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Eastern Communication Association (ECA) hosts panel in Honor of Ronald C. Arnett, Ph.D., at Annual Convention

On Thursday, April 26th, 2018, the Eastern Communication Association (ECA) hosted a panel in celebration of the work of Ronald C. Arnett, Ph.D., at their 109th annual convention.

Arnett earned a Ph.D. in Interpersonal Communication from Ohio University in 1978 and is chair and professor of the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies. Additionally, he is The Patricia Doherty Yoder and Ronald Wolfe Endowed Chair in Communication Ethics. Arnett is the author/co-author of eleven books and the co-editor of four books. Recent publications of Arnett include Levinas’s Rhetorical Demand: The Unending Obligation of Communication Ethics (2017, Southern Illinois University Press) and Corporate Communication Crisis Leadership: Ethics and Advocacy (2017, Business Expert Press). He is the recipient of eight book awards, including the 2017 Top Book award from the National Communication Association’s Communication Ethics Division and 2017 Distinguished Book award from National Communication Association's Philosophy of Communication Division for his book Levinas’s Rhetorical Demand: The Unending Obligation of Communication Ethics and the 2013 Top Book Award for Communication Ethics in Dark Times: Hannah Arendt’s Rhetoric of Warning and Hope from the Communication Ethics Division of the National Communication Association. In 2017, he was named Distinguished Scholar by the National Communication Association. Arnett serves as current editor of Journal of Communication and Religion and former-editor of Review of Communication, in addition to serving on editorial boards for multiple journals. Additionally, Arnett is the current Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Communication Association (PCA) and former Executive Director of the ECA.
During the panel, respondents offered reflections, memories, and anecdotes from their long association with Dr. Arnett. Each panelist highlighted the significant contributions Arnett made-and continues to make-to the field and their personal professional lives. Panel participants hailed from across the United States:

- Janie M. Harden Fritz, Duquesne University
- Carl Cates, Arkansas State University
- Jon A. Hess, University of Dayton
- Mark Hickson III, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- Mary Kahl, Penn State Behrend
- Deanna D. Sellnow, University of Central Florida
- Timothy L. Sellnow, University of Central Florida

According to Janie M. Harden Fritz, professor of communication & rhetorical studies and director of the B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. programs, "It was a great honor to participate in this panel. The contributions Dr. Arnett has made to the field have, indeed, rippled out extensively through the personal and professional lives of many, many contributors to the communication discipline." Dr. Fritz noted that the room was full of present and former students, colleagues, and professional friends who came to pay tribute to the outstanding and enduring legacy and work of Dr. Ronald C. Arnett.
Janie M. Harden Fritz, Ph.D., gives Keynote Address at 2018 Eastern Communication Association (ECA) Convention


Fritz earned a Ph.D. in Communication Arts from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1993 and specializes in teaching courses such as Interpersonal Communication, Intercultural Communication, Organizational Communication, Communication Research Methods, Communication Ethics and Professional Civility, Rhetoric and Philosophy of Organizational Communication, and Philosophy of Interpersonal Communication. She is the author of Professional Civility: Communicative Virtue at Work (2013); co-editor of Communication Ethics and Crisis: Negotiating Differences in Public and Private Spheres (2012), Problematic Relationships in the Workplace (2006), and Problematic Relationships in the Workplace, Volume 2 (2012); and the co-author of Communication Ethics Literacy: Dialogue and Difference (2009). Fritz is currently the editor of The Journal of the Association for Communication Administration and Listening: Journal of Communication Ethics, Religion, and Culture, in addition to serving on the editorial boards for multiple academic journals. Recently, Fritz has also received the National Communication Association (NCA) Communication Ethics Division 2017 Teaching Award and been named a Distinguished Research Fellow of the ECA in 2014.
In her address, Fritz spoke to attendees of the ECA Convention about the importance of civility as a bridge between persons and positions of difference. By attentiveness to our communicative practices, we protect the good of the public sphere. Fritz recommended an approach to civility articulated by Roger Williams, founder of Rhode Island and advocate of religious freedom. In a historical moment where environments are increasingly wrought with disagreement and incivility, Fritz carries an urgent, timely message.

"The address was elegant, thoughtful insightful, and connected to the lives of the audience," said Ronald C. Arnett, Ph.D., department chair and the Patricia Doherty Yoder and Ronald Wolfe Endowed Chair in Communication Ethics. "People sat in mesmerized appreciation."

**Graduate Student Aurora Pinto receives top student paper at the 2018 Eastern Communication Association (ECA) Convention**

*Aurora Pinto*, third year Rhetoric Ph.D. student, was awarded the 2018 Eastern Communication Association (ECA) Philosophy of Communication Interest Group Top Student Paper Award for "A Phenomenological Approach to Clayton House as a Place of Memories."

**Undergraduate Students Participate in Business & Professional Contest**

On May 1, six teams presented on a variety of companies including Uber, Monsanto, and Macy's Department Stores in Duquesne University's Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies' Spring 2018 Business and Professional Contest, judged by DJ Bryant (Architectural Designer at AE-7), Laura McIntosh (Communication Specialist at UPMC), and Yasa Petrunak (Senior Marketing Coordinator at AE-7).

- **First place** - *Emily Indof, William Heintz, Christian Grondziowski, and Nicholas Jeans* (presentation topic: Macy's)
- **Runner Up** - *Vincent Gullo, Ryan Clair, Alyssa Voland, and Caitlin Campas* (presentation topic: Macy's)
Other participants included:

- **John Olexsovich, Dillon Penix, Anthony Sanchilli, and Mia Scott** (presentation topic: Monsanto)
- **Justin Duffy, Blake Shields, and Lisa Schmidtetter** (presentation topic: Uber)
- **Laura Sensabaugh, Victoria Trott, Herbold Wagner, and Danny White** (presentation topic: Uber)
- **Christopher Collins, Alexander Hylan, Jordan Roberts, and Adrian Torres** (presentation topic: Uber)

**Nicholas Jeans**, from the winning team, received the inaugural “Top Individual Speaker Award.”

Mark Gardner, Business & Professional graduate student course co-director, commented on the professional opportunity afforded to the students: "Our students benefit from the insights provided through individual feedback from our professional judges." Gardner, fourth year Ph.D. in Rhetoric student, also noted, "We enjoy having business students collaborate with our department for this successful event."

**Duquesne University Hosts Public Debate Forum**

On Friday, April 20, and Saturday, April 21, Duquesne hosted the Duquesne Debating Society (DDS) Public Debate Forum on Global Communication & Deliberation.

The forum afforded students from a variety of universities the opportunity to debate on subjects such as the United Nations and their role in sanctioning state governments, deliberation rather than civil disobedience to enact social change, and government censorship and its threat to democracy.
The winners of the tournament included Aaron Hill and Ryan Katz from the University of Pittsburgh. Our team members, **David DeFelice** and **Adam Trainer**, while unable to place in the finals because Duquesne hosted the event, still performed well in the competition, winning the largest audience margin.

The event also featured a keynote speech from Dr. Janie Harden Fritz on communication ethics and civility.

For information on the Duquesne Debating Society, please email [Sarah Delulio](mailto:Sarah.Delulio@duquesne.edu), Ph.D., Duquesne Debating Society Advisor and Director of Recruitment and Professional Development.

### Four Undergraduate Students Honored in Public Speaking Contest Finals

![Four Undergraduate Students Honored in Public Speaking Contest Finals](image)

On Friday, April 20, four finalists tested their speech construction and presentation skills while competing at the Duquesne University Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies Public Speaking Contest.

- **First place** - **Fan Tang**, sophomore Biology Pre Med major, for "An Amazing Doctor"
- **Second place** - **Miranda Zarlino**, freshman Education major, for "Should Community Service be a Graduation Requirement?"
- **Third place** - **Durrant Carlson**, sophomore Pharmacy major, for "A Welcome Home"
- **Fourth place** - **Morgnan Hyatt**, sophomore Pharmacy major, for "American Sign Language"
Kati Sudnick, public speaking course director, remarked, "All students who participated in the contest were excellent; we commend everyone for their wonderful speaking skills."

**Undergraduate Research Colloquium**

On Friday, April 20, 2018, **Katherine Rogers** and **Anna Kemper** presented scholarly papers at the Undergraduate Research Colloquium sponsored by the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies.

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.


Rogers will be presenting her paper at the 8th annual James C. McCroskey and Virginia P. Richmond Undergraduate Scholars Conference (USC) to be held concurrently with the Eastern Communication
Association's 109th annual convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 25-29, 2018. Rogers and Kemper will both be entering M.A. in Communication programs at Duquense University in the fall.

"The event was engaging, enriching, and stimulating," said Fr. Lazarus Langbiir, C.S.Sp., and Rhetoric Ph.D. graduate student. "We are impressed by the work of our undergraduate students and we wish them well in their future endeavors."

This event is held annually; students interested in participating should contact Sarah M. DeIuliis, Ph.D., Visiting Instructor, Duquesne Debating Society Advisor, and Director of Recruitment and Professional Development.

**IABC Holds Second Annual Mock Interview Competition**

On April 17, Duquesne University undergraduates competed in the second annual Mock Interview Competition hosted by the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC), where competitors were allotted 30 minutes to craft a resume and cover letter for a practice interview with local professionals.

Local judges participating in this event included:

- **Charles Carrier**, CFO/Controller at BNY Mellon
- **Philip Clarke**, Director of Student Services, Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences at Duquesne University
- **David Jakielo**, Assistant Director, Annual Giving (Duq. University)
The judges ranked the top three undergraduate finalists:

- First Place **Erin Manning**, Sophomore Corporate Communication Major
- Second Place **Vincent Gullo**, Freshman Econ./Marketing Major
- Third Place **Ashley Stibrik**, Freshman Business/Pre-Law Major

"Interviews can seem daunting to undergraduate students or anyone who hasn't had much experience doing them," said Jessica White, IABC President. "This event allowed students to practice their skills with marketplace professionals who offered advice that could help them in the future. I think our students found this experience to be extremely rewarding."

For more information about IABC, please contact the faculty advisors, Dr. John Rie for Dr. Anthony Wachs.

**Sarah Deluliis, Ph.D., Receives National Educational Debate Association President's Award**

**Sarah Deluliis**, Ph.D., Visiting Instructor, Duquesne Debating Society Advisor, and Director of Recruitment and Professional Development, is the recipient of the National Educational Debate Association President’s Award.

The department congratulates Sarah on this recognition and her commitment to debate!
On Friday, April 13, 2018, Patricia Doherty Yoder was presented the **Anthony L. Bucci Excellence in Communication Ethics Award** by the Ken Gormley, Duquesne University President, and the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies to honor her successful career as an American Public Relations Executive.

Patricia Doherty Yoder is a 1961 alumna of Duquesne University and has held many Executive Management Positions in Fortune 100 and Fortune 50 Corporations, including: Avis, General Electric Capital (GE Capital), and PNC Financial. Yoder has been elected "Outstanding Woman in Business and Industry" Pittsburgh and awarded with: the Distinguished Alumni Award, Duquesne University McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts (1996); the McAnulty Award for Extraordinary Service to Duquesne University; Who's Who in America; Who's Who in Women; and Who's Who in Finance. Additionally, she is a co-funder of the Patricia Doherty Yoder and Ronald Wolfe Endowed Chair in Communication Ethics currently held by Ronald C. Arnett, Department Chair and professor.

During the award ceremony, Yoder spoke to current B.A. inductees of the Lambda Pi Eta (LPE) National Communication Honor Society about the value of a liberal arts education from Duquesne University, which affords a commitment to learning, critical thinking, and a strong work ethic to engage the marketplace with courageous leaps in a career trajectory to make additive, constructive change.

Janie M. Harden Fritz, Ph.D., professor of communication & rhetorical studies and director of the B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. programs, said, "The LPE Event this year was significant for many reasons. First, we mark a legacy defined by Tony Bucci, who funded the Marc Center for Excellence two decades ago when
approached by department chair Ronald C. Arnett, Ph.D. Bucci believed in our program at a time when many could not envision the potential for excellence promised by a new program that dared to suggest walking the humanities into the marketplace with the ethical difference. The recipient of the Anthony L. Bucci Award for Excellence in Communication Ethics, Patricia Doherty Yoder, exemplifies excellence in liberal and professional education. She forged a path few women trod, pursuing excellence of professional praxis in the communication industry from a liberal arts ground that equipped her to think, communicate, and discern excellence in the professional world. We are so pleased that our Lambda Pi Eta students, who have excelled academically, could hear the important message Patricia Doherty Yoder provided as guidance for young professionals. We are thankful to President Gormley for his presence and acknowledgement of the accomplishments of the department, excellence of student achievement, the enduring gift of Tony Bucci, and the outstanding contributions of Patricia Doherty Yoder to ethical professional practice in the marketplace."

Fritz went on to note, "The presence of Patricia Doherty Yoder and Ronald Wolfe, who inaugurated the Patricia Doherty Yoder and Ronald Wolfe Endowed Chair in Communication Ethics, was deeply meaningful for our department. Their funding of this chair, held by internationally known dialogue scholar Ronald C. Arnett, Ph.D., our department chair, demonstrates their recognition of the important role scholarship plays in shaping and understanding the lived world. The questions engaged in the classroom respond to those of the historical moment; students who grapple with these ideas leave prepared to face the ongoing demands of the day.

"Patricia Doherty Yoder represents, both in her person in and through her contributions to this endowed chair, the importance of the liberal arts to professional practice. The liberal arts provide the lens from which the professional practices of the marketplace are brought into focus. Organizational leaders are formed by the liberal arts, where practices of thinking and communicating are nurtured, grown, and encouraged. Patricia Doherty Yoder acknowledges the seamless connection between the liberal arts and organizational leadership by nurturing the site where the emergent ideas guiding professional practices and communities emerge."
On April 13, the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies acknowledged the academic achievements of undergraduate and graduate communication scholars at the LPE Induction Ceremony.

Patricia Doherty Yoder received the Anthony L. Bucci Excellence in Communication Ethics Award and gave a keynote address, drawing on her practical experience grounded in the many positions she held during her career as an American Public Relations Executive from Press Secretary for the United States House of Representatives and management positions in Fortune 100 and Fortune 50 Corporations including Avis, General Electric Capital (GE Capital) and PNC Financial. She gave a keynote address on the importance of a liberal arts education for this historical moment, drawing upon her rich experience in multiple employment settings. Yoder demonstrates to students how a liberal arts education provides the tools for working and succeeding in any job context.

Undergraduate students were honored through induction into LPE, the official honor society of the National Communication Association. This year, 32 students were inducted into LPE: Ryan Abraham, Emily Accorsi, Stephanie Buzzatto, Maria Ciarrocca, Kaitlin R. Conklin, Anna Rose Cunningham, Miah Leigh Dunkleberger, Savanna L. Edmunds, Jamie Egan, Allison Fischer, Jean Rex Geary, Madisen Grimaldi, Julie Jameson, Shannon Kunz, Maureen Lenahan, Marcelius Lewis II, Brittney Lybarger, Raechel Elizabeth Mabie, Marianna Manfredi, Abigail Marotta, Chloe Mortenson, Hannah Murray, Hoan Ngo, Eliza Nickman, Megan Pieto, André Puleo, Megan Ritchie, Brianna Schmid, Kyleigh Smith, Austin Stout, Adam Trainer, and Jessica Sinclair White.
Likewise, the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies recognized the exemplary teaching and service of graduate students. Aurora Pinto received the Richard H. Thames Teaching Award and Mark Gardner received the Donald Clark Edwards Service Award.

Janie M. Harden Fritz, Ph.D., professor of communication & rhetorical studies and director of the B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. programs, said, "The LPE Event this year was significant for many reasons. We mark a legacy defined by Tony Bucci, who funded the Marc Center for Excellence two decades ago. This year's recipient of the Anthony L. Bucci Award for Excellence in Communication Ethics, Patricia Doherty Yoder, exemplifies excellence in liberal and professional education. We are so pleased that our Lambda Pi Eta students, who have excelled academically, could hear the important message Patricia Doherty Yoder provided as guidance for young professionals. We are especially thankful to President Gormley for his presence at this event and ongoing support for our department."

**Ronald C. Arnett, Ph.D. and Susan Mancino, Ph.D. lecture at Adam Mickiewicz University through Erasmus+ Exchange**

Ronald C. Arnett, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies, and Susan Mancino, Ph.D., traveled to Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland through the Erasmus+ Exchange to lecture in their areas of academic expertise.

Arnett provided lectures on corporate communication and communication ethics. Mancino presented her work detailing the intersections between Umberto Eco and cultural lists.

"This international recognition of scholarly excellence is an honor for our department, college, and university," stated Janie Harden Fritz, Ph.D., professor of communication & rhetorical studies and director of the B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. programs.
National Educational Debate Association (NEDA) Nationals Tournament hosted at Duquesne University

On Friday, March 23, and Saturday, March 24, Duquesne University hosted the National Educational Debate Association (NEDA) Nationals Tournament.

Our team, consisting of Solstice Leed, Alexander Wolfe, Kolten Hilterman, Noah Martins, and Adam Ruby, won second place in the sweepstakes division as well as numerous awards throughout the competition.

For information on the Duquesne Debating Society, please email Sarah DeIuliis, Ph.D., Duquesne Debating Society Advisor and Director of Recruitment and Professional Development.

Spring 2018 Bridging Opportunities Networking Event: Professional Meet & Greet Event

PITTSBURGH - On March 23, Duquesne University undergraduate and graduate students met with representatives from five local organizations representing a diverse selection of industry sectors in the 3rd Annual Bridging Opportunities Networking Event sponsored by the Duquesne University Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA).
The event provides students an informal way to get to know organizations. Students met with organizations in a series of five seven-minute rounds of "speed-networking" that allowed them to ask questions, make connections, and learn about potential career paths open to them as communication & rhetorical studies majors (integrated marketing communication, corporate communication, communication studies, or rhetoric).

According to Shannon Keys, Duquesne PRSSA president, the "intimate setting" of the event begets success. "It is not like a job fair where you can barely introduce yourself to a professional-at 'Bridging Opportunities,' you can have genuine conversations with experts who will help guide your future in a meaningful and realistic direction," said Keys. "Networking shouldn't be intimidating; it should be relatable and personable, and that is what we strive to accomplish." Organizations in attendance:

- A to Z Communications - Keynote speaker, Nicole Bruno, Junior Account Executive
- Pittsburgh Cultural Trust - Caitlyn Braun, Show Marketing Manager
- Leukemia & Lymphoma Society - Lauren DiMaria, Campaign Director
- Marc USA - Jenna Weinholtz (Account Executive), Brandy Mitchell (New Business Development Supervisor)
- Havas PR - Brian Ackermann (Assistant Account Executive), Kariann Mano (Assistant Account Executive)

"This was a great opportunity for our students to network with professionals within the Public Relations field in an intimate and personable setting," said Dr. Wachs, co-director of the undergraduate and graduate programs in the Department of Communication & Rhetorical studies and faculty advisor to Duquesne PRSSA. "This event really helps students create professional connections to local companies and gain insight into career possibilities."

For more information on Duquesne PRSSA or the undergraduate program, please email Dr. Wachs, one of the organization's faculty advisors.
International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) hosts professional networking event: "Bridges to Success"

On March 22, Duquesne University undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty networked with representatives of local companies at the "Bridges to Success" event. The International Association of Business Communicators (IABC), a student association within the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies, hosted this networking opportunity at Duquesne University.

President Jessica White commented, "It was exciting to collaborate with local organizations and witness students participating in an incredible networking opportunity. Each speaker offered a personal story and beneficial advice for upcoming graduates entering the marketplace."

Special thanks to the Duquesne Program Council, who provided funds for this successful event.

The following companies and representatives attended:

- Nina Midgley, Owner, My Favorite Sweet Shoppe
- Karris Jackson, Program Manager, Poise Foundation
- Quincy Swatson, CEO, The Door Campaign
- Harry Johnson II, Community Manager, BMe Community
- Candace Okello, Director of Multicultural Affairs, LaRoche College

IABC, a global network established in 1970, seeks to improve organizational effectiveness by developing the communication skills of students and professionals. The Duquesne University IABC affords undergraduates the opportunity to apply their classroom knowledge while networking with local professionals.
For more information about IABC, please contact Dr. John Rief, one of the organization's faculty advisors.

Students share experiences and professional opportunities during internship colloquium:

Feb. 28 - 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 Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, Pauleenanne Design: Event Planning, and the Warren County Courthouse.

For information on internship opportunities, please email Sarah M. Deluliiis, Ph.D., Director of Recruitment and Professional Development.

Graduate Student Andrew Tinker Authors Scholarly International Journal Publication:

Andrew Tinker, Rhetoric Ph.D. graduate student at Duquesne University, has published "Martin Buber, I-It, and Utopias: Economics and Dialogue in the Age of Neoliberal Globalisation," in Journal of Dialogue Studies, volume 5, Autumn 2017 (pp. 5-22).

Dr. Janie Harden Fritz, Professor of Communication & Rhetorical Studies, keynotes Fashion Institute of Technology's Spring Convocation:

Janie Harden Fritz, Ph.D., Professor of Communication & Rhetorical Studies, was the featured speaker at Fashion Institute of Technology's spring convocation. Her address, "Pedagogical Civility: Protecting and Promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion," marked the start of F. I. T.'s civility initiative. Located in Manhattan at the edge of the historic garment district, Fashion Institute of Technology is part of the State University System of New York and offers a traditional liberal arts education as well as degrees in fashion and related professional specializations.
Graduate Students Susan Mancino and Hannah Karolak Co-Author Book Chapter:

Susan Mancino, Rhetoric Ph.D. graduate student at Duquesne University, and Hannah Karolak, Rhetoric Ph.D. student at Duquesne University, have published "Emmanuel Levinas: The Turning of Semioethics" with Dr. Ronald C. Arnett in Communicology for the Human Sciences: Lanigan and the Philosophy of Communication, edited by Andrew R. Smith, Isaac E. Catt, and Igor Klukanov (New York: Peter Lang).

Rogers accepted to ECA Undergraduate Scholars Convention

Katherine Rogers, senior Integrated Marketing Communication major, had her paper "Acknowledgement of Difference in the Use of Codes: A Communication Ethics Approach" accepted for presentation at the 8th annual James C. McCroskey and Virginia P. Richmond Undergraduate Scholars Conference (USC) to be held concurrently with the Eastern Communication Association's 109th annual convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 25-29, 2018. The department congratulates Katherine on her exemplary scholarship!

Rhetoric Ph.D. Alumna Amanda G. McKendree named Arthur F. and Mary J. O'Neil Director of the Eugene D. Fanning Center for Business Communication at University of Notre Dame

Amanda G. McKendree, (Ph.D. Duquesne University), has been named the Arthur F. and Mary J. O'Neil Director of the Eugene D. Fanning Center for Business Communication. The Fanning Center assists members of the Notre Dame community in the achievement of their academic, intellectual, and professional goals by providing instruction and coaching in business writing, presenting, communication strategy, and other dimensions of business communication.

As director, Amanda will be responsible for developing curriculum, expanding the Center's impressive case collection, managing relationships with internal and external university partners, and advancing the Fanning Center as a world-class academic organization for business communication.

Amanda was hired by the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame in 2014 as an associate teaching professor of management. Her research examines crisis communication, conflict communication, and the influence of rhetoric on organizational identity. She is published in the SAGE Encyclopedia of Identity, Business Communication Quarterly, Teaching Ideas for the Basic Communication Course, Journal of the Association for Communication Administration, and Review of Communication. She is coauthor of Conflict between Persons: The Origins of Leadership.

She currently serves as the chair of the Communication Ethics Division of the National Communication Association and vice president of the Pennsylvania Communication Association. She is also a member of the Midwest Regional Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Consortium executive committee, the Management Communication Association, the Association for Business Communication, and Page Up, the professional development organization of the Arthur W. Page Society.

The Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies congratulates Dr. McKendree on her new position!
Graduate Students Lazarus Langbiir, C.S.Sp. and Susan Mancino Co-Authored Scholarly Journal Publication:

Graduate students Lazarus Langbiir, C.S.Sp. and Susan Mancino have co-authored "Responsiveness to the Revelatory: Engaging the Spiritan Mission" in the Journal of Communication and Religion, volume 40, issue 3 (pp. 87-101).

Graduate Student Tiffany Petricini Single-Authored Scholarly Journal Publication:

Tiffany Petricini, Rhetoric Ph.D. graduate student at Duquesne University, has published "Synchronic responsibility: A commentary on Walter J. Ong’s work on time and consciousness" in Explorations in Media Ecology, volume 16, issue 2&3 (pp. 195-203).