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CELEBRATIONS

# Welcome Back!

Spring semester officially began Jan. 12 and with the fresh semester it is important to find a new rhythm and routine. Supporting one another is crucial and remembering to celebrate each other's wins no matter how small, makes a huge difference. Have a great semester!

## Nailing It! NCA Edition

Our department had graduate students and faculty recently present at the annual National Communication Association (NCA) conference in November 2025. Below is some of their excellent work:

Irene Lutterodt

- Exploring and Elevating international graduate students experiences in U.S communication programs (panel)
- Breaking the Bias: Addressing Gender stereotypes in Leadership (panel)
- From Frustration to Inspiration: Harnessing the Power of Feedback to Transform Learning Experiences (panel)

India Hagen - Gates

- In-Progress Work in the Political Communication Division A" (panel)
- "Embodied Narratives and Global Flows: Autoethnographic Interventions in Identity, Media, and Power" (panel)

# Nailing It!



## NCA Edition Continued

Frankie Kimmell

- "From Public Speaking to Public Playing: Envisioning Drag Pedagogy in Introductory Communication Courses" (paper)

Casey Weaver

- Intercultural Hybrid Masculinity (paper)

Janifar Nova

- Exploring and Elevating International Graduate Student Experience in U.S. Communication Programs (panel)
- Intercultural Training Model for Increasing Interaction and Understanding between Domestic and International Students (paper)
- Examination of Negative Approaches of Waj Mahfils via Social Media Platforms in terms of Delivering Hate Speech: Bangladesh Perspective (paper)
- Online Communication and Academic Performance of Undergraduate Students: Unpacking the Influence (panel)
- Diasporas in the digital age: Communicating to elevate cultural identity, dialogue, and truth in a Globalized World (panel)

Dr. Sakshi Bhati

- Unveiling The Hidden Struggles: Exploring Mental Health Meanings, Acculturation Process and Perceived Barriers Among Indian Immigrant Women (paper)
- Communicating Reproductive Experiences (paper)

Dr. Christina Ivey

- "Do You Guys Ever Think About Dying?": Barbie, Ideation, and Connection (paper)
- Diasporas in the Digital Age: Communicating to Elevate Cultural Identity, Dialogue, and Truth (panel including Janifar)



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students enjoy the snow day

