



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION
STUDIES

KUDOS AND CELEBRATIONS

Nailing It!

Dr. Sandy Pensoneau-Conway co-facilitated, along with colleague and fellow SIU alumni Dr. Allison Brenniere, an inter/intrapersonal communication workshop titled "Socializing with Dystonia: Finding Comfort in Connection" for the NYC Dystonia Support Group.

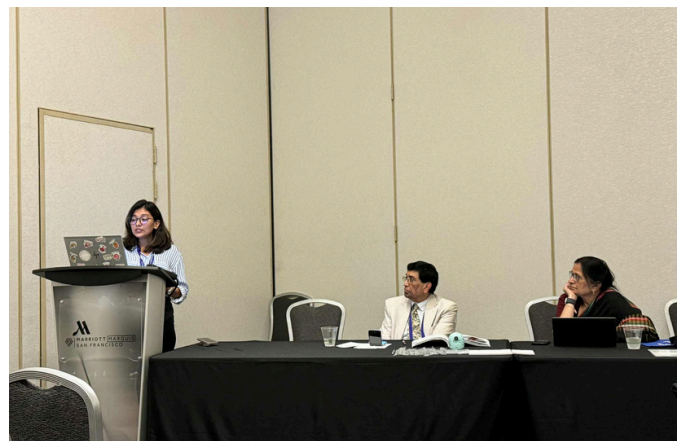
She also presented "The Visual Force of Sesame Street: The Power of Disability Representation" at the Power and the Image: It's Uses and Abuses conference at SWPS University in Warsaw, Poland.

Reza Shirmarz presented his paper "Seeing Against Silence: Feminist Cartooning and the Subversive Power of Image in Post-Revolutionary Iran" at the Power and the Image: It's Uses and Abuses conference at SWPS University in Warsaw, Poland

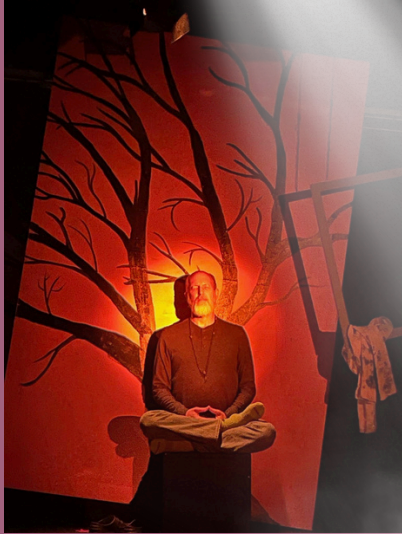
Janifar Nova presented her paper 'Resistance as performance: Rhetoric, emotion, and the anatomy of a digital uprising' at 'AEJMC' in San Francisco.

She also spent her summer interning with the Institute for Childhood Preparedness, an educational consultant and training organization. Nova worked as a communications intern, where she managed their social media and training modules.

Frankie Kimmel was awarded a Dissertation Research Assistantship for Spring 2026 by the Graduate School.



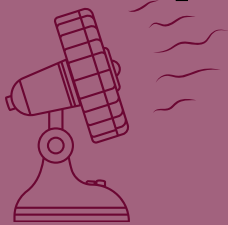
In the Spotlight



Jonny Gray completed and presented his solo show, "Lovely as a Tree," in the Kleinau Theatre September 18, 19, & 20.

The School of Communication Studies hosted a student spotlight night at the Marion Kleinau Theatre. Participants were able to share some of their creative works ranging from self-written songs to performances of original poetry. Great job to all participants.

Keeping Cool Under Pressure



A special shoutout to Dr. Christina Ivey and Frankie Kimmel, who not only planned and facilitated another successful Graduate Student Orientation, but did so despite having to move orientation online due to building maintenance.



On the Horizon

Dr. Christina Ivey will be delivering a lecture as a part of the INKlusive Lecture Series at ArtSpace 304 on Oct. 2nd. Reception is at 5 for the event, the lecture starts at 6.