

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

## Spring Newsletter



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NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

**“Some old-fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat.” — Laura Ingalls Wilder**

Dear Friends,

I hope you're enjoying some old-fashioned fresh air and sunshine this spring. I don't need to tell you that it has been a difficult couple of years, and that many of our shared challenges have yet to be resolved. But it's also true that we have so much to be proud of and good things to look forward to this year. Here at UW Communication, where the cherry blossoms are in full bloom, we're in the midst of a more robust return to campus and are preparing to celebrate...



### **Read Chair's full letter**

I invite you to take a moment to learn more about our [mission and values](#), and to read on to learn about some of our recent activities.

**Happy Spring!**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Harold".

Christine Harold  
Professor & Chair  
Department of Communication

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**UW Communication is hosting a stellar lineup of national and international scholars for our 2021-22 colloquium speaker series.** In Winter, Sandra González-Bailón of the Annenberg School for Communication spoke to us about her research on **Media Choices And Biases In Online Information**. Catherine Knight Steele of the University of Maryland shared her work on tracing the Black feminist technoculture in her talk **“For the Black girls who don’t code.”** David Nemer of the University of Virginia discussed his new book ***Technology of the oppressed: Inequity and the digital mundane in favelas of Brazil.*** Lori Kido Lopez of the University of Wisconsin-Madison delivered her talk **“Micro media industries: Hmong American Media Innovation in the Diaspora.”**

We have more fascinating talks on deck for Spring! Check [our website](#) for information on upcoming events and subscribe to [our YouTube channel](#) to view talks and other community content.

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### **Welcoming New Communication Faculty: Professor Dr. Yuan Hsiao**

Our newest colleague, Assistant Professor Yuan Hsiao, researches the intersection of political communication, social media, and social networks and has analyzed political protests in Taiwan, the Black Lives Matter movement, and more. Dr. Hsiao brings a deeply interdisciplinary perspective to the study of communication and will be teaching a variety of courses, including Communication Technology and Politics.



### **Welcoming New Communication Faculty: Dr. Timeka Tounsel**

Dr. Timeka Tounsel will join our faculty in Autumn 2022. Dr. Tounsel's research and teaching examines Black (digital) popular culture, audience studies, and feminist media studies. Specifically, her research considers the stories that mass media tell about Black women, how Black women imagine themselves, and the consequences of these narratives. Dr. Tounsel's book, *Branding Black Womanhood: Media Citizenship from Black Power to Black Girl Magic*, will be released in June.



### **Introducing Megan Buxton**

We are happy to introduce our new Outreach and Alumni Relations Manager, Megan Buxton! Megan received her Bachelors of Arts in Communication from Boise State University and completed her Masters in Education at Texas State University. She has worked in Alumni Relations and/or Annual Giving at nonprofits and institutions including Texas State University, Southwestern University, San Antonio College, the



University of Texas at San Antonio, and Texas Lutheran University.

As head of our outreach and communication efforts, Megan will organize events, steward alumni giving, and tell the department's story across a variety of venues. We are excited to welcome Megan this spring and look forward to her leadership!

You can reach Megan at [mbuxton7@uw.edu](mailto:mbuxton7@uw.edu), or 206-685-2738

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### Your gifts make a difference...

More than ever, the Department of Communication is committed to providing a transformative education. Your support to the **Department of Communication Discretionary Fund** provides resources to develop and expand programs that are not covered by state funding. These programs push students to take on challenges, reach beyond themselves, and see the world in new ways.



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