Fall 2015

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Graduate Student Awards


Grants Received

Christmas Party 2015

On December 11, the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies held the annual Departmental Christmas Party. The party gives students and faculty an opportunity for conviviality through a shared meal and carols. Special thanks to Sarah Flinko, Director of Recruitment and Professional Development, Mrs. Rita McCaffrey, Administrative Assistant, and LPE Students for planning the event.

Business & Professional Contest

On December 7, the Business & Professional Contest was held and gave participating students the opportunity to give poster presentations. Lauryn Fetkovich was awarded first place. Alyssa Lukach was awarded second place.

"All of the students who competed did an outstanding job!" said Margaret Mullan, one of the Business & Professional course directors. In addition to "professional delivery and responses to questions," students provided "excellent recommendations for how the company might better attend to ethical business practices."

Public Speaking Contest

On December 4, the five best speakers from the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies public speaking course showcased their skills in the Fall Semester Public Speaking Contest Finals.
Participating students gave exemplary speeches. The first place award went to Greg Power for his speech "Lethal Force Laws." Second place was awarded to Miah Dunkleberger for her speech "A Land of Equal Opportunity." Third place was awarded to Marcelins Lewis for his speech "Malcolm X." Additional finalists included Matt Wagoner and Carly Cox.

City Dialogue Re-launch

On Thursday, December 3, 2015, The Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies re-launched the "City Dialogues" series. Students visited the Pittsburgh Public Market to speak with Don Orkoskey about the organization "Neighbors in the Strip." Mr. Orkoskey spoke about communication plans, crisis management and several other ways communication is embodied in the organization "Neighbors in the Strip." Students had the chance to ask questions and learn more about communication practices in this vibrant volunteer organization. "City Dialogues" is a marketplace series of extracurricular experiences that provides an opportunity for communication majors to visit local businesses and practitioners to observe how communication is embodied in various organizations.

2015 National Communication Association (NCA) Awards

Susan Mancino won the Philosophy of Communication Division Top Student Paper award for her paper, "Philosophy of Communication and the Infinity of Lists: The Interplay of the Poetic and Pragmatic." Matt Mancino won the Kenneth Burke Society Top Student Paper award for his paper, "Connecting Burke and Kuhn: The Synecdochic Necessity of Recalcitrance."

Garnet C. Butchart won the Philosophy of Communication Division Top Article award for his article, "The Uncertainty of Communication as Revealed by Psychoanalysis." Ronald C. Arnett and Pat Arneson won the Communication Ethics Division Top Edited Book award for their edited book, Philosophy of Communication Ethics: Alterity and the Other.

Faculty Receive National Awards for Scholarship

Garnet C. Butchart received the 2015 National Communication Association Philosophy of Communication Division Article of the Year Award for his article, "The Uncertainty of Communication as Revealed by Psychoanalysis" in Review of Communication, 13 (1). Ronald C. Arnett and Pat Arneson received the 2015 National Communication Association Communication Ethics Division Book of the Year Award for their edited volume, Philosophy of Communication Ethics: Alterity and the Other.
Fr. Sean M. Hogan, C.S.Sp., International Debate Series:
Duquesne Debating Society Hosts British Tour

October 27-29 - The 93rd annual British Tour of the U.S. (hosted by the Committee on International Discussion and Debate at the National Communication Association) visited Duquesne as part of the Fr. Sean M. Hogan, C.S.Sp., International Debate series. During an exhibition debate on October 29, the team of Matthew Wilmore and Chessy Whalen (British tour) took on Duquesne Debating Society students Marissa Vaul, Julia Baird, and Kristian Sheele on the topic of whether college education should be free for all U.S. students.

Dr. Ronald C. Arnett Inaugural Recipient of Endowed Chair in Communication Ethics

September 10, 2015 - Dr. Ronald C. Arnett, Professor and Chair of the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies, was named the first Patricia Doherty Yoder and Ronald Wolfe Endowed Chair in Communication Ethics. The endowment reflects Wolfe's long legal career and Yoder's distinguished career in corporate communication, and their abiding interest in ethics in the public square.
Arnett is the author or coauthor of nine books, four edited volumes, and numerous academic articles published in top-tier communication journals. He held the Henry Koren, C.S.Sp., Endowed Chair for Scholarly Excellence from 2010-2015.

"Endowed chairs represent the pinnacle of academic achievement," said Dr. Janie M. Harden Fritz, Professor and Director of the B.A. and M.A. Programs and Director of University Core Curriculum. Fritz described the significance of this chair as "a high honor for the department," adding that "the chair's dedication to communication ethics, an area for which the department has gained worldwide recognition, is an acknowledgment on the part of the donors and of the university that we are recognized for scholarly excellence in communication ethics."

"The selection of Dr. Arnett as chair holder is a marker of his international reputation and scholarly leadership in this area," said Fritz.

**Inaugural Father Sean M. Hogan, C. S. Sp. International Debate**

October 16, 2015 - The Duquesne Debating Society held the inaugural debate of the Father Sean M. Hogan, C. S. Sp. International Debate Series. This series is named in honor of Fr. Hogan in recognition of his outstanding support for debate activities on Duquesne's campus. The series sponsors events that feature students from around the world including Rwanda and Great Britain.

The Society hosted the iDebate Rwanda team for the second year of their tour "Voices From A Post Genocide Generation." The international coordinator of iDebate Rwanda, Jean Michel Habineza, was recognized as the first ever Francis Libermann Fellow and Honorary Coach of the Duquesne Debating Society.

For more information on opportunities for participation in Duquesne Debating Society events, please email Dr. John J. Rief (Society advisor) or Nancy Parish (assistant coach).
Internship Colloquium

October 14-The Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies held an internship colloquium as part of its internship program. Communication Majors shared their internship experiences at PNC Bank, Stern Advertising, Carnegie Mellon University, and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

For more information on internship opportunities, please email Sarah Flinko, Director of Recruitment and Professional Development in the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies.

Fall Open House Announcement

The Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies is pleased to announce Duquesne University's Fall Open House on Sunday, September 20th, 2015, 8:00AM-1:30PM.

The Fall Open House welcomes all prospective students and their families. All attendees have the opportunity to meet with representatives from Admissions, Financial Aid, and academic departments and to talk with current undergraduate students. We encourage you to attend, meet our faculty members, hear about our programs, and learn about all of the exciting opportunities at Duquesne.

To register for this event, please visit this web site: http://www.duq.edu/admissions-and-aid/undergraduate-admissions/schedule-a-visit/events/fall-open-house