

Academe

Celebrating Academic Leadership and Christian Scholarship



COMMUNICATION STUDIES

OVERVIEW

Communication Studies students at Huntington practice faith-informed thinking about the ways our society tells stories and communicates values. The program allows students to gain a solid grasp of communication principles while exploring additional skill areas both inside the communication department and in a chosen area outside the department. By putting together this combination of communication fundamentals with a focus on an outside area (such as science, literature, music, business, marketing, education, ministry), students are uniquely prepared to carve out a specialized niche in a particular discipline or field.

DID YOU KNOW?

Communication Studies was one of the first majors to be offered on the campus of Huntington University 100 years ago. From its early focus on "speech" and "rhetoric," the major (called Oral Communication) expanded throughout the 20th century to include not only the oral skills thought of as speech, but also those communicative ideas expressed in written and visual forms.

COMMUNICATION GRAD NAMED MISS INDIANA

When Susan Guilkey stepped into classes at Huntington University the fall semester of her freshman year, she didn't know the path she wanted to take or the doors God would eventually open for her.

"I'm horrible at science," Susan says, "and my mom said that I loved to talk so I should just pursue that!"

Well, she did – in a way. As a communication studies major, Susan dove into communication theory and interpersonal relationship classes, as well as gender-specific courses that captured her attention.

Susan quickly used those classes to help encourage young girls to be strong, smart and bold through the national organization, Girls, Inc. During her senior year, with the help of Huntington University's Enterprise Resource Center, Susan was able to complete an internship with the Indianapolis-based branch of the organization.

And the very next month after her college graduation in 2005, Susan was given the grand opportunity to become the official Indiana state spokesperson for the organization. Standing on a stage much different than the one of her graduation just six weeks earlier, Susan was announced the winner of the Miss Indiana Scholarship Pageant, which is a part of the Miss America Scholarship Program.

After being named Miss Indiana, Susan quickly realized the opportunities that she would be given to share the impact God has made in her life with thousands of Hoosiers.

"I think the best ministry is when you are able to get so much joy out of giving to others; that's honestly what I live for," Susan says. "The thing I am most excited for as Miss Indiana is to give back and be a servant to our state. I hope people can see Christ through me in this opportunity."

In addition, Susan's eyes light up when she talks about her official platform, Girls, Inc. During her internship, Susan developed a before-school program for the Indianapolis area to complement the already existing after-school and summer programs.

Susan's degree in communication studies prepared her for the public role of Miss Indiana and the service-oriented role of working with young girls at Girls, Inc. During the interview portion of the Miss Indiana Scholarship Pageant, which Susan won in the preliminary competition along with talent and People's Choice, Susan spoke about her Huntington education.



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"I opened by saying that I had just graduated in May and I credit Huntington University for the fine-tuning of my interpersonal skills and building relationships that would help me be an effective Miss Indiana," Susan recalls. "I credit Huntington in a lot of different ways. I feel it helps you grow as a person, and I love the fact that I was close to a lot of the faculty."

Being actively involved in extra-curricular activities also helped Susan shape her personality and passion for service. She served as the student director of the Joe Mertz Center for Volunteer Service, participated in various worship ensembles and took part in student government. She encourages other Huntington students to enjoy their time on campus, seize every opportunity and make life-long friends.

Taking note of her own advice, Susan will go on to impact thousands of people across the state and beyond, attributing much of her success to the opportunities Huntington University provided.

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FACULTY/STAFF NEWS & NOTES



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• **Mr. Jeff Berggren**, vice president of enrollment management and marketing, recently earned the Admissions Officer of the Year Award from the North America Coalition for Christian Admissions Professionals (NACCAP). Candidates for the award are

nominated by staff and then voted on by the NACCAP Executive Board.

• **Ms. Martha Smith**, assistant dean of student development, recently received the Don Boender Distinguished Service Award. The award is given by the Association for Christians in Student Development (ACSD) and honors a professional in the field of student development who has 20-plus years of service and has made important contributions in the field of Christian student development.

• **Mr. Robert Kaehr**, director of library services, spent his two-month sabbatical this spring visiting libraries in a fact-finding tour. During this time, he discovered

innovations that Huntington University might be able to incorporate into the library building or programming to enhance learning. Thirteen academic libraries in Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and Michigan were examined.

• **Dr. Jack Heller**, assistant professor of English, recently presented a paper, "Parodies of Grace in Timon of Athens," at the 17th Elizabethan Theatre Conference held in Waterloo, Ontario, on June 16.

• **Dr. Karen Jones**, associate professor of ministry and missions, will lead a group of 41 high school and college students for a World Changers project this summer. The group will work with the Roma (gypsy) people in villages near Braila, Romania, northeast of Bucharest. Jones will also participate in "The Spirit of Youth Ministry" conference in Hartford, Conn., in August.

• **Dr. Lance Clark**, assistant professor of communication, **Mr. Brent Kuster**, communications instructor, and **Jeff Blossom**, a senior film studies major, recently finished production on a five-county video for United Way. Clark directed the video while Kuster served as Director of Photography and Blossom served as Second Unit Camera Operator and Chief Editor. The video will be used in all five counties to help raise support during fall campaigns.

• **Dr. Gary House**, assistant professor of pastoral ministries and director of the M.A. in pastoral ministries, recently presented a seminar entitled, "Where Have All The Thinkers Gone?" at the Dayton Resource and Curriculum Fair. In addition to the seminar, he presented "Creating a Heart for Evangelism: Impacting a World for Christ," and "How to Study the Bible: A Crash Course in Hermeneutics," at the Wisconsin State Home School Convention in Oconomowoc, Wis.

• **Dr. Gary Newton**, professor of discipling ministries and director of the M.A. in discipling ministries, had his article, "Drop-Off Kids: Love 'Em or Lose 'Em," chosen as the feature article in the July/August edition of *Children's Ministry* magazine. In June, he attended the conference of the Society of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education at Prince Edward Island, Canada. In July, he led a training seminar on effective small groups for pastors at the Sandusky Annual Conference of the United Brethren Church.

• **Prof. Susan Burson**, instructor in education, was recently awarded a \$7,000 PRISM Summer Project Grant by Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. These funds will be used for additional development of the Elementary and Middle School Science Laboratory and resourcing for collaborative projects between education majors and local school corporations.



Organization: Global Vision

Faculty Sponsor: Luke Fetters

Grant Writer: Anna Geivett

Grant Awarded:
\$5,000 from Huston Foundation

Class: Grantsmanship and Fundraising

Professor: Connie Updike

STUDENT'S WORK BENEFITS CAMPUS

Global Visions receives Huston Grant

The Huntington University student missions organization, Global Vision, was recently awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Huston Foundation, a charitable trust providing help to non-profit organizations involved in religious, charitable or educational work. Anna Geivett, a 2005 recreation management graduate of Huntington University, wrote the grant proposal for Global Vision as part of a class assignment for Grantsmanship and Fundraising, a recreation management course taught by Professor Connie Updike.

Global Vision, a student-led organization developed in 2000, promotes missions awareness among the Huntington University community. Along with helping to coordinate the annual Missions Emphasis Week each spring, Global Vision also provides several activities each semester to promote missions awareness, such as international dinners, guest missionaries, trips, or films.

With the funding from the Huston Foundation, Global Vision will be able to employ a part-time student coordinator and also offer two trips during the 2005-2006 academic year to help students build their intercultural knowledge and missions awareness.

"It is a pleasure to work for Global Vision in providing programs that will both educate and get students involved in the area of cross-cultural ministry," Geivett said. "I wanted to see Global Vision gain a heightened presence on campus in order for more students to pursue their role within the great commission."

Geivett's passion for cross-cultural missions has been greatly appreciated.

"Anna was able to integrate her passion for missions with a class assignment," said Luke Fetters, assistant professor of ministry and missions and faculty sponsor for Global Vision. "She wanted to invest this energy in something that could benefit a cause she deeply cared about. Anna did a good job of pulling together the basic components of the grant proposal. It's great that we have this course on our campus and that it can be used to benefit our co-curricular programming."

Fetters adds that this grant shows that positive results can be achieved by using class curriculum to benefit co-curricular activities. He feels that this grant also shows what can be accomplished when students and faculty collaborate and when academic departments work together.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Scholar Athletes: Five Huntington University spring sport athletes recently earned All-America Scholar Athlete honors from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). The award is the highest academic honor given to an individual within his or her respective sports. For the 2004-2005 spring season, Brandon Curtis and Kyleigh Gast from the Forester tennis teams, and Melanie Zehr, Ellen Eberling, and Emily Burkholder from the softball team each earned the honor.

Academic Excellence: The Huntington University women's tennis team earned the Academic Excellence Award for the 2004-2005 athletic year. Each year the award is given to the Huntington team with the highest team grade point average for the year. Women's Tennis had a team GPA of 3.588.

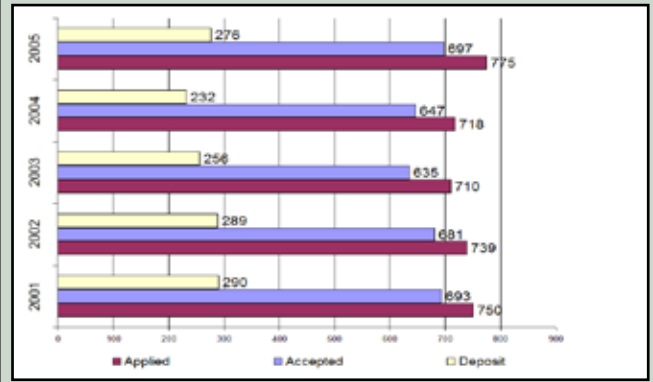
Media Awards: The Huntington University 2004-2005 men's basketball media guide and the Huntington University website were each recently awarded national top-five honors from the NAIA-SIDA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics-Sports Information Directors Association). For the second time in as many years, the Forester men's guide won best cover in the country in the men's basketball brochure division. In its first year entered, the Huntington University website earned fifth-place honors.

For news and up-to-date results of Forester Athletics, visit www.huntington.edu/athletics.



The Forester women's basketball team took a mission trip to Jamaica where they built a home and ministered to young girls and others.

ADMISSIONS UPDATE



The chart above summarizes the number of prospective students who have applied and been accepted to Huntington University for the fall 2005 semester. The bars represent year-to-date comparisons over the past five years.

ADVANCEMENT NEWS

Huntington University is one of a select number of Indiana universities to receive a new, noncompetitive matching grant initiative. Lilly Endowment Inc. has invited the University to participate in the Initiative to Strengthen Philanthropy for Indiana Higher Education Institutions – Phase II. The University may raise up to \$1 million, subject to a \$1(grantor)-for-\$1(grantee) matching requirement between June 1, 2005, and December 31, 2006.

AROUND CAMPUS.....

• Huntington University hosted a record number of new students for Freshman Registration Weekend, held June 24-25. "I am grateful to our faculty and staff who were involved in this incredibly effective and well run registration weekend," **President G. Blair Dowden** commented. "In fact, I felt that the organization and implementation of the weekend was the best that I have experienced in my 14 years at Huntington University. That observation is confirmed by conversations that I had with parents of numerous prospective students. The entire registration weekend reflected well on Huntington's quality and excellence."

• The Huntington University EXCEL Program for Adults will be available in Columbia City, Ind., beginning this fall. EXCEL offers an Associate of Science degree in Organizational Management to adults with little or no previous college credit. A Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Management is designed for students with two or more years of transferable college credits. Classes are scheduled for two to six weeks and meet one time a week for four hours.

• The Huntington University Mathematics and Computer Science Department recently hosted the 2005 National Biennial Conference of the Association of Christians in the Mathematical Sciences (ACMS) on June 1-4. About 100 computer scientists and mathematicians from colleges and universities across the U.S. and Canada attended to hear talks on mathematics, computer science, integration of faith and learning, curricular issues, and other topics.

• Omega Psi, the Huntington University chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education, was notified in May that they won an Achieving Chapter Excellence (ACE) Award. The ACE Award is presented every biennium to chapters who demonstrate excellence and dedication to the ideals of Kappa Delta Pi. This is the second consecutive ACE award for the Omega Psi chapter, and in 2003, Omega Psi was recognized as the youngest chapter ever to be honored with the ACE award. The award will be presented at the Biennial Convocation in Orlando on November 3, 2005. As an ACE recipient, Omega Psi will be considered for the Ace of the ACE Award, to be announced at the convocation. Next year's officers for Omega Psi are **Amanda Cline**, President; **Wes Knuth**, Vice President; **Connie Surface**, Secretary; **Josh Miller**, Treasurer; and **Stephanie Hoekenga**, Historian.

• **Rachel Tinon**, a 2005 English graduate of

Huntington University, was recently awarded the Regnery Scholarship from Sigma Tau Delta, the National English Honor Society. The \$2,500 award for graduate school is based on a submitted academic paper and overall excellence in English. Tinon also had a paper published this spring in the undergraduate issue of the *Alpha Chi Recorder*, the official publication of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society. Tinon's paper entitled, "Bruised Reed, Smoking Flax: Shakespeare's Portrayal of Puritanism in Twelfth Night and Measure for Measure," was researched while she studied abroad in Oxford, England.



Visual university changes are becoming frequent throughout the summer months. Several signs on- and off-campus are making the change from "college" to "university."

CAMPUS CALENDAR

August/September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			10	11	12	13 HU Night @ Wizards/ 6 pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 M Soccer Alumni Game/1 pm
21	22	23	24 Faculty/Staff Worship Service/11 am	25	26 Orientation/9 am	27 Orientation/9 am
28 Orientation/9 am	29 First semester begins/ 8 am M Soccer/4:30 pm (H)	30	31	1 M/W Tennis/3 pm (H) W Soccer/4:30 pm (A)	2 Final day for registration changes Volleyball/5:30 pm (A)	3 M/W Tennis/10 am (H) Volleyball/10:30 am (A) Cross Country/11 am (A) M Soccer/12 pm (A) W Soccer/2 pm (A)
4	5 LABOR DAY	6 M Soccer/3 pm (A) Volleyball/7:30 pm (H)	7 W Tennis/3 pm (H) M Soccer/4 pm (A)	8 M Tennis/2 pm (A)	9 M Cross Country/TBA (A) Golf/12 pm (A) Volleyball/5 pm (A)	10 W Cross Country/TBA (A) Volleyball/9 am (A) M Tennis/10 am (A) Golf/11 am (A) W Soccer/12 pm (H) M Soccer/3:30 pm (H)
11	12 SAS Retreat/4 pm	13 M/W Tennis/3 pm (A) Volleyball/7:30 pm (H)	14 Foundation Break- fast/7:45 am W Soccer/4 pm (A)	<i>For a detailed calendar of campus events, visit www.huntington.edu/calendar.</i>		

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Chris and I are frequently asked, "How was your sabbatical?" Typically a friend, colleague, or alumnus wants to know about our experiences during our three months away from campus. After we share that our time was wonderful and we came back to campus refreshed and reinvigorated, we often would hear the comment, "I wish I could get away for several months!"

Everyone should experience a sabbatical! Originating from the biblical concept of the Sabbath and sabbatical year, this time away from the day-to-day routine was originally adopted by Harvard University in the late 1800's and has been a part of higher education in the United States ever since. In our Western culture, everyone could benefit from such a time. Fortunately, Chris and I were generously given a three-month sabbatical by our Board.

We spent winter 2005 in Florida reading, writing, reflecting, and renewing. My sabbatical study focused on the changing environment in higher education and the future of Huntington University.

Much has been written about the need for change in higher education. Experts note that in our fast-paced competitive society, change needs to be constant and continuous in order for colleges and universities to remain strong. In other words, universities cannot take a sabbatical!

A colleague at a sister school once summarized the change process with this phrase: changing a lot but staying the same. Huntington is a university that is changing in many ways, but we are staying the same by maintaining our mission and core values.

We are changing. As of June 1, 2005 we have a new name -- Huntington University. The name reflects trends in higher education and our growth in size and in the breadth of our academic programs. It also reflects who we have become and our future direction as a Christ-centered liberal arts institution.

We are also changing in programs. Over the past year, Huntington University has announced new programs that are mission focused and market sensitive. Already numerous students have expressed interest in these new majors including social work, worship leadership, economics and finance, digital media arts, political studies, and recreation and sports ministry. We have also added new master's degrees in education and counseling ministries, with additional graduate programs to come.

While we are changing, we are also remaining the same. Our mission as a Christ-centered liberal arts university is to educate students to impact our world for Christ. This will never be changed or compromised.



Dr. G. Blair Dowden
President of Huntington University

Huntington University will be different in the next decade. Changes will be made—some dramatic—in order to grow, develop, and strengthen the University so that we can effectively accomplish our mission. Our task is to change a lot—in programs, size, and structure—but to stay the same—in mission and focus. May our Lord grant us the wisdom, creativity, and strength to effectively accomplish this vital task of Christian higher education.