Last semester we presented an academic paper and an original speaking center pedagogical innovation at a national conference and we authored an article on listening in “The International Journal of Listening”. This semester, there are many things that are new and some that remain the same.

NEW
* We are now collecting usage data via your UNCG ID card. Please swipe when you enter!
* We scan and e-mail, to speakers who get support from our Online Speaking Center, the same report forms that speakers who bring in a USB stick or blank DVD copy to speakers who practice conversation with native speakers.
* We provide a safe place for non-native speakers of English to practice conversation with native speakers.

NOT NEW
* We continue to offer public speaking, group, and interpersonal communication consultations.
* The number of speakers seeking support via the resources on our Web page continues to grow.
* We offer extended support via online chat! Send us your quick questions during our regular hours of operation.

Google+ Talk/AIM: UNCGSpeaking
Or visit our Web page.

We are piloting the use of Google+ as a way to offer consultation to speakers who are working on group projects. We hope this will lead to our adding online group consultations to our services.

* We are excited about the recent opening of our digital literacy sister-center in the Jackson Library’s Digital Media Commons.
* We now have iPads to use during our consultations.

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* Due to the spoken nature of our work we still require appointments. It is never too early to call for an appointment. It can, however, be too late. Appointments need to take place two or more days before the final presentation date.
* We are taking requests for our interactive oral communication workshops. We can facilitate these workshops in your space or the Speaking Center Training Facility in McIver.
* During a consultation, speakers work one-on-one with a communication consultant trained to offer peer-to-peer guidance & feedback. Each individual session will last thirty minutes while a group session lasts one hour. We can assist you at any stage of your presentation, from invention to organization to delivery.

* Our services are open and available to the entire campus community, and through our community outreach, not-for-profit off-campus communities as well.

* Want to join our team of consultants? To learn how, check out: speakingcenter.uncg.edu/staff/

RUNNING OUT OF IDEAS?
Do you have a research paper due? A presentation to prepare? Need advice on how to group your notes? To make sure your ideas flow logically? The Speaking Center can help. In addition to our one-on-one consultations, we can facilitate small group discussions that focus on particular skills or concerns. We can even work with a specific audience in mind.

DID YOU KNOW?
We now have iPads for you to use during your consultations. We also offer the option of being recorded digitally as you practice. You can then review your presentation to see areas where you can improve.

THINKING OF JOINING THE SPEAKING CENTER TEAM?
We are always looking for new staff members to join our team. If you are interested in joining the Speaking Center staff, please contact us at speakingcenter@uncg.edu.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
The Speaking Center is committed to community outreach. We work with local schools, businesses, and non-profit organizations to provide speaking workshops and feedback on presentations. We also offer support to speakers who are preparing for academic conferences or public speaking events.

CAMPUS COMMUNITY
The Speaking Center is here to help you. Whether you are struggling with a paper, presentation, or just need someone to talk to, we are here to help.

SPEAKING FROM THE CENTER

BY KIM CUNY

BEAT THE BLANKS! BY GABRIELLE AUSTIN

That frustrating moment when you find yourself sitting there, just staring at a blank white document on your computer. Watching as the flashing text bar beckons you to type something. But what?? You’ve been given a speaking assignment and you know what you want to talk about, but where do you go from there? How long is a speech supposed to be? What kind of research do you need to do for a speech? So many questions and just not enough answers. Guess what? There are answers, and the UNCG Speaking Center can help you find them. You don’t have to sit there and helplessly stare at a blank document as you struggle with where to start. The Speaking Center can give you outlines to follow, tip sheets to refer to, feedback on organization and presentations, and personal experience to relate to as well. You can meet with consultants one-on-one in person or online to organize your speech, practice your presentation, or simply go over ways to cope with speaking anxiety. Whatever you may be struggling with, the Speaking Center is here to help you. So instead of staring at that blank screen, go to speakingcenter.uncg.edu and contact them. They are here to help you.
Jeff Piegar is a truly rare individual. Like a time capsule from the early 1900s, Jeff has a refined palate for big band music, along with numerous classical pieces and orchestral compositions. Jeff has been the most loyal guest of both the Writing and Speaking Center this summer, coming in once every week to brainstorm topics and then again to practice his speech techniques for his podcast. Jeff is a UNCG student enrolled in the Beyond Academics program. Jeff is entering his senior year in Beyond Academics where he has completed many Media Studies courses while also working towards an Integrated Community Studies certificate. He has been developing his podcasts with functional digital and oral communication support from the Speaking Center since 2011 when his show on WUAG 103.1 was canceled. In the Speaking Center, Jeff has made massive improvements in pronunciation and speech anxiety. Working on both are necessary steps Jeff is taking to make his dreams of being in the mainstream media a reality. "When I was growing up in New Jersey, I was listening to the radio," said Jeff, "and I would listen to the Charlie McCarthy show, the Edgar Bergen show, the Bob Hope Show, the Bill Cosby Show, all those great shows, and I would say, hey, why are these guys doing it? I could do it." Jeff has many life goals in mind, ranging from hosting his own national radio show, to starting his own nonprofit, to reviving the golden oldies. Starting this fall, Jeff will get critical support for his podcasts at UNCG's new Digital Center located in the Jackson Library's Digital Media Commons. Jeff will continue his podcasts after graduation, and hopes to soon broadcast over the airwaves again. In the meantime, UNCG's Multiliteracies Center will continue working with Jeff in preparing him for the journey ahead. For more: http://speakingcenter.uncg.edu/jeff/index.php