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COMMUNITY

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

A NOTE FROM GLEN FEIGHERY

Little things are big things.

Reimbursement for a meal. Publicity for your event. An HDMI cable that actually works in your classroom. Help answering a student question. Someone to guide a visitor to the right room through LNCO's maze of right angles.

These are the things our staff colleagues do every day. And they're part of the reason why our department enjoys a reputation as one of the best on campus.

Consider how our staff are on the front line of serving students. Undergraduates are vital members of our department community. They have countless daily interactions with staff, especially our advising team. As our enrollments grow, it's our staff colleagues who help our students feel like individuals, not parts of a mass.

Remember when campus shut down three years ago? Our staff were the keys to our success, demonstrating resilience by example, making sure everyone had the equipment we needed to work from home, and maintaining a presence with our students and others.

One of the things many of us took away from the pandemic was a resolve to practice gratitude. So, the next time you see a staff colleague, thank them not only for keeping the wheels of administration turning, but also for helping sustain the community we cherish.

Sara Yeo Joins National Academies' Standing Committee on Advancing Science Communication

Sara Yeo was recently selected a member of the National Academies' Standing Committee on Advancing Science Communication. She and her cohort of scholars and practitioners - who come from diverse scientific and health fields, communities and networks - will serve a three-year term and join current committee members to continue work in fostering increased collaboration between researchers and practitioners and providing leadership to help advance the field of science communication in ways that are equitable, inclusive and evidence based.



FACULTY IN THE NEWS



NEWSROOMS NEED TO DO MORE TO PROTECT JOURNALISTS FROM ONLINE HARASSMENT

featuring Jacob Nelson



WHY VISUAL MISINFORMATION ONLINE CAN BE TOUGH TO STOP

featuring Andy King



DO YOU KNOW WHO'S WRITING YOUR NEWS?

featuring Avery Holton



PUTIN'S POSEIDON AND THE RADIOACTIVE TIDAL WAVE OF DEATH

featuring Danielle Endres

NEW EPISODES OF PODCASTS MADE FOR AND BY STUDENTS



The COMM 4670 podcasting class covered various topics, including the political climate in 2022, Iranian voices, life at the University of Utah and more!

 [LISTEN HERE](#)



As host of the Inspiring Internships podcast, Cameron Vakilian seeks to spotlight exceptional internship programs and help listeners discover what makes an internship truly successful.

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CAREER CORNER

The Department of Communication has partnered with the new Career Success Presidential Initiative to bring personalized career coaching to serve their students. Full-time career coaches will meet one-to-one with students to help them focus their career visions and achieve their professional goals. They will guide students in exploring internship and career opportunities, writing strong resumes, and building connections with organizations in media, marketing, public relations, journalism, corporations, and more.

Appointments will be offered in the Language and Communication Building and remotely if needed. Coaches look forward to working closely with faculty, staff, and friends around the U to support student preparation and access to dynamic futures.

MORE ABOUT OUR CAREER COACHES



As a career coach for the Career Success Presidential Initiative, Brianda De Leon's goal is to uplift students and help them carve a path for themselves from the world of higher education to their professional careers. Brianda helps students understand how they can craft an impactful career from their degree. She facilitates access, shares career resources, and helps students build their confidence as professionals.



Dominic Militello joins the Career Success Presidential Initiative with 20 years of executive career experience. With an emphasis in assisting top talent to effectively interact, interview, and navigate this competitive marketplace, he has worked with clients including Amazon Web Services, Walmart, and Lowe's. As a career coach for the Department of Communication, Dominic mentors students to effectively interview at a high level to generate job offers and negotiate through the hiring process.



As a career coach, Giovanna Percontino helps students identify and pursue next steps in search of their professional goals. She enjoys spearheading the launch of new careers and supporting job seekers' progress with confidence while making an impact on students' lives. Giovanna is dedicated to helping Communication students - her goal is to advise them on the pathway toward enriching work experiences and a career. She proactively supports robust career activities like resume creation, interview preparation and innovative job search strategies.

Us Upfront

Stephanie Krusell

If I was an undergraduate student now, I would...

study art or music

On a perfect weekend, you can find me:

traveling, at brunch with my mom or at home snuggling my dog.

Most memorable college class I took:

COMM 3070 Communication and Gender

Fictional character I'm most like:

Liz Lemon from *30 Rock*

Last book I finished:

Sing Backwards and Weep: A Memoir by Mark Lanegan

Last movie I saw:

Arkansas

If I'm at a concert, it's...

Kendrick Lamar, Oh Sees, The Smile, Guided By Voices, or Yob. I love music and live shows!

Songs that pump me up:

Teenage Riot by Sonic Youth and Cut Out Witch by Guided Voices

I hope that my students

Will take advantage of all the amazing resources here at the U! I hope that they will develop meaningful connections with people and make friends that will last a lifetime. I hope they have experiences that open their minds and help them figure out who they truly are and what they want to do.

