



Communication

Faculty Activity Report Summer/Fall 2019

Activities and Accomplishments

Dr. Tim Appignani presented, “Live Together, Die Alone: Action Research in the Novels of Agatha Christie” as part of the Top Student Papers in the Mass Media Division at the National Communication Association (NCA) conference in Baltimore, Maryland (November 2019).

Mr. Lance K. Bennett co-authored two journal articles in 2019:

- ✓ **Bennett, L. K.**, & Tikkanen, S. A. (2019). Teaching expectancy violations theory and self-disclosure through social media profile building. *Communication Teacher*, 33, 1-7. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17404622.2019.1662070>
- ✓ Gilchrist-Petty, E., & **Bennett, L. K.** (2019). Cross-sex best friendships and the experience and expression of jealousy within romantic relationships. *Journal of Relationships Research*, 10, 1-9. <https://doi.org/10.1017/jrr.2019.16>

At the 2019 NCA conference in Baltimore, **Lance** presented three papers: “Mobilizing toward Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Interpersonal Communication and Academia: Taking Action”; “Surviving Communication Education: The Black Male Perspective”; and “Surviving in the Classroom: Pedagogical Approaches to Failure in the Classroom.” He also co-presented a G.I.F.T.S (Great Ideas for Teaching Speech) at the conference.

Dr. Billy Earnest co-authored the third edition of *Lying and Deception in Human Interaction*.

- ✓ Knapp, M., **Earnest, W. J.**, Griffin, D., & McGlone, M. (2020). *Lying and deception in human interaction*. Kendall Hunt.

Billy also co-authored a journal article on truth seeking and new literacy:

- ✓ Arth, Z. W., Griffin, D.J., & **Earnest, W. J.** (2019). “Professors” perspectives on truth-seeking and new literacy. *Journal of Media Literacy Education*, 11(3), 61 -72. <https://doi.org/10.23860/JMLE-2019-11-3-6>

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Dr. Teresita (Tere) Garza organized a session entitled: “Surviving and Thriving in the Mainstream of the Maelstrom,” at the 2019 NCA Conference. She also organized a session, “Ethics & Human Ecology in a Technological & Economically Connected World” at 20th Annual Media Ecology Convention held in June 2019 in Toronto, Canada. She was awarded a Scholarship, Pedagogical Innovation, Creative Expression (SPICE) Award for 2019-20.

Drs. Stephen A. King and **Roger D. Gatchet** (West Chester University) presented, “A Museum’s Genesis: Trump, Truth-Telling, and the Opening of the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum” at the 2019 NCA conference. **Stephen** also chaired a panel “Stories We Tell: The Cultured Past and Contemporary Configurations of African American Music” as well as completed a short course on communication research methods. **Stephen** also participated in a St. Edward’s University’s roundtable discussion on public memory: *Let’s Talk: Public Memory and Social Justice*. **Stephen** was awarded a SPICE award for 2019-20.

Dr. Stephanie Martinez presented a paper, “Conversations on Cancer, Survival, and Loss: Facebook Groups as Support” at the 2019 NCA conference.

Dr. Innes Mitchell received a SPICE grant to develop his research on the Public Memory of Scotland’s involvement in the North Atlantic slave trade. On October 29, Dr. Mitchell presented his research in **Dr. Stephen King’s** Rhetoric of Public Memory course. On November 6, he was part of an invited panel for the Munday Library’s *Let’s Talk* series: *Let’s Talk: Public Memory and Social Justice*. At the start of the Fall semester, **Innes** participated in the Teaching Symposium panel, *Trigger Warnings and Content Notes: Course Policies and Strategies*.

Dr. Jessica Moore co-authored a chapter on family communication and mental illness:

- ✓ Craig, E. A., & **Moore, J.** (2020). Mental illness, ambiguous loss, and communicative resilience in families. In L.R. Lippert, R. D. Hall, A. E. Miller-Ott, & D.C. Davis (Eds.), *Communicating mental health: History, contexts and perspectives* (pp. 239-256). Lexington Books.

Dr. Lori W. Peterson presented a keynote address, “Interdisciplinarity in American Universities: Trends and Challenges” at the International Conference on Interdisciplinarity in Linguistics, Literature, Translation, and Culture: Trends and Challenges in Cairo, Egypt. While in Egypt, **Lori** also presented at a roundtable session “Rescuing and Reviving Interdisciplinarity in the U.S.A.” At the 2019 NCA conference, she presented, “DNA, Geneologies, and Heritage Surprises: Revising a Life Narrative.”

Lori is also a member of a number of university committees: Faculty Evaluation Committee: At-large representative (FEC); Faculty Senate: At-large senator, Senate Executive Committee (Senate Documentarian), Faculty Elections & Appointments Committee.

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Dr. Teri L. Varner was invited to speak (June 2019) at the NEW Leadership™ Texas 2019 Summer Institute. The title of her presentation was “Effective Presentation and Communication.” The audience consisted of approximately 35 undergraduates representing a variety of universities, majors, class years, ethnicities, geographic locations, economic, and personal backgrounds.

Work in Progress

Dr. Tim Appignani is one of many authors/scholars developing a new SPCH 1318 – Interpersonal Communication Open Educational Resource (OER) book. This is his first solo-authored chapter on Masspersonal Communication. **Tim** is also co-authoring chapters on the foundations of interpersonal communication and gendered communication as part of the same book project (forthcoming: Fall 2020).

Teresita (Tere) Garza is currently at work on an article focused on media ecology and the rhetoric of the #MeToo movement. **Tere** was invited by Lexington Books (a division of Rowman & Littlefield Publishing) to serve as an expert reviewer for a scholarly anthology entitled: *Latina/o/x Communication Studies: Theories, Methods and Practice* (edited by Leandra Hinojosa Hernández, Diana I. Bowen, Sarah de los Santos Upton, and Amanda R. Martinez).

Dr. Teri Varner is another author/scholar developing a new SPCH 1318 – Interpersonal Communication Open Educational Resource (OER) book. This is her first solo-authored chapter on listening. **Teri** is also co-authoring a chapter on nonverbal communication as part of the same book project (forthcoming: Fall 2020).