

# Monthly Newsletter

FALL EDITION

KUDOS & CELEBRATIONS

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**SIU** SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
CARBONDALE SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES



"Much more than public speaking"

## Here's what has happened in the last month !

- **First Pro-Seminar of the School Year**

We kicked off the academic year with an inspiring pro-seminar featuring Dr. Loretta LeMaster, an esteemed alumna of our department. Dr. LeMaster shared insights from their work on "Pedagogy of the Enfleshed: Critical Communication Pedagogy and Others," providing valuable perspectives for our community.

- **Graduate Student Performance Spotlight**

The Kleinau Theatre came alive with talent as we hosted our Graduate Student Performance Spotlight on September 7th. This event showcased the creative and scholarly work of our graduate students, highlighting the diverse range of skills and interests within our program.

- **Job Market Brown Bag Seminar**

To support our students in their career endeavors, our community organized a Job Market Brown Bag session for graduate students . This event offered practical advice and strategies for navigating the academic job market, equipping our students with essential tools for their future careers.

- **Daily Egyptian Feature**

Our community members Dr. Sakshi Bhati and Ava Steffens, were featured in the Daily Egyptian newspaper, where they shared insights on how likely people are to change their views due to a celebrity endorsing a political candidate.

In this newsletter you can expect:

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PhD **Candidacy** Milestone

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**Holy Spectrum** Podcast Launch

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**Daily Egyptian** Newspaper feature

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Graduate Student Performance **Spotlight**

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**Job Market** Brown Bag Seminar

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# CONGRATULATIONS TO:



Dr. Christina Ivey :

Launched their podcast **Holy Spectrum** in conjunction with their work with the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence as Sister Benedetta. **Holy Spectrum** seeks to open up a dialogue around queer spirituality, with topics ranging from current political issues facing queer folks due to religion, to stories involving queer spiritual elders of the past. With new episodes biweekly

Tune in on Spotify, Amazon Music, Apple Music, and iHeart Radio to be part of this enlightening journey into queer spirituality!



Alicia Utecht :

successfully **passed** their preliminary examination and achieved **candidacy** status. This significant milestone marks the transition from coursework to focused dissertation research

The entire department joins in celebrating this accomplishment and eagerly anticipates the groundbreaking work that lies ahead. We wish our candidate the very best as they continue their doctoral journey!



Dr. Sakshi. Bhati :

Got featured in the **Daily Egyptian Newspaper**, from a **PR specialist** perspective, offered valuable insight into how celebrity influence can sway opinions, especially when the public either likes or dislikes the celebrity involved. Her perspectives offered a nuanced look at the intersection of public relations, politics, and popular culture.



Ava. Steffens :

**undergraduate** student and secretary of PRSSA, was also featured in the Daily Egyptian for sharing her thoughts on the influence of celebrity endorsements on political candidates!



# IN PHOTOS:



Dr. Loretta LeMaster presenting 'Pedagogies of the Enfleshed: Critical Communication Pedagogy, Otherwise,' and offering new perspectives on critical communication



Graduate students engaging in a Job Market Brown Bag , with Dr. Ivey and Dr. Bhati discussing strategies and insights for navigating the academic job market.



## EVENT NEWS

## PERFORMANCE SPOTLIGHT



Join us for our upcoming Kleinau Theatre show dubbed Comically Close, written and performed by Alicia Utecht and co-directed by Jonny Gray. Here are the details:

- Date: October 3,4,5
- Time: 7pm
- Location: Kleinau Theatre

Communication building , 2nd Floor  
1100 Lincoln drive

- \$ 5 students
- \$ 7 / Community-\$5 with canned goods

Kudos to Juno, T, and Alicia for their amazing performances in the Graduate Student Performance Spotlight on September 7! we are all so proud of your achievements! Keep inspiring and sharing your gifts with the world.