

Fall 2018 Grad Newsletter



A MESSAGE FROM THE GRADUATE DIRECTOR

I am excited to provide you with our second annual Grad Newsletter. My hope is that this beginning-of-the-year newsletter will help graduate students prepare for the upcoming year and assist faculty in supporting our graduate students. This newsletter will keep graduate students informed of important events, resources, and opportunities that can directly affect them.

This second issue summarizes the Department's efforts this past year to provide additional resources for its graduate students, introduces our 2018 cohort of graduate students, requests graduate students (and faculty) to notify me of grad accomplishments throughout the year, and offers a detailed timeline of this upcoming academic year that includes key dates for grad-related events and deadlines.

I wish everyone a wonderful 2018-2019 academic year.

—Jennifer Kam, Graduate Director, jkam@comm.ucsb.edu

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A Review of 2017-2018

The Grad Committee's goals in the 2017-2018 academic year were to: (1) increase the Department's financial assistance to graduate students, and (2) increase the Department's professional mentoring of graduate students. The following section summarizes last year's accomplishments in these areas.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO GRADUATE STUDENTS



One of the Grad Committee's primary goals this past year was to find a way to offer graduate students more financial assistance. This goal was a challenge to meet because of university budget restrictions. Nevertheless, the Graduate Committee used the following strategies to increase funds for students.

- 1** Graduate students who were on-time-to-degree received a \$4,500 Spring 2018 stipend (up from \$3,046 the previous spring). We gave students the stipend as early as possible (April), so that they could use the money for the International Communication Association conference or other expenses. We allocated \$4,500 per student because we were awarded a rare Dean Allocation bonus that departments rarely receive, which unfortunately, means the Spring 2019 stipend will be less than the 2018 stipend.
- 2** We allocated enough money for the upcoming 2018-2019 academic year to provide a spring stipend for all grad students on time-to-degree.
- 3** We were able to give our graduate students some extra money for assisting with the Graduate Open House. Although we cannot provide this type of stipend to all grad volunteers this upcoming year, we have set aside stipends for the grad buddies who always go the extra mile to support their buddies.
- 4** We allocated \$3,500 (up from 2017-18's \$1,700) to support graduate students' research endeavors. We will have another call for research proposals this Fall 2018.
- 5** We worked with the Chair to allocate more summer funds for graduate student teaching. In the summer of 2017, we had 5 teaching assistant positions and 3 teaching associate positions in the summer. In the summer of 2018, we had 6 teaching assistant positions and 8 teaching associate positions. Furthermore, we had several teaching associate positions available in 2017, and we will have some available in the 2018-2019 academic year. ■

A Review of 2017-2018

PROFESSIONAL MENTORING TO GRADUATE STUDENTS



Another goal for this academic year was to provide more professional mentoring to graduate students. We worked with the GSACC All-Grad Representative (Nicole Zamanzadeh) to provide a professional development series for graduate students. Faculty were enthusiastic about the idea and many volunteered to facilitate or serve on an information panel within the series. ■

LAST YEAR'S SCHEDULE

FALL QUARTER 2017:

PANEL 1: *Constructing a Job Talk*

PANEL 2: *Conference Participation*

PANEL 3: *Scholarly Writing I*



WINTER QUARTER 2018:

PANEL 4: *Expectations for a Thesis or Dissertation*

PANEL 5: *Choosing a Journal for Submission & Conducting Journal Reviews*

PANEL 6: *Time Management*

SPRING QUARTER 2018:

PANEL 7: *Scholarly Writing II*

PANEL 8: *Job Opportunities*

PANEL 9: *Going on the Job Market*



The Proposed Professional Development Series for 2018-2019

Based on last year's faculty and graduate student feedback on the 2017-2018 professional development series, we have revised the 2018-2019 series as follows:

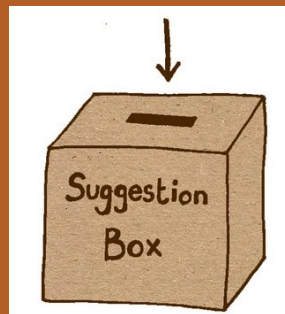
- 1 We will host one information panel per quarter this academic year rather than three panels per quarter. Our two job searches will require a lot of time from faculty and graduate students; therefore, one information panel per quarter is probably more feasible than three.
- 2 Instead of faculty, GSACC officers will facilitate the information panels, so they can tailor the information panel to meet the graduate students' needs. GSACC officers will be in charge of organizing the panel, securing guest speakers, reserving SSMS 1009, advertising the panel to the entire department, and facilitating discussion during the panel.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

PANEL 1 (FALL QUARTER): *Writing Workshop* (Will have Grad Division's Dr. Robby Nadler lead the workshop).

PANEL 2 (WINTER QUARTER): *CV Construction and Preparing for the Job Market* (e.g., Provide sample CVs, discuss how to organize a CV, describe what information should go on a CV)

PANEL 3 (SPRING QUARTER): *TBD*



Note: If you have ideas for Informational panels, please e-mail your ideas to the GSACC All-Grad Representative, Nicole Zamanzadeh (n_zamanzadeh@ucsb.edu) and Graduate Director, Dr. Jennifer Kam (jkam@comm.ucsb.edu). Your ideas are welcomed and appreciated. ■

Grad Support: Meet the Graduate Committee

2017-2018 Graduate Committee



DRS. JENNIFER KAM, KAREN MYERS, WALID AFIFI, ROBIN NABI, MIRIAM METZGER

Thank you to last year's Graduate Committee members for their service to the Department. We particularly appreciate Walid Afifi for his 2 years of service on the committee.

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2018-2019 Graduate Committee

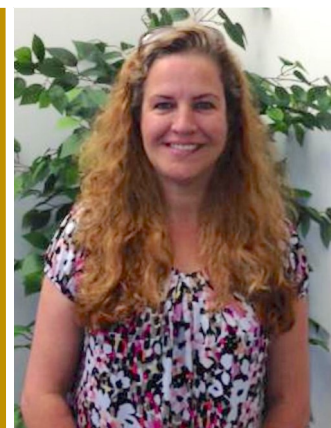


DRS. JENNIFER KAM, KAREN MYERS, JOE WALTHER, ROBIN NABI, MIRIAM METZGER

Grad Support: Meet the Staff

TRICIA TAYLOR ~ STAFF GRAD PROGRAM ADVISOR

Tricia is the Graduate Program Advisor (GPA), the staff member who works with the Graduate Director to ensure students are receiving clear and timely advising on administrative processes. As examples, she keeps track of grad students' progress in the program (fulfilling course requirements and milestones), hires TAs and Associates, and acts as a liaison with the Graduate Division.



TANIA DUNSON ~ BUSINESS OFFICER

As Business Officer, Tania is responsible for the administrative management of the program. She works with the Chair and Tricia on the summer TA assignments. You can also go to Tania for a key to your office. Tania also manages employment visas, office needs (furniture that needs moving, devices that aren't working), schedules room and lab reservations, and much, much more!



MICHELLE FREDRICH ~ FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

As the Financial Assistant for the Department, you can turn to Michelle for questions about Department supplies. She also approves expenditures and reimbursements. Like Tania, Michelle also has keys to the Department offices.



JENNIFER PEIFFER ~ UNDERGRAD ADVISOR

Jennifer is our Undergraduate Advisor. She also maintains a list of TA office hours, and she provides add codes to your undergrad research assistants who want course credit. When your undergrads have advising, DSP, or add/waitlist questions, send them to the Undergraduate Advising Office.



Grad Support: Meet the Grad TA Coordinator

DR. DOLLY MULLIN ~ GRAD TA COORDINATOR

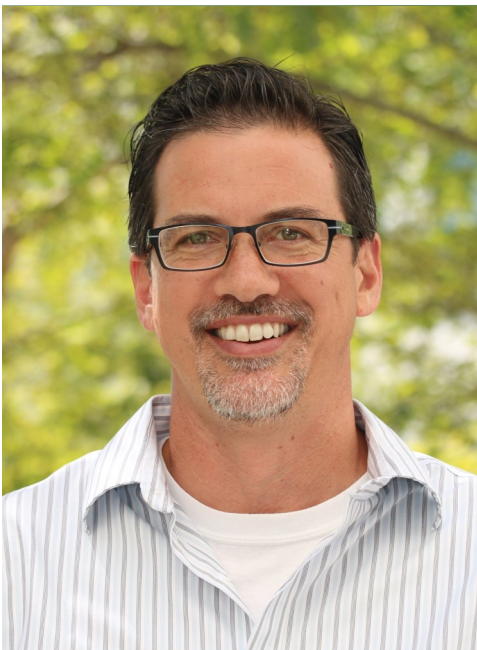
As the Grad TA Coordinator, Dolly provides pedagogical leadership and support to graduate students. Each quarter, she has the challenging task of working through graduate students' busy schedules and assigning them as teaching assistants (TAs) to our undergraduate courses. Dolly also teaches COMM 500 every fall quarter, which offers graduate students tools to develop their pedagogical skills. She works closely with many of our graduate students who TA the introductory communication courses that she also teaches. Dolly also is a long-standing member of the Awards Committee and often manages the Schoell Award for Excellence in Teaching. ■



Grad Support: Meet the Grad Diversity Officer

DR. WALID AFIFI ~ GRAD DIVERSITY OFFICER

Each department at UCSB has a faculty member who serves as a Graduate Diversity Officer. We thank Walid for serving as ours this upcoming year. His role will be to “take the lead on outreach, recruitment, and the support of graduate students from underserved populations” within the Department. If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions pertaining to inclusion and diversity within the Department, please share them with Walid. We want to improve our inclusion and diversity efforts and create a supportive environment. Students also are welcome to contact the Chair, Grad Director, Grad Program Advisor, Vice Chair, their faculty advisor, and other faculty members. ■



Welcome, 2018 Grad Cohort!

This past year, we recruited another group of stellar graduate students. Our new students bring unique perspectives to communication with wide-ranging experiences and academic interests. Let's get to know our 2018 grad cohort and welcome its members to the Department and community.



KEVIN DO

I earned my BA in communication studies with a minor in leadership studies with a certificate in nonprofit management at the University of San Diego this past spring. Thanks to the amazing Communication Studies Department at the University of San Diego alongside the McNair Scholars Program, I conducted research in the area of media psychology. Specifically, I am interested in studying media's psychological impact on Asian-Americans' identity. I am looking forward to continuing my research at UCSB! In my free time, I really enjoy swimming, hiking, going to the gym, and trying new food.

CHENGYU FANG

I received my BS in Psychology, BA in Communication with Sociology as a second major, and an MA in Communication from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. My research focuses on issues related to knowledge sharing, expertise recognition, and collaboration in small group and organizational contexts. I love to read, cook, and play video games in my free time. I look forward to continuing this line of research and exploring local restaurants and attractions at UCSB!



CHANTEL HAUGHTON

This past spring, I received my BA in Communication Studies with a secondary major in Journalism from the University of Iowa. I was born and raised in Arizona so I'm very excited to get back to warm weather after four years of snowstorms and tornado warnings! I am interested in research that concerns race and its effect on interpersonal communication due to a lack of theory concerning minorities in the field. I'm most excited to hike around the area and try the local food in my free time.



Welcome, 2018 Grad Cohort!

YEWEON KIM

I received my BA and MA in Communication, both in South Korea. I then studied at Indiana University for the last three years, majoring in Media and minoring in Informatics as a doctoral student. I am looking forward to moving to UC Santa Barbara to work with people who are interested in computer-mediated communication, social media, and online journalism.



CALLIE PARRISH

I received my BA in Communication from the University of Wyoming, and most recently earned my MA in Communication from the University of Montana, specifically studying interpersonal relationships and the various ways they intersect with technology, mental health, and wellbeing. Moving forward, I am eager to continue expanding my research in romantic relationships and mental health at UCSB. Outside of academics, I can be found riding my bike, checking out live music, hiking, or making art!

GWEN PETRO

I am interested in studying how our siloed media environments affect our access to information, our health, and our self-perceptions. I hold a BS in Human Development from Cornell University and completed a minor in Communication. Prior to attending UCSB, I worked in market research for two years at a health information website and sang in the Young New Yorkers Chorus. In my free time, I enjoy drawing and painting, and I look forward to capturing the beauty of Santa Barbara.




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Welcome, 2018 Grad Cohort!

JUSTICE QUICK

Aloha! I received both my MA and BA in Communicology from the University of Hawaii. I aspire to better understand how new media technologies influence our cognitive and communicative processes. My recent research examines the ways an avatar's appearance can affect users' self-perception and behavior in virtual environments. I am also interested in testing the cultural relativity of current communication theories and am excited to explore these ideas further at UCSB. When not in the classroom, I enjoy making music and dancing.



NAN WILKENFELD

I earned my MBA and MA in Communication Studies at UNC Charlotte. After spending several years working for myself, I decided to follow my heart and pursue a career in academia. I am interested in organizational communication technology and how technology impacts virtual team dynamics. I enjoy a good debate, reading nonfiction books, playing board games, sewing, and spending time with my family.

We Welcome our 28th Incoming
Grad Cohort



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Congrats to our Recent PhDs!

Congratulations to our impressive graduate students for earning their PhDs and securing positions. We are excited to recognize their accomplishments. Please feel free to reach out to our grad alum.

Dr. Andrea Figueroa-Caballero, Assistant Professor of Communication, University of Missouri

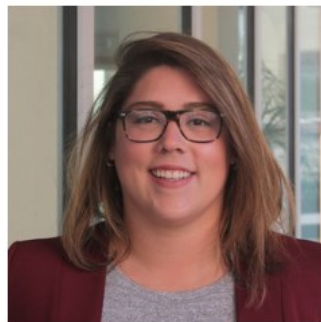
Dr. Becky Ford, Research Project Manager, Minneapolis Research Foundation

Dr. Abel Gustafson, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Yale Program on Climate Change Communication, Yale University

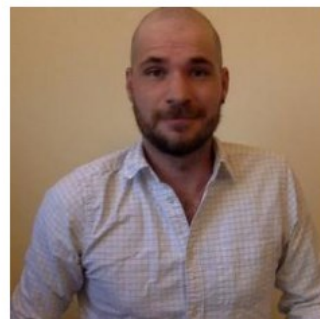
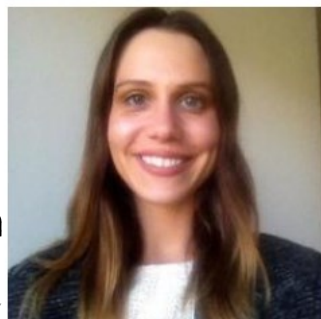
Dr. Lauren Keblusek, PRR and Seattle Central College

Dr. Alexander Sink, National Research Group

Dr. Benjamin Smith, Institute for Methods Innovation



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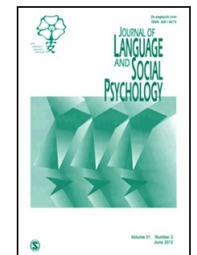
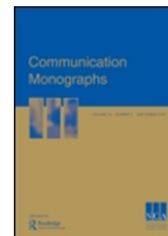
2017-2018 PhDs Conferred

Get your News Out!



GRADUATE STUDENTS

Periodically, the Graduate Director or Staff Graduate Program Advisor will send out e-mails, asking students to share their good news (e.g., *upcoming conference presentations, journal article acceptances, fellowship awards, community involvement*). In between such e-mails, students are encouraged to notify the Graduate Director or Staff Graduate Program Advisor when they have these kinds of accomplishments. We want to celebrate your successes by posting them on our department website, Facebook page, and Department listserv! ■



FACULTY

When faculty members learn of a graduate student accomplishment (e.g., *upcoming conference presentations, journal article acceptances, fellowship awards, community involvement*), please notify the Graduate Director or Staff Graduate Program Advisor. We want to celebrate our students' successes by posting their accomplishments on our department website, Facebook page, and Department listserv! Please also nominate graduate students for awards and fellowships within and outside the department. ■

Important Dates for the Academic Year

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

(9:00 AM—4:30 PM)

FALL DEPARTMENT ORIENTATION
FOR THE 2018 GRAD COHORT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

(12:00 PM—3:00 PM)

DEPARTMENT WELCOME BACK
POTLUCK AT GOLETA BEACH
(BUDDIES WILL INTRODUCE THE
NEW GRAD STUDENTS)

NOVEMBER 8TH-11TH

NATIONAL COMMUNICATION ASSO-
CIATION CONVENTION, SALT LAKE
CITY, UTAH

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

CLASSES BEGIN

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

(3:30 PM)

BRADAC LECTURE,
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

FEBRUARY 21ST, 22ND, 23RD

GRADUATE OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW
RECRUITS

Important Dates for the Academic Year

AROUND FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST

(3:30 PM)

LAMBDA PI ETA LECTURE,
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST (3:00 PM)

McCUNE DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO THE GRAD DIRECTOR

FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST (3:00 PM)

NOMINATIONS FOR THE GRAD DIVISION'S CONTINUING FELLOWSHIPS ARE DUE TO THE GRAD DIRECTOR

FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH

(4:00 PM)

DEPARTMENT'S CONTINUING FELLOWSHIP NOMINATIONS ARE DUE TO THE GRADUATE DIVISION (SUBMITTED BY STAFF GRAD PROGRAM ADVISOR)

FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH

(4:00 PM)

NOMINATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS ARE DUE TO THE AWARDS CHAIR

FRIDAY, MAY 3RD

(12:00 PM)

GRAD STUDENTS MUST SUBMIT ALL REQUESTED ANNUAL REVIEW MATERIALS TO THE GRAD ADVISOR AND COMPLETE THE PLO SURVEY BY THIS DATE AND TIME

Important Dates for the Academic Year

MAY 24TH-28TH

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION
ASSOCIATION CONVENTION,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

FRIDAY, MAY 31ST

(9:00 AM—12:30 PM)

GRAD ANNUAL REVIEW
(FACULTY ATTENDANCE ONLY)

FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH
(1:30 PM—4:00 PM)

UNDERGRAD SENIOR HONORS
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FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH
(4:30 PM—7:00 PM)

DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL END-OF-
THE-YEAR AWARDS CEREMONY

FRIDAY, JUNE 14TH

SPRING QUARTER ENDS

SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH OR
SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH

GRADUATION COMMENCEMENT
AND DEPARTMENT RECEPTION

MONDAY, JUNE 18TH

♪ SCHOOL'S OUT FOR
SUMMER ♪

**Have a wonderful 2018-
2019 academic year!**



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