



November 1-5 is Advising Week, a.k.a. “Shark Week”

Please see our [course schedule grid](#) to help plan for Spring 2022 registration. Reach out and [meet with your advisor](#) to start planning.

Note: COMM 2400 Social Media for Communicators is a new class and will be meeting MW 9:30-10:20 a.m. face-to-face plus asynchronous work. It is an elective for all emphasis areas. Reach out with questions—We’re here to help!

## Upcoming Events

Save the Date—Speech Showcase is 7 p.m. Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> in Ehall 229

## Student Accomplishments

The Weber State University Speech Team competed virtually at the Steve Hunt Classic and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in team sweeps for speaking events, 5<sup>th</sup> in team sweeps for debate, and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall out of 67 schools. Individual Speaking Event Awards Included:

- **Bex Baggett:** 2<sup>nd</sup> in Junior Duo, and 4<sup>th</sup> in Open Dramatic Interpretation
- **Akir Rowe:** 1<sup>st</sup> in Junior Editorial Commentary, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Junior Duo, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Junior After Dinner Speaking, and Semi-Finalist in Junior Extemporaneous Speaking
- **Jazmyne Olson:** 1<sup>st</sup> in Junior Communication Analysis, 6<sup>th</sup> in Junior Dramatic Interpretation, and 6<sup>th</sup> in Junior Prose
- **Sophie Beck:** 3<sup>rd</sup> in Junior Informative Speaking, 4<sup>th</sup> in Junior Dramatic Interpretation, 5<sup>th</sup> in Junior Program of Oral Interpretation, and 5<sup>th</sup> in Junior Prose
- **Krystiana Davis:** 3<sup>rd</sup> in Junior Program of Oral Interpretation, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Communication Analysis
- **Kyle Housley:** 1<sup>st</sup> in Junior Duo, 1<sup>st</sup> in Informative Speaking, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Junior Program of Oral Interpretation

- **Saxony Ruckman:** 6<sup>th</sup> in Novice Dramatic Interpretation
- **Hali Hutchinson:** 4<sup>th</sup> in Novice Dramatic Interpretation
- **Rae Alder:** 1<sup>st</sup> in Junior Duo, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Novice Poetry, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Novice Persuasive Speaking

**Niki Tonks**, MPC alum, will be presenting at the Northern Utah Business Symposium on Friday, November 12th about her generational communication research at the upcoming event “Marketing that Moves the Needle.” WSU students can attend and [register](#) for free. Niki Tonks will also be presenting her research at the National Communication Association Conference. The title of her research is "Using Uncertainty Reduction Theory to Explore Miscommunication in Cross-Generational Texting."

**Mitch Whitfield**, MPC alum, will be presenting with Communication faculty member, **Alex Lancaster**, at the National Communication Association Conference. The title is “A Dark Tetrad of Reality: Assessing the Ideology of Involuntary Celibates.”

## Faculty Accomplishments

**Nicole Defenbaugh** co-developed a project that is a Silver Winner for [The John A. Hartford Foundation Tipping Point Challenge](#). The title of the project is “Serial Interdisciplinary Write-Read-Reflect Narrative Experiences to Meaningfully Strengthen Reflective Listening Skills.”

Faculty presenting at upcoming annual National Communication Association convention include:

- **Ryan Cheek:** “COVID Campaigning and the Need for Political Technical Communication in Transformative Times”
- **Li Chen:** “Networked Celebrity Advocacy in the #MeToo Movement”
- **Hailey Gillen-Hoke:** “Locus of Control, Empathy, Political Affiliation, and Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic”  
“The COVID-19 Shift: (Re)imagining Women and the Workplace”  
“Faith Practices and their Effects: Religion in the Midst of COVID-19”
- **Alex Lancaster:** In addition to presenting with Mitch Whitfield, Alex will be presenting at the Applied Communication Division Business Meeting.
- **Sarah Steimel:** “Renewing and Transforming the Student-Teacher Interpersonal Relationship in the Era of COVID-19”  
“Transforming Masters Education through Reimagining Assessment Possibilities”  
“The COVID-19 Shift: (Re)imagining Women and the Workplace”

The Department of Communication office is open Monday- Thursday 8-5 and Friday 8-1. You can also call us at 801-626-6426 or email [communication@weber.edu](mailto:communication@weber.edu) Of course, you can also leave a message any time. We will get back to you. Feel free to email Anne Bialowas [annebialowas@weber.edu](mailto:annebialowas@weber.edu) (Department Chair) or [book](#) an advising appointment.

## Get Involved

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