

# SPEAKING FROM THE CENTER

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## THE DIRECTOR'S PODIUM

BY KIM CUNY



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 we earned 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 a low cost 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 take 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 30 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.

### VITAL STATISTICS

Location: 3211 MHRA

Phone: (336) 256 1346

Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 10am to 7pm

Friday 9am to 12pm

Sunday 5pm to 8pm

Web: <http://speakingcenter.uncg.edu>

Gmail: UNCGSpeaking

Summer: Check Web for hours

### A Call for Activism By Mark Shaw

Skully in the caliper  
Pseudo-science usage  
To refuse the trueness of our caliber  
Just another tool of the master  
Used to fracture our stature  
Snap us in half, primate our caricature  
We need to come at them with character  
Biting the hand of handler  
Is the mistake of the amateur  
But don't let them damage ya; gotta be  
Saboteur gutta when you come at the governor'  
Must calculate and be accurate if you wanna  
be Dillinger.  
Calibrate your action to the impasses of the  
pacifists  
Compassion is the key to ad lib like an activist  
Strategists that are passionate can become a  
catalyst  
Catapulting public outrage to the steps of the  
palaces  
The houses of capitalists; producing malice  
Instead of checking the balances; acting as  
pathogens  
Impacting their nation with plague policies  
Actively abusing power from offices;  
The cacophony of the caucuses  
Cluttering the consciousness  
Of American politics;  
Costing us denizens the equality  
That our forefathers promised us.  
Gotta put a stop to this, break glass ceiling  
As populace we have power to alter the  
processes;  
Topple the false prophets and erect a new  
system  
For all of us, where our positions aren't  
correlated  
To how deep that our pockets is.

### BECOMING A CONSULTANT

Students interested in becoming a Consultant first complete CST 390. To apply for CST 390 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 390) 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>

## FROM OUR INTERNSHIP STUDENTS

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 conversation 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 390 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 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

GRADUATING CONSULTANTS: THE FINAL WORD



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 relationships that will last a lifetime.

~Hannah

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

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

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

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 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

OUR GRADUATING COMMUNICATORS



**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:** Public Health, concentration in Community Health Education



**Tiffany:** Managing Consultant  
**Major:** Communication Studies



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



**Hannah:** Managing Consultant  
**Major:** Communication Studies and Psychology



**Rachel:** Senior Consultant  
**Major:** Psychology



**Truc:** Graduate Assistant Director  
**Major:** Masters in Business Administration



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



**Jenny:** Communication Consultant  
**Major:** Communication Studies  
**Minor:** History



**Shannon:** Managing Consultant  
**Major:** Media Studies



**Charletta:** Managing Consultant  
**Major:** Kinesiology  
**Minor:** Spanish



**Johnny:** Managing Consultant  
**Major:** Entrepreneurship and Marketing



**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