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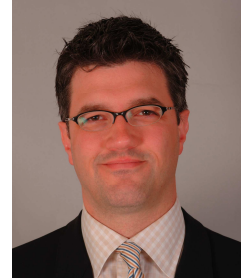
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Alumni Hall of Fame

The Department of Communication was pleased to have **Mr. Chris Pierce**, Senior Director of Merchandise and Venue Services for the New York Jets and SUNY-Albany Department of Communication alum, as this year's commencement speaker.

Mr. Pierce is entering his seventh season with the Jets, and is responsible for all retail ventures. This includes the Jets Shop e-commerce business, Jets Shop Catalog, Jets Shop at the Meadowlands, Jets Shop at Training Camp, and Jets Shop retail stores. In his role he directs the design, development, and production of all Jets licensed products. He also oversees the food and beverage business on game days, and is responsible for the Fan Experience initiative of the Green Team. The Green Team manages every aspect of the customer experience, with the goal of improving the overall fan experience during games.



Chris Pierce
Senior Director
of Merchandise,
New York Jets
BA Communication, '91

Prior to joining the Jets, Pierce has held various director and merchant positions with Lord & Taylor, Joe Boxer, Diesel, and J.Crew. Pierce graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Communication, minoring in Business Administration and Sociology, with a concentration in the areas of organizational and interpersonal communication. Pierce was recruited on campus by Lord & Taylor to begin his career.

He reflects fondly on his time at UAlbany: "My time at UAlbany was one of great personal and professional growth. I had intended to become a Meteorology major and in my sophomore year became a Communication major. I was moved by two professors in particular: Dr. Richard Wilkie and Dr. Donald Cushman. Each of these men has had a lasting impact on me. Dr. Wilkie had a sign in his office that said "Poor planning on your part does not constitute an emergency on my part". It certainly impressed upon me that I was accountable for my actions and that I needed to rely on my own problem solving skills. Dr. Cushman was the reason that I felt such a connection with organizational communication and how much impact I could have in the corporate world with that skill set. I am grateful for my experiences at UAlbany. The staff and faculty helped prepare me for the corporate world and shaped me in ways that have helped me immeasurably". Chris Pierce and his family currently reside in New Jersey.

Student Spotlight: Satomi Kamimura

Communication major and Journalism minor **Satomi Kamimura** recently had her paper "*Turn-Taking in Japanese and Anglo-American English Conversation: A Comparative Study in Interaction*" accepted at The Conference for Undergraduate Research in Communication. The conference, which took place this year on April 18th in Rochester, NY, began in 2004 as a small gathering of communication students from western New York. It has since grown into a vibrant regional conference. Sponsored by the Department of Communication and held annually at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), the conference draws nearly 200 undergraduate scholars from colleges and universities in New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Virginia.



Satomi's paper was also accepted at the UAlbany Undergraduate Research Conference, which was held on campus on April 18th and 19th. This conference gives UAlbany undergraduate students an opportunity to share their research with their peers, faculty, and the community.

Satomi is a senior at UAlbany, originally from Himeji, Japan, and will be graduating this August.

Department News

Faculty Grants

Jennifer Stromer-Galley received a FRAP (Faculty Research Awards Program) grant to hire a research assistant to help her with a forthcoming book titled *"Presidential Campaigning in the Internet Age"*. The book provides a history of presidential campaign tactics using information and communication technologies (ICTs) for the last four election cycles, and examines how presidential campaigning has changed as candidates have adopted ICTs.

Professors **Annis Golden** and **Anita Pomerantz** also received a FRAP award from the College of Arts and Science to support a research project titled "Communication Among Healthcare Providers and Families of Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injuries in a Rehabilitation Setting." The study will take place at the Northeast Center for Special Care, and will combine analysis of conversations between staff and families with analysis of follow-up interviews. The project's goal is to arrive at a better understanding of the range of problems that staff and families encounter in their interactions, and to identify interactional resources that might be useful in resolving them.

The University at Albany Faculty Research Awards Program (FRAP) is a competitive award that provides seed funding to support faculty research and other creative endeavors.

Professor Annis Golden Receives Promotion

Professor **Annis Golden** was recently promoted to the rank of Associate Professor with tenure. Dr. Golden's research areas focus primarily on organizational and health communication, specifically how individuals manage their relationships to organizations, and the role of communication in managing work and personal-life interrelationships.

Congratulations to Professor Golden on this wonderful achievement!

New Health Communication Concentration for MA Program and New PhD Program Receives Final Approval

The Department of Communication has recently received approval for a new concentration area in the MA program. Health communication joins political, organizational, and interpersonal/intercultural communication as areas of study for Master's students. This new concentration area will focus on ways that health communication shapes, and is shaped by, people's health and institutional aspects of health care.

We are also pleased to announce the Communication Doctoral Program has been fully approved! The program emphasizes communication theory, research methods, and the application of knowledge in the field to identify, analyze, and propose solutions for communication problems.

For more information about the MA or PhD program, please contact our Director of Graduate Studies, Dr. Tim Stephen, at: stephen@albany.edu or visit the Graduate Studies website at:

<http://www.albany.edu/graduate/>

Research Paper Awards for Doctoral Students

Sean Rintel's paper entitled *"Coping with Personal Desktop Videoconferencing Bandwidth Problems: Reactions, Resolution Outcome and Continuity Outcomes"* has won a Top Four Student Paper Award in the Human Communication and Technology Division of NCA. Sean will present his paper in Chicago at the NCA conference in November.

Paul Denvir recently had his paper, *"Patients' Enactment of Normative Stances Toward Reported Substance Use Conduct: Managing Identity During Routine History Taking"* earn the top paper award in the Language and Social Interaction Division of the International Communication Association. Paul presented his paper at the 2009 ICA convention in May.

Lambda Pi Eta New Inductees

Lambda Pi Eta, the official communication studies honor society of the National Communication Association (NCA), held its Nu Alpha Chapter (University at Albany) induction ceremony on the evening of April 1st.

This year fifty-five students from UAlbany were inducted into the society. To be eligible for membership in this nationally recognized honor society, students must demonstrate a commitment to the study and practice of communication, combined with strong academic achievement. The society promotes interest in the field of communication, recognizes and fosters scholastic achievement in communication studies, and encourages professional development among communication majors. The Nu Alpha Chapter of Lambda Pi Eta congratulates and welcomes its 2008-2009 inductees!

For more information on Lambda Pi Eta, please visit our website:

<http://www.albany.edu/communication/ug-lpe.htm>



Professor Michael Barberich, the Nu Alpha Chapter Faculty Advisor, gives opening remarks at the April 1st induction ceremony.

Communication Majors Receive University-Wide Recognition

On Sunday, March 15th several undergraduate Communication majors were honored by receiving **The President's Award for Leadership**. This award is designed to recognize and reward students who have made significant contributions to enhance the quality of life at the University at Albany. To receive the award, recipients must have demonstrated a variety of accomplishments including extraordinary leadership, service, involvement within the University community, and strong academic performance. Congratulations to all of our 2009 recipients on this prestigious award!

Athletes Leadership Award

Jennifer Gurrant

Batavia, NY

Senior Communication Major
Most Valuable Player (Indoor & Outdoor Track)
Division I Academic All-American Team, Track

Great Dane Award

Paul Porter III

East Aurora, NY

Senior Communication Major
Orientation Assistant,
Orientation Office
Vice President,
Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program

Outstanding Senior Award

Jamie Tedesco

Airmont, NY

Senior Business Administration, Communication Major
Co-President, Glamour Gals Chapter
Treasurer, Presidential Honors Society



Award recipients from the Communication Department pose with President George Philip and Department Chair Teresa Harrison at the awards ceremony on Sunday, March 15th.



The **Great Dane Award** for outstanding student organization is given to an organization that has demonstrated exceptional leadership in service to the campus community during the academic year. Pictured from left to right are the Driving Force members: Laura Anderson-Gavin, Dawn Kassirer, President George Philip, Shannon Weil, and Krista Klock.

Athletes Leadership Award

Rory Redman

Baldwin, NY

Senior Communication Major
UAlbany Women's Lacrosse
National Society of Collegiate Scholars

Middle Earth Award

Alyson Walter

Getzville, NY

Senior Communication Major
Secretary, Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program
Planning Committee Member,
Alcohol Awareness Week

Five Quad Award

Cali Zimmerman

Spencerport, NY

Senior Communication Major
Crew Chief/Lieutenant/Driver,
Five Quad Volunteer Ambulance Service

Outstanding Student Organization

Great Dane Award

The Driving Force

Laura Anderson-Gavin, President
Dawn Kassirer, Treasurer
Shannon Weil, Vice President
Krista Klock, Secretary

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