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*Duquesne University Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Teaching*: Sarah Flinko


*McAnulty College and Graduate School Award for Excellence in Scholarship*: Susan Mancino


Business & Professional Contest

On May 2, eight undergraduate students organized into three teams participated in Duquesne University's Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies' Spring 2017 Business and Professional Contest, judged by Susan Mancino and Father Lazarus Langbiir.

First place - **James Joyce** (presented on: Johnson and Johnson)

Runner-Up - **Jaelyn Faulk** and **Dana Suric** (presented on: Coca-Cola)

Honorable Mention - **William O'Malley, Dayton Kessler, Ashley Kaleel, Alex Jaehn, Bryan Newcamp** (presented on: Johnson and Johnson)
Andrew Tinker, Business & Professional student course co-director, attests, "Once again, our undergraduates demonstrated a solid depth of research when exploring contemporary issues in the marketplace, making for a great competition!"

2017 Lambda Pi Eta (LPE) Induction Ceremony

On April 28, the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies acknowledged the academic achievements of undergraduate and graduate communication scholars at the LPE Induction Ceremony. Sarah M. Flinko, Visiting Instructor, Lambda Pi Eta Chapter Advisor, Duquesne Debating Society Advisor, Director of Recruitment & Professional Development, and rhetoric Ph.D. student, gave a keynote address titled "Following the Road to an Artful Life: Career, Character, and the Importance of a Liberal Arts Education at Duquesne University." In her address, Flinko described the ways in which the departmental mission statements of ‘The Ethical Difference’ and ‘Walking the Humanities into the Marketplace' equip students for constructive engagements in the professional world.
Undergraduate students were honored through induction into LPE, the official honor society of the National Communication Association. This year, 38 students were inducted into LPE: Razzaz Almuraa, Kati Altman, Toni Ardabell, Kayla Casavant, Victor Chaykowsky, Markus Colin, Lindsay Crowe, Kate Dessart, Carly Edman, Kenna Gubler, Shane Regis Heim, Kimberly Hunter, Elizabeth Inglisa, Anna Kemper, Austin Palmer Kilheeney, Gillian H. Lawhead, Shannon Leedy, Nicole Maire Lennartz, Marguerite Madden, Selene Maggio, Logan Marquardt, Timothy McConnell, Cameron McKinley, Dana Mitro, Julia Mudrock, Meaghanne O'Connell, Kathleen Pearson, Rebecca Pratt, Shannon Reed, Sadik Roberts, Katherine Rogers, Jodie N. Sabol, Natalia Skeba, Cassidy Steinkopf, Gwendolyn Elaine Tinsley, Carrie Elizabeth Vichill, Darian Viallaobos, and Rachel Williams.

Graduate students were honored by the department for exemplary scholarship, teaching, and service. Hannah Karolak received the Wilhelm S. Wurzer Scholarship Award, M. Shivaun Corry received the Richard H. Thames Teaching Award, and Andrew Tinker received the Donald Clark Edwards Service Award.

"The ceremony was meaningful for all of us in the department," said Dr. Janie M. Harden Fritz, professor and co-director of the B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. Programs. "We joined proud parents in celebrating the outstanding academic achievement of their sons and daughters. The commitment to scholarship evidenced by these juniors and seniors continues an ongoing legacy of academic excellence in the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies at Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit."

**Undergraduate Research Colloquium**

On Friday, April 28, 2017, Diana Hartford and Thomas Sweeney presented scholarly papers at the Undergraduate Research Colloquium sponsored by the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies.

The Undergraduate Research Colloquium provides an opportunity for students to explore liberal arts scholarship and make connections to the surrounding world through a praxis (theory-informed action) approach that is grounded in the departmental mission statements of 'Walking the Humanities into the Marketplace' and 'The Ethical Difference,' as the academic theories studied in the program provide a perspective from which to examine and understand rhetorical artifacts.

Hartford is a senior integrated marketing communication and international relations dual major and Sweeney is a senior integrated marketing communication and political science dual major. Both papers
explored often taken for granted and unquestioned artifacts—the Internet and typeface—to open new insights for understanding.

Hartford’s paper, "The Relationship Between Terrorist Organizations and the Internet," explored the ways that terrorist organizations use the Internet. Sweeney’s paper, "Get Noticed," reviewed the history of typography from the typeface of the Gutenberg Press to serif and sans serif fonts to announce the ways that messages can be printed in order to "get noticed" successfully.

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

Faculty Ronald C. Arnett, Ph.D., Awarded the 2016 Paul Boase Prize for Scholarship:

Ronald C. Arnett, Ph.D. Professor and Chair of the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies, was awarded the 2016 Paul Boase Prize for Scholarship from the School of Communication Studies at Ohio University. This award is presented annually to scholars who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship in any area of communication.

Public Speaking Contest

On Friday, April 21, five finalists participated in the Duquesne University Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies Public Speaking Contest to celebrate and test their speech construction skills.

Friday’s competitors qualified from a round of 13 students held on Tuesday.

- **First place** - **Ashton Callipare**, sophomore Biology (Pre-Vet) major, for "Importance of Shelter Adoption"
- **Second place** - **Sean Eberly**, sophomore Pharmacy major, for "Canis Lupus Familiaris"
- **Third place** - **Emily Swaya**, freshman Education Pk-4 major, for "Suicide Awareness"

Additional finalists included:

- Anton Porkins, sophomore, "Police Public Relations Amongst African American People"
- Kathryn Judge, sophomore Athletic Training major, "Eulogy for Gary Gray Sr."

"All the contestants embodied the importance of studying public speaking. The speeches reflected the praxis component of public speaking and bringing advocacy to the public floor," said Duquesne
University Ph.D. students Blake Plavchak (event judge), Justin Bonanno (event judge, Public Speaking course co-director), and Susan Mancino (Public Speaking co-course director). "As the students voiced responses to important issues, the public speaking contest demonstrated the excellent pedagogy of public speaking instructors."

**Graduate Student Andrew Tinker received the top graduate student paper at the 2017 Southern States Communication Association (SSCA) Convention**

Andrew Tinker, third year rhetoric Ph.D. student, received the 2017 Southern States Communication Association (SSCA) Top Graduate Paper Award from the Philosophy and Ethics Communication Ethics Division for his paper, "Communicative Shock: An Unethical Challenge to Narrative Engagement."

**Graduate Student Ryan McCullough received a Top Student Paper Award at the 2017 Eastern Communication Association (ECA) Convention**


**Faculty Ronald C. Arnett, Ph.D., Published New Book:**

Ronald C. Arnett, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies, has published *Levinas’s Rhetorical Demand: The Unending Obligation of Communication Ethics*, with Southern Illinois University Press.

**Faculty Sarah Flinko Selected as a Recipient of University’s Award for Excellence in Teaching:**

Sarah Flinko, Visiting Instructor, Duquesne Debating Society Advisor, Director of Recruitment & Professional Development, and rhetoric Ph.D. student, was selected as a recipient of this year's Duquesne University Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Teaching. Sarah has authored or co-authored four publications and is currently co-authoring a book. The Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies congratulates Sarah for her excellent work!
Duquesne Debating Society Wins First Place

Pictured: From Left, Chloe Mortenson and Noah Martens

The Duquesne Debating Society attended the National Educational Debate Association (NEDA) Nationals Tournament at Anderson University in Anderson, Indiana. Our team, consisting of Noah Martens and Chloe Mortenson, won 1st place in their division-varsity traditional. In addition, both students placed in the top 5 of individual speakers within their division.

Graduate Student Matthew P. Mancino Single-Authored Scholarly Journal Publication:

Matthew P. Mancino, second year rhetoric Ph.D. graduate student at Duquesne University, has published "Cybersecurity Otherwise: Seeking Communicative Insights" in The Pennsylvania Communication Annual, 72.2.

Faculty Pat Arneson, Ph.D., Received the 2017 Gender Studies Scholar Award at the Southern States Communication Association (SSCA) Convention:

Dr. Pat Arneson was awarded the 2017 Outstanding Gender Studies Scholar from the Gender Studies Division of the Southern States Communication Association (SSCA). The recipient is selected for demonstrating excellence in research, teaching, and service in gender issues. The award will be given at the SSCA conference in April 2017 in Greenville, SC.

Graduate Student Susan Mancino Selected as Recipient of Award for Excellence in Scholarship:

Susan Mancino, rhetoric Ph.D. student, was selected as the recipient of this year's Graduate School Award for Excellence in Scholarship from the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts. Susan has authored or co-authored eight publications, given thirty scholarly presentations, and is currently co-editing an international encyclopedia on communication ethics. The Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies congratulates Susan for her excellent work!
Alumna Maria del Guadalupe Davidson, Ph.D., Published New Book:

Maria del Guadalupe Davidson, Ph.D. (Duquesne University), has published *Black Women, Agency, and the New Black Feminism* through Routledge Press.