Last semester we presented papers and sat on discussion panels at a national and a regional academic conference. We also had a chapter accepted for publication and received another national award. We are currently waiting to hear back on many manuscripts under review. This semester, there are some items that are new and many that remain the same.

NEW
*After reorganization efforts, we remain institutionally aligned with Undergraduate Studies.
*Our allocated budget for next year includes funds to maintain our current level of services.
*Over the summer we will be developing a new WordPress portal for our online consultation services. If we can secure funding for WordPress, we will launch the new portal in the fall.
*Our Flip Cameras are starting to fail, and these cameras are no longer produced. We have found an inexpensive HD camera that meets our needs. We expect no disruption to our recording capacity.
*We are working with University Libraries in the consideration of a move into the Jackson Library. 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 provide a safe place for non-native speakers of English to practice conversation with native speakers.
*We offer extended support via online chat! Send us your quick questions during our regular hours of operation.
*GoogleTalk/AIM: UNCGSpeaking
Or visit our Web page.
*Speakers who need to be recorded when they come to practice can be recorded to their own electronic device, or we can use one of our iPads or laptops. If we record to one of our devices, we’ll share by Google Drive before the consultation ends. Due to the spoken nature of our work & space limitations, we require appointments. It is never too early to call for an appointment. It can, however, be too late. Appointments need to be taken place two or more days before the final presentation date.
*During consultations, speakers work one-on-one with a communication consultant trained to offer guidance & feedback. Each individual session lasts 15 minutes, while a group session lasts 60. We can assist you at any stage of your presentation, from discovery to organization to delivery.
*We continue to offer workshop programming for courses and organizations.
*Our services are open and available to the entire campus community and, through our community outreach, to not-for-profit off-campus communities as well.

I believe that being a part of the Speaking Center family has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my college career. I came into the center as a 390 student the fall of my senior year, and then moved into an internship with the center this spring. My only regret is that I did not connect with the Speaking Center earlier. Having the opportunity to complete an internship with the Speaking Center has been a very valuable experience. It has helped me to develop an increased awareness for cultural diversity and sensitivity. Meeting people from various backgrounds and being able to help them develop communication and public speaking skills allowed me to develop as well. The experience made me more confident in my ability to help others and to instill confidence in their ability as well. I know I will use these experiences and the skills I have developed going forward in my continuing education and on into my work career.

~Jenny

This is my first semester at the Speaking Center. I chose to do my internship here. I am a non-traditional student who is significantly older than the other students who work here. It has been an adjustment. The valuable tools I have learned in the CST 190 course and while working here are irreplaceable. I have utilized those tools at my job working as a supervisor. I started out on this path thinking that working at the Speaking Center would help me pursue a career in the field that I really want, but little did I know I would use these skills even at a job that has nothing to do with speech consulting. I look forward to working throughout the summer and for the remainder of my time as a student at UNCG.

~Kayt

Interning at the Speaking Center has been an amazing experience for me. It was great to be involved in many different aspects of the center and to experience just how vital the Speaking Center is to all different types of students here at UNCG. I was able to see how involved we are all over campus, aiding in more than just communication classes. My internship has taught me not only to be a better public speaker but an all around better communicator. I couldn’t imagine my college career without the center. I have developed some amazing friendships through working at the Speaking Center that I know I will continue to keep in touch with. During my time at the Speaking Center I have learned a myriad of valuable skills that will continue to help me long after I graduate.

~Rachel

I have been presented with opportunities for personal and professional growth. I hope to continue growing, develop better time management skills, and strengthen the relationships I have formed and the knowledge of speaking I have gained during my time interning in the UNCG Speaking Center.

~Nick

FROM OUR INTERNSHIP STUDENTS

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A Call for Activism

By Mark Shaw

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Pseudo-science usage
To refuse the trueness of our caliber
Just another tool of the master
That our forefathers promised us.
But don’t let them damage ya; gotta be the master of your own fate.
We need to come at them with character
But don’t let them damage ya; gotta be the master of your own fate.
Compassion is the key to ad lib like an activist
Strategies that are passionate can become a catalyst
Catapulting public outrage to the steps of the palaces
The homes of captivity, producing malice instead of checking the balances; acting as pathogens
Impacting their nation with plague policies
Cluttering the consciousness
Costing us the equality that our forefathers promised us.
Biting the hand of handler
But don’t let them damage ya; gotta be the master of your own fate.

Calibrate your action to the impasses of the pacifics
Getting a stop to this, break glass ceiling
As populace we have power to alter the processes;

Now’s the time to get into the act, break glass ceiling!
We have found these tools,
Cluttering the consciousness
Crowning us with purposes
But don’t let them damage ya; gotta be the master of your own fate.

BECOMING A CONSULTANT

Students interested in becoming a Consultant first complete CST 190. To apply for CST 190 admission, you’ll need to provide proof of a 3.0 G.P.A. or higher, a faculty recommendation letter, and a letter of personal interest that indicates (after you complete CST 190) a minimum of a one-year commitment to a part-time paid position or a one-semester, 90-hour internship (CST 412). Learn more at http://speakingcenter.uncg.edu/staff/index.php
I have been a part of the Speaking Center for four semesters and I have enjoyed every minute of it. I truly enjoy coming in to work knowing that I will be working with peers in an environment that is truly pleasant. My experience in the Speaking Center has not only equipped me with communication competencies that will benefit me in my future career, and with life in general, but also created in my future career, and with life competencies that will benefit me equipped me with communication the Speaking Center has not only is truly pleasant. My experience in with peers in an environment that knowing that I will be working truly enjoy coming in to work have enjoyed every minute of it. Center for four semesters and I have been a part of the Speaking Major: Family Studies, concentration in Birth to Kindergarten licensure Minor: American Sign Language

Abby: Managing Consultant Major: Communication Studies Minor: American Sign Language

Donielle: Senior Consultant Major: Human Development and Family Studies, concentration in Birth to Kindergarten licensure

Olivia: Desk Manager Major: Communication Studies and Psychology

Rachel: Senior Consultant Major: Psychology

Shannon: Managing Consultant Major: Communication Studies

Truc: Graduate Assistant Director Major: Masters in Business Administration

OUR GRADUATING COMMUNICATORS

Our time at the Speaking Center has been a true learning and growing experience. I feel that I’ve grown as an individual, and I’ve seen others grow too. I will definitely continue to use my experiences here in the future.

~Shannon

Abby

My experience at the Speaking Center has been one of the most rewarding of my college career. It has made me a more well-rounded, culturally aware communicator. I have found that the lessons that I learned at the Speaking Center are helping me to navigate my life outside of the Center. I would not trade this experience for the world.

~Abby

Brittany: Managing Consultant Major: Human Development and Family Studies Minor: Sociology

Hannah: Managing Consultant Major: Communication Studies and Psychology

Jenny: Communication Consultant Major: Communication Studies Minor: History

Johnny: Managing Consultant Major: Entrepreneurship and Marketing

Working at the Speaking Center has been such a rewarding job. Being a part of the Speaking Center family has impacted me greatly. All types of consultations have helped shape me into who I am. I love being a part of the Speaking Center family and will surely miss it. It has been more than a job, it has been a daily opportunity to make a difference.

~Donielle

My time at the Speaking Center has been an educational journey! I have been given opportunities that helped me grow in many aspects of my life. I know this experience will travel with me through my life and I will miss the Center when I graduate.

~Alyssa

Jenny

My time at the Speaking Center has been more rewarding than I had expected. Besides the opportunity to help those who needed assistance with speeches and conversations, I built valuable relationships through the great cohesion among my peer consultants and leaders. I have built up my communication competencies while applying concepts from my courses into the work and relationships at the Speaking Center and I’m so thankful for all it has offered me.

~Tiffany

Join the Speaking Center. It will make you the best friends, empower your life, and be the most enriching experience of your student career!

~Johnny

Taylor: Managing Consultant Major: Communication Studies

OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT

Words from our newest student consultants upon completing the speaking center theory and practice course

CST 390 has been such a positive experience. It has shown me areas in which I have both strengths and room for improvement. I’m so excited to work at the Speaking Center! ~Grace

CST 390 has helped build my confidence and competence in my own communication competencies. I have gained a better understanding of how to exercise efficient interpersonal communication in order to be a more effective peer educator.

~Javiette