A NOTE FROM MIKE MIDDLETON

With the semester coming to an end, we have the opportunity to celebrate the many successes of our graduate students who are finishing their MA/MS or PhD programs this year, as well as the exciting new class of graduate students who will be joining us next year. First, the graduate students completing the program this year continue to demonstrate the strength of the program and their level of dedication with a 100% job placement rate this year, including tenure-track positions at Seton Hall, Fordham, University of Illinois-Chicago, St. Louis University, and Minot State University.

As these students graduate and begin their academic careers, we are equally excited about our new cohort of 10 students joining us for the Fall 2022 semester. Next year’s new students will include 7 PhD and 3 MA students. This exceptionally strong group of students join us after completing degrees at a number of exceptional colleges and universities, including Syracuse University, the University of California – Santa Barbara, Johns Hopkins University, and others. In addition to the strong background of these incoming students, they also are the most diverse group of graduate students ever admitted to the program, reflecting the ongoing efforts toward increased diversity and inclusivity initiated over the last several years and, notably, led by the innovative work of our graduate students themselves.

As this academic year draws to a close, we have many reasons to believe that the future is bright for the Department and its remarkable graduate students.

COMMUNICATION STUDENT VIVIAN LEE SELECTED AS THE 2022 COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES CONVOCATION SPEAKER

Department of Communication undergraduate student Vivian Lee has been selected to give this year’s speech at the College of Humanities Convocation. Lee is finishing a degree in Communication Studies with plans to attend the University of Utah in the fall as a Master’s student in the College of Education to study education, culture, and society.

DR. SARA YEO TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH STEM AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Dr. Sara Yeo has been appointed to Director of the University of Utah’s STEM Ambassador Program. She will be taking over in this role from Dr. Nalini Nadkarni as Faculty Director and will be listed as the PI on the program’s National Science Foundation Award.

THE U ESTABLISHES EDNA ANDERSON-TAYLOR COMMUNICATION INSTITUTE

The Communication Institute, received a generous donation of $1 million - the largest in the history of the department - from alumna Edna Anderson-Taylor (class of 1959) and her husband, Jerry Taylor, to secure the institute’s long-term impact and success.
Enjoy your summer!

**Conversations with Fulbright Scholar Dr. Amela Delić**
The informal meeting with our Fulbright scholar Amela Delić will take place at Noon – 1:00 pm on May 3rd (Tuesday) in the Reading Room (LNCO 2120). Amela would like to share with you her compelling story of living in Bosnia as an educator, a researcher, and a war survivor. While listening to her stories, you can enjoy traditional Bosnian cookies and coffee that Amela will bring to the meeting. Please bring your cross-cultural inquisitiveness, questions for Amela, and appetite for Bosnian snacks!

**2022 University of Utah Commencement**
Join the University of Utah to celebrate its graduates at the University Commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m. MDT at the Jon M. Huntsman Center. This in-person gathering honors graduating students from our colleges and schools across campus together during this university-wide event. The ninety-minute University Commencement ceremony broadly honors the Class of 2022 as a whole.

**Center 2022 College of Humanities Convocation**
The College of Humanities Convocation ceremony will recognize Baccalaureate, Master’s and Doctoral Degree Candidates for their degrees and honors earned. Diploma covers are presented at this time to each graduate. All graduates are required to wear the appropriate cap and gown during the ceremony. Graduates should plan to arrive at the Jon M. Huntsman Center at 6:30pm. The ceremony begins promptly at 7:00pm and is expected to last approximately 1 hour and 45 mins.
Congratulations!

Department of Communication Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award

Daniel Chavez-Yenter
Emily Krebs
Charnell Peters
Mariah Wellman
Sebastiaan Gorissen
Madison Krall
O.M. Olaniyan
Euni Kim
Kaylee Mulholland

Department of Communication Citation for Excellence

Jessie Chaplain
Erin Spencer
Kaylee Mulholland
Frankie Gigray

Department of Communication Scholar-Activist Award

Grace Rogers
Emily Krebs

Department of Communication Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award

Dallin Adams

Jennifer Duignan Staff Service Award

Travis Ciaramella
Us Upfront

Kaylee Mulholland

If I didn’t work in education, I would be:
traveling as a documentarian
or running a gluten free bakery

Quote I live by:
“I am a being who rejects the condition
of being a mere object.”
-Paulo Freire

On a perfect weekend, you can find me:
hiking, playing a pickup game of
basketball, and hammocking with an
iced coffee!

Most memorable college class I took:
Communicating Race and Reconciliation...truly any
class I took while studying in Cape Town has been
formative to my research!

Last book I finished:
Dictee by Theresa Hak Kyung Cha

Song that pumps me up:
Kahoot lobby music

I hope that my students:
commit to a life of
learning, care for
themselves and others,
and invest energy into
causes they are passionate
about!!!