



Drop-in advising, registration, graduation all planned

It's a busy time of year with graduation festivities and registration for Summer and Fall semesters. If you're a continuing student in need of academic advisement, drop-in advising will be held on April 8 from 9 a.m. to noon and on April 9 from 9-10 a.m. in Room 332 with Dr. Sheree Josephson, chair of the Department of Communication. You are welcome to show up without an appointment. You can also schedule an appointment with your academic adviser. If you encounter any registration problems or can't get into the classes you need, please contact your academic adviser or Sare Gardner at sgardner1@weber.edu.

This is the April edition of the monthly email to majors. At least once a month during the regular school year, we will email you to let you know about meetings of student organizations, guest speakers, important deadlines, opportunities, student and faculty achievements—and more. If you have information you'd like us to distribute, please email department chair Sheree Josephson at sjosephson@weber.edu.

What's Happening

April

- **April 1:** Summer Registration opens
- **April 4:** Opportunity to meet international journalists, 10:30 a.m., EH 304
- **April 8:** Fall Registration opens
- **April 8:** Drop-in academic advising with chair, 9 a.m.-noon, EH 332
- **April 9:** Drop-in academic advising with chair, 9-10 a.m., EH 332
- **April 18:** Speech Showcase, 7 p.m., EH 229
- **April 18:** Communication awards ceremony, LPH induction by invitation
- **April 26:** Graduation

Student News

75 students graduate with bachelor's, associate's degrees

Congratulations to the 70 students graduating with bachelor's degrees in Communication and the five students graduating with an associate's degrees in Communication.

- **Civic Advocacy:** Alex Dosier
- **Digital Media:** Chloe Bloom, Matthew Child, Barbara Dille, David Harris IV, Ryan Hauser, Daniel Hernandez, Shannon Hulet, Scott Jordan Jr., Emily McKay, Makenna Smith, Montana Thompson, Alyssa Vallejos, Marissa Wolford
- **Interpersonal & Family Communication:** Kelly Bingham, Brooke Dahlberg, Kimberly Derrick, Jamie Godfrey, Colin Hooten, Bianca Morales, Jaclynn Murphy, Sara Parker, Hannah Tuttle
- **Multimedia Journalism:** Evan Brown, Brock Embley, Harrison Epstein, Derrick Gainsforth, Cameron Gifford, Raychel Johnson, John Keeffer, Colton Pack, Hillary Reilly, Joe Traub, Kayla Winn

- **Organizational Communication:** Raechel Clark, Marissa Hansen, Robert Hunsaker, Ana Morales, Lindsay Reed, Shelby Robinson, Lisa Rules, Spencer Teramoto
- **Public Relations & Advertising:** Gregory Benson, Nicholas Cordon, Parker Crawford, Ryan Cross, Jessica Driggs, Trent Ferrin, Christie Fewkes, Isabella Gomes, Savannah Goodall, Madison Hardy, Mitchell Hardy, Ashlee Hinds, Jared Kitchen, Kathryn Lintzenich, Stefany Marquez, Kara Mitchell, Zachary Newhall, Amber Plant, Paige Robertson, Sidney Rogers, Timothy Romney, Madison Samuels, Nicholas Sells, Morgan Stonehocker, Micah Van Sickle, Chloe Walker, Charley Whitney, Gerald Williams-Robinson
- **Associate's:** Nefi Alulema, Evan Brown, Juliette Cordero, Kristen Fidler, Ryan Marion

16 students graduate with Master of Professional Communication degree

Congratulations to the 16 students graduating with a master's degree in Professional Communication. Graduates include Caitlin Anderson, Eric Bischoff, Lyndsay Carter, Dalan Hilton, Troy Hudson, Dayton Martindale, Lindsey Chisholm, Tawnie Moore, Eva Oseguera, Katrina Peek, John Pincock, Ryann Ramos, Eric Rigby, Heather Sachs, Amy Sather, and Areli Thomas.

Outstanding graduates in Communication to be honored

The outstanding graduates have been selected for the Department of Communication for the 2018-2019 academic year. They will be honored at a ceremony on April 18.

- **Outstanding Academic Achievement:** Noelle Roskelley Lee
- **Civic Advocacy:** Megan Kendell
- **Digital Media:** Emily Eldredge
- **Interpersonal & Family Communication:** Jamie Spackman Godfrey
Multimedia Journalism: Cameron Gifford
- **Organizational Communication:** Lindsay Reed
- **Public Relations & Advertising:** Kara Mitchell, Shaundra Rushton
- **Associate of Science in Communication:** Ashton Corsetti
- **Master of Professional Communication:** Caitlin Anderson

Five students to graduate with Honors in Communication

Five students will graduate with Honors in Communication. To graduate with Honors, students must earn a 3.75 GPA in the Communication major and have a 3.5 GPA overall. They must also present original research at a conference. They will be honored at the awards ceremony on April 18.

- **Cameron Gifford:** "A History of Violence: Video Games and the Media"
- **Noelle Nicole Lee:** "An Exploration of Workplace Romance Participant Perspectives"
- **Elizabeth Wharton:** "Best Practices of ESL Tutoring"
- **Jamie Spackman:** "Children's Toys and the Media"
- **Barbara Dille:** "Disability Just Is"

20 to be inducted into national honor society for Communication

Twenty Communication majors will be inducted into Lambda Pi Eta, the national honor society for Communication, in a ceremony on April 18. To be eligible for Lambda Pi Eta, students must (1) complete 60 semester credit hours, (2) have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 for all courses taken, (3) complete the equivalent of 12 semester credit hours in Communication, (4) have a minimum GPA of 3.25 for all Communication courses, (5) currently be enrolled as a student in good standing, as determined by the institution's policies, and (6) rank within the highest 35 percent of one's class in general scholarship. The inductees include Jordyn A. Allred, Collins C. Blakely, Rebecca L. Brown, Barbara Rose Dille, Jessica N. Driggs, Mallory S. Gallegos, Elissa B. George, Devon A. Jennings, Lucy A. Kunzler, Tammy L. McCray, Kara Mitchell, Sara Catherine Parker, Paige L. Robertson, Alexa Sepulveda, Makenna Smith, Morgan M. Stonehocker, Ian M. Syme, Hannah Tuttle, Deborah L. Wilber, and Natalie Wilson.

The Signpost names editor-in-chief and other leaders for next year

The Signpost has selected its student leaders for the 2019-20 school year. Victoria Waltz, a multimedia journalism major who plans to graduate in spring 2020, will serve as editor-in-chief. Supporting her will be Jennifer Greenlee, news editor; Ashlynd Greenwood, assistant news editor; Danya Gil, diversity editor; Alyson Johnson, arts & entertainment editor; Brandon May, sports editor; Raymond Lucas, assistant sports editor; Sierra Hawkins, copy desk chief; Bella Torres, photo editor; and Aubree Eckhardt, graphics editor. The Signpost is taking applications for reporters, photographers and other positions for Summer and Fall 2019 and Spring 2020. Find the application at signpost.mywebermedia.com by clicking on the About Us link.

MPC student elected graduate student senator

MPC student Cydnee Green was elected as the graduate student senator in the Weber State University Student Association elections. Her platform centered on increasing undergraduate recruitment for graduate programs and the creation of virtual town halls, allowing graduate students a place to voice their concerns outside of the usual meetings, which can be difficult for graduate students to attend. Green also graduated with a bachelor's degree in Communication.

Two Communication majors have research published in Ergo

Two Communication students had papers published by Ergo, WSU's undergraduate research journal. Rebecca Bagget Brown's paper is titled "Pocahontas and Semiotics: An Explanation of Semiotics using Disney's 1995 Film Pocahontas," and Makenna Dillingham's paper is titled "Two Weeks' Notice: A Face Negotiation Theory Analysis."

Interpersonal & Family student's internship interview lands her job

Brooke Dahlberg, an Interpersonal & Family Communication major, approached The Bridal Shop to ask if it would consider offering an internship, which was her dream. The Bridal Shop was so impressed with her internship interview that she was hired for a job on the spot. Her employer wrote, "Brook is extremely teachable, fun, caring, and smart."

Announcements

Speech Showcase to feature Top 5 speakers from Fall's public speaking classes

The Department of Communication will host the Spring 2019 Speech Showcase on Thursday, April 18, from 7-8 p.m. in the Eccles Lecture Hall in Elizabeth Hall Room 229. Five finalists will deliver speeches and the other top speakers from Fall Semester's sections of COMM 1020 Principles of Public Speaking will be honored. Jennie Taylor, the widow of former North Ogden Mayor Major Brent Taylor who was killed in Afghanistan in 2018, will accept the Freedom through Rhetoric award on his behalf. Everyone is invited to attend.

Multimedia Journalism opportunity: Two classes, one time

Multimedia journalism majors who need COMM 3130 News Reporting and Writing and COMM 3780 Broadcast News Writing and Production will have the chance this fall to kill two requirements with one timeslot. Both classes will be offered Mondays 5:30 to 8:15 p.m. and will be team-taught by Assistant Professor Jean Norman and university spokeswoman and former television journalist Allison Hess. It is an experiment to encourage the creation of multimedia news packages, and students who choose the option to take them both at the same time will need an override to complete their registration. Students who need just one or the other may still register for a single class. Students requesting an override should email department administrator Sareah Gardner (sgardner1@weber.edu) or Assistant Professor Jean Norman (jeannorman@weber.edu) and include their W number in the email. Those with questions about the class can email Norman or Allison Hess (ahess@weber.edu).

Opportunity to meet international journalists on April 4

Six international journalists—from Afghanistan, Israel, Botswana, Paraguay, Senegal and Luxembourg—will visit Weber State on Thursday, April 4, at 10:30 a.m. in EH 304 through the Edward R. Murrow Program for Journalists. It's a State Department program that encourages citizen diplomacy. The State Department is interested in allowing these journalists to continue mentoring students through email. If you are interested in this opportunity, please come and meet our guests personally. The journalists are Ahmad Haris Jamalzada of Afghanistan, executive producer at Khurshid TV; Seneo K. B. N. Setilo of Botswana, news reporter, Gabz FM radio station; Eman Safady of Israel, journalist for Arab Society Affairs and Minorities, Israeli Army radio station; Thomas Ruedell of Luxembourg, journalist at *Luxemburger Wort* and wort.lu; Luis Alberto Carassale Ayala of Paraguay, news director of Telefuturo channel; Cheikh Ahmadou Bamba Ndao of Senegal, consultant of web marketing and digital issues for the Western Communication Co.

Organizational Communication Audits & Consulting offered in Fall

A Special Topics class (COMM 4500) called Organizational Communication Audits & Consulting will be offered Fall Semester on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. taught by Dr. Michael Ault. Management consulting is a \$250 billion industry and is growing quickly. The purpose of this course is to explore how to conduct Organizational Communication assessment and consulting methodologies. The class will cover the main positions of assessment strategies in the field of Organizational Communication. Some of the main topics included in this course represent the methods of organizational assessment, contemporary means of conducting assessments and case studies. The class can count toward the Organizational Communication emphasis or may be used as an elective in other emphasis areas. See your academic adviser to learn where this class may count.

Classes part of new associate's in Workplace Communication to be offered in Fall

The Communication Department will offer two courses in Fall Semester that are part of the new associate's degree in Workplace Communication & Writing. Writing for Workplace Communication (COMM 1140) is a required writing course for the new degree. It can also be substituted for Media Writing (COMM 1130) for students in the Organization Communication and Interpersonal & Family Communication emphases. Communication in Professional Settings (COMM 2550) will provide an introduction to theories and research in organizational communication and public relations. It will be offered online. The classes are part of the new interdisciplinary associate's degree offered by the departments of Communication and English. These classes may also be used to fulfill requirements for the Associate of Science in Communication degree as well as the department's bachelor's degrees.

Advisory Board named for Communication Department

The Advisory Board for Communication has been named for the 2019-2020 year. The members include:

- **Morgan Breismaster Saxton:** news reporter for KUTV (Comm alum)
- **Cody Craynor:** senior strategic analysis manager for the Public Affairs Department for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Comm alum)
- **Chanel Flores:** aerospace and IT cluster director for the Utah Governor's Office (Comm alum)
- **Marci Gibbons:** Utah Film Commission
- **Kylee Hallows:** business owner of Lavender Vinyl and the Lav Kitchen (Comm alum)
- **Jeff Hawkes:** director of channel development for Mingle Health (Comm alum)
- **Colleen Henstra:** program manager for equity, diversity, and inclusion at the IRS (MPC alum)
- **John Kowalewski:** executive director of Marketing & Communications, WSU
- **Luis Lopez:** director of Continuing Education programs, WSU
- **Dillon Olsen:** associate attorney at HATCH law firm (Comm alum)
- **Virginia Pearce:** director of the Utah Film Commission
- **Lisa Roskelley:** WSU adjunct professor, former communications director for Utah governor (Comm alum)
- **Michael Shackelford:** debate coach at Rowland High School (Comm alum)
- **Dave Smith:** managing partner and president at Penna Powers PR firm (Comm alum)
- **Brooks Stevenson:** assistant vice president, Intermountain Healthcare, WSU adjunct professor (Comm and MPC alum)

The Signpost history documented in exhibit in WSU library

Weber State University's latest exhibit is about The Signpost, WSU's student news organization. The exhibit will be displayed on the first floor of the library until April 30.

Tips on registering if you want to do an internship in the summer

If you are planning to do an internship in the summer but not taking any other classes, you can avoid paying for those 3 credits just for summer registration by enrolling in COMM 4890 in the Spring. That will give you access to the Canvas course. You will receive an Incomplete at the end of Spring semester, which will not affect your GPA, but you have a year to complete your online internship assignments. You can NOT do an internship in the summer, but enroll in COMM 4890 in the Fall.

Faculty Achievements

Professor publishes article on 'Young Love at Work'

Dr. Hailey Gillen has co-authored "Young Love at Work: Perceived Effects of Workplace Romance among Millennial Generation Organizational Members," an article published in *The Journal of Psychology Interdisciplinary and Applied*.

Public relations professor to present paper at international conference

Leslie Howerton, faculty member in Public Relations & Advertising, has been selected to present a paper at the International Association for Media and Communication Research in July in Madrid. Her paper is titled "Family Planning in Global Health Governance: A Political Economy Analysis of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Campaign for Contraception in Developing Nations." It was accepted by the Heath Communication and Change/Communication and HIV and AIDS Working Group.

Interim director of debate receives community advocate award

Ryan Wash, interim director of forensics, was named the recipient of the John A. Jacobsohn Community Advocate Award at the Junior Varsity Championship held at West Virginia University.

Department chair to present introduction for 'Handbook of Visual Communication'

Dr. Sheree Josephson, chair of the Department of Communication, will present "The Visual Age" at the national conference VisCom 33 in Mammoth Lake, California, in June. The presentation is part of the introduction for the second edition of the "Handbook of Visual Communication," which Josephson is editing for Routledge. The book is expected to be published in 2020.

Faculty to be recognized at WSU Symposium Teaching and Learning Celebration

Several Communication faculty members will be recognized April 2 at the Faculty Symposium Teaching and Learning Celebration while others will present research.

- Dr. Sarah Steimel is a recipient of the Presidential Excellence in Teaching Award.
- Dr. Jean Norman is a recipient of a Presidential Innovative Teaching Grant.
- Dr. Colleen Packer is a recipient of a George and Beth Lowe Teaching Innovation Grant: "Oh My Heck! Learning with Tech: Promoting Digital Literacy and Student Success through Emerging Technologies."
- Norman and Packer will participate in a poster session highlighting their innovative teaching projects.
- Dr. Anne Bialowas and Steimel will present research titled "#Less is More: Use of Video to Address the Problem of Teacher Immediacy and Presence in Online Courses."
- Packer will present a Great Idea For Teaching (GIFT) focused on "Options for Organizing: Teaching Organization and Outlining through Engaged Teaching Strategies."
- Steimel will also give the keynote address at the Faculty Symposium Awards Luncheon.

Get Involved

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