



COMMUNICATION STUDIES

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

We are one of a few baccalaureate programs in the nation that offers an intensive two-semester program geared toward research in communication studies. Students learn how to write and conduct a complete research investigation and are exposed to either SAS or SPSS statistical software used for analyzing their data. This prepares students for entry into the workforce or graduate school.

Research Publications. Communication studies students have presented their research at professional conferences such as the Eastern Communication Association and the Central States Communication Association. One student co-authored a publication in the journal *Communication Research Reports*. Each year, the communication students participate in the Ovations session on campus. A cutting edge research paper written by communication students on text messaging won an award at Ovations Spring 2009. In the last few years we have had over 100 students attend various academic conferences.

Faculty Interaction. Faculty and students work together on various projects on and off campus. Small class sizes and faculty members who serve as advisors to student led organizations allow these partnerships to flourish.

Experiential Learning. Field trips and experiential learning are common within our curriculum. Various courses utilize hands on in class experiences as well as field trips to illustrate communication in action. Internships and service learning opportunities also allow the students to engage in the community. Students have countless resources for enhancing their studies in communication.

Dr. Mary Toale serves as the faculty advisor to various student organizations on campus, is the Faculty Senate President, Humanities Division Chair, and won the prestigious Strosacker Award for Excellence in Teaching. Along with numerous roles on campus, Dr. Toale is an active member of the National Communication Association, Eastern Communication Association, and a member of the editorial review board for *Communication Quarterly*.

Dr. Sean Gilmore has published or presented nationally 25 research projects on Communication. A seven-time award-winning presenter, his ideas on Communication have been highlighted on twelve radio and television programs including ABC's *20/20*.

WHAT CAN I Be WITH THIS MAJOR?

Human Resources Director	Management	Special Events/ Planning	Training Coordinator
Customer Relations	Marketing Coordinator	Speech Writer	Entrepreneur
Fund Raising	Public Relations Director	Communication Consultant	Banker
Labor Relations	Sales		Editor

RECENT INTERNSHIPS

Cleveland Cavaliers	American Heart Association
Berea CFS Home	I-X Center
Easter Seals	Cuyahoga County Library
Cleveland Indians	First National Bank
Clear Channel Communication	Cleveland Scholarship Program
WOIO/WUAB	Walt Disney World
Westfield Insurance Company	

OUTCOMES

Andy M. (2002) Ph. D. Assistant Professor, Communication Studies Colorado State Univ.	Holly N. (2007) Pursuing Master's degree, Columbia University	Audrey W. (2004) Senior Event Coordinator Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
Erin M. (2006), Sharon S. (2006), and Julianne W. (2008) Hyland Software Cleveland, Ohio	Lauren R. (2009) Pursuing Master's degree, Kent State University	Quincy W. (2006) Pursuing Theological Degree Ashland University
Brennan F. (2006) Human Resources Plastipak Packaging, Inc	Jason A. (2008) Pursuing Law Degree, University of Dayton	Stephanie O. (2007) Pre Employment Screening Westlake, Ohio
Becky C. (2008) Pursuing Library Science Master's degree. Kent State University	Brian M. (2003) Small Business Owner Northeast Ohio	Jamillet B. (2003) Vocational Services Agency, Northeast Ohio
Seth P. (2004) Production Assistant New York, N.Y.	Lara S. (2006) Banking Industry Williamsburg, Virginia	Ashley K. (2009) Pursuing Master's de- gree, Baldwin-Wallace College

FACULTY

Mary Toale, Ed.D.

West Virginia University
Nonverbal Communication,
Communication Research
Methods, Communication
Theory, Instructional
Communication, Computer
Mediated Communication

Sean Gilmore, Ph.D.

University of Illinois
Interpersonal Communication,
Family Communication,
Intercultural Communication,
Public Relations

Andrew Dohanos, Ph.D.

University of Utah
Interpersonal Communication,
Group Communication and
Research Methods