A MESSAGE FROM THE GRADUATE DIRECTOR:

What a year 2020 has been. The COVID-19 pandemic has turned our school/work lives upside down and changed our research, classes and practices of the department. Nearly everyone has experienced effects on their personal lives too. We’ve all had to adjust our expectations for ourselves and others, at least for a while.

Because we’ve all been coping during this time, this issue of the Fall 2020 Graduate Newsletter has taken on a lighter tone. I consulted with graduate student Chengyu Fang and undergraduate student Claire Chung to help in making this year’s newsletter a bit more personable, showing more of our personalities that might not always come through in zoom meetings. In addition to introductions to our 2020 cohort, new faculty, essential staff and upcoming events, this issue includes graduate student advice to the new cohort (advice that they likely would have offered in a face-to-face environment) and trivia questions about graduate students, faculty and staff. (The extra questions appeared on Shoreline, but I saved the best ones for this venue). Too, at the advice of Chengyu and with the extraordinary skills of Claire, this issue has a more engaging appearance than last year’s issue.

The primary purpose of this newsletter is to welcome our new graduate students and to welcome back our continuing students. We are thrilled to have you with us and promise to do our best by you. Although we cannot physically be together, you are always in our thoughts.

Karen K. Myers, Professor

UCSB Department of Communication ranked 5th in the world in the Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2020, and the prestigious Shanghai Ranking places UC Santa Barbara at #5 in the field of Communication. UC Santa Barbara is also the only California institution in the top 20 for Communication, rising from #8 in 2018 and #13 in 2017.
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HOBBIES:

Amelia Edwards
FACT-CHECKING QUEEN

I received my BA in English from Sichuan University in China and an MS in Psychology from Arizona State University. As a graduate student at ASU, I have worked as a statistics consultant and a teaching assistant. My research interests are in exploring how media affects people’s credibility perceptions towards online news and interpersonal relationships.

HOBBIES: When I am free, I enjoy hiking, swimming, playing guitar and baking.

Abdullah Salouhuddin
ROMANCE EXPERT

I received my B.A. in Rhetoric, with an emphasis in narratology and imagery, from the University of California, Berkeley. Most recently, I earned an M.A. in Communication Studies from California State University, Long Beach, where I primarily studied romantic partnerships and conflict resolution. As a doctoral student, I am interested in studying how technology use enhances or hinders romantic relational processes and outcomes and (2) how hopeful apologies facilitate forgiveness post relational conflict. Aside from academia, I am a speech and debate coach for Modern-Brain, where I teach elementary, middle, and high school students the fundamentals of public speaking and argumentation.

HOBBIES: In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my fiancée (Seol), studying and playing chess, watching Netflix and NBA games, and playing video games.

Lindsay Miller
ADVENTUROUS MOTIVATOR

I received my BA in Psychology from Colorado College in 2017. After undergrad, I worked as part of a research team at the Veterans Health Administration and completed a software development boot camp at University of Colorado Boulder. In graduate school, I am interested in exploring how to motivate people to engage in more pro-social (especially pro-environmental) behaviors.

HOBBIES: When I have some time to spare, I like to cook and take long walks.

Sunghin Youk
MESSAGE MASTER

I received my BA in International Studies and Media & Communication from Korea University. I recently earned an MA in Media & Communication from the same university. My research interest involves message processing and comprehension.

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Jesse King
CHAMPION OF IMMIGRANTS

I received a BA in Communication with an emphasis in News Media and Editing and an MA in Mass Communications from Brigham Young University. Though I’ve been in Utah for the past eight years (minus a year in Brazil), as a Seattleite, I firmly believe that the west coast is the best coast, and I can’t wait to move to California. My upbringing in half-immigrant households (my mom is Chinese and my stepmom is Brazilian), my time working in the mental health field, and my volunteer work teaching computer skills to immigrant communities have guided the type of research I would like to do. Eventually I would like to start a nonprofit that provides free mental health services to immigrants and online resources translated into various languages to provide immigrant families with mental health resources catered to their individual cultures.

HOBBIES: In my free time, I love cooking and eating good food, learning languages, singing broadway musicals, and watching comedy.

Xingyu Liu
FACT-CHECKING QUEEN

I received my MA in Communication Studies from Western Michigan University and my MA in Communication from the University of Central Florida. After living in Orlando, FL for the last two years, I am excited to be away from the extreme humidity, while living even closer to the water. I am interested in studying communication technology and interpersonal communication, specifically impression management.

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Carmen Chan
MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS GURU

I graduated from Cornell University with a B.S. in Communication. Prior to joining UCSB, I took a gap year to work as a lab manager at Northwestern University at The Science of Networks in Communities (SONIC) Research Group. My research interests situate at the intersection of communication technology and well-being. Specifically, I want to understand and help individuals, especially those who are experiencing illness, mental health issues, or are from marginalized groups, use social media technologies to find support, express identities, and build communities.

Musa Malik
POLYLINGUAL GLOBETROTTER

I am passionate about the development of algorithmic tools that facilitate research across multiple sub-disciplines in communication science. I am currently interested in exploring the relationships between content features extracted from global news narratives and regional indicators that measure socio-political phenomena, such as inequality and conflict. Besides Python, R, and Javascript, I can fluently communicate in English, Urdu, and Hindi. I am immediately proficient in Mandarin and hope to master Polish in the coming years. I received a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience from New York University.

Paula Wang
MASS MEDIA SAVVY

I received my BA in Media and Communication Studies from the University of Melbourne, Australia, during which I spent a year at UCSB as an undergraduate exchange student. I am interested in questions concerning cognitive control and mass media effects. My most recent research investigated the role of media multitasking in eliciting psychological well-being.

HOBBIES: When not studying, I enjoy hiking and travelling. I also love anything that involves food, including cooking, baking, and trying new restaurants.

CURRENT GRAD REPRESENTATIVES

All-Grad Rep
Nitzan Navick

First Year Rep
Nitzan Navick

GSA Rep
Gwen Petro

ABD Rep
Matt Giles

PhD Rep
Chengyu Fang

MA Rep
Nancy Molina-Rogers

TA Liaisons
Stephenson Brooks Whitestone & Nancy Molina-Rogers

Social Chairs
Allison Mazur & Chantel Haughton

Office Assignment Reps
Roselia Murillo Mendez & Chris Otmar
“...be sure you know your boundaries, and you enforce them. It can be comfortable getting tight with your cohort, advisor, and students. However, your time in the department as a doctoral student is limited, so you need to spend that time doing whatever you can to be the best scholar that you can be as opposed to getting caught up in every single cohort or departmental squabbles.”

- Kevin Do

“...to keep reading and writing for pleasure. Reading for pleasure is a great way to keep your world wide even as you focus your research interests and writing for pleasure is such a great opportunity to relieve stress and express yourself without worrying about others' judgments.”

- Camille Endacott

“I would suggest looking into different filing programs as well. I’ve used Zotero and it’s been a lifesaver on later projects. Also, I started using this Chrome application called One Tab that can help cut down on the number of open tabs you have, that’s been really helpful too.”

- Chantel Haughton

“1. Aha, I prefer Zotero to manage journal articles. 2. Get yourself more connected with both your cohort and some senior students. 3. Explore as many research topics as you can in the first year, use proposal assignments in classes as your chance to polish your ideas, and have as many discussions with the professor of that class as possible, let them help you!”

- Yibei Chen

“... learning how to be comfortable with the unknown. Once you learn how to convert your anxiety of ignorance into curiosity, you will find your way out of the cage into the light. The more comfortable you become with not knowing something, the deeper you can wade into the unknown and the more likely you are to make your own little discoveries. The beauty of science is that it allows you to bumble along, getting it wrong time after time, and feel perfectly fine as long as you learn something each time. Like kids in a sandbox, play with ideas, and do not be afraid of what other people think. Progress often depends on young scientists taking a first step into the unknown, and contributing a small brick to the ever growing temple of science. The above mantra is a synergy of two articles that I always recommend to new students:

1) The Importance of Stupidity in Scientific Research: https://jcs.biologists.org/content/121/11/1771
2) A Letter to Young Scientists: https://www.psychologicalscience.org/observer/a-letter-to-young-scientists

- Freddy Hopp

“...cruising reality television (there, I said it, especially the British comedy/game show “Taskmaster”) and long beach walks with friends.

- Camille Endacott

“...going to the beach is always a nice way to relieve stress!”

- Chantelle Haughton

“Going to the gym and doing mindful meditation has helped me improve and maintain my mental health.”

- Kevin Do

“...painting teeny tiny canvases from the dollar store.

- Gwen Petro

“...I feel lucky that I (and many of our grad students) live about 5 minutes from the beach, and about 15 minutes from the mountains with lots of trails. Whenever I am stressed out, I would just walk around the beach or go for a quick hike. I also love painting Santa Barbara sceneries and skies, with a glass of wine.

- Yoori Yang

“...camping trips to the San Rafael Wilderness and sailing in the Santa Barbara Channel. And should life ever become really turbulent, I believe in the life-changing power of a Freebird's Burrito -yes, it is perfectly okay to have one every (other) day :-

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Con-GRAD-ulations to our 2019-2020 PhDs!

They have done such an incredible job surviving grad school, earning their PhDs, and securing a career. We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors, and we encourage grad students to reach out to these UCSB alumni!

DR. JACOB FISHER

DR. AVIGAIL McCLELLAND-COHEN

DR. RACHYL PINES

DR. JENNIFER SUH

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

CONDUCTING RESEARCH WITH FACULTY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 @ 3 PM

Several faculty members will talk about how they work with graduate students on research projects, responding to questions such as: How do you select a project? Do you work with teams or individual students? If teams, how do you distribute work/responsibility? How do you determine authorship? Expectations for work-life boundaries?

FINDING JOBS IN INDUSTRY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22 @ 3 PM

Several recent grads who have found jobs in industry will talk about how they found their jobs and steps you can take to find one too.

SPRING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The workshop is still in the planning stages. Stay tuned but it likely will occur on FRIDAY, APRIL 16 @ 3 PM.
QUIZ TIME!
Pt. 1 - HOW WELL DO YOU REALLY KNOW YOUR COLLEAGUES?

Which graduate student...

1. ____ won first place in a flash fiction contest last year out of 300 other writers?
2. ____ went to the same high school that President Obama attended and marched in the 09 Presidential Inauguration Parade?
3. ____ was a former Jungle Cruise Skipper at Disneyland?
4. ____ was prom queen in high school?
5. ____ completed a half Ironman this summer?
6. ____ has an enamel pin collection?
7. ____ did musical theatre as a child?
8. ____ conducted face-to-face interviews with two billionaires (Sir Richard Branson, founder of The Virgin Group and Eli Broad, founder and namesake of The Broad Museum in LA)?
9. ____ was seated next to Ozzy Osbourne on two separate occasions (Valentine’s Day and birthday) and when out dining at two different restaurants?
10. ____ rode a bull in a rodeo?
11. ____ says his favorite book is Milan Kundera’s The Unbearable Lightness of Being?
12. ____ loves photography and editing photos?
13. ____ likes art so much that she interned at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA --everyone knows it as the museum with all the “urban lights”) her senior year of high school?
14. ____ was stuck in an elevator for 3 hours and graciously decided to not file a lawsuit against the organization?
15. ____ once played “Frenchie” in the musical Grease?
16. ____ once worked in promotions for the Albuquerque Isotopes (minor league baseball team)?
17. ____ likes Pink Floyd desperately?
18. ____ was voted “world’s sassiest sister” almost unanimously by her 100-person sorority?
19. ____ plays golf?
20. ____ plays the boardgame “Go”?
21. ____ has been both bungee jumping and skydiving?
22. ____ helped run a retreat for women writers, including several well-known names, at Georgia O’Keefe’s ranch in New Mexico?
23. ____ won a short-film contest?
MEET THE 2020-2021 GRADUATE COMMITTEE:

JENNIFER GIBBS
Professor

AMY GONZALES
Associate Professor

DAN LANE
Assistant Professor

SCOTT REID
Professor

KAREN MYERS
Professor

TRICIA TAYLOR
Staff Graduate Advisor, Ex Officio

ABOUT US
The Graduate Committee is known as “the hardest working committee in the department.” Its members implement and oversee departmental graduate policies and the graduate student handbook. They also review and select fellowship nominations and grad student research grants. One of their most important tasks is that they review applications and select new graduate students.

DEPARTMENT LECTURERS

Gordon Abra
Continuing Lecturer in Criminology, Sociology & Communication

Ken Harwood
Adjunct Lecturer

Ziad Matni
Lecturer in Communication & Information Technologies

Charles Mullin
Continuing Lecturer in Media

Dorothy “Dolly” Mullin
Senior Continuing Lecturer

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

NORAH DUNBAR
Chair & Professor

Greetings! Fall quarter marks our second full quarter of remote teaching and we are very optimistic about giving students a great experience in class. Many of the faculty and graduate students spent significant time this summer learning how to better use remote learning tools and create a better online educational experience for their students. It is remarkable how much effort and care the Department members have devoted to truly making this a unique learning opportunity rather than a wasted quarter. We have had several workshops hosted by Department faculty members to help us bond and create community during this time apart. We may not be present with one another but we are certainly not “socially” distanced, only physically so. As always, I am proud to be your Chair because the resilience we have shown during this challenging time is inspirational!

LADDER FACULTY MEMBERS

Tamara Afifi
Professor

Walid Afifi
Professor

Norah Dunbar
Professor

Andrew Flanagan
Professor

Jennifer Gibbs
Distinguished Research Professor

Howie Giles
Distinguished Research Professor

Amy Gonzales
Associate Professor

Kristy Hamilton
Assistant Professor

Jennifer Kam
Professor

Young Ji Kim
Assistant Professor

Dan Lane
Professor

Dan Linz
Professor

Dana Mastro
Professor

Miriam Metzger
Professor

Andy Merolla
Associate Professor

Karen Myers
Professor

Robin Nabi
Professor

W. James Potter
Professor

Linda Putnam
Distinguished Research Professor

Scott Reid
Professor

Ronald E. Rice
Distinguished Professor

Muniba Saleem
Associate Professor

Cynthia Stohl
Distinguished Professor

Michael Stohl
Professor

Joseph Walther
Distinguished Professor

René Weber
Professor

DEPARTMENT LECTURERS

Gordon Abra
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I was raised in the western suburbs of Chicago after spending my toddler years in Vienna, Austria. My parents were big travelers and I had visited over a dozen countries by the time I had entered first grade. As a teenager, I loved sports. I played competitive junior tennis, but also baseball, golf, basketball, and flag football. Playing competitive tennis brought me to Trinity University in San Antonio, TX. She loves to cuddle, swim, hike, and pick on dogs that are bigger than her.

“I realized a career as a communication scholar would give me the best of both these worlds.”

More importantly, I look forward to my first academic year in SB: to collaborate with students on new and interesting lines of research related to the skilled use of information technology, to teach statistical analysis and a new course on digital marketing, and to continue asking questions that I still don’t have answers to. How do we build theories of digitally-mediated communication that can accommodate our rapidly evolving object of study (digital media)? What are the new roles and responsibilities of our human memory in a digital world? Why can’t robots translate poetry?

MUNIBA SALEEM  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Dr. Muniba Saleem completed her PhD in Social Psychology from Iowa State University and was a postdoctoral scholar in the Social and Decision Sciences Department at Carnegie Mellon University. Her research examines how the media influences intergroup relations between racial, ethnic, and religious groups. Using cross-sectional, experimental, and longitudinal designs, Dr. Salem’s work shows that exposure to negative media representations of racial/ethnic minorities leads to adverse consequences for members of the racial majority and minority groups. For majority members, exposure to these depictions leads to increased negative attitudes and support for public policies that harm members of the depicted group. For minority members, exposure to these negative portrayals can lead to distancing from the majority culture and its members.

In her personal life, Muniba enjoys spending time with her family which includes her husband (Zamir), two daughters (Inaya age 3 and Isha age 1), and a cat (named Cairo). For the time being, momhood has taken over Muniba’s life. Prior to being a parent, Muniba was an avid fan of video games, traveling, and wildlife. Her favorite experiences in recent years include spotting caiman, crocodiles and jaguars in the Amazon RainForest and scuba diving with whales in Thailand.

Muniba and her family are anxiously waiting to move to Santa Barbara, hopefully later in the year when it is safer to travel through planes.
QUIZ TIME!
Pt. 2 - HOW WELL DO YOU REALLY KNOW YOUR COLLEAGUES?

Which faculty member...
1. ____ sang on an album with Harry Belafonte when she was 13?
2. ____ had a pet pig named Charlie as a child?
3. ____ took tap lessons from age 4 to 14?
4. ____ worked at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?
5. ____ is a black belt in karate?
6. ____ appeared in the New York Post’s page 6 gossip column in a picture in which he was labeled as “The unidentified escort” roller skating with Bette Midler at the Roxy Roller Disco?
7. ____ was an undergraduate physics major?
8. ____ was on a state championship tennis team in high school?
9. ____ was an engineer in high-tech communication devices for 12 years, in a rock/pop band in college, & able to sing in 3 languages?
10. ____ participated in and won national horseback riding competitions (dressage)?
11. ____ was a Highland Dancer in her youth and taught Highland Dancing in college (think swords and bagpipes & see picture for reference)?
12. ____ had a salt water tank that he filled with fish and sea life that he caught in the Mediterranean Sea?
13. ____ has a twin sister?
14. ____ hold dual German and American citizenship? (2 answers)
15. ____ was the nearly undefeated high hurdles league champion for three years in high school?
16. ____ has hiked to the top of Mount Whitney three times?
17. ____ won a rap contest on a radio show?
18. ____ went skydiving after earning their undergrad degree?
19. ____ makes most of her own jewelry?
20. ____ worked in consumer market research in Prague during its post-communist transition to a market economy?
21. ____ was a 2nd assistant cameraman on the “hit” TLC reality tv show Shalom in the Home in which Rabbi Shmuley Boteach solved the problems of American families?

POSSIBLE ANSWERS
(All faculty members are used, and each answer is used at least once):

A. Dan Lane
B. Ziad Matri
C. Andy Merolla
D. Jennifer Kam
E. Charles Mullin
F. Rene Weber (2x)
G. Young Ji Kim
H. Michael Stohl
I. Norah Dunbar
J. Gordon Abra
K. Miriam Metzger
L. Tammy Afifi
M. Dolly Mullin
N. Cynthia Stohl
O. Dana Mastro
P. Joe Walther
Q. Amy Gonzales
R. Ron Rice
S. Walid Afifi
T. Robin Nabi
U. Jenn Gibbs

(See answers on p. 24)
Dr. Dolly Mullin provides pedagogical leadership and support to graduate students. Each quarter, she has the challenging task of working through graduate students’ busy schedules and assigning them as teaching assistants (TAs) to our undergraduate courses. Dolly also teaches COMM 500 every fall quarter, which offers graduate students tools to develop their pedagogical skills. She works closely with many of our graduate students who TA the introductory communication courses that she also teaches. Dolly also is a long-standing member of the Awards Committee and often manages the Schoell Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Mandy provides administrative support for recruitment, appointment, and advancement for faculty and academic appointees. She partners with faculty to collect materials for their merit reviews and promotions. Additionally, Mandy processes payroll for graduate and undergraduate students as well as faculty, manages course evaluations, places quarterly textbook orders, works with publishers, and assigns department keys to faculty, staff, and graduate students.

Francesca does all of the course scheduling for the department, and the majority of the administrative work of the Undergraduate Advising Office. She supervises our two undergraduate student Peer Advisors and also assists in advising Pre-Comm and Comm undergrad students regarding department policy, academic planning, and academic difficulty.

Berenice primarily advises undergraduate students in the Pre-Comm and Comm major regarding major requirements, progress checks and academic planning. She also maintains a list of TA office hours. When your undergrads have advising, DSP, or add/waitlist questions, have them contact the Comm Advisors at commadvising@comm.ucsb.edu.
QUIZ TIME!
Pt. 3 - HOW WELL DO YOU REALLY KNOW YOUR COLLEAGUES?

Which staff member...
1. ____ learned to play the saxophone?
2. ____ has written over 100 reviews on Yelp and is a member of the Santa Barbara Yelp Elite Squad?
3. ____ had their picture taken with the Naked Cowboy in Times Square New York?
4. ____ has jumped out of a plane at over 15,000 ft? (see picture for reference)
5. ____ was a 4-year letterman in high school for softball?
6. ____ has been scuba diving in Cozumel caves & swam freely with black tip sharks in French Polynesia?

POSSIBLE ANSWERS
(All staff members are used, and each answer is used only once):

A. Michelle Fredrich
B. Mandy Czamecki
C. Francesca Palermino
D. Berenice Dominguez
E. Tania Dunson
F. Tricia Taylor

(See answers on p. 24)
QUIZ ANSWERS!
Time to find out if you REALLY know your colleagues

Part 1 (p. 13) Answers:
1. B
2. M
3. S
4. E
5. I
6. V
7. O
8. F
9. I
10. P
11. O
12. S

Part 2 (p. 19) Answers:
1. N
2. L
3. Q
4. C
5. R
6. H
7. J
8. O
9. B
10. F
11. I

Part 3 (p. 23) Answers:
1. D
2. C
3. A
4. B
5. E
6. F

17-23 correct - Incredible! You definitely have a hand in getting to know other grad students!

10-16 correct - You still know a good half of the grad students. From here, the only direction you can go is up!

<10 correct - Don’t be too discouraged - you still have opportunities to reach out and connect with others!

15-21 correct - Excellent job! You know your faculty members down to a T!

10-14 correct - You’re doing great! You’re in the 50th percentile, and you just KNOW that you can do better.

<10 correct - Nice try! You’re either new to the department or really need to talk to the faculty more.

4-6 correct - Couldn’t have asked for a better score! This means that you’ve interacted with the staff quite a bit.

3 correct - Woah, you’re halfway there. Wooaah, livin’ on a prayer!

<3 correct - While this score is horrendous, you’re lucky that the staff members are nice. They’re great resources, so don’t be afraid to ask for their help!

1214 correct

Editorial/Design Consultant
CHNGYU FANG

Chengyu is a third year Ph.D. student in the Department of Communication. His current research projects focus on adaptability in esports teams and the influence of AI on work and organizing. Besides working on his projects, Chengyu also enjoys playing tennis, watching Marvel movies or crime TV shows, playing computer games or board games, and reading some books on culture, history, and technology.

Editorial/Graphic Design Artist
CLAIRE CHUNG

Claire is a third year Communication and French double major. She is also very involved in the Music Department at UCSB and plays violin in the Chamber Orchestra. In her spare time, she enjoys watching discount movies in IV theater, surfing at Sands Beach, and sharing a Freebirds burrito with her friends.