



Kudos & Celebrations

Diana Trebing presented a paper and a workshop on "Developing effective reentry training programs" at the International TESOL conference in Seattle in March 2007. She accepted a tenure-track position in intercultural communication in the Department of Communication at Saginaw Valley State University.

Shauna MacDonald successfully defended her Master's research report entitled "The communication and performance of bodily fluids." She was also awarded a Doctoral Fellowship for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Andrew J. Kirk recently presented two papers—"Unpacking Simone: A soap opera lesbian goes to Camp" and "Truth, justice, and the American...gay? Superhero identity as queer identity on *Smallville*"—at the Central States Communication Association conference in Minneapolis.

Students in the Raymond D. Wiley chapter of the **PRSSA** hosted a regional conference on the topic of Health Public Relations on Saturday, April 21. Students from SIUC and other area universities gathered to hear advice from experts in this growing area of public relations practice and the conference was a considered a success by those in attendance.

Kim Kline has accepted a position as Associate Professor at the University of Texas at San Antonio beginning Fall '07. She has contracted to act as consultant with the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX on a project with Dr. Maria Jibaja-Weiss, Department of Family and Community Medicine, to help develop appropriate health messages in an interactive telenovela addressing diabetes prevention and management for Hispanic populations. Kim has also approved galley proofs for two forthcoming publications: "Cultural sensitivity and health promotion: Assessing breast cancer education" in *Health Communication* and "Midwife attended births in prime-time television: Crazy, controlling bitches, and ultimate capitulation" in *Women & Language*. Her co-authored chapter (with Dr. Heather Zoller, University of Cincinnati), "Theoretical Contributions of Interpretive and Critical Research in Health Communication," has been accepted for publication in *Communication Yearbook* 32.

Samantha P. McKelvie presented two papers at the Central States Communication Association conference: "Problematizing privileged identities: Addressing whiteness in intercultural training" and "Is anyone else totally p'd that T and E are having sex again?" Soap opera narrative ownership on *Passions* message boards."

Sachiko Tankei-Aminian participated in the Finger Lakes Environmental Film Festival at Ithaca College, NY as a selected fellow from March 26 to April 7. She will be performing "On becoming Japerican" at an event called 'Celebrasian' at Ithaca, NY. She will perform at Ithaca College on May 4 and at Cornell University on May 5.

Nilanjana Bardhan delivered a presentation on March 29 titled "Indian Women Transitioning to Western Culture" as part of Women's History Awareness Month at SIUC.

Richie Neil Hao's article "Finding spirituality through confrontation and celebration of Asianness in the classroom" has been accepted for publication in J. D. Hamlet & K. G. Hendrix (Eds.), *As the spirit moves us: Embracing spirituality in the postsecondary experience*. His article, "Using critical incidents as an intercultural activity for the basic course" was published in B. Hugenberg & L. W. Hugenberg (Eds.), *Teaching Ideas for the Basic Communication Course, 10* (101-108). Dubuque, IA: Kendall/Hunt.

Patrick Santoro recently presented an original film, "Cataclysmic Evolution: A Retelling of Octavia E. Butler's *Clay's Ark*," at the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association national conference in Boston. In May, he will present a paper, "Reconstructing life: Performance, autobiography, and empowerment," at the Third International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Patrick's teaching exercise, "Understanding audience analysis and adaptation through television programming," will be published in the upcoming *Teaching Ideas for the Basic Communication Course*.

In March, **Joe Hassert** presented his paper "Grappling for inclusion: Female high school wrestlers from Title IX to State Title" at SIUC for the Annual Feminist Scholars Panel.

Elizabeth Petre was elected to the board of the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender as the Graduate Student Representative.

Melinda Yeomans presenting "Nihilism to Nearness: The Language of Gnosis in T.S. Elliot," "Poetic Justice: The Articulation of Subjectivity in Joy Harjo's Poetry," and "Developing the Citizen Orator" all at the Qualitative Inquiry Conference, May 2007.

In conjunction with her course this semester in Compassionate Communication, **Suzanne Daughton** organized "Speaking Peace," a series of events featuring St. Louis-based certified Nonviolent Communication trainer Jeff Brown and Rhonda Mills, a Registered Yoga Teacher working toward NVC trainer certification. Their free opening "lecture" on April 5 took place in the Kleinau Theatre and was very well attended, with over 90 people in the audience, including 20 or more Speech Communication members. The more experiential workshops on April 6 and 7 were also well-attended, and also included excellent support from the department, including undergraduate, graduate, and faculty participation: Suzanne Daughton, Erin Ichikawa, Susannah Bunny LeBaron, Jessie Stewart, Nathan Stucky, Nic Zaunbrecher, and Naida Zukic. Many, many thanks to those of you who announced these events in classes, attended one or more events yourselves, or even just thought nice compassionate thoughts.