Jones, University of Illinois, Chicago, **Sid Bhattacharyya**, University of Illinois, Chicago, **Mary Beth Watson Manheim**, University of Illinois, Chicago, and **Eric Welch**, University of Illinois, Chicago, were awarded a grant of \$497,000 by the University of Illinois, Chicago College of

Business Administration. The grant is for a two year research project that will examine how the use of social computing tools (SCT) affect work practices and outcomes in the United States.

Steve Jones, University of Illinois, Chicago, is Co-PI and **Zizi Papacharissi**, University of Illinois, Chicago, is a participant on a National Science Foundation IGERT (Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship) grant for \$3,200,000. The grant was awarded to an interdisciplinary team of scholars at the University of Illinois, Chicago for five years titled "Electronic Security and Privacy: Technology, Human, Enterprise and Legal Considerations."

Dean Kruckeberg, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, was the recipient of the 2011 PRSA Infinity Award sponsored by the Charlotte Chapter of PRSA. This award recognizes a lifetime of significant achievement for a Public Relations professional and scholar.

Kurt Lindemann, San Diego State University, was the recipient of a Sony Electronics Faculty Award for Innovative Teaching with Technology. This award recognizes California State University faculty's current and potential innovative uses of technology in delivering quality and affordable education to their students and encourages their continued achievements in teaching.

Jimmie Manning, Northern Kentucky University, **Stephanie Klitzke**, Northern Kentucky University, and **Jacqueline McNally**, Northern Kentucky University, received a \$15,000 University-Community Partnership Grant from the Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement for their proposal "Understanding Regional Diversity: Identification, Interaction, and Development for Community Nonprofits." The funds will be used to implement community-based research projects that explore regional diversity, diverse interaction within communities, and diversity-oriented nonprofit interaction in the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky metro area.

Dorothy Mullin, University of California, Santa Barbara, was the recipient of a 2011 Teaching Assistant Departmental Grant of \$2000 for TA orientation training, skills workshops, and online resources from the Office of the Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Programs.

Cheryl Nicholas, Penn State, Berks, was awarded the 2011 Outstanding Full-Time Teacher Award at Penn State, Berks. This award recognizes a full-time faculty member who has worked at the college for at least three years and has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to teaching.

Edward Panetta, University of Georgia, was awarded the Friend of Oxford Award from the University of Georgia Office of International Education this spring.

E. Michele Ramsey, Penn State, Berks, was selected for the Pennsylvania State University Women's Commission 2010 Achieving Women Award in the faculty category for her record of leadership and commitment to diversity at

Penn State, Berks.

Jennifer Samp, University of Georgia, is the University of Georgia Principle Investigator on an interdisciplinary grant funded by the National Institute of Health/ Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development entitled "Emotional Processes in Families: New Methods Capturing Multiple Levels of Analysis."

Claire Sisco King, Vanderbilt University, was the 2011 recipient of the Jeffrey Nordhaus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the Humanities.

Renee Strom, St. Cloud State University, was the recipient of the 2011 Outstanding New College Teacher Award from the Communication and Theater Association of Minnesota.

Karen Turner, Temple University School of Communications and Theater, was the recipient of a distinguished service award from the Office of the Provost.

Tiffany R. Wang, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, was the recipient of the 2012 University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award for the campus.

Carly Woods, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, was awarded the 2011 Outstanding Dissertation Award from the American Society for the History of Rhetoric for her work, "Women Debating Society: Negotiating Difference in Historical Argument Cultures."

In the Media

Celeste Condit, University of Georgia, was interviewed by Marcia Clemmit for an article on "Genes and Health" in the January 21, 2011 *Congressional Quarterly Researcher*.

Erin Donoven-Kicken, University of Texas, Austin, was interviewed for an article in *U.S. News and World Report* about how cancer patients cope with their situation by controlling how they communicate with their friends and family. You can read the article [here](#).

Richard Leeman, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, was a featured scholar quoted in an article about President Obama's rhetoric at the Congressional Black Caucus in *The Root*, a *Washington Post* Publication.

Robert Lemieux, McDaniel College, was interviewed by Maryland Morning (Maryland NPR affiliate station) about his exhibit "The King of the Pages." You can listen to the interview [here](#).

Kelly McDonald, Arizona State University, and **Kathleen Hall Jamieson**, University of Pennsylvania, were quoted in a *USA Today* article about what voters have learned from the GOP primary debates. To access the article,

[click here.](#)

Kent Ono, University of Illinois, was quoted in an article titled "For Asian-American Stars, Many Web Fans" in the *New York Times* on July 29, 2011.

Trevor Parry-Giles, University of Maryland, was quoted in a *Baltimore Sun* article on August 29, 2011, about the political consequences of responses to Hurricane Irene.

Valerie V. Peterson, Grand Valley State University, was interviewed on [WGVU public radio](#) in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and featured in a [short article](#) in the Grand Rapids News Press regarding her new book *Sex, Ethics, and Communication*.

In Memoriam

Dick Doetkott, Chapman University, has passed away from a heart attack. Dick lived his life with fervor and joy. A wonderful colleague, his spirit and humor will be deeply missed.

Professor of Communication Studies, Dick joined the faculty in 1964. The full measure of his contributions to the university is too long to list. One that will continue into the future, though, was the establishment of the Department of Communication Studies, which he and Richard Watson formed in 1972.

No faculty member could represent better the spirit of shared governance than Dick Doetkott. From his voluntary work, to his service on faculty committees and councils, to his quiet conversations with administrators, he worked to foster an environment of transparent governance and fairness. He was chapter coordinator of the American Association of University Professors on campus. He was chair of the faculty (now called President of the Faculty Senate). He served multiple times on countless faculty committees and was currently serving on the Faculty Personnel Council. He also served as chair of the Department of Communication Studies and Director of Instructional Services.

Dick would want to be remembered for another valuable contribution to Chapman – one about which he was very keen. For years, Dick was the unofficial ombudsman for Chapman University. Sitting in his rocking chair under his little red canopy in front of Argyros Forum, Dick enjoyed using his expertise to help students and faculty solve their problems creatively.

He taught a variety of courses, many of which he developed personally. At one time, he was the only technical theatre professor on campus. However, it was through his development of a unique public speaking course, Communication Studies 101, that Dick gained national recognition. Even though Dick was no longer in the theatre department at that time, he remained theatrical in his attire for his Communications 101 classes. It was not uncommon to see him walking through the classroom dressed in toga, a televangelist suit, or period garments that would have been worn by

Clarence Darrow or Stephen Douglas. He frequently portrayed such individuals as he discussed different types of oratory.

Of all of Dick's contributions, the one he was most passionate about was teaching. One of the most popular professors on campus, Dick was known to thousands of Chapman students and alumni as "The Speech God." His unique approach to teaching public speaking emphasized the development of a natural, conversational speaking style effective in professional and performance venues. He enabled students to gain confidence in public speaking and to overcome their apprehension about communicating in public.

In recent years, he worked on a book on this methodology, with Lance Lockwood and his wife, former Chapman professor, Pat Doetkott, Ph.D. The book, *Introduction to Public Conversing*, was published this fall by Kona Publishing & Media Group. Department of Communications chair, Fran Dickson, Ph.D., stated that this book ensures that his approach will live on and continue to influence other scholars and professors in the field of communications.

Dick's professional interests encompassed both theatre and communications. He was the technical consultant for the Rose Center in Westminster. He coordinated the West Coast Conference for Corporate Communications held at Chapman in 1994. Dick also has a filmography. He appeared in Paul Frizler's movie, "Getting Wasted" and as well in the television series "Higher Education."

A talented speaker, he was the featured presenter at two major events last spring. In the Wilkinson College lecture series "An Evening with . . ." he presented "An Evening with Abraham Lincoln: The Gettysburg Address, What You Didn't Know." He was also gave the final lecture in the Town and Gown Lunch at the Forum series.

As word of Dick's passing spread on campus and on the internet, the comments have been flooding in. CoPA staff member Joann King, who was a student in Dick's theatre classes, noted that Dick regarded every student as an individual no matter the size of the class, and he maintained contact with many former students for decades. Following are comments from several alumni which illustrate the special regard and affection Dick had from his students.

From 1975:

"For the man once described as "dangerous in the classroom," the "Speech God" himself, Proooooofethorrrrr Richard Doetkott (rhymes with rocket!). A final standing O and a Full Mickey-with TAIL! Heeeeyup! Oh, lordy, I will miss you."

From the 1980s:

"Such a pistol!"

From 2004:

"I consider myself very lucky to have taken Com 101 from the great Mr. Dick Doetkott. He taught me how to be myself and to be a great speaker in front of others by speaking about Buffy the Vampire Slayer and knowing that if Mickey Mouse could do it, I could do it. Full Mickey Salute goes out to the great Prof. Doetkott. May you know that you have touched so many.

Dick is survived by his wife, Pat, and their children. In lieu of flowers, Pat has recommended that donations be made to: The Westie Rescue; PO Box 5006; Huntington Beach, CA 92615.

As you may imagine with the suddenness of Dick's death, this is a very difficult time for his family, and they request that no personal telephone calls be made to the family at the present time. Thank you for your understanding.

Gordon Gray, a former chair of the Radio/Television/Film Department passed away Oct. 25. He was 87. Gray joined the Temple University School of Communications and Theater faculty in 1967.

James Mackin, retiree from Tulane University, New Orleans, recently passed away at his home in Montana. He was a longtime member of the Public Address Division and regularly active in NCA.

Barnett Pearce recently died of cancer. There will be celebration of life series of events on Friday evening, January 13, and Saturday morning, January 14, in Santa Barbara, California. a full description of his life, contributions and reflections are available at the CMM Institute web site <http://www.cmmstitute.net/blog/>.

George Victor Campbell Morgan Powell, "Vic," a member of the Wabash College community for nearly 65 years, passed away peacefully in his home on Wednesday October 6. He was 91 years old.

Powell served Wabash College in virtually every possible way — Professor of Speech, Department Chair, Secretary of the Faculty, Dean of the College, Executive Vice President, and Acting President.

He spoke frequently about his arrival at Wabash as an assistant professor in 1947 and his plans to stay for no more than two years before moving on. He and his wife, Marion, made Wabash and Crawfordsville their home from that point forward, and he served the College continuously until his retirement in 1989. Powell is survived by his wife and two daughters, Carol Lombardi and Karen McCarthy, four grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

"Whatever his role, Vic was always the greatest and most generous of teachers, a man whose love of the College poured out in his affection for his

students and his commitment to their promise, a promise that he awoke through every class and every conversation by his kindness, his rigor of thought and language, and his sheer delight in their learning,” said Wabash President Patrick White. “He was one of the greatest of teachers at Wabash, and a consummate teacher of teachers. Anyone who ever had a conversation with Vic learned from him and we all were fortunate to be his students.”

Born November 25, 1919 in Fargo, North Dakota, Powell received his bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Minnesota. He served in the United States Air Force during World War II. In 1946, he earned his master’s degree and later his Ph.D. from the University of Missouri.

Powell taught at Dartmouth in 1946 before he was recruited to Wabash. At the time, Wabash’s speech department was headed by William Norwood Brigrance — and Powell thought working with him would help launch his career. Powell’s career did indeed take off and Wabash’s speech department received national acclaim. But something happened along the way — Powell got hooked on Wabash and never left.

He received the McLain-McTurnan Excellence in Teaching Award at Wabash in 1974. A year later, the National Association of Wabash Men named Powell an Honorary Alumnus and he was awarded an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, in 1981.

Powell was an active public servant in Crawfordsville, modeling for his students a life of civic engagement. He served on the Crawfordsville City Council and Crawfordsville School Board; presided over the Parks and Recreation Board; and served on the Crawfordsville Board of Police Commissioners.

He received the Rotary Club’s Paul Harris Fellowship Award for his service to the Crawfordsville community. The Montgomery County Community Foundation honored him for more than five decades of service, and the Christian Nursing Service awarded him its Golden Apple Award for his work at the CNS clinics, Meals on Wheels program, and the FISH clothing closet and food pantry.

An extended version of this tribute, written by Jim Amidon, Wabash’s Director of Public Affairs, can be found at:
http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=9186

Edwin Schoell, Professor Emeritus, University of California, Santa Barbara passed away on June 29th, 2011 at the age of 93. He received his Bachelor’s in Theater Arts at Louisiana State University. He then served as a pilot for the US Army Air Forces during World War II before completing his Master’s at University of Michigan, and his Doctorate at the University of Denver. During his 37-year tenure at the University of California, Santa Barbara, he made enormous contributions to the creation of the Department of Communication as it separated from Theater and Speech Therapy. As chair, he worked to solidify the Department’s position on

campus, letting younger faculty make the important hiring decisions because they were the future of the Department. He was committed to undergraduates, primarily teaching undergraduate courses. He was also a playwright, and his "Way, Way, Way Out There" premiered at Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo before being produced at a number of other college and civic theaters. He is commemorated by the Department of Communication through the Edwin Schoell Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Morris Womack, long-time Pepperdine professor, died September 17, 2011. He was 83. Professor Womack received his Ph.D in Communication at Wayne State University. He taught at Michigan Christian College (now Rochester College) for several years and began his 32-year tenure at Pepperdine University in January 1967. He served as registrar for Pepperdine for three years before joining the Communication Division. While he served in a number of roles and taught many courses, his biggest impact was in teaching and strengthening the Basic Speech Course. When he retired in 1999, the public speaking competition was named in his honor. Morris was beloved by his students and was known for his quality instruction, kind demeanor, his sense of humor and genuine concern for all students. He also was instrumental in designing a Communication program for law enforcement officers and was a well-respected minister in the Church of Christ.

In Transition

Tamara Afifi was promoted to full Professor at University of California, Santa Barbara.

Marlin Bates IV was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at University of the Pacific.

Bernadette Calafell was appointed Department Chair at University of Denver.

Ryan Cheek was appointed Instructor and Assistant Director of Forensics at Weber State University.

Kathy Edwards was appointed Associate Professor at Weber State University.

Shane Farver was appointed Instructor of Multiplatform Journalism at Weber State University.

Gregg Feistman was promoted to Associate Professor at Temple University School of Communications and Theater.

Heather Jane Hether was appointed Assistant Professor at University of the Pacific.

Yeonsoo Kim was appointed Assistant Professor, Public Relations and

Advertising at Weber State University.

Rebecca Kuehl was appointed Assistant Professor at South Dakota State University.

Annette Madlock Gatison was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at Southern Connecticut State University.

Mark Meister was appointed Gerhts Endowed Professor and Department Chair at North Dakota State University.

Nancy Morris was promoted to Professor at Temple University School of Communications and Theater.

Karen Myers was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at University of California, Santa Barbara.

Amy O'Connor was appointed Director of Graduate Studies at North Dakota State University.

Sandra Pensoneau Conway was appointed Assistant Professor at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Donnalyn Pompper was appointed Director of the Master of Science program in Communication Management at Temple University School of Communications and Theater.

Russ Rampton was appointed Instructor at Weber State University.

Valerie Renegar was promoted to Professor at San Diego State University.

Sarah Riforgiate was appointed Assistant Professor at Kansas State University.

R. Jeffrey Ringer was appointed Communication Studies Department Chair at St. Cloud State University.

Charles Salmon was appointed Professor at Nanyang Technological University Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information.

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

Sarah Steimel was appointed Assistant Professor at Weber State University.

Paul Turpin was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at University of the Pacific.

Drew Tyler was appointed Instructor of Digital Media at Weber State

University.

J. D. Wallace was promoted to Full Professor with Tenure at Abilene Christian University.

Kris Willis was appointed Director of Policy Debate at University of Florida.

J. Macgregor Wise was promoted to Associate Dean of the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences at Arizona State University.

Carly S. Woods was appointed as an Assistant Professor at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Richard Wolff was promoted to Full Professor at Dowling College.

New Books

Lothar Brock, Hans-Henrik Holm, Georg Sorensen, and Michael Stohl, *Violence and the Failure of Intervention*, Polity Press, 978-0-7456-4941-2.

Nancy M. P. King and Michael J. Hyde, eds., *Bioethics, Public Moral Argument, and Social Responsibility*, Routledge, Annals of Bioethics, 978-0-4158-9855-3.

Stephen King, *I'm Feeling the Blues Right Now: Blues Tourism and the Mississippi Delta*, University Press of Mississippi, 978-1-6170-3010-9.

Thomas Lessl, *Rhetorical Darwinism: Religion, Evolution, and the Scientific Identity*, Baylor University Press, 978-1-6025-8403-7.

Paolo Sigismondi, *The Digital Glocalization of Entertainment: New Paradigms in the 21st Century Global Mediascape*, Springer Science + Business Media, 978-1-4614-0907-6.

Belinda Stillion Southard, *Militant Citizenship: Rhetorical Strategies of the National Woman's Party, 1913-1920*, Texas A&M University Press, 978-1-6034-4281-7.

Omar Swartz, ed., *Communication and Creative Democracy: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, Abramis Academic, 978-1-8454-9456-8.

Of Interest

Deborah Cai, Temple University, directed the School of Communications and Theater London Study Away Program in July and August 2011.

Mariam Metzger, University of California, Santa Barbara, delivered a keynote address at the "Social Media for Social Purposes Conference" at the Centre for Corporate Social Responsibility at Copenhagen Business School

on October 31, 2011. The conference was a forum for scholars and practitioners to set a new interdisciplinary research agenda for the increasingly important subject of corporate engagement in social media for social and/or environmental purposes.

Fiona Otway, Temple University School of Communications and Theater, an MFA student in the Film and Media Arts Department, edited the documentary "Hell and Back Again," which was named to the short list for Best Documentary Feature for the 2012 Academy Awards.

Cornelius Pratt, Temple University School of Communications and Theater, taught a course during Summer, 2011, at Temple University, Japan, in Tokyo.

Roger Stahl, University of Georgia, had his second documentary, "Returning Fire: Interventions in Video Game Culture," released. It is distributed internationally as "Returning Fire: Hacking War Game Culture."

Tami Spry, St. Cloud State University, had her book *Body, Paper, Stage: Writing and Performing Autoethnography* nominated for a book of the year award by the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry.

Elisabeth Subrin, Temple University School of Communications and Theater, presented her films at the Academy of Fine Arts in Vienna, Austria, during Vienna Arts Week (Nov. 14 – 20). Also, for the month of November, Subrin's film "Shulie" was installed in a gallery at The Walker Art Museum, Minneapolis, as part of its "And Yet She Moves: Reviewing Feminist Cinema" series. The Walker has also acquired "Shulie" for its permanent collection.

Rene Weber, University of California, Santa Barbara, along with **Ute Ritterfeld**, and **Klaus Mathiak**, was cited in a Supreme Court decision about the banning of violent video games. This citation comes from their article "Does Playing Violent Video Games Induce Aggression? Empirical Evidence of a Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging Study," *Media Psychology*, 2006, 8, 39-60. Justice Breyer said of their research in the decision, "Virtual violence in video game playing results in those neural patterns that are considered characteristic for aggressive cognition and behavior."

David L. Woods, emeritus member 30 years. Only known non full-time teacher emeritus NCA member. (BA [San Jose State], MA [Stanford], MBA [Rollins], and Ph.D. [Ohio State '75], also 1st chair SCA's then-new Mass Communication Division years ago at early NOLA meeting. Now in 2012 , moving into 18th adjunct year at Marshall University's Air Guard Center (Martinsburg, WV, home of C-5), still teaching speech fundamentals ("gonna get that course right yet"), after retiring as both Navy civilian (1993), and Naval Reserve CAPT (a bit sooner). Major prior adjunct, decades teaching at Universities of Maryland and Virginia, and George Washington University, plus shorter stays starting full-time at Lehigh University ('54-55). Also actor and singer two dozen plays/musicals in WV, MD, PA, & VA, radio personality, journalist, and tax expert. Author of 5 volumes on military and naval signals, and early half of the only

encyclopedia on military communication published 3 years ago! (Proudest achievement: earning OSU Ph.D. after more than 20 very careful years in program, longest enrollment ever?)

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.