

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Student News

Fareed Bailey, new MA student, has been accepted as a legislative intern at the Arizona State Legislature for the spring 2009 legislative session.

Paul Boyer has accepted a Communications Specialist position with the Office of the Speaker of the House, Arizona State Legislature. Paul will be assisting the Director of Communications with press releases, media inquiries and internal communications.

Heather Johnson, James Sanderson, Dayna Kloeber, and Bonnie Wentzel presented their research at the recent National Communication Association conference in San Diego.

Dayna Kloeber – February 2008, Western States Communication Association Conference/Denver - Top debut paper, Interpersonal Communication Division “The Language of Conditional Forgiveness.”

Shu-Ting Lin – Ting received an attractive job offer from TDK Inc., an electronics company located in her native Taiwan. She will work in international marketing or human resources. Ting will be married in Las Vegas on Christmas Day.

Zachary McDowell – Zachary has been accepted into the Ph.D. program at the University of Connecticut.

Nicki Piemonte and Dayna Kloeber were recently selected to serve as research assistants for the Family Communication Consortium (FCC), a new research and teaching initiative launched by the communication studies faculty. The FCC focuses on such issues as the impact of family communication on health, the effects of new communication technologies on family interactions patterns, and factors which inhibit and facilitate intergenerational communication.

Noshin Rafeei is enrolled in the Ph.D. program in Sociology at ASU Tempe Campus.

Jimmy Sanderson – Jimmy has been accepted into the Ph.D. program at The University of Utah and has recently published two articles entitled 1) “How do you prove a negative?” and 2) “You are the type of person that children should look up to as a hero.” These articles were published in the International Journal of Sport Communication.

Wendy Shepherd – Published a chapter in *Child Advocacy 101*. This book has been endorsed by Dr. Vincent Felitti, who is the doctor that just recently worked with the CDC to show that adverse childhood effects have a major influence on adult health <http://www.ascestudy.org>.

Bonnie Wentzel – Bonnie Wentzel is leading a conference on Advocacy for Re-Entry students for her Applied Project. The conference will be held Saturday, April 3, 2009 and is open to student services professionals from Arizona universities, private colleges, and community colleges, as well as interested students and the public.

Xin Yang, Paul Boyer, Deepa Chawla, Carmen Gorman, Dayna Kloeber, and Wendy Shepherd were selected to serve on the Graduate Advisory Council (GAC), a student group which advocates on behalf of MACS students. The GAC meets with the Graduate Director and other faculty members once a semester.

MACS students helped the department host the Arizona Communication Association conference in October 2008. The conference featured a student panel on the rhetoric of Governor Janet Napolitano and a keynote speech by David Zarefsky, a nationally renowned scholar of political communication.

Former MA student **Carla Fisher** recently joined the Communication Studies faculty after completing her Ph.D. at Pennsylvania State University.

Former MA student **Jessica Harvey** will complete her Ph.D. at the University of Washington this year.

Former MA student **Bianca Wolf** will complete her Ph.D. in communication at the University of Iowa this year. She will simultaneously complete an MA in health administration.

Students Completing Teaching Assistantships Fall 08 Semester:

Amber Acosta, Jessica Farmer, Brandon Goldsmith, Lauren Guida, Nicholas Kays, Connie King, Curtis Mitchell, Robert Poe, Corinne Ricks, Opal Tometi, Amy Vestal, and Bonnie Wentzel.

Recent Graduates

Fall '08 Graduates: Congratulations to: Travis Brown, Jessica Farmer, Lauren Guida, Vicki Sebade and Zachary McDowell.

Spring '08 Graduates: Congratulations to: Judith Lynn, Monica Aguirre Morris, Noshin Rafieei, Sharon Smith, Leah Wyllys-Gambiza, Jiang Zongyu.