



# FLORIDA COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION

## Note from our President

Hello FCA Family and Friends! Thank you so much for a great conference! Not only did I learn a lot from the conference, but I made a number of really great friendships. Some of the highlights for me included the poster sessions with so many graduate and undergraduate students presenting their work. I also really enjoyed networking with everyone at the cocktail receptions. I was inspired by our key note speaker Professor Zeigler from FSU. Plus, who could forget Dr. Chris Gurrie's birthday celebration at Chevy's. Feliz cumpleaños amigo.

Included in this newsletter are some of the awards handed out at the conference in October, but also some other important news and information. Feel free to brag about your school, programs, publications, new pets etc. by emailing our media outreach consultant Lacey Brown at [lbrown@ut.edu](mailto:lbrown@ut.edu).

The FCA conference is always such a pleasure to go to and your new board is excited to make some changes and updates to programming for the 2020 conference as it is our 90th conference! It is amazing that FCA has been around that long and we are excited to see where it goes in the future. Watch for upcoming information about next year's conference in the very near future. If you need anything, please feel free to contact either myself or your board. We are happy to serve such a tight nit community of scholars in our sunshine filled state.

Warm regards,  
Kristen Foltz





## President's Award Haley Swartz

*Affiliation: University of San Diego*

Haley Swartz received the outgoing president award from FCA. Not only was Haley an amazing president for the organization in 2018-2019, but she did all of this remotely! Haley lives in California with her family, but has not forgotten her FCA family and Florida roots. She is a hard worker, super organized (you should see her binders), and overall one of the kindest humans on the board. We are all lucky to have Haley in our lives and the organization is better because of her.

## Outstanding Service Chris Gurrie

*Affiliation: University of Tampa*

Dr. Gurrie is an integral member of the FCA Board. He has elevated the undergraduate participation in our convention since he began bringing students in 2010. He is one of two Patron Members of FCA and has represented FCA at the National Communication Association, where he serves as the chair of the Communication and the Future Division. Most impressively, he has single-handedly worked to increase the quality and visibility of our Florida Communication Journal as the journal editor for the past three years. Plus, that mustache!



# PAPER AWARDS

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD

**Melissa Yesse**, University of North Florida. Her paper, *Listening Between Parents and Children in the Context of Divorce*, explores how communication changes between a parent and child in the context of a divorce.



## GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD

**Cindy Stewart** – PhD Student at Florida State University. Her paper, *Aristotle's Guidelines on Wrongdoing: Rationality and Community*, expands on guidelines established by Aristotle and applies them the impact on victims and punishment.



## FACULTY PAPER AWARD

**Joshua Youakim** – Visiting instructor of Communication at Florida Gulf Coast University. His paper, *Instituting Service-Learning: Power, Control, and Communities*, explores how power is constructed and maintained by institutions of higher education and how they relate to local communities.





# Teacher of the Year

**Karia Workman**

*Affiliation: University of Central Florida*

In addition to her teaching duties, Karia trained and oversaw GTAs, acted as an Instructor of Record for many sections of public speaking, and developed course curricula, along with a department website. She has taken on additional leadership, mentorship, and professional development opportunities with zeal. Her peers say that she “demonstrates the highest standards of character in all her endeavors” and describe her as a “devoted faculty member who is dedicated to each student’s success in class, in their UCF experience, and most importantly, in their future as effective and worthwhile global citizens.”

# Student Award

**Aaron Scott**

*Affiliation: University of Central Florida*

*Nominator: Lakelyn Taylor, MA*



I have known Aaron closely for the past year or so. We were master’s students together and are still in the Nicholson School of Communication and Media. Aaron is an accomplished master’s student, having presented at multiple conferences including the International Crisis and Risk Communication Conference, the National Communication Association, and FCA itself. Aaron also co-presented a poster at the ICRCC conference which was awarded the top student poster. Outside of research, Aaron has acted as a mentor both to his fellow graduate students and to students outside of our program. He is serious about making a difference and promoting the communication discipline which is showcased in his teaching.

**NOMINATIONS OPEN FALL 2020**

# NCA 2019



## **University of Tampa's Speech Program Receives Rex Mix Program of Excellence**

The Rex Mix award celebrates an undergraduate department for its excellence in curriculum, program quality, course design, and special programs. The speech program at the University of Tampa encourages students to explore creative ways to enhance their verbal and physical communication skills. The program also has a Center for Public Speaking, providing one-to-one tutoring and small group workshops for UT students.

This award is in honor of Rex Mix, who was the leader of the Undergraduate College and University Section of NCA. This group is comprised of small to mid-sized undergraduate colleges and universities. The goal of this section to offer a collaborative community for smaller departments. You can find more information about the Undergraduate College and University Section and the Rex Mix award on NCA's interest groups' page.

# JOBS CORNER



## Assistant Professor of Communication

*Florida Southern College*

The Department of Communication at Florida Southern College invites applications for a full-time tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor of Communication with specialization in multimedia journalism. The position begins August 2020. Primary teaching responsibilities include a range of undergraduate courses in news media, broadcast journalism, media writing and some core courses which support the communication major. The successful candidate will also advise and mentor students, engage in scholarly and creative activity, and be an active participant in the life of the College.

## Assistant Professor in Multimedia Journalism

*University of North Florida*

The UNF School of Communication seeks an individual to teach and develop courses in Multimedia Journalism. We seek applicants who can teach some of the following: applied journalism, advanced writing for the media, multimedia reporting; news writing; social media for journalists; media literacy, magazine writing, data journalism/visualization; investigative journalism; and communication management. Applicants should be experienced with some of the following: social media, analytics, content management systems. The successful applicant should also demonstrate the ability to cultivate strong ties with the professional journalism community in order to create partnerships with media outlets so students can gain hands-on journalism experience in their courses. In addition to teaching and service, the position requires an active agenda of scholarly activity.



# Miami Dade College

## Department Chairperson, English and Communications

This position provides academic leadership to the English and Communications Department and serves as an integral member of the College and Campus administrative team. This individual facilitates learning, quality teaching, scholarships, and services. The Department Chairperson provides support and advice in the collective bargaining process, and ensures adherence to relevant areas of any collective bargaining agreement. This is a Professional Exempt Contractual (PEC) position for which an annual contract reflecting the base salary within the fiscal year (July 1st to June 30th) will be issued after ratification by Miami Dade College's District Board of Trustees. Five years combined senior management and communications experience

## Faculty, Speech and Communication

### Minimum Requirements:

Master's degree in Communication with 18 graduate semester hours in Communication Theory and Research, Interpersonal and Intercultural Communication, Human Communication, Public Speaking, Argumentation and/or Persuasion; or Master's degree and 18 graduate semester hours in Communication Theory and Research, Interpersonal and Intercultural Communication, Human Communication, Public Speaking, Argumentation and/or Persuasion. All educational degrees must be from a regionally accredited institution. Familiarity with and use of collaborative learning techniques and student-centered methods of instruction

## Visiting Teaching Faculty I in Sound

### Florida State University

The College of Motion Picture Arts at Florida State University invites applications for a full-time visiting position at the rank of Teaching Faculty I. This is a non-tenure-earning position, responsible for teaching graduate and undergraduate students. The successful candidate will be able to develop curricula and teach courses in sound field-recording, and sound design & mixing with a commercial narrative approach. Typical responsibilities include: teaching 1-2 courses per semester; mentoring and advising students; and contributing to curriculum/program development, including serving on committees, researching industry trends, and advising on classroom facilities, tools, and technology. This is a full-time appointment with benefits. The anticipated start date is Summer 2020. The salary will be commensurate with the candidate's qualifications and experience. The College has a supportive, collegial faculty, a curriculum that strongly values excellence and a robust support system.

# UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA

## **Assistant Professor in Advertising and Public Relations**

We are seeking an individual with a focus on advertising and public relations especially within digital analytics and social media. Preferred candidates should have professional experience in strategic communication and previous teaching experience in higher education. The candidate should also be able to teach a combination of classes in the Advertising & Public Relations major in areas such as account management and planning, campaigns, content marketing, strategic social media, principles of advertising/public relations, and writing for public relations.

## **Visiting Assistant Professor, Interpersonal Communication**

The ideal candidate will hold a Ph.D. or terminal degree related to the appointment and have teaching/research interests primarily in interpersonal communication, family communication, and/or small group communication. We welcome related areas of interest in social media and/or uses and gratifications. The ideal candidate will have experience with both qualitative and quantitative methods. The ideal candidate will also possess a commitment to excellence in teaching and conducting research with students as well as proven experience engaging students in learning by doing, scholarship, conference activity, and on-campus engagement.



## **Assistant Professor, Communication**

### **University of South Florida**

We seek a scholar whose research focuses on Latinx Studies and Digital Media, using humanistic and/or social scientific perspectives. The successful candidate will have the promise of, or an outstanding research record in communication, or related area, that aligns with the department's mission to embrace inquiry and engagement around issues of culture, performance, and social justice. We are especially interested in applicants whose scholarship complements and extends departmental media emphases in critical/cultural studies, forms, and effects. Possible areas of research include, but are not limited to: ethnicity, inequality, citizenship, immigration, migration, transnationalism, globalization, decolonization, settler colonialism, postcolonialism, politics, algorithms, networks, platforms, artificial intelligence, virtual reality, social media, video games, or feminist, queer, or disability studies.