

KUDOS & CELEBRATIONS

SIU COMMUNICATIONS STUDIES
MAY-SEPT. 2021

- Dianah McGreehan was one of the lead planners for SIU's 2nd Annual Diversity Week.
- Orientation was a huge success. Thank you to Kalie Scanlan, Shelley Rawlins, and all those who helped out in one way or another!
- O.J. Duncan and Sandy Pensoneau-Conway conducted LGBTQ Terminology and Pronoun Training at SIU to kick off Diversity Week.
- O.J. Duncan conducted LGBTQ Terminology and Pronoun Training for the Fourth City Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence
- O.J. Duncan conducted a training session, "Diversity in the Classroom: Working with LGBTQ Students" at the 2021 New GA/TA training, the first graduate student asked to present

Randy Auxier has had a very busy sabbatical:

- Did a "speaking tour" that included
 - a lecture: *The Pragmatic Theory of Signs as a Strategy for Developing Unlimited Semiosis* at the University of Bologna
 - Lecture: *Pragmatism, the Philosophy of Language, and the Theory of Signs* at the University of Venice
 - Lecture: *Pierce's Personalism: The World is a Person* at the University of Milan
 - Attended a conference on Umberto Eco in Urbino, Italy and presented the paper: "Spotting the Fake Eco: On the Limits of Narrating that which Cannot be Theorized."
 - Lectured at an international webinar: *Adjusted Norms: A Deweyan Analysis of Education after the Pandemic of 2020-2021*
- Welcome to Kenna Stoup as our student office assistant!

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER IS LGBTQ HISTORY MONTH

OCT. 16-11 HOMECOMING

OCT. 26: CMST DAY

May 2021 AWARDS

- TAO ZHANG, JOHN T. WARREN EXCELLENCE IN GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH
- BOLTON MORALES, RONALD J. PELIAS EXCELLENCE IN GRADUATE STUDENT SERVICE
- JANINE ARMSTRONG, ELYSE PINEAU EXCELLENCE IN GRADUATE STUDENT TEACHING
- JUSTIN YOUNG, OUTSTANDING FACULTY IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES
- T BROWN, BRYAN CROW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
- DIANAH MCGREEHAN, JOHN T. WARREN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
- SHELBY SWAFFORD, MARION KLEINAU ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
- CHARLIE HOPE DORSEY, MARION KLEINAU LITERATURE IN PERFORMANCE AWARD



CONGRATS TO...

- Justin Young for receiving the CMST Outstanding Teacher Award. Justin Young built our podcast lab and started the Communication Studies podcast.
- UG Gracie Schneider! COLA chose Grace as their official nominee for the Lincoln Laureate Award, an award given to one person from each public university in Illinois who shows outstanding accomplishments in scholarships in service.
- Senior Haley Spiewak was accepted into the Student Press Law Center's Summer Media Law & Policy Institute. She was also selected as the District Ambassador for the Mid-Atlantic District by PRSSA National. She's been invited to the national conference in October to represent all of the chapters in the district.
- Nilanjana Bardhan and Craig Engstrom published "Diversity, Inclusion, and Leadership Communication in Public Relations: A Rhetorical Analysis of Diverse Voices" in the PR Journal in June. Because of the high viewership rate of the article, Craig and Nilanjana have been invited to present the piece at the October 2021 PRSA International Conference.

KUDOS TO...

- Dianah McGreehan and Sandy Pensoneau have been chosen as a part of the Inagural Cohort for the Chancellor's L.E.A.D. SIU Carbondale initiative which focuses on leading, empowering, advocating, and developing talent. Involves a select group of faculty and staff intrested in learning more about higher education leadership in public universities.
- Over the summer, Dr. Tao Zhang successfully defended her dissertation, "The Necessity and Possibility of Decolonizing the Understanding of Chinese-ness" (Chaired by Dr. Nilanjana Bardhan
- O.J. Duncan was named the SIUC grad student SIU System Distinguished Student Service Award recipient. Anna Wilcoxen and Alyssa Roimiser each received an Honorable Mention.
- Sandy Pensoneau-Conway published "Embracing Autoethnographic Anxiety: The Joyous Potential of Teaching and Advising Relationships," co-authored with alumnus Darren Valenta, in the 2nd edition of Handbook of Autoethnography.
- Nilanjana Bardhan (along with PR colleague Karla Gower) received the AEJMC PR Division's Chuck Lubbers Award for publishing the most read article in 2020 ("Student and Faculty/Educator Views on Diversity and Inclusion in Public Relations: The Role of Leaders in Bringing About Change") in the Journal of Public Relations Education.

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