

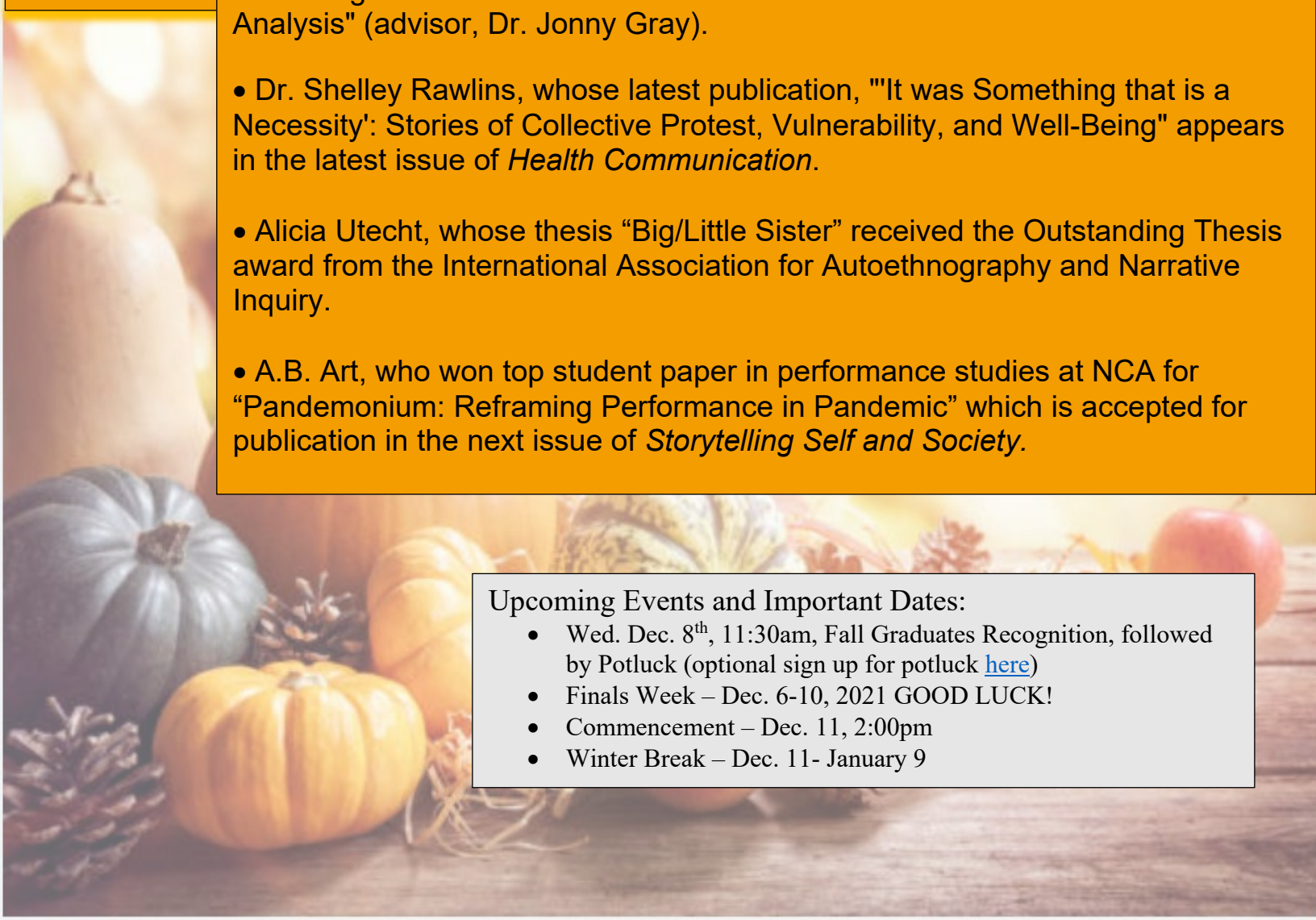


KUDOS AND CELEBRATIONS

SIU Communication Studies
November 2021

Congratulations to...

- Dr. Jake Beck, who defended his dissertation, “Game (Over) Life: Autoethnographic Performance of Video Games and Play” (advisor, Dr. Jonny Gray)
- Dr. Steven Farias, who defended his dissertation, “Rhetoric as a Way of Becoming: Praxis-Oriented Rhetorical Criticism as Method of Rhetorical Analysis” (advisor, Dr. Jonny Gray).
- Dr. Shelley Rawlins, whose latest publication, "It was Something that is a Necessity': Stories of Collective Protest, Vulnerability, and Well-Being" appears in the latest issue of *Health Communication*.
- Alicia Utecht, whose thesis “Big/Little Sister” received the Outstanding Thesis award from the International Association for Autoethnography and Narrative Inquiry.
- A.B. Art, who won top student paper in performance studies at NCA for “Pandemonium: Reframing Performance in Pandemic” which is accepted for publication in the next issue of *Storytelling Self and Society*.



Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

- Wed. Dec. 8th, 11:30am, Fall Graduates Recognition, followed by Potluck (optional sign up for potluck [here](#))
- Finals Week – Dec. 6-10, 2021 GOOD LUCK!
- Commencement – Dec. 11, 2:00pm
- Winter Break – Dec. 11- January 9

Kudos to...

- Randy Auxier who is continuing his sabbatical world tour with presentations of:
 - a. Papers - "Freddie's Left Hand: Queen and the Order of Music," and "The Passing of Time: The Bodily Experience of Movies" both in Prague.
 - b. Keynote Addresses - "Pragmatism, the Philosophy of Language, and the Theory of Signs" at the Third International Conference of Modern Culture and Communication at Karkonosze State U. in Poland (check out his interview [here](#)).
 - c. Talks - "Husserl and the American Origins of Phenomenology", and "Image, Cinema, and Dream: Langer and the Moving Pictures" at The Institute of Philosophy of the University of Wrocław.
 - d. He also continues his editing and reviewing work for *Eidos: A Journal for Philosophy and Culture*.
- Nilanjana Bardhan who, along with colleagues at The Plank Center for Leadership in Public Relations, organized the Center's third annual Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Summit which was held on November 11 in Chicago. The summit is a platform for connecting public relations students, professionals, and educators. Two CMST undergraduate students, Ashlyn Ege and Grace Schneider, received funding support from the Center and from the School of CMST to attend the summit and engage in networking opportunities with peers and professionals. Everyone had a great experience in the Windy City!
- Alicia Utecht who presented on an NCA panel with "Renewing and Transforming Higher Education's DEI Efforts to be Inclusive of Disability."
- A.B. Art whose artwork was featured in the Southern Illinois Life and Style Magazine.
- OJ Duncan and Sandy Pensoneau-Conway for doing a safe zone and allyship seminar for the extended LGBTQ History Month.
- Carli Álvarez and Sandy Pensoneau-Conway for doing a diversity workshop for students at Johnston City High School.
- Dianah McGreehan, Janine Armstrong, and O.J. Duncan, who helped to organize the Saluki Pride Rally which was held on Wednesday, Nov. 3rd as part of SIUC's LGBTQ+ History Month. Additional CMST members joined them as speakers during the demonstration, including Dr. Jonny Gray and Caleb McKinley-Portee.

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