

## Department of Communication Studies

### Summer 2014 Faculty Activities and Accomplishments Report

(May 1 to August 1)

**Mike Bradd** won a Silver Dome Award for Best Radio Play-by-Play in the Small Market Category. The Illinois Broadcasters Association sponsored the award. This was the second time **Mike** won the award. In addition, **Mike** participated in a Sports Media Roundtable Discussion at the B-R-S Baseball Museum in Nokomis, Illinois on June 29th. He joined with radio and newspaper sports reporters in discussing contemporary issues in sports.

During the summer, **David Gracon** attended a number of conferences and workshops, including the National Communication Association (NCA) Institute for Faculty Development (Hope College, Michigan), the Wakonse Conference on College Teaching (Camp Miniwanca, Michigan), and the Council on Undergraduate Research (EIU). David received full funding from the College of Arts and Humanities to attend the Wakonse Conference.

In the area of creative activities, **David** organized and programmed two events for Hallways Microcinema in Champaign. He also directed and edited a music video (“Sanctuary”) for the Japanese indie band called Film. In addition, at the Pop Up Show in Champaign, David screened and presented his retrospective program (“Amateur Versus Professional — Experimental Film and Video works 1997-2014”). He also finalized short videos #12-30 (with the goal of making 100 short videos) of the ongoing Ordinary Video Series. Ordinary Video is a series of short observational documentaries exploring the intersection of nature, media and socially constructed spaces shot on his iPhone. Finally, David travelled to Colgate University (New York) to attend the Robert Flaherty Film Seminar.

In the area of service, **David** participated in a bike event that raised money for cancer research and treatment at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo, NY. In addition, he traveled to Rabinal, Guatemala in early August to serve as a volunteer Builder with Habitat for Humanity’s Global Village Program.

**Marita Gronnvoll** participated in a CAA summer workshop that focused on developing best practices for integrating the approved learning goals into the general education curriculum. She received a stipend paid for by a grant from the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI).

**Rich Jones** worked in June with the other Learning Goals leaders and co-chairs to facilitate a four-day symposium on general education and EIU’s learning goals. This initiative was supported by a grant from the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

In late June **Rich** attended the Basic Course Director Summer Institute at the University of Dayton. The four-day institute was supported by an “Advancing the Discipline” grant from

the National Communication Association. **Rich** also reviewed manuscripts for the *Basic Communication Course Annual*.

**Rich** continued his service on the board of directors of the Illinois Communication and Theatre Association. Over the summer, he reviewed submissions and scheduled sessions related to higher education for the 2014 convention as well as served on the Convention Planning Committee, the Awards Committee, and the Constitution, Bylaws, and Policy Manual Review Committee.

**Rich** performed in *A Question of Loyalty*, an original play commemorating the Charleston Riots, at the Lincoln Log Cabin on June 14th and July 19th, and in the interactive murder mystery, *Murder: Take Two*, on June 14th as a fundraiser for the Mattoon homeless shelter.

In July, **Ryan McDaniel** received a commission as a First Lieutenant (O-2) in the U.S. Air Force. He was appointed to serve as a Chaplain in the Indiana Air National Guard, attached to the 181st Intelligence Wing in Terre Haute, Indiana. His current status is that of a traditional Guardsman.

**Andrew Robinson** presented at the Faculty Summer Institute Conference in Champaign, IL on "Giving Feedback without Giving Out." He also trained faculty from various universities in online instructional design through the Illinois Online Network from June through July 3. During the summer, **Andrew** continued to build on his service record in various ways: he served on a thesis committee and supervised an internship for a sociology student. He also trained ministers toward ordination through the Cultivating Ministers Training Program, established a Christ Ministries School of Divinity and served as a volunteer pastor for EIU's ACTS Campus Ministry. He also served as the AWCF (Apostolic World Christian Fellowship) Illinois District Chairperson.

**Eric Schumacher** was selected by the Office of Faculty Development to attend the Wakonse Conference on College Teaching in Shelby, Michigan. He gave two informal presentations on the power of narrative and storytelling in the classroom. He also taught a hybrid section of CMN 3300: Interviewing through the School of Continuing Education at Triton College in River Grove, IL.