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On December 14, 2018, the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies held the annual Departmental Christmas Party honoring the memory of Rachel Kosko, a December 2015 graduate of the Rhetoric Ph.D. program. This annual Christmas gathering provides an opportunity for graduate students and faculty to come together and celebrate the successful semester and appreciate our blessings during this holiday season.

A special thank you to Dr. Sarah Deluliiis, Mrs. Rita McCaffrey, and the Lambda Pi Eta students for planning a wonderful event.
Undergraduate Students Compete in Business & Professional Contest

On December 4, 2018, three teams offered a rhetorical analysis of prominent organizations while competing in Duquesne University's Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies' Fall 2018 Business and Professional Contest. The students gave insightful presentations on Major League Baseball, Amazon, and Tesla, with Mr. Joshua Kopp from PNC Bank and Mr. Damien Gottschalk from Fragrasso Financial Advisors judging the event.

- First Place—Britnee Yutzy, Kevin Mazick, Charles Williams, and Colleen Pearson (presentation topic: Amazon)
- Runner-Up—Tyler Critchfield, Jacob Hebda, Brooke Osselborn, and Yan Jin Tan (presentation topic: Tesla)
- Honorable Mention—Fuchsia Brockman, Nicholas Gilmore, Thomas Moore, and Rayman Riar (presentation topic: Major League Baseball)

Mary J. Eberhardinger, Business and Professional course director, commented on the success of the event: "The end of semester Business and Professional Communication Contest is a traditional mark of punctuation and signature event hosted by the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies. It not only showcases the work of undergraduate business students, but marks the harvest of the seeds sown by full-time Ph.D. student-instructors."

Duquesne Alumna Receives Award

Duquesne's own Jeanne M. Persuit, associate professor of communication studies at the University of North Carolina Wilmington, was presented with the J. Marshall Crews Distinguished Faculty Award by Alumni Association Board Member Kimberly McNeill 86, 97M. Though Crews has passed on, his legacy..."
lives on through the award, which honors a faculty member who exhibits leadership in the areas of service, student support, community service, and outreach efforts.

Four Undergraduate Students Compete in Public Speaking Contest Finals

On Friday, November 30, 2018, four finalists displayed their rhetorical skills in speech construction and delivery at the Duquesne University Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies Public Speaking Contest.

- First place - **Hunter Hensel**, freshman Business major, for "Siteswaps (Juggling)"
- Second place - **Dylan Miller**, senior Biology major, for "Osteopathic Medicine and Opioid Crisis"
- Third place - **Sarah Leep**, senior Biology major, for "Blood Donation"
- Fourth place - **Olivia Higgins**, junior International Relations/Rhetoric major, for "Your Voice Matters"

Chris Bondi, public speaking course director, remarked, "It's a testament to the hard work and talent of the students involved that made this contest a success. Everyone was fantastic!"
On Friday, November 30, 2018, Chloe Mortenson and Brianna Schmid presented scholarly papers at the Undergraduate Research Colloquium sponsored by the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies.

Mortenson, a senior Communication Studies major, presented her work titled "Fake News: The Relationship Between Rhetoric and Reality," a paper presented at the 2018 National Communication Association conference. Schmid, a senior Corporate Communication major, continued the colloquium with her presentation on her paper "Free College Tuition as a Communication Ethics Conversation."
The Undergraduate Research Colloquium exposes students to the larger communication discipline as they write and present papers in a setting comparable to an academic conference. Students engage their work from a praxis (theory-informed action) approach, reflecting the department mission statements of ‘Walking the Humanities into the Marketplace’ and ‘The Ethical Difference.’ The praxis approach taken by the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies applies the theories studied in the classroom to the questions or artifacts of this historical moment to open creative ethical insights on current examples in the marketplace.

**Graduate student David Impellizzeri receives Top Graduate Student Paper Award at NCA**

On Saturday, November 10, 2018, during the National Communication Association’s 104th annual convention, Duquesne University Rhetoric Ph.D. graduate student David Impellizzeri received the Top Graduate Student Paper in Philosophy of Communication Award for his essay “Philosophy of Communication at the Interplay of Rhetoric and Poetics in Paul Ricoeur’s Threefold Mimesis.” David is currently writing his doctoral dissertation on bureaucratic modernity and the recovery of practical reason through a rhetorical education.

**Dr. Fritz Honored at NCA: Teachers on Teaching Series: Honoring the Pedagogy of Janie Harden Fritz**

On November 11, 2018, Janie Harden Fritz, Ph.D., was honored at the 104th annual National Communication Association conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. Dr. Fritz was honored by a panel of alums discussing the positive impact that Dr. Fritz has had on their professional and personal lives. "Dr. Fritz is an amazing human being. Her mentoring has not only aided in my growth as a professor and scholar, but all the students who come into contact with her," explained Nancy B. Parish, assistant instructional professor at Texas A&M University and panel organizer. "She is one of the most genuine, unselfish,
humble, and brilliant scholars I have ever met. Her ability to turn everything around to a teachable moment is impeccable." The presenters also afforded Dr. Fritz the opportunity to discuss her own personal teaching philosophy as well as other points of wisdom and advice. The panel was part of NCA's "Teachers on Teaching Series."

Mary J. Eberhardinger Authors Scholarly Publication


Carissa Kotyuha receives Graduate Paper Award at PCA

Seton Hill University hosted the 79th annual Pennsylvania Communication Association conference October 5-6, 2018. Carissa Kotyuha received a Graduate Paper Award for her work-Examining Morality: Sissela Bok's Contributions to Human Communication. Carissa, a 1st year graduate student at Duquesne University, is working on her M.A. in Communication Studies.
Students Share Experiences and Professional Opportunities during Internship Colloquium

October 17, 2018 - The Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies held an internship colloquium to discuss professional development opportunities available through the internship program. Students from the department shared their experiences working as interns at Hello! Productions, at Constituent Services, and with U.S. Senator Bob Casey.

For information on internship opportunities, please email Sarah M. Deluliis, Ph.D., Director of Recruitment and Professional Development.
On Monday, October 15th, Duquesne Debating Society hosted the National Communication Association’s Committee on International Dialogue and Debate tour. This year marked the 90th anniversary of participation of British women. The debaters included Méabh McMahon Flanagan, representing St. Andrews University, and Owen Mooney, a recent graduate of the University of Glasgow.

The student debaters built their case on the following resolution: "This house would remove the right of the president to nominate judges to the supreme court, and directly elect them instead." Dr. Deluliiis remarked, "This opportunity to engage with students from around the world over current and significant issues is an enriching experience for our debaters and everyone in the audience."

With an ending vote of 22 to 15, Duquesne’s debaters David DeFelice and Adam Trainer (pictured on right) prevailed, in a spirited exchange, with the proposition Méabh and Owen (pictured on left).

For information on debate or the departmental emphasis on corporate communication, please email Sarah Deluliiis, Ph.D., Duquesne Debating Society Advisor and Director of Recruitment and Professional Development.
On October 5-6, 2018, the 79th annual conference of the Pennsylvania Communication Association was hosted at Seton Hill University. Duquesne’s own graduate student Michael R. Kearney received the Top Graduate Paper Award for his paper Gadamer’s Hermeneutics and the Alien: Playing at Understanding. Michael, a second-year Masters student, is studying rhetoric and philosophy of communication.
On October 5-6, 2018, the 79th annual conference of the Pennsylvania Communication Association was hosted at Seton Hill University. Duquesne's own associate professor Craig T. Maier, Ph.D., was awarded the 2018 Donald H. Ecroyd Research and Scholarship Award. The Donald Ecroyd Research and Scholarship Award recognizes a PCA member who has a commitment to and a sustained record of research and publication in the field of communication.

2018 Fall Open House Announcement

The Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies is pleased to announce Duquesne University's Fall Open House taking place Sunday, September 16th, 2018, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Fall Open House welcomes all prospective freshmen and their families. All attendees will have the chance to learn more about the opportunities available at Duquesne through conversations with current undergraduate and graduate students, as well as representatives from Admissions, Financial Aid, and other student service offices. Additionally, attendees will be able to explore the beautiful campus.
located in the heart of the city. We encourage you to attend, meet our faculty members, hear about our programs, and find out more about the exciting possibilities available at Duquesne University.

To register for this event, please click here.