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Graduate Students Hannah Karolak and Susan Mancino Co-Authored Book Chapter:

Hannah Karolak and Susan Mancino, rhetoric Ph.D. graduate students at Duquesne University, have published "Scottish Independence Referendum: Conflict Attentive to Communication Ethics" in *Communication and Conflict Transformation through Local, Regional, and Global Engagement*, edited by Tom Matyok and Pete Kellet.

Christmas Party 2016

On December 9, the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies held the annual Departmental Christmas Party. The party provides an opportunity for students and faculty to come together and celebrate the successful semester and holiday season.
Special thanks to Sarah Flinko, Visiting Instructor, Mrs. Rita McCaffrey, Administrative Assistant, and LPE Students for planning the event.

**Business & Professional Contest**

On December 6, approximately 20 undergraduate students organized into five teams participated in Duquesne University's Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies' Fall 2016 Business and Professional Contest.

First place - **Nicholas Gilges, Jake Gleba, Madalyn Glista, Kathryn Gordon, Lauren Marglotti** (presented on: Major League Baseball)

Runner-Up - **Rynia Brooks, David Heinz, Bradley Huynh, Nathan Straining** (presented on: Volkswagen AG)

Honorable Mention - **Luke Grefor, Dylan Degroot** (presented on: Major League Baseball)

"This year’s Speaking Contest showcased research and presentation talents from across the Business & Professional Communication course sections. Students informed the audience on developments in sustainability, business ethics, globalization, corporate social responsibility, and crisis communication in their companies," said Andy Tinker, one of the two Business & Professional student course directors. "Presentations were well received by our panel of judges and the students set a high bar for competitions to come."
On Friday, December 2, four finalists participated in the Duquesne University Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies Public Speaking Contest to display their adept speech construction and delivery.

Friday's competitors qualified from a round of 13 students held on Thursday.

- First place - **Rebecca D'Amico**, freshman Public Relations major, for "No Means No"

Additional finalists included:

- Joshua Baumgartner, freshman Liberal Arts major
- Julie Jameson, sophomore Corporate Communication major
- Jenna Callan, senior Sports Marketing and Finance major

According to Duquesne University Ph.D. student Justin Bonanno, one of the Public Speaking course directors and a judge for Friday's event, "The students did a tremendous job with their speeches, and their instructors' wisdom was definitely reflected in their performances."
2016 National Communication Association (NCA) Awards

Hannah Karolak received the Philosophy of Communication Division Top Student Paper award for her paper, "The Precariat and Public Assembly: Performing Creative Dialogue in Assembly."

Margaret Mullan received the Communication Ethics Division Top Student Paper award for her paper, "'Hope and History Rhyme': Other-ways of Remembering and Forgetting in Northern Ireland."

Dr. Briankle G. Chang and Dr. Garnet C. Butchart received the Philosophy of Communication Division Top Edited Book award for their edited volume, Philosophy of Communication (MIT Press, 2012).

Pat Madigan, S.J., Visits Duquesne University

On Monday, October 24, 2016, Pat Madigan, S.J., visiting Duquesne University from Heythrop College in London, England, gave the address "Expressive Individualism, the Cult of the Artist as Genius, and Milton's Lucifer." The concept, first coined by Robert Bellah and given high prominence by Canadian philosopher Charles Taylor, can be traced to the depiction John Milton gives of Lucifer in his poem Paradise Lost.
This event was co-sponsored by the Vernon F. Gallagher Chair, the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies, the Center for the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, and the McAnulty College of Liberal Arts.

"Fr. Madigan's lecture focused on ideas that resonated remarkably with what we study in our program," noted Dr. Janie Harden Fritz. "His scholarly work tracing the development of expressive individualism from the work of Milton to the present day offered key insights for our work here."

4th Annual Undergraduate Research Colloquium

On Friday, October 21, 2016, Marguerite Madden and Brianna Brown presented scholarly papers at the 4th Undergraduate Research Colloquium sponsored by the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies.

The Undergraduate Research Colloquium strengthens student connections with liberal arts scholarship, "walking the humanities into the marketplace" as academic ideas are applied to communicative practices enacted in professional business contexts and the larger world.

Madden is a junior integrated marketing communication major and Brown is a senior integrated marketing communication and English dual major. Both papers worked from a media ecology perspective, studying how the introduction of technologies changes the environment in an attempt to understand and engage changing communicative practices in the world.

Madden’s paper, "Impact of Images," used the work of Neil Postman to understand the changing practices guiding the 2016 election. Brown’s paper, "Wearable Technology and Crisis Communication in the Public Relations Industry," considered the role of public relations for companies producing wearable technologies and their responses to cyber attacks and information breaches.

This event is held annually; students interested in participating should inquire at College Hall 340.

Alumnae Jeanne M. Persuit and Christina L. McDowell Marinchak Published Co-Edited Book:

Jeanne M. Persuit, Ph.D. (Duquesne, 2009), and Christina L. McDowell Marinchak, Ph.D. (Duquesne, 2012) have published their edited book Integrated Marketing Communication: Creating Spaces for Engagement with Lexington Books.
NCA Presidential Candidate

Dr. Ronald C. Arnett, professor and chair of the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies and The Patricia Doherty Yoder and Ronald Wolfe Endowed Chair in Communication Ethics, is a candidate for Second Vice President of the National Communication Association. The elected Second Vice President will assume office on January 1, 2018, plan the 2019 NCA annual convention, and serve as NCA president in 2020.

We thank Dr. Arnett for his service to the discipline.

The election will be held in January 2017.

Please remember to vote!

Dr. Calvin L. Troup Inaugurated as President at Geneva College

Dr. Calvin L. Troup, former associate professor and director of the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies doctoral program in rhetoric, was installed as the 20th president of Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, on September 23, 2016.

Dr. Troup worked at Duquesne University for 20 years, researching the rhetoric and philosophy of St. Augustine and the rhetoric of technology. While at Duquesne, he published two books: Temporality, Eternity, and Wisdom: The Rhetoric of Augustine's Confessions (Univ. of South Carolina Press, 1999) and Augustine for the Philosophers: The Rhetor of Hippo, the Confessions, and the Continentals (Baylor University Press, 2014).

In the past, Troup edited the Journal of Communication and Religion and served as president of the Religious Communication Association. He is the editor-elect of Explorations in Media Ecology, the international journal of the Media Ecology Association.

Additionally, Troup served the department, college, and many outside institutions while working at Duquesne. For several years, he served on the Board of Corporators and Board of Trustees of Geneva College, his alma mater.

"We are thankful to Dr. Calvin Troup for his commitment to the Spiritan Mission of Duquesne University exemplified in his work with the Ph.D. in Rhetoric with the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies," said Dr. Ronald C. Arnett, Professor and Chair of the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies and The Patricia Doherty Yoder and Ronald Wolfe Chair in Communication Ethics. "Geneva College is fortunate to have a leader so committed to scholarship, excellence in higher education, and the story of the faith."

Fall Open House Announcement

The Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies is pleased to announce Duquesne University's Fall Open House on Sunday, September 18th, 2016, 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The Fall Open House welcomes all prospective freshmen and their families. All attendees have the opportunity to meet with representatives from admissions, financial aid, and academic departments. In addition, attendees may talk with current graduate and 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 University.

To register for this event, please click here.

Faculty Craig Maier, Ph.D., Published New Book:


Graduate Student Shivaun M. Corry Single-Authored Scholarly Journal Publication:

Shivaun Monica Corry, third year rhetoric Ph.D. graduate student at Duquesne University, has published "Burke, Re-covenanting and the Apology for the Residential Schools" in *Canadian Society for the Study of Rhetoric*, volume 6.