



COMMunity News



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Dear Friend,



We are in the midst of a remarkable, uplifting, inspiring stretch for the Department of Communication. It's almost absurd how much good stuff is in motion.

In the past two months, we have:

- had a superb Assistant Professor, LeiLani Nishime, promoted and tenured
- had a faculty book published
- led students on career exploration trips to Los Angeles and New York City
- hosted the [In-Northwest Conference](#) for the third year in a row
- led students and staff on a [civil rights pilgrimage](#) across the US South

All of these speak to the kinds of values and goals we have in the Department. But wait, there is even more news.

First, on May 8 we will host our [inaugural Leadership Luncheon](#), which is our chance (a) to hear one of our distinguished alums speak about leadership, (b) to present our Outstanding Early Career Award to one of our impactful relatively recent alums, and (c) to raise funds to support transformative opportunities for our students. This event stands in for our spring auction this year; with the sound guidance of our Alumni Board and a few other departmental friends, we decided to host a luncheon, and we're fired up. Assunta Ng, a community treasure, pioneer, and great mentor, will be our keynote speaker; she will speak on how she's seen and exercised leadership in her work in Seattle journalism and the Seattle community. We'll announce our Early Career Alum at the luncheon, and we'll also hear from a couple students about dynamic opportunities they've had in the Department. Please join us at this event, be inspired, and help us to support students. Registration is [here](#).



[Read more from Chair David Domke about two members of the Department receiving the University's highest honor for teaching, a visit from statistician Nate Silver, and how we will be welcoming the International Communication Association to Seattle in May. >>](#)

► 2014 Thomas Scheidel Lecture



The Department of Communication welcomes back Professor Emeritus John Angus Campbell as the 2014 Thomas Scheidel Lecturer. Campbell's talk titled "Professing Communication: An Attempt to Restore Confidence in Public Education and Civic Deliberation in a Climate of Distrust" will be held **Wednesday, April 30 at 3:30 p.m. in CMU 120**. A reception will follow in CMU 126 at 4:30 p.m. Please [RSVP here](#) if you plan to attend.

Campbell taught at the University of Washington from 1968 to 1995 and helped restore Speech Communication and The School of Communication when they were on the Dean's list of departments in the College of Arts and Sciences to be abolished. From 1995 to 2005, Campbell served as Director of Graduate Programs in the Department of Communication at the University of Memphis and is founding director of its Ph.D. program. His

honors include the Golden Monograph Award from the National Communication Association, the James Madison Prize from the Southern States Communication Association, and the Distinguished Teaching Award from the University of Washington, and the Dean's Recognition Award. [Learn more about Campbell and read a synopsis of his upcoming lecture >>](#)

► Department Updates

- Two UW Comm alums, Libby Leahy (B.A., 2005) and Holly Harlow (B.A., 2006), bring the Dawg Dash tradition to New York City. Dawg Dash NYC will take place on April 26 on Roosevelt Island. [Learn more.](#)
- Communication Leadership Associate Director Anita Verna Crofts presented her "Let Students Lead" teaching philosophy at the SXSWedu Conference & Festival in Austin. [Read more.](#)
- Fulbright Scholar Pamela Pietrucci was awarded the Simpson Center's Digital Humanities Commons Research Fellowship to study post-earthquake L'Aquila, Italy. [Read more.](#)
- After more than two decades of exemplary service to the Department, Director of Academic Services David Sherman retired. [Watch a podcast with Sherman and Chair David Domke.](#)
- Senior Lecturer Matt McGarrity and Ph.D. candidate Miles Coleman both won University-wide teaching awards - the highest honor of its kind. [Read more.](#)

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