

The GOOD Word on the Street

Faculty and Staff



(As reported on Kelly Jake's Facebook page): Welcome to the world, Grey Foster Tews! Born on Saturday morning, January 5, and weighing in at a whopping 8 lbs, 14 ounces. Kelly, Cutter, and Grey are all home from the hospital and figuring out life together one day at a time.

- In early January, Elizabeth Stoycheff traveled to speak on a panel at the Madeline Albright Institute, Wellesley College, about her research on technology and authoritarian governments. She will return in late January for dinner with Madeline Albright!
- Stephanie will be on sabbatical until August 2019. She promises to make good use of her release time: First, she has been offered a visiting scholar position (January 2019-June 2019) at the University of California, Santa Barbara, with joint appointments in the Department of Communication and the Center for Information Technology and Society. She will also deliver several colloquia: In January 2019 as the featured speaker during the Humanity+Technology Lecture Series at Lawrence Technological University, in February 2019 at Michigan State University's Communication Department Spring Colloquium, and in April 2019 at Stanford University's Social Media Research Lab. Even though she's on sabbatical, her lab will be open for data collection, and in the very capable hands of her research team members. She wishes everyone a happy, healthy, and productive Winter semester!
- Please extend Alistair Stephenson a warm welcome! He is the digital media strategist for ACLU Michigan, and will be a guest lecturer for us for the next couple of years. Alistair received his BA and JD from the University of Sydney, where he also taught undergraduate courses in gender studies and philosophy. He comes to us with several years of experience in marketing and communication with expertise in digital communications and creative campaigns. He also has worked with groups such as ActionAid Australia and Women's March Australia, so he has a strong interest in women's rights. He will attend the January 30th faculty meeting to meet everyone in person. Until then, please feel free to send him a message of introduction (and, as a side note, he'd be happy to come in to guest lecture!) astephenson@aclumich.org
- We are delighted that Thom Powers is joining us this semester as the Allessee Chair in Media Arts, teaching COM 6410 (Documentary Processes and Visual Journalism). Documentary film has grown tremendously as a storytelling medium, reaching larger audiences via theaters, television and digital platforms like Netflix and Amazon. Thom Powers is the documentary programmer for the Toronto International Film Festival, and artistic director of America's largest documentary festival, DOC NYC. He hosts the podcast Pure Nonfiction and the short form podcast WNYC's Documentary of the Week. He spent ten years directing and producing documentaries for HBO, PBS and other outlets. He has taught documentary classes at New York University and in the School of Visual Arts MFA Social Documentary program. Starting out in print journalism, he was the managing editor of The Comics Journal; and published his own monthly newspaper The Woodward Review for a short stint in 1993. Originally from Detroit, he is now based in Montclair, NJ and works regularly in New York City, Toronto, and Miami. He will be giving a public lecture in April—stay tuned for details as they arise.

Forensics and Debate

Big finish to the fall semester by the speech team! In December, the WSU speech team travel to the Ohio State Holiday Frolic tournament and finished with the following results:

- Alex Azzopardi - 1st place, After Dinner Speaking; 3rd place, Informative.
- John Burklow - 2nd place, Extemp; 4th place, Informative.

A week later, the team competed at the Fall Michigan Interscholastic Speech League championship and had several top finishes:

- Shannon Flory - 1st place, After Dinner Speaking
- John Burklow - 1st place, Extemp; 2nd places in ADS and Informative; 4th place, Dramatic.
- Johnathan Lundlad - 5th place, Informative; 6th place Impromptu.
- Hailei Benedict - 5th place, Prose.
- 2nd place in team sweepstakes.

As we start the winter semester, we have high hopes as we go to other competitions and gear up for Nationals in April. The speech team will travel to Bradley University, University of Indianapolis, Northwestern, and Northern Illinois in January. The debate team will see action at Sinclair College (Dayton, OH) and Otterbein College (Westerville, OH) starting in February.



Students

- MA Students Allison Elam and Gus Navarro are part of an interdisciplinary Wayne State student team competing in the [Student Design Summit](https://www.midtownculturalconnections.com/student-designs?fbclid=IwAR1XIsfpvONDAXo_AgPJ74AUQwEtas0zEPsFwch8t3GuhTb0FmbFYE_E). Visit https://www.midtownculturalconnections.com/student-designs?fbclid=IwAR1XIsfpvONDAXo_AgPJ74AUQwEtas0zEPsFwch8t3GuhTb0FmbFYE_E and Vote for TEAM 3 by 11:59 pm on January 13! The winner will be announced at a public event between 4-5pm Monday, January 14th in the DIA's Kresge Court. GOOD LUCK TEAM 3!!!!!!!!!!!!
- The PR students pitched the Ford Fund/Friends of Animals of Metropolitan Detroit partnership story to the Dearborn Press and Guide and it was used. Students Jessica and Eric had a wonderful learning experience this past semester, as did "Team Diaper" the semester before. http://www.pressandguide.com/news/geer-park-students-charity-organizations-team-up-build-little-free/article_e477cd7e-054e-11e9-9281-df05af61dafd.html.
- PRSSA begins the Winter semester with a tour at the newly-opened Detroit office of Google on Thursday January 31. PRSSA is also hosting a fundraiser on Wed. January 30 from 5-8 p.m. at Blaze Pizza in Royal Oak! Please present this flyer at the cashier to help support WSU PRSSA! Flyer is attached.
- Ariel Seay received a travel grant from the Humanities Center for a conference she will attend in the spring.
- Sydney Wallace has been invited to speak at Families Against Narcotics' monthly forum on February 19, 2019 at 7 pm. She will share findings from her recent study "We Weren't Raised That Way": Using Stigma Management Communication Theory to Understand How Families Manage the Stigma of Substance Abuse" (in press, *Health Communication*). Sydney will also share some of her family's experiences dealing with the opioid addictions of two of her siblings. The forum is open to the public and will be held at Christ Church Fraser (34385 Garfield Road; Fraser, MI 48026). Please feel free to email Sydney with any questions you might have: Sydney.wallace@wayne.edu.
- In the Fall, undergraduate student Katy Beno gave a speech about 9/11 in Brandon Hensley's COM 1010 class. In the speech, she referenced the website "Architects and Engineers". They were sent a copy of her speech, which was then discussed by one of the representatives from on the radio!

- DeJanay Booth, a student in Brandon's Fall COM 7000 class, had her paper on fake news accepted to the annual MUG Communication Conference in February 2019. Congratulations!

Rumor has it...

That the department is getting smarter—and more connected. That rumor is TRUE! Manoogian 581 has now joined the year 2019 and has received some new tech equipment! There is now new audio/visual equipment (a drop-down mic, 5-speaker surround, and a wall-mounted video camera with zoom and pan capabilities) that will make it easier for you all to do teleconferencing activities: Skype/web interviews, meetings, guest speakers, and even watch videos! Instructions will be posted soon, but currently, the system (Devio) is set up and ready for use. Note that there are three settings that have been pre-programmed on the remote (close-up interview, panel interview, classroom setting); we ask that you do not reset these settings. If you want to use 581, send a reservation request to communication@wayne.edu. We will hold trainings soon.

Reminders

- Full time faculty: Please submit your consulting reports to the Chair by January 16th. You can do paper, or fillable. See the email dated 1/18 from the CFPCA Faculty Listserve for the forms.
- The Course Participation Confirmation process is designed to meet federal guidelines for students to receive financial aid. Financial aid cannot be disbursed to students until course participation is confirmed, so please confirm students in your courses as soon as possible. Students' attendance in class counts as participation, so faculty should take attendance during the first few class periods so that they can confirm participation. If a student emails you about the course, turns in a small assignment, or shows up in office hours, those activities can count as "participation" too. You can visit this website for more information about how to confirm student participation: <https://reg.wayne.edu/profconfirm>. Please remember to do the Participation Confirmation by the end of next week.
- Our candidate for the campus-wide interdisciplinary search will be visiting campus January 23rd-25th. Please mark your calendars for Friday, January 25th, 11:00am for the Research Presentation and 12:30pm for Lunch. The location will likely be the Japanese Room—stay tuned for confirmation.

Wubdates (i.e., Web Updates)

Digitizing Procedures:

- There have been a few new procedures implemented in the department. Allison has been working on "digitalizing" some of the forms that we used previously.
- There is now a form for submitting printing supplies! Rejoice! <https://forms.wayne.edu/5c1c043e203df>
- Please be sure to continue to use the form for requesting website updates: <https://forms.wayne.edu/5bd378363bd4f/>

Social Media:

- Look at this nifty site that has the links to EVERY social media account for the COM Department, you can follow them all here: <http://cfpca.wayne.edu/socialmedia.php>
- Follow WSU on Instagram [wsu_com](https://www.instagram.com/wsucomm)
- Follow us on Facebook: Wayne State: Department of Communication
- Follow us on Twitter [@wsu_com](https://twitter.com/wsucomm)

PLEASE NOTE: Allison is always looking for content for the socials! If you have something exciting happening in one of your classes, student success stories, or events that would make us look cool---send them to Allison. If she doesn't know about it, then the webs won't know about it! So let it be known.

Upcoming Dates/Events

2019 will see the Journalism faculty and students gearing up for several major events with local, statewide and national impact.

- On January 17th, a number of JIM and SPJ students will participate in a Facebook Journalism Project training program.

- On April 4th, the Michigan Association of Broadcasters will hold a Career Fair on campus, bringing professional broadcasters from across the state to the Student Center to meet with students.
- On April 12th, we will recognize April Ryan from the Urban Radio Network with our Spirit of Diversity Award. Ryan has actively covered the Trump Administration.
- On June 25th and 26th, Wayne State will be the location of one of four national reporting workshops on “Covering Jails” hosted by the Poynter Institute.
Stay tuned for additional details.

Other upcoming dates:

Tuesday, January 15	Technology Committee meeting	11:00 – noon	Manoogian 581
Wed, January 16	Executive meeting	9:30-11:00	Manoogian 581
Wednesday January 16	MAS Area Meeting	11:30-1:00	Manoogian 581
Thursday, January 17	SPJ-NABJ Facebook Journalism Project		
Monday, January 21	MLK Holiday—University closed		
Friday, January 18	Last day for tuition cancellation		Note: If you have students who do not seem ready for your class, please let them know by this date so they can withdraw and get their money back
Friday, January 18th	Journalism Curriculum Work Session	10:30 – Noon	Journalism Library
Tuesday, Jan. 22	Spring/Summer schedule online		
Tues January 22-Monday Feb 25	Early Academic Assessment Period		This is a required process for 1xxx-3xxx classes
Wednesday, Jan 30	Faculty Meeting	11:30-1	Italian Room

As always, please send me your good news, rumors, updates, and information for our bi-monthly newsletter!