

COMM NOTES



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Meet the new faculty!

Put a face with a name.
Learn more about the Communication Studies Department's two new faculty members and help the department welcome them!



Study Abroad!

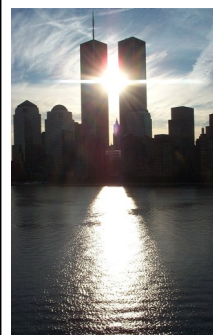


Get the experience of a lifetime! Studying abroad opens many doors for opportunities, and lets you experience different cultures. You will broaden your horizons and have a blast while doing it! Take a look inside for more information about studying abroad, and read real testimonies from students who have been on a study abroad trip!



Inside you can also learn more about the Communication Studies Department's trip to Ireland this summer!

9/11 Remembrance



This year marks the 10 year anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. The department will

be showing a special film in the Doudna Auditorium followed by a panel discussion on September 12th. For more information look inside!!!

New Faculty



*The Communication Studies Dept.
Welcomes Two New Faculty!*

Claudia Janssen

Claudia is originally from Germany and came to the United States in 2006 for school.

Claudia is teaching Communication Message Design and Advocacy and Crisis Communication. She is also the co-advisor of Lambda Pi Eta.

Random Fact: She is afraid of crabs.



Scott Walus

Scott is from the southwest side of Chicago.

Scott is teaching Intro to Mass Communication and Field Production.

Random Fact: Last summer he paid his bills by working as a guitar and amp tech at a music store in Columbia. He has played in bands for years.

Upcoming Events



Mediated Images, Memory, and 9/11

Ten years ago our country was hit with a huge shock and devastation. It was and will always be a day that people will never forget. In honor of the ten year anniversary of 9/11 Eastern is holding a few different events on campus.

On September 12th at 6pm-8:30pm there will be a film showing of *United 93* (made in 2006) in the Doudna lecture hall. The film depicts the emotions and struggles of the passengers on the flight United 93 the day the World Trade Centers were attacked. After the film there will be a panel/audience discussion focusing on the themes of mediated images, memory, and 9/11. Marita Gronnvoll, Carrie Wilson-Brown, and Rich Jones will make up the panel of participants.

For any questions or concerns please contact Marita Gronnvoll at mgronnvoll@eiu.edu



Study Abroad



Study abroad fair:

There will be a study abroad fair September 7th in the University Ballroom from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Here, you can have all your questions answered and discover all the possibilities and benefits that come from studying abroad.



Ireland!

This summer the Communication Studies Department is heading off to Ireland! You can make your summer unforgettable this year by spending four weeks in Ireland May 10—June 7. You can earn 3 hours independent study, 3 hours intercultural study, and graduate credit is available. Ireland is rich in culture and opportunities, and studying abroad there will benefit you in ways you couldn't imagine. Hailie Ray attended the Communication Departments study abroad trip last summer and said, "The trip was a once in a lifetime experience. It's eye-opening and a good way to learn about a foreign culture without dealing with a language barrier." Nathan Eckhouse also attended the same trip and said, "The trip was definitely a once in a lifetime experience. I met some amazing people overseas and experienced things that most people will never get to." If you want to have this same experience, attend the study abroad fair to learn more, or you can contact co-leaders Jim Coleman and A.J. Walsh.

Get Involved!



Get involved in the Communication Studies Department, Join Lambda Pi Eta!

Lambda Pi Eta is an honorary communication organization. This would be a great place to get more involved in your major and more involved in your local community.

The only requirement is to have a 3.25 GPA in the department and an overall 3.0 GPA.

Lambda Pi Eta meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 pm in Coleman Hall room 1210. Contact Melanie Mills at mbmills@eiu.edu or Claudia Janssen at cijanssen@eiu.edu if you are interested in joining.



Make Connections & Join PRSSA!

PRSSA is an RSO that has existed at EIU since 1984. PRSSA is an active club and is a great place for Communication Studies students to network for potential internships and jobs.

PRSSA meets every Monday at 6pm in the Effingham Room. Contact Brian Sowa at bcsowa@eiu.edu or Terri Johnson at tljohnson@eiu.edu if you are interested in joining.



How to be successful in college



Tips & Tricks on how to start off on the right foot.



Tips from Leigh:

1. Go to class
2. Read before you go to class
3. Establish a relationship with your faculty
4. Go in for help before you are in trouble
5. **Do NOT procrastinate:**
Procrastinating is like a rocking chair, it's fun at the time but it doesn't get you anywhere.
6. Know what you need to graduate Be *present* in class
7. Always be respectful to everyone

Tips from Students:

1. Be responsible
2. Don't text in class
3. Actually read the textbook
4. Don't skip class
5. Participate in class
6. Don't go out the night before if you have an early class (the bars will still be there the next day)
7. Don't be afraid to ask questions
8. Use your teachers office hours
9. If you are a transfer student, get involved within the department.

TSA/GIA Awards



Let us help you!

What are they you may ask? The TSA is the Talented Student Award that covers tuition costs up to full tuition and the GIA is the Grant In Aid Award that is a monetary grant amount credited to the student's school account.

Eligibility: For information on how you can be eligible go to the department website found at <http://eiu.edu/commstudies/forms.php>

How to Apply? Fill out the application and all other required/supporting documentation and submit to the Chair of the Department of Communication Studies, Eastern Illinois University, 600 Lincoln Avenue, Charleston, IL 61920- 3009.

Deadlines: Fall Semester- September 30th, Spring Semester- February 14th, Summer Semester- May 30th

For further information or questions please contact the Chair at 217-581-2016



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