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We Got This!

Student Statement by Elise Lima, College of Arts and Sciences Department of Communication Outstanding Senior

It has been nearly eight years since I was first inspired to pursue a degree in communication. At the time I was a sophomore in high school who loved to write and follow the news. As I avidly watched and read the work of journalists who covered the 2008 presidential election, I realized that those two interests could be united into a career as a reporter. So when I came to Indiana State, I chose to major in communication with a concentration in journalism. Eight years and one college degree later, my professional interests have evolved to focus on public relations, environmental conservation, and public health. But my love for writing – and my desire to put this skill to good use – is as strong as ever.

Over the years, I have found that the communication major means flexibility. The major offers the opportunity to pursue communication careers in a large number of fields. As someone with multiple interests in addition to communication, this is essential. I could be a public relations specialist for an environmental organization, a children's science museum, a healthcare clinic or hospital. With a communication degree, one's list of opportunities is delightfully long.

For students considering or beginning the communication major, this flexibility is something to keep in mind. To have more career options available to you, consider diversifying your academic background to expand your knowledge and skills. For example, you might pursue two concentrations within the communication major. Or you might even include an appropriate minor outside of the communication field. In addition, consider internships that require the use of different areas of communication; you might be a photographer one summer and a writer the next. This diversification may help you to become a more well-rounded communication professional, and potentially more marketable to future employers.



Elise Lima, Public Relations and Journalism concentrations,
graduating May 2016

As my journey in communication studies at Indiana State comes to a close, I feel a sense of achievement (and a little bit of relief that I made it to the finish line!). I am proud of what I have accomplished, so very grateful to those who have supported me, and eager to begin my career.

Scholarships

Jeffrey Liametz Memorial Fund Scholarship:
Jamina Tribbett

Lucia and Donald Bolt Scholarship:
Baley Halberstadt

Bruce McCormick Scholarship:
Kaelynn Cox, Hyeln Ko, Marissa Schmitter, & Kristi Sanders

John A. Boyd Scholarship:
Marissa Schmitter

Eva Chipper Scholarship:
Dawnetta Henzman

Otis J. Aggertt Scholarship:
Baley Halberstadt

Cork McHargue Scholarship:
Baley Halberstadt

McComb Broadcasting Award:
Hyeln Ko

Betty Chadwick Sullivan Memorial Scholarship:
Katie Schmidtke

David Sabaini Memorial Scholarship:
Katie Schmidtke & Baley Halberstadt



Word from the podium with Dr. Lori Henson

The re-launch of the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) has been a wonderful experience. My colleague and co-advisor, Terry Nelson, has been an invaluable organizer and cheerleader for the group. We have both been so pleased and surprised at all the enthusiasm and dedication the students have shown! They are full of ideas and energy and they represent a wide variety of career interests – from social and online media to multimedia, broadcasting and beyond. At our call-out meeting, we asked who would like to run for an officer position and six people stood up and gave impromptu speeches for president of SPJ. The quality and drive of the students in this organization has exceeded my expectations, and it makes me really excited about all the possibilities that lay ahead.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jamina Tribbett on the completion of her senior honors thesis. Jamina's fusion of historical research and narrative inquiry elucidates the effect of Brown v. Board of Education upon African American public education experiences.

Congratulations to Jessica Foxworthy for the successful defense of her graduate creative project exploring the coming out narratives of individuals who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community.

Outstanding Seniors by concentration

Megan Bose, Human Communication
Lauren England, Public Relations
Hannah Janson, Journalism
Michael Winstead, Media Studies



Dr. Lori Henson

Alumnus Spotlight with Monica Ramey

A degree in Communication (Radio/TV/Film) was not something Monica Ramey thought she would need when she decided to attend Indiana State University. However, she soon learned it was something she was very interested in. Ramey is now a Jazz Vocalist living in Nashville, Tennessee. While at ISU she majored in Radio, TV, and Film with a minor in Music.

She said there was one teacher who influenced her commitment to a communication degree.

"I love Sharon Bailey," Ramey said. "A class with her made me want to explore more into communication. I didn't know how it would help me as an adult at the time but it created a path for me I would use later."

The Communication degree combined everything she wanted to do in one focused area.

"I wanted to be a musician but also wanted to look into film and radio," Ramey said. "I wanted to explore it and I loved it."



"You have to know the business side, to sell yourself or communicate with others and do interviews," Ramey said. Marketing and business are very important no matter what you go into Ramey added. "Any more [musicians] need this to make it where they want to go," Ramey said. "The more resources that you acquire and the more people you align yourself with in college, especially in communication, is important."

"I'm a better business person because of all these experiences at ISU," Ramey said. If you want to explore communication you should try it. For a while Ramey sang in venues and for private gigs after college. Soon she began singing more frequently.



After partnering with a manager, she started singing across the country and then made an album.

"I've been blessed and have had a lot of really cool moments," Ramey said. "I have these moments in phases, one was when I had the opportunity to play at Birdland with Beegie Adair in New York. It was so unexpected because I was a young artist."

Ramey said this opportunity was long overdue for Beegie but it was a kick start for herself.

"I had to work really hard to go in this historical jazz club and this city," Ramey said. "When they asked me back I thought 'I can do this but I have to keep working hard and not take this for granted'."

She says the music and those who surround her play a big part in her success. "I will always be a student of this music," Ramey said. "I'm always around people that make me want to be better."

Communication is still important to Ramey's success.

"It's terribly important no matter what you do in life to have communication skills," Ramey said. "They [professors] give you the skills to succeed. Just try it; you won't lose anything by taking these classes. But you must try and learn. Life throws curve balls and the more you learn in school will help you afterward."

Kristi Sanders

If you want to find out more information about Monica Ramey, click here to check out her website.

Faculty Focus

Dr. Brian Johnston's article, "Haunted Spaces: An Examination of Alternative Memorialization Practices via Live Performances of U2's 'Sunday, Bloody Sunday'", was published this year in the Journal of Communications Media Studies.

Dr. Haijing Tu's article "From The Good Wife to Hot Mom!: An Ideological Analysis of American and Chinese Motherhood on TV" comes out this year in the journal of Intercultural Communication Studies.



Department News

The Public Relations concentration generated funds to facilitate professional conference attendance in Nashville, TN. (Entertainment PR Beyond the Music Industry), Atlanta, GA. (A Community Approach to PR) and sent a delegate to serve on the National Assembly for PR in Austin, TX.

The Indiana State Sports Network provides live video coverage of intercollegiate athletics at ISU for ESPN3 under an agreement with the Missouri Valley Conference.

Get Linked

The mission of The Link is to develop an ongoing relationship between the Communication Department, communication alumni, and current communication majors and minors. Our goals are three-fold: (1) Celebrate Student Success, (2) Generate professional connections between alumni and current majors, and (3) Publicize department activities and faculty achievements. For contact information and to learn more about the Communication Department visit our our website.

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Brian Johnston, Ph.D. conceived The Link and worked as faculty editor with student lead, Sydney Bruner and digital media team of Syc Creations to produce this inaugural edition. Syc Creations is overseen by Chad Clark.