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SALUTE TO FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARDS

We are so proud to have these great professors among us. They were honored in the Salute to Faculty Excellence Awards Banquet. Dr. Justin Trudeau (Left) and Dr. Brian Richardson (Middle) were awarded the SGA Honor Professor Award.

Dr. Brian Lain (Right) was awarded the distinguished 'Fessor Graham Award. Congrats Again!

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Faculty Appreciation

Many of our Teaching Assistants and Grad Students went out of their way this year to show their faculty how much they mean to them. They hosted a Faculty Appreciation Luncheon and each brought in some homemade delicacies. They also participated in "Tag Your Professor's Door" during the week. Each professor had a sign up on their door stating, "We love _____ because..." and they were littered with wonderful sayings from students. We definitely appreciate our Faculty here at COMM Studies!



Dr. Brian Lain Interviewed for Lt. Governor Debate



Excerpt from the San Antonio Express News Website:

Brian Lain, director of debate at the University of North Texas, said he expects it to be a "battle between skilled debaters" but one candidate comes into the debate with a clear upper hand.

Van de Putte "could do a great job. She could be on the offensive. She could do a number of scores ... but as long as Sen. Patrick does a good job of playing defense, she may not make up any ground," he said. "He's got to mess up and she's got to play perfectly."

Read the full article at: www.expressnews.com

Also, search for Dr. Lain's other interview at: www.houstonchronicle.com

UNT DEBATE

UNT Debate Wins Tarrant County Season Opener



UNT Debate won its first foray in parliamentary debate last weekend at Tarrant County College. UNT debaters won first place, second place, fifth place, and took the overall sweepstakes award at the tournament. Three different debate teams posted a total of 14 wins and 0 losses over the course of the tournament. Mackenzie Marquess (freshman Communication major from Wheelless) and Brenton Browne (freshman Political Science major from Lindale) were undefeated in the

preliminary competition and defeated San Jacinto North College in the semifinals to go on to the finals and eventually first place. Anthony Brown (junior Communication major from Irving) and Amber Herrington (sophomore Political Science major from Flower Mound) were also undefeated in preliminary rounds and toppled Texas Southern in the semifinals to meet Marquess and Browne in the finals. Abron Hester (freshman Political Science major from Harker Heights) and Jennifer Miller (junior Sociology major from Arlington) beat East Central University and Tarrant County in the preliminary rounds but did not have sufficient points to be in the semifinals. Mackenzie Marquess was also named the tournament’s best speaker.

Seventeen different teams competed at the “Novice Only” competition held in Tarrant County and not only did the Mean Green take home the title, but also began a new era of UNT Debate. While UNT has had steady success in policy-oriented debate (including a national title in 1948, runners up in 2004, and top speaker in 2009) the Tarrant County Tournament marks the squad’s first competition in the National Parliamentary Debate Association (NPDA). With early success, UNT Debate hopes to continue its winning ways.

-Written by and Photo Courtesy of Dr. Brian Lain

British Debate



UNT Debates the British

UNT graduate students Hillary St John and Matea Ivanovic debated the British National Debate Team on October 10, 2014. The British were represented by Mrs. Kate Brooks, a Doctoral candidate in International Relations at Oxford, and Ms. Alice Coombes Huntley, recent graduate of the University of Bristol. Sensing the global health crisis effecting the metroplex, the parties agreed to debate the topic, “*This*

house believes that the World Health Organization should have the power to close borders. The debate proved to be a fantastic contest with UNT defending state sovereignty and disease prevention and the British debaters arguing that quarantine is the only way to deal with diseases such as Ebola and that sovereignty must take a back seat to global health. Over 250 attended the debate held in the Life Sciences

building and 27 watched on UNT Debate’s livestream of the event. Judging by their responses on twitter (#UNTBritDebate) most were engaged in the discussion of the issues. If you missed the debate you can find it on UNT Debate’s Youtube channel at www.YouTube.com/UNTDebate



UNT Debate’s next international event will be hosting the Rwandan Debate Team on December 2nd at 3pm in Willis Library. Join us for the first-ever visit by Rwandan debate to the UNT campus or follow us on facebook for the livestream link visit: www.facebook.com/UNTDebate.

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Lambda Pi Eta



LPH have been very busy this semester with organizing all kinds of wonderful events. Here is an update of what they have been up to:

VP of finance, Taylor, organized a fundraiser for this semester where LPH will partner with Pie Five on October 30th for LPH to receive 20% of the proceeds!

VP of Philanthropy, David, devised a plan to collect canned goods and toiletries for the Salvation Army. October 15th - November 15th Drop off any donations at GAB 309.

VP of Academic Development, Austin, organized tutoring for 3010 students who want help with editing their papers. LPH members signed up to help tutor students in the Comm Library. This went very well in October and they plan to have another round in November.

VP of Communications, Molly, has been sprucing up the Facebook page. Like UNTLPH here: www.facebook.com/UNTLambdaPieta

Our VP of Social Programming, Cotton, is coordinating a social event this semester. With help from UNT's Improv. Club, they are going to do a workshop that'll help them think on our feet and really serve as a bonding experience for everyone. You'll be able to just watch if you don't want to participate, but it promises to be a fun evening for all. Planning for the first week in November.

President, Rhett, is organizing the Induction Ceremony this semester.

NCA Future Pros



Cindy Sewell, Vice President of Talent Management/Human Resources at Hyla Mobile, was guest speaker at the recent NCA Future Pros meeting. As part of her presentation, Ms. Sewell conducted a mock interview with Lance Ragland, a senior in the Communication Studies department. After

providing helpful interviewing hints, Ms. Sewell then discussed working in the Human Resources profession and took questions from the audience.



Dr. Brian Richardson will be conducting a meeting about the UNT Communication Studies Internship Program on October 27th at 4pm in GAB 321. He will be discussing how students can use their skills that they are developing in their comm courses now for the their career in the future!

PIGS

The Performance Interest Group has started off the semester with a few meetings and new faces. Upcoming meeting times are listed as follows:

- Oct. 29th - Halloween Meeting
- Nov 12th - Performance Showcase Rehearsal
- Nov. 14th - Performance Showcase



Fall 2014 PIGS officers



Amanda Koen, President



Chelsea Lindblad , Vice President

AROUND TOWN & OTHER NEWS

CAS Attendance Winners Reception



Last month we were given a reception because our department had the highest percentage of attendees at the Spring 2014 CAS General Faculty Assembly. Thank you College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Office!

COMM Pizza Social



The Annual Pizza Social starting off the Fall 2014 Semester went very well. Lots of socializing and pizza, along with some great door prizes!! We had over 60 students come to visit us and have a chance to mingle with their fellow students and faculty. Congratulations to all of four of our door prize winners!! The winner pictured on the top right was William Buggs who won the Top Prize, a \$50 Mastercard!!

Classroom Work with Games



Comm 1010 students working in small collaborative groups to develop a game board using research about communication concepts and theories. Topics range from logical fallacies to romantic relationships to social media.

Comm 2140 Students practicing critical thinking skills through playing Zendo with Pyramids.



Petit Jean Performance Festival 2014



Frankenstein's Baby:

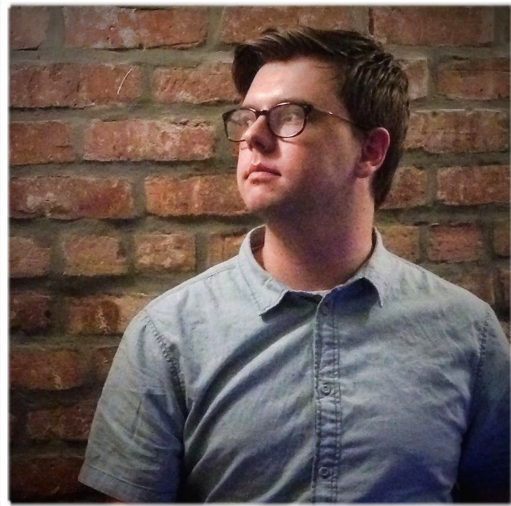
Devised Ensemble Storytelling to Build Your Own Monster

The University of North Texas Performance Interest Group hosted the Petit Jean Performance Festival on October 17 and 18 in Petit Jean State Park near Morrilton, Arkansas. Dr. Charles Parrott of Kennesaw State University, who served as the festival leader, shared with students and faculty members from 9 colleges and universities an ensemble method for devising group performances that he has used in two recent productions, *Storytold* and *Frankenstein'd*. Undergraduates in attendance were divided into small groups and, using the methods described by Dr. Parrott, produced new versions of classic stories over the course of two days. Their final performances provided new twists on classic tales Cinderella, Adam and Eve, Romeo and Juliet, Dracula, Peter Pan, and Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. In addition to these improvised performances, students from Capital University and Louisiana State University presented featured performances.



Next year will mark the 35th anniversary of the festival, and plans are already well under way. Bob Gerard, who has the distinction of having attended Petit Jean more than any other person in the history of the festival, will serve as the festival director. The dates for next year are October 16 and 17.

ALUMNI NEWS



Keith Moore graduated from the UNT Communication Studies program in 2012 and currently lives in New York City where he works for Chipotle Mexican Grill as a People Support Manager. Keith describes himself as a reader, traveler, television junkie, and accidental hipster.

Here is an update from Keith after we asked him how his Communication Studies degree is benefiting him currently... "Last Monday I stumbled into a conversation with a complete stranger while waiting in line for coffee and we discussed the impact of gentrification on our traditionally Hispanic Brooklyn neighborhood, and by Wednesday I was in Sacramento coaching a group of newly promoted restaurant managers on how to deliver persuasive orientations to their new crew members.

These interactions are only a few examples of how communication impacts me in my daily life, both personally and professionally. In my current role with Chipotle Mexican Grill I travel the nation speaking with our teams helping to build strong and sustainable people cultures. This type of work is completely dependent upon my ability to build deep connections quickly and to deliver clear and actionable feedback, both skills I learned during my time at UNT. Whether I am helping a new manager to interpret non-verbal cues during an interview, or mediating conflict among crew members, my understanding of communication has proven invaluable. Many of my peers have an education in business related disciplines, but my understanding of people and human interaction affords me an opportunity to present different ways of thinking. On a personal note, moving to New York City was an overwhelming and intimidating experience, and I can say with certainty that the 'Keith' who walked into the COMM 3010 course clutching a crisp new version of the APA manual would never have been able to 'make it' in the intensity and chaos of New York City without the skills I have gained through my time in the GAB and the Black Box. I am incredibly thankful for my time in the Communication Studies department, and I consider an education in communication to be among the most rewarding things I have done."

LOOKING FORWARD

Look for our Newsletter next month for the November 2014 edition.

Keep in contact with us through our website www.communication.unt.edu

COMM Trivia



Look for our weekly Trivia questions on our Facebook page about the faculty. This is for our undergrads so they can learn a little more about their professors and win a UNT swag pack. We have already learned some fun facts about Dr. Richardson and Dr. Trudeau. Who will be next?!?!

Dates to Remember:

NCA Future Pros Internship Meeting, GAB 321: October 27th, 4pm

Eat Pizza at Pie Five to help donate to LPH, Pie Five: October 30th, 4-8pm

LPH Toiletry Donation Drive, GAB 309: October 15th- November 15th

UNT Mean Green Homecoming & COMM Tailgating, Victory Plaza : November 8th, 1-5:30pm

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