

**Annual report/summary:  
Graduate student research, creative activity, awards, and grants  
AY2009/2010**

**Graduate student research presentations- international, national, and regional conferences:**

- **Amanda Fountain:** *Are We Still Friends? Maintaining Long Distance Friendships*. 79th Annual Florida Communication Association Conference in Orlando, Florida.
- **Amanda Fountain:** *Not so Sweet Tweets: Twitter for Effective Public Relations Practices*. Central States Communication Association Annual Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- **Brandon Hensley:** *Constructing Postmodern Bodies: Performative Embodiment and Hegemonic Masculinity in Gym Structure*. 79th Annual Florida Communication Association Conference in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.
- **Brandon Hensley:** *New Age, Old Disclosure: National Geographic, Orientalism, and Coverage of Afghanistan in the 21st Century*. Popular Culture Association Conference in Saint Louis, Missouri.
- **Brandon Hensley:** *Up Your Ante: New Ways to Deal with Old Problems*. 2010 Basic Course Directors' Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- **Brandon Hensley:** *Constructing Postmodern Bodies: Performative Embodiment and Hegemonic Masculinity in Gym Subculture*. Sixth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry.
- **Brandon Hensley:** *National Geographic, Afghanistan and the War on Terror*. Global Media and the War on Terror conference, London, UK.
- **Ramey Strong:** *In the Eye of the Beholder: An Ethnographic View of Teacher Immediacy and its Effects on Student Learning and Classroom Culture*. 79th Annual Florida Communication Association Conference in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.
- **Nora Swalls:** *The Wheels on the Bus Go Round Making Connections More Profound: A Rural Transit System and the Passenger'(s) Extension to Community Building*. Central States Communication Association Annual Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- **Melissa Territo:** *Hidden in the Shadows: A Qualitative Analysis of the "Impossible" Possibility: Male Rape*. 79th Annual Florida Communication Association Conference in Orlando, Florida.
- **Melissa Territo:** *A feminist movement: What are 'we' really fighting for? A rhetorical analysis of race, gender, and democracy*. Central States Communication Association Annual Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- **Melissa Territo:** *Performing hegemonic masculinity behind bars: A rhetorical analysis of HBO's series Oz*. Central States Communication Association Annual Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- **Melissa Territo:** *Hidden in the shadows: A qualitative analysis of the "impossible" possibility: Male rape*. Central States Communication Association Annual Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- **Amanda Fountain:** *Not so Sweet Tweets: Twitter for Effective Public Relations Practices*, Central States Communication Association Annual Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- **Kendra McClure:** *Up Your Ante: New Ways to Deal with Old Problems*. 2010 Basic Course Directors' Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- **Kendra McClure:** *Miracle or Myth? A Qualitative Study of the Communication Strategies Used to Promote and Oppose Clean Coal Technology*. Central States Communication Association Annual Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.

- **Kendra McClure:** *Who's Getting Schooled? A Critical Examination of an Entertainment-Education Intervention*. Popular Culture Association Conference in Saint Louis, Missouri.
- **Kendra McClure:** *Spare Me Your White Girl Cultural Divide Love: Evidence of Subaltern Marginalization in Grey's Anatomy*. Popular Culture Association Conference in Saint Louis, Missouri.
- **Alyssa Obradovich:** *Up Your Ante: New Ways to Deal with Old Problems*. 2010 Basic Course Directors' Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- **Zachary Thuring:** *Don't Touch me Faggot! Touch Avoidance and Verbal Aggression as Indicators of Homonegative Attitudes*. Central States Communication Association Annual Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- **Zachary Thuring:** *Hegemonic Masculinity in the Boy Scouts of America*. Popular Culture Association Conference in Saint Louis, Missouri.
- **Zachary Thuring:** *Up Your Ante: New Ways to Deal with Old Problems*. 2010 Basic Course Directors' Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.

#### **Williams Travel Awards:**

- **Amanda Fountain**, for *Are We Still Friends? Maintaining Long Distance Friendships*, presented at the 79th Annual Florida Communication Association Conference in Orlando, Florida.
- **Brandon Hensley**, for *Constructing Postmodern Bodies: Performative Embodiment and Hegemonic Masculinity in Gym Structure*, presented at the 79th Annual Florida Communication Association Conference in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.
- **Ramey Strong**, for *In the Eye of the Beholder: An Ethnographic View of Teacher Immediacy and its Effects on Student Learning and Classroom Culture*, presented at the 79th Annual Florida Communication Association Conference in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.
- **Melissa Territo**, for *Hidden in the Shadows: A Qualitative Analysis of the "Impossible" Possibility: Male Rape*, presented at the 79th Annual Florida Communication Association Conference in Orlando, Florida.
- **Amanda Fountain**, for *Not so Sweet Tweets: Twitter for Effective Public Relations Practices*, presented at the Central States Communication Association Annual Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- **Brandon Hensley**, for *New Age, Old Disclosure: National Geographic, Orientalism, and Coverage of Afghanistan in the 21st Century*, presented at the Popular Culture Association Conference in Saint Louis, Illinois.
- **Brandon Hensley**, for *Up Your Ante: New Ways to Deal with Old Problems*, presented at the 2010 Basic Course Directors' Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- **Kendra McClure**, for *Miracle or Myth? A Qualitative Study of the Communication Strategies Used to Promote and Oppose Clean Coal Technology*, presented at the Central States Communication Association Annual Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.
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- **Nora Swalls**, for *The Wheels on the Bus Go Round Making Connections More Profound: A Rural Transit System and the Passenger'(s) Extension to Community Building*,

- presented at the Central States Communication Association Annual Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- **Zachary Thuring**, for *Don't Touch me Faggot! Touch Avoidance and Verbal Aggression as Indicators of Homonegative Attitudes*, presented at the Central States Communication Association Annual Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio,
  - **Zachary Thuring**, for *Hegemonic Masculinity in the Boy Scouts of America*, presented at the Popular Culture Association Conference in Saint Louis, Missouri.

### Graduate Research Presentations- On campus:

Departmental Colloquium on Graduate Student Research (October 2):

- **Amanda Fountain**: *Are We Still Friends? Maintaining Long-Distance Friendships*
- **Ramey Strong**: *In the Eye of the Beholder: An Ethnographic View of Teacher Immediacy and its Effects on Student Learning and Classroom Culture*
- **Melissa Territo**: *Hidden in the Shadows: A Qualitative Analysis of the "Impossible" Possibility: Male Rape*
- **Brandon Hensley**: *Constructing Postmodern Bodies: Performative Embodiment and Hegemonic Masculinity in Gym Subculture*

Graduate Research Panel at Communication Day (March 31, 2010) :

- **Kendra (Baker) McClure**: *Who's Getting Schooled? A Critical Examination of an Entertainment-Education Intervention.*
- **Brandon Hensley**: *New Age, Old Disclosure: National Geographic, Orientalism, and Coverage of Afghanistan in the 21st Century.*
- **Zach Thuring**: *Don't Touch me Faggot! Touch Avoidance and Verbal Aggression as Indicators of Homonegative Attitudes.* International Center for Global Diversity Inaugural Forum (April 9, 2010):
- **Brandon Hensley**: *Constructing Postmodern Bodies: Performative Embodiment and Hegemonic Masculinity in Gym Subculture*

Graduate Showcase Series: College of Arts and Humanities (April 5, 2010):

- **Kendra Baker**: Presentation of her thesis research on Entertainment-Education

Graduate Exposition (April 16):

- **Nora Swalls**: poster presentation for her thesis research project: *Clark County Ready, Set, Grow!*