

COMMunity News



Summer Quarter 2013

Dear Friend,



August 28 will be the 50th anniversary of the great civil rights march on Washington D.C., at which Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I have a dream" speech. Two weeks ago I was walking in the footsteps of some of those who went to Washington.

Specifically, I was standing on sacred ground — the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama. This is where citizens fighting for voting rights for all Americans were beaten by state troopers in 1965, and then three weeks later returned with federal protection to undertake a 54-mile march to the state capital in Montgomery. [Read more words from the Chair.](#)

► New Alumni Hall of Fame inductees announced

The Department of Communication announces five new inductees to its Alumni Hall of Fame. A ceremony will be held to honor them on **Tuesday, October 15 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the University of Washington Club.** RSVP here: <http://bit.ly/18sNzja>



Department Chair David Domke describes this year's group as an "amazing, inspiring set of inductees with fascinating experiences." Selections were made based on input from faculty, staff, and current Hall of Fame members. The new group includes a pioneer of women's professional basketball, a Lake Washington Institute of Technology professor who spearheaded the school's first baccalaureate program, the voice of the Huskies responsible for 40 years of opening games with: "Hello, Dawg fans!," a cultural bridge builder and PoetSinger from the Blackfeet Indian Nation, and a freelance war reporter who has embedded with every branch of the military. [Meet our new inductees and find our more about the event.](#)

► Comm Lead hosts Screen Summit at MOHAI



On June 14, [Communication Leadership](#) students, alumni, and faculty, Department of Communication alumni, and members of the community gathered at the Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI) for the third annual Screen Summit to celebrate the launch of the Communication Leadership program and showcase superlative student work.

Comm Lead students shared their projects on the screen of their

choosing – TV, laptop, smartphone, tablet – with the more than 200 guests, including a transmedia project involving smartphone apps, graphic novels, and tourism; an independent musician project on building an online fan base; a short video documentary that screened at the Seattle International Film Festival; and two digital business prototypes. [Read more and watch a highlight video of the event, along with nine student profile videos.](#)

► Gerry Philipson selected as NCA Distinguished Scholar

Professor [Gerry Philipson](#) has been chosen as an NCA Distinguished Scholar, an honor bestowed for a career-long record of outstanding scholarly work. A reception will be held for him at the 99th Annual Convention on Friday, November 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Wardman Park Marriott Hotel. [RSVP here to attend the reception in Washington D.C.](#) A departmental celebration on the UW campus will be planned in late autumn quarter.

► Chats with the Chair



In exciting new weekly podcasts, Department of Communication Chair David Domke holds fun, probing, unscripted conversations with faculty, staff, students, and alumni who are doing new and outstanding things. Chats are 15 to 20 minutes in length, and can be watched via video or downloaded as audio.

To date, Domke has chatted with public speaking professor Matt McGarrity about teaching a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) to more than 112,000 students around the world, with Communication Leadership Associate Director Anita Verna Crofts about her new position as Flight Instructor, and with journalism professor Randy Beam about his commitment to researching news coverage of suicide. [Listen to the podcasts on our website.](#)

► Ph.D. student Kiana Scott selected as UW's student regent

After many discussions with student regents in the Seattle area, administrators, her advisor David Domke, and legislators around the state, Department of Communication Ph.D. student Kiana Scott decided to apply to become a student regent. Ten months and an intense interview process later, Governor Jay Inslee made his first appointment to the [University of Washington Board of Regents](#) by selecting Scott as the 2013-14 Student Regent. Scott is only the second Ph.D. student to ever be elected as UW's Student Regent. [Read more.](#)

► Department Updates

- [Patricia Moy](#) accepts associate vice provost position and will be working with Professor Gerald Baldasty, who holds the position of Senior Vice Provost for Academic and Students Affairs.
- [Joanne Harrell](#), our 2013 Distinguished Alum and Chair of the Board of Regents, was the keynote speaker at graduation in June
- Congratulations to Megan Coppersmith Szerwo (B.A., 2004) named the Department's Outstanding Early Career Alumnus for 2013
- Alum, Seattle Times executive editor [David Boardman](#) accepts new position as Dean of Temple University's School of Media and Communication
- MCDM grad [Vaun Raymond](#) wins Technology Award for Lake Union Virtual Museum
- Graduate advisor [Heather Werckle](#) elected to serve on APAC Executive Board
- [Jennifer McClearen](#) chosen as first communication fellow in the Simpson Center's Certificate in Public Scholarship program
- Professor [Ralina Joseph](#) awarded GO-MAP Faculty Leadership Award
- Ph.D. grad [John Crowley](#) sweeps dissertation awards on three levels
- [Joanne Silberner](#) wins 2013 Best Cancer Reporter Award from the ESO

► Events

- October 15 marks the induction of Karen Bryant, Nancy Dick, Lou Gellermann, Jack Gladstone, and Alexandria Quade into the Department's [Alumni Hall of Fame](#)
- On October 28th to 30th, the Communication Leadership program will be at the [Seattle Interactive Conference](#).
- Several UW Comm faculty members are involved in the launch of [Forefront](#), a nonprofit committed to taking bold steps for suicide prevention. The launch event and fundraiser takes place on World Suicide Prevention Day, September 10 at the Husky Union Building.
- Communication Leadership welcomes 82 new students to its program this fall. To become a part of next year's innovative cohort, apply by February 1. For more information, check out these info sessions on October 16 and November 14. Details at www.cl.uw.edu.
- Alum Robert McChesney (B.A., 1986; Ph.D., 1989) will hold a public lecture about his new book "Dollarocracy" in Kane Hall on November 12 from 7 to 9 p.m.
- The NCA's 99th Annual Convention takes place on November 21st to 24th in Washington D.C.

