

**REPORT ON GRADUATE STUDENT PRODUCTIVITY:
Department of Communication
University of Maryland
2008-2009**



Publications

Journal Articles (8)

Austin, Lucinda, Mitchko, J., Freeman, C., Kirby, S., & Milne, J. (in press). Using Framing Theory to Unite the Field of Injury and Violence Prevention and Response: Adding Power to Our Voices. *Social Marketing Quarterly*: forthcoming.

Barney, Timothy. "When We Was Red: Good Bye Lenin! and Nostalgia for the Everyday GDR." *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies*, Vol. 6, no. 2 (June 2009): 132-151.

Donofrio, Theresa A. "Ground Zero and Place-Making Authority: The Conservative Metaphors in 9/11 Families' "Take Back the Memorial" Rhetoric" *Western Journal of Communication* 74, no. 2 (2010): in press.

Aldoory, Linda, **Hua Jiang**, Elizabeth L. Toth and Bey-Ling Sha, "Is It Still Just a Women's Issue? A Study of Work-Life Balance Among Men and Women in Public Relations," *PR Journal* 2.4 (2008): 1-20.

Samek, Alyssa A. "Political Skin: (Un)Covering the Presidential Candidates," *Feminist Media Studies*: in press.

Shen, Hongmei and Elizabeth Toth, "An Ideal Public Relations Master's Curriculum: Expectations & Status Quo," *Public Relations Review* 34 (2008): 309-311.

Smith, Brian G., "Creating Recognition for Employee Recognition: A Case Study on Public Relations, Branding, and Marketing," *Public Relations Journal* 2 (2008): 1-19, available at <http://www.prsa.org/prjournal>.

Pfau, Michael, Semmler, Shane, Deatrick, Leslie., Mason, Alicia, Nisbett, Gwen, Lane, Lindsay, Craig, Elizabeth, **Underhill, Jill**, & Banas, John.. "Nuances about the Role and Impact of Affect in Inoculation." *Communication Monographs* 76 (2009): 73-98.

Book Chapters (1)

Fall, L.T. & **Epkins, Heather**. (in press). The USA extends the welcome mat for international travelers: A case study of post 9/11 public relations campaign strategies inside America's travel industry. M. Morgan (Ed.), *The day that changed everything: An interdisciplinary series of edited volumes on the impact of 9/11: Volume 2 Business and Economics*. New York, NY: Palgrave MacMillan.

Published Book Reviews (1)

Barney, Timothy. "Review of *Everyday Subversion: From Joking to Revolting in the German Democratic Republic*." *History: Reviews of New Books* (forthcoming June 2009).

Awards & Honors (19)

Allen, Susan. First Place in Globalization. Graduate Research Interaction Day, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, 2009.

Barney, Timothy J. Top Papers in Rhetoric & Public Address. Eastern States Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA, April 2009.

Boudewyns-Paquin, Vanessa and Paquin R. Top Four Student Papers in Health Communication. International Communication Association. Chicago, IL. May 2009.

Boudewyns-Paquin, Vanessa. International Communication Association Travel Grant (Health Communication Division). Chicago, IL. May 2009.

Briones, Rowena. First Place in Culture, Literature, and Society 1. Graduate Research Interaction Day, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, 2009.

Briones, Rowena. 3rd place in the Communication School Category for the Corporate Communication Case Study Competition, Arthur W. Page Society and the Institute for Public Relations, March 2009.

Briones, Rowena and others. Lambda Pi Eta Top Student Papers. National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Donofrio, Theresa A. Travel Grant Award Recipient. Rhetoric Society of America Summer Institute. State College, PA. June 2009.

Donofrio, Theresa A. Center for Teaching Excellence Travel Grant (to Lilly-East Conference, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, April 2008.

Donofrio, Theresa A. Top Papers in American Studies. National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Gilmore, James G. Top Papers Kenneth Burke Interest Group. Eastern States Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA, April 2009.

Jiang, Hua. Center for Teaching Excellence Travel Grant (to Lilly-East Conference, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, April 2009.

Krueger, Benjamin. Center for Teaching Excellence Travel Grant (to Lilly-East Conference, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, April 2008.

Patel, Sejal. Graduate Student Service Award. College of Arts and Humanities. University of Maryland. September 2008.

Place, Katie. Betsy Plank Graduate Research Competition Winner. Public Relations Society of America. October 2008.

Schloss, Renata. Betsy Plank Graduate Research Competition Honorable Mention. Public Relations Society of America. October 2008.

Turner, M. M., & **Underhill, Jill C.** Top Paper. Sooner Communication Conference. Norman, OK. March 2009. (Top Paper)

Vardeman, Jennifer. Mary Gardner Award for Graduate Student Research. AEJMC. Chicago, IL. August 2008.

Walker, M. Karen. Franklin Fellows appointment to the Department of State's Global Partnership Center. Department of State. Washington, DC, 2009.

Conference Presentations (87)

Adams, Heather Brook. "What They Had To Do: The Loss of Voice, Choice, and Identity of Unwed Mothers in Cold War America." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Adams, Heather Brook. "Words to the Wise: Vernacular-as-Epistemic and the Problem of Deliberative Democracy." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Allen, Susan. "Fighting Negative Identity: A Case Study of How a Muslim-American Civil Rights Organization Communicates Identity through Dialogue." Paper presented at the NCA Summer Conference on Intercultural Dialogue. Istanbul, Turkey. July 2009.

Allen, Susan. "Fighting Negative Identity." Presentation, Graduate Research Interaction Day, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, April 2009. (First Place)

Allen, Susan. "'Identity under Pressure: How Muslim Americans Express and Communicate their identities.'" Paper presented at the International Association for Intercultural Communication Studies. Louisville, KY. November 2008.

Turner, M. M., **Austin, Lucinda L.**, Lubran, M. B., **Patel, Sejal, & Skubisz, Christine.** "Consumer Use of Nutrition Symbols. Paper to be presented to the National Marketing and Public Policy Conference, Washington, D.C. May 2009.

Turner, M., **Austin, Lucinda**, Lubran, M., **Patel, Sejal, & Skubisz, Christine.** "Visual Attention to Nutrition Information on Food Products: The Influence of Motivation and Ability." Paper presented at the 59th Annual International Communication Association Conference, Chicago, IL. May 2009.

Turner, M.M., **Austin, Lucinda**, Lubran, M., **Patel, Sejal, & Skubisz, Christine.** "The effect of 'At-a-glance' nutrition symbols and nutrition information on cognitive processing and purchase intent: An Eye-Tracking Approach." Paper presented to the NCA Summer Conference 2008: Methods and Measures for Communication and Cognition Research, College Park, MD. July 2008.

Austin, Lucinda, York, S., Freeman, C., & Mitchko, J. "Pilot and Process Evaluation for CDC's Preventing Falls: How to Develop Community-based Fall Prevention Programs for Older Adults." Paper presented to National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing and Media, Atlanta, GA. August 2008.

Rubel, S. K., Freeman, C., **Austin, Lucinda**, Marsh, K., & Snelling, J. "Testing the Personal Behavior Change Model for Disaster Preparedness: The Citizen Corps National Household Survey Report." Paper to be presented to the 94th Annual National Communication Association, NCA-F/START Pre-Conference on Emergency Pre-Event Communication, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Barney, Timothy J. "'You Are, Therefore I Am': The World Social Forum and the Rhetorical Aesthetics of Social Change." A paper presentation at the Eastern States Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA, April 2009.

Barney, Timothy J. "A Tale of Two Vaclavs: Rhetorical History and the Concept of 'Return' in Postcommunist Czech Leadership." A paper presentation at the Eastern States Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA, April 2009. (Top Papers in Rhetoric & Public Address)

Barney, Timothy J. "Iron Albatross: Air-Age Globalism, the Maps of Richard Edes Harrison, and the Geographical Imagination of the Early Cold War." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Barney, Timothy J. "Power Lines: The Rhetoric of Maps as Social Change in the Post-Cold War Landscape." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Boudewyns-Paquin, Vanessa, and Paquin, R. "The Beliefs Behind the Behavior: Using Theory to Understand College Students' STD-Testing Intentions." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association. Chicago, IL. May 2009. (Travel Grant Awarded) (Top Four Student Paper Health Communication Division)

Briones, Rowena. "Effective Emergency Preparedness: A Qualitative Study of Applying Agenda-Building and Framing to the American Red Cross Communication Practice." Presentation, Graduate Research Interaction Day, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, April 2009. (First Place)

Briones, Rowena and others. "PSA Effectiveness: How the Partnership for a Drug-Free America's PSA Affect Individuals across Various Factors." A paper presentation at the Eastern States Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA, April 2009.

Briones, Rowena and others. "Nationwide Newspaper Coverage of Childhood Obesity: A Community Structure Approach." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Cionea, Ioana. A. "Taking advocacy beyond the classroom: Practical applications of critical thinking and speaking." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Cionea, Ioana A. "Debating internationally: The intersection of intercultural communication and debate practices." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Cionea, Ioana. A. & Patel, Sejal. R. "Intercultural research: A review of trends in intercultural literature as reflected by articles published." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Depretis, Abbe. "I'm not a Feminist, but. . . : Women and Feminist (Non)Identification." A paper presentation at the Southern States Communication Association, Norfolk, VA, April 2009.

Donofrio, Theresa. "America's Holocaust: Holocaust Survivors' Perceptions of Genocide Discourse in Antiabortion Rights Argumentation." Presentation, Graduate Research Interaction Day, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, April 2009.

Donofrio, Theresa. "The World Social Forum and Disciplinary Anxiety." A paper presentation at the Eastern States Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA, April 2009.

Donofrio, Theresa A. "September 11 as 'Natural' Disaster: Life, Death, Politics, and Agency in the Rhetoric of Project Rebirth" A paper presentation at the Visible Memories Conference, Syracuse, NY. October 2008.

Donofrio, Theresa A. "'Ladies, to the Rescue!': The Expansion of the Domestic Sphere through the Rhetoric of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association." A "scholar to scholar" session at the annual convention of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Donofrio, Theresa A. "'Today Is Not a Dress Rehearsal': Citizenship and Consumption in Kenneth Cole's 9/11 Advertising." A paper presentation at the annual convention of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Donofrio, Theresa A. "Toward the Crystallization of 9/11 Memory: Narrative Form and the Tribute World Trade Center 9/11 Visitor Center." A paper presentation at the annual convention of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008. (Top Papers in American Studies)

Epkins, Heather. "How National Security Reporters Make Meaning of Terrorism Information Disseminated by the U.S. Government." Paper presented to AEJMC. Chicago, IL. August 2008.

Gardner, Elizabeth. "The People's Shining Republic: Bryan, Progressives, and Imperialism." Presentation, Graduate Research Interaction Day, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, April 2009.

Gardner, Elizabeth. "The People's Shining Republic: Bryan, Progressives, and Imperialism," A paper presentation at the Eastern States Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA, April 2009.

Gardner, Elizabeth. "The World Social Forum: Challenging Definitions." A paper presentation at the Eastern States Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA, April 2009.

Gilmore, James G. "In God We Trust? Civil Religion as Contested Space in David Barton's The Myth Of Separation." Presentation, Graduate Research Interaction Day, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, April 2009.

Gilmore, James G. "A Conservative Reactionary: Pentadic Ratios and Ideological Perspective in Pat Robertson's *The Ten Offenses*." A paper presentation at the Eastern States Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA, April 2009. (Top Papers Kenneth Burke Interest Group)

Gilmore, James G. "The Congregation of the Spectacle: The Rhetorical Functions of Large-Scale Video Displays in Megachurches." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Herbig, Arthur W. "The Textualization of Pat Tillman: Depictions of Heroism, Masculinity, and the American Dream in Contemporary U.S. Political Culture." Presentation, Graduate Research Interaction Day, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, April 2009.

Herbig, Arthur W. "Masculinity and the American Dream in American Dreams: Jack Pryor as the Fatherly Scapegoat." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Hobler, Mara. "Relationship management and advocacy as negotiated through social and organizational meanings." Presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Midwinter conference on March 6-7, 2009, Norman, OK.

Hobler, Mara. "Food endearments and rubber duckies: Public morality and minority culture constructions in an abstinence campaign." Presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Midwinter conference on March 6-7, 2009, Norman, OK.

Hobler, Mara. "Making Meaning through Alternative Music: A Qualitative Study of Performance and Self-Expression" A paper presentation at the Western States Communication Association, Phoenix, AZ, February 2009.

Hobler, Mara. "Picturing a Medal: The Construction of Disability in the International Paralympic Committee's Newsletter the *Paralympian*." A paper presentation at the Western States Communication Association, Phoenix, AZ, February 2009.

Jang, S. **Jang, Ahnlee** and Yoo, J.H. "Understanding the Link between Attachment and Communication Efficacy in Situations that Increase Uncertainty in Close Relationships: The Mediating Role of Relational Uncertainty." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Jiang, Hua. "Communication courses: Expanding the boundaries of ethics and conflict resolution." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Jiang, Hua. "Underrepresentation of Female Leadership: Perceptions, Aspirations, and Leadership." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Jiang, Hua. "Gender, leadership, and teams: Examining female leadership in public relations from a new perspective." Paper accepted to be presented at the convention of the International Communication Association, Chicago, IL. May 2009.

Krueger, Benjamin C. "The Gospel According to Harvey: The Discursive Construction of the 'Secular Christ' in The Harvey Milk Show." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Krueger, Benjamin C. "Trial by Faith: The Rhetorical Defense of William Sloane Coffin." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Lamm, Erica J. and Andrew D. Wolvin. "Students as Listeners: What motivates students to listen in class?" Paper presented at the annual convention of the International Listening Association, Milwaukee, WI, March 2009.

Wolvin, Andrew D., Fontanta, Peter, and **Lamm, Erica J.** "Novices and Expert Listeners." Paper presentation, annual convention of the International Listening Association, Milwaukee, WI, March 2009.

Lamm, Erica J. "Implicit Personality Theories Game." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Lewis, Tiffany. "Abigail Scott Duniway's Frontier Myth: Connecting Progress in the West to Woman's Suffrage." Presentation, Graduate Research Interaction Day, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, April 2009.

Lewis, Tiffany. "Politeness Strategies Used During Interpersonal Confrontation of Prejudiced Responses" A paper presentation at the Western States Communication Association, Phoenix, AZ, February 2009.

Patel, Sejal. "When Expectations of Trust are Violated in Relationships: A Cross-Cultural Study of the Effects of In-group/Out-group Membership and Negative Expectancy Violations on Trust." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Place, Katie R. "An Examination of Public Relations Ethics." Presentation, Graduate Research Interaction Day, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, April 2009.

Place, Katie R. "What's Guiding the Profession? An Examination of Public Relations Ethics." Presented at Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) International Conference, Detroit, MI, October 2008.

Reimer, T., Hertwig, R., & **Sipek, Sanja**. Where persuasion meets decision making: The probabilistic persuasion model." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008

Samek, Alyssa. "Strategic Confession and Ironic Voice: Revisiting Rhetorical Resistance to the Military's Ban on Lesbians and Gay Men." A paper presentation at the Western States Communication Association, Phoenix, AZ, February 2009.

Samek, Alyssa. "Political Skin: The Scopophilic Gaze and Constructing the Other." The National Communication Association Annual Convention, Feminist and Women's Studies Division, San Diego, CA, November 2008.

Schloss, Renata Faye. "Health Care Public Relations and Strategic Communication: How Public Relations Practitioners Make Meaning of Communication Management in a Medical Center." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Schloss, Renata. Faye. "EcoMoms' engagement in environmental activity." Paper presented to the Educators Academy of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) International Conference, Detroit, MI, October 2008. (Runner-up for the Betsy Plank Graduate Research Competition Award)

Scholz, Robin. "From Unconventional to Conventional Through Rhetoric: A Case Study of GLBT Mormons' Homosexual and Religious Identity Formation and Negotiation." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Kim, J-N., **Shen, Hongmei**, & Morgan, S. "Predictors of bone marrow, organ, and egg donation: Applying the situational theory of problem solving." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Chicago, IL. May 2009.

Shen, Hongmei. "Linking Ethics Congruence, Communication Strategies and Relationship Building." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Shen, Hongmei. "Corporate Social Responsibility in China: The Role of Public Relations." Paper presented to AEJMC. Chicago, IL. August 2008.

Shen, Hongmei. "Corporate Social Responsibility in China: Perspectives from a Developing Country." Paper presented to AEJMC. Chicago, IL. August 2008.

Smith, Brian G. "A Need for Translation? Conceptualizing Public Relations in Spain." Paper presented to AEJMC. Chicago, IL. August 2008.

Smith, Brian G. "Becoming 'Quirky': Towards an Understanding of Practitioner and Blogger Relations in Public Relations" Paper presented to AEJMC. Chicago, IL. August 2008.

Stillion Southard, Belinda. "Militancy, Coalition-Building, and Expedient Racism in the Congressional Committee's National Woman Suffrage Parade." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Stillion Southard, Bjørn. "Early Radicalism in the Moral Rhetoric of Anti-Slavery, 1630-1760." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Stillion Southard, Bjørn. "Transforming Citizenship Ironically: Burke's Master Tropes and Henry Highland Garnet's Sermon in the House of Representatives, 1865." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Nan, L., **Underhill, Jill, Jiang, Hua, Shen, Hongmei, & Kuch, Beth.** "Risk, efficacy, and information seeking: Applying the risk perception attitude (RPA) framework to understand seeking of general, breast, and prostate cancer information." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Chicago, IL. May 2009.

Turner, M. M., & **Underhill, Jill C.** "Motivating emergency preparedness behaviors: The effects of guilt appeals and guilty feelings." Paper accepted to be presented at the convention of the International Communication Association. Chicago, IL. May 2009.

Turner, M. M., & **Underhill, Jill C.** "Motivating emergency preparedness behaviors: The effects of guilt appeals and guilty feelings." Paper accepted to be presented at the convention of the Sooner Communication Conference. Norman, OK. March 2009. (Top Paper)

Underhill, Jill Cornelius. "Guilt Out the Vote: Using Emotional Appeals in Political Communication." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Underhill, Jill Cornelius and others. "Role and Impact of Involvement and Enhanced Threat in Resistance." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Turner, Monique Mitchell and **Underhill, Jill Cornelius.** "Motivating emergency preparedness: The impact of fear and anger appeals on risk assessment." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Risk Analysis. Boston, MA. December 2008.

Underhill, Stephen. "J. Edgar Hoover's Domestic Propaganda: Narrating the Spectacle of the FBI's 'War on Crime'" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Vardeman, Jennifer E. "Complications in Segmenting Campaign Publics: Women of Color Explain Their Problems, Involvement, and Constraints in Reading Heart Disease Communication." Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA, November 2008.

Vardeman, Jennifer E. and Natalie Tindall. "If it's a woman's issue, I pay attention to it": Identity in the Heart Truth campaign." Paper presented to AEJMC. Chicago, IL. August 2008.

Walker, M. Karen. "Economic Growth as Terministic Screen: An Essay on the Millennium Challenge Corporation." Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA, November 2008.

Xie, Wenjing. "I am Blogging: A Qualitative Study of Uses and Gratifications of Bloggers." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Zhang, Ai. "Dwelling in the Beingness of Inter-being: A Home-Searching Journey in a Foreign Place." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Zhang, Ai. "The role of self in peace education." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Zhang, Ai. "Public Relations Education in the United States: An International/Chinese Perspective." Paper presented to AEJMC. Chicago, IL. August 2008.

Zhu, Lin. "Cultural effect on politeness through interpersonal distance." Paper to be presented at the Intercultural Communication between China and the world conference. Beijing, China. 2009

Zhu, Lin. "The influence of mass media on stereotypes of Chinese and Americans: A quantitative study." Paper to be presented at the International Communication Association. Chicago, Illinois. May 2009.

Zhu, Lin. "Media Effects and Interracial Contact in American and Chinese Stereotypes." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA. November 2008.

Competitive Seminars and Workshops (6)

Barney, Timothy J. Rhetoric, Nationalism, and Post-Nationalism Workshop Rhetoric Society of America Summer Institute. State College, PA. June 2009.

Donofrio, Theresa. Visual Rhetoric Seminar. Rhetoric Society of America Summer Institute. State College, PA. June 2009.

Donofrio, Theresa. Rhetoric, Public Memory, and Forgetting Workshop. Rhetoric Society of America Summer Institute. State College, PA. June 2009.

Gilmore, James. Rhetoric and the Sacred in the 21st Century. Rhetoric Society of America Summer Institute. State College, PA. June 2009.

Krueger, Benjamin C. Queering Rhetorical Studies Workshop Rhetoric Society of America Summer Institute. State College, PA. June 2009.

Samek, Alyssa. Queering Rhetorical Studies Workshop Rhetoric Society of America Summer Institute. State College, PA. June 2009.

Service (12)

Allen, Susan. Departmental Representative. Graduate Student Government, University of Maryland, 2008-2009.

Allen, Susan. Departmental Representative. ARHU Graduate Student Advisory Board, 2008-2009.

Briones, Rowena. CommGrad Executive Board.

Hobler, Mara. Officer/research chair. Association for Graduate Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Graduate Education Interest Group for the 2007-2008 year and 2008-2009 year.

Hobler, Mara. Moderator: Modern Mass Media: What's going on (Panel). 2008 Mid-Winter Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. February 29- March 1, 2008. Pittsburgh, PA.

Hobler, Mara. Moderator: Special Research Call: The State of Graduate Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (Panel). 2008 Annual Conference of the Association for Graduate Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. August 5- August 9, 2008. Chicago, IL.

Hobler, Mara. Moderator: Modern Mass Media: What's going on (Panel). 2008 Mid-Winter Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. February 29- March 1, 2008. Pittsburgh, PA.

Hobler, Mara.

Walker, M. Karen. Represented the Department of Communication on the ARHU Graduate Student Advisory Board, 2007-2008 Academic Year (Susan Allen will fill this position this academic year).

Walker, M. Karen. Participate in the Initiative for Education in Peace, Cooperation and Development (2007-2008 academic year, and continuing this academic year).

Zhang, Ai. Organizer, Confucius Book Club sponsored by the Confucius Institute, University of Maryland, College Park, Spring 2008-present

Zhang, Ai. Member of the Initiative for Education in Peace, Cooperation, and Development (IEPCD), University of Maryland, College Park, Spring 2008-present

Zhang, Ai. Organizer, Study abroad and Peace Education, University of Maryland, College Park, Fall 2008-present