



COMMUNITY NEWS



Winter Quarter 2016

Dear Friend,



The season of change and new beginnings is upon us with spring right around the corner – which has gotten me thinking about some major milestones. In June, I will give my eighth speech at our graduation celebration as Chair of the Department of Communication and shake hundreds of eager graduates' hands as they walk across the stage to receive their diplomas. A lot has changed since I started as Chair – and even since those students were freshmen – and I would like to invite you to see those changes firsthand at our Open House on April 9.

In conjunction with the University's first Parent & Family Weekend happening on April 8-10, the Communications Building will be set to showcase the research, teaching, and community engagement of faculty, staff, students, and alumni. We have worked hard to enrich the student experience and engage in public scholarship as the Department is coming up on 15 years since the 2002 merger of the School of Communications and the Department of Speech Communication. The Open House will be a celebration of the work we do, the opportunities we seek to offer for

students and in the community, and the leadership we will work tirelessly to continue to cultivate for years to come.

[While the campus is buzzing with freshmen and their parents, learn alongside them and get a taste of what it would be like to be a current college student in a few ways >>](#)

► Open House / Parent & Family Weekend

OPEN HOUSE PARENT & FAMILY WEEKEND

WHEN: APRIL 9, 1–4 P.M.
WHERE: COMMUNICATIONS
BUILDING

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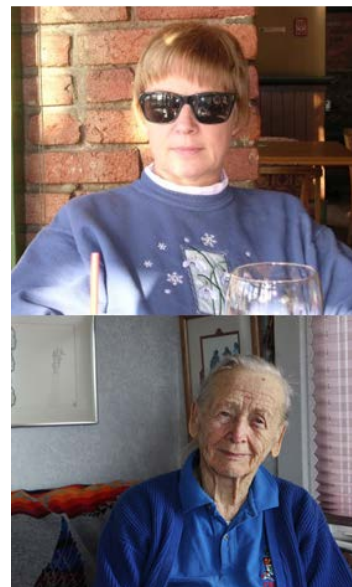
Find more details [here](#) and please let us know if you can make it. RSVP [here](#).

► A Working Legacy: Barbara Warnick & Pat Cranston

We started a [webpage](#) that honors former Department of Communication faculty and staff who have either (a) moved on or passed away, or (b) moved to other positions after lengthy time and influence here. In both cases, they left a mark here – a positive impact through their research, teaching, commitment to students, and paving new paths with leadership. Two that we would like to highlight today are Barbara Warnick and Pat Cranston.

Barbara Warnick devoted 26 years to the UW, showing an undying commitment to the Department of Speech Communication, her students, and the field of rhetoric. She joined the faculty in 1980 and was Chair during a difficult time when budget cuts were eliminating departments. She, along with others, fought to keep Communication alive. While today, Warnick is suffering from dementia, her contributions to the study of rhetoric for the past four decades are apparent and abundant. [Read more about Warnick's life in acadmia >>](#)

Still known for making the best Texas-style chili in town, which she invited students over for at the end of each quarter, Pat Cranston taught at the UW School of Journalism for more than 35 years, where she was the first tenure-track woman professor. She helped start KCTS and KUOW, where she was the News Director, and became the first woman president of the Broadcast Education Association. Cranston retired in 1990, but still keeps in touch with some of her former students. [Read more and watch a video featuring two of Cranston's former students and the first Pat Cranston Scholar, Brie Ripley >>](#)



[View the full "Working Legacy" webpage here >>](#)

► #BlackLivesMatter Teach-In

A few days after Director of the [Center for Communication, Difference, and Equity \(CCDE\)](#) Ralina Joseph delivered a [public lecture as part of the UW Graduate School's Equity and Difference Series](#), the CCDE, along with other departments on campus, organized a [day-long teach-in focused on the Black Lives Matter Movement](#).

At the Samuel E. Kelly Ethnic Cultural Center, attendees discussed why and how racial justice activism matters and learned what a pro-black activist agenda looks like. [Find a recap of the event with text, photos, and Tweets here >>](#)

► More Stories

- A Watchful Eye on Washington: UW Comm alumnus Walker Orenstein (B.A., 2015) continues his legislative beat after participating in the Olympia Legislative Reporting Internship last year. [Read more >>](#)
- To follow along with the latest Civil Rights Pilgrimage through podcasts by radio veteran Steve Scher, photos, and social media posts, [click here >>](#)
- Professor David Domke, a Communication undergraduate, and a Communication Leadership graduate student teamed up with a local nonprofit to create STEM education tours across Washington state. [Read more >>](#)
- A Writer's Life for Me: Alumnus Robb Zerr (B.A., 1981) on lessons learned at UW Comm that led to his 35-year career. [Read more >>](#)

► In Memoriam



Television journalist Kelvin Tang (B.A., 1988), known as Hong Kong's "News Prince," died on December 24, 2015. Local journalists, many who knew Tang from his time as a popular Asia Television Limited (ATV) news anchor during the 1990s were shocked to learn the news. Tang worked as a senior news anchor for Digital Broadcasting Corporation (DBC).

[Learn more in this article in the South China Morning Post >>](#)

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