

SPEAKING FROM THE CENTER

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THE DIRECTOR'S PODIUM

BY KIM CUNY



Last semester, we traveled to the annual meeting of National Association of Communication Centers with four undergraduate students. We presented 2 teaching ideas, 1 workshop, 2 student papers, participated in 3 discussions panels, and facilitated 2 others.

This semester, we celebrate new additions to the Center as well as time-honored features.

NEW

*Roy Schwartzman (CST) is our Faculty Fellow for Undergraduate Research.

* Bruce Kirchoff (BIO) is our Faculty Fellow for Communicating Science.

*We will soon offer Science Communication workshops to local science faculty and grad students.

*We are developing new workshops for in-classroom delivery. Topics include TedTalks, The Moth (storytelling), Mock Trails, Improv, & Poetry Slams.

NOT NEW

*We do not have a one-size-fits-all perspective. We are open to your new ideas in supporting oral communication at UNCG.

*We continue to offer public speaking, group, and interpersonal communication consultations.

*We provide a safe place for non-native English speakers to practice conversation with native speakers.

*Speakers who need to be recorded when they come to practice can be recorded on their own electronic device or

we can use ours. If we record on one of our devices, we'll share by Google Drive before the consultation ends.

*Due to the process nature of our work and space limitations, we require appointments. It's never too early to call for an appointment. It can, however, be too late. Appointments need to take place 2 or more days before the final presentation date.

*We are taking requests for our interactive oral communication workshops.

*During a consultation, speakers work one-on-one with a communication consultant trained to offer guidance and 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.

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

Our Academic News

Kim Cuny received a diversity initiative mini-grant from UNCG's College of Arts and Sciences.

Rachel Sieczkowski is our Pete & Joan Allan Undergraduate Research Fellow.

Erin Ellis has been elected to serve the National Communication Association's Communication Centers Section as Vice-Chair Elect.

Kim Cuny was appointed Student Advocate for the National Communication Association's Communication Centers Section.

Speaking Center students **Mitchell Byers**, **Em Lampkin**, **Ena Prskalo**, and **Rachel Sieczkowski** have all been inducted into UNCG's Golden Chain Honor Society.

Kim Cuny is Managing Editor of Communication Center Journal.

WORKSHOPS IN THE COMMUNITY BY ERIN ELLIS



Working with organizations on campus and in the community is an ongoing feat of the Speaking Center. This semester, we worked with staff members of Undergraduate Admissions, UNCG Residence Halls, Middle College, UNCG Guarantee, and the Greensboro Historical Museum. In each partnership, we developed an interactive workshop for participants.

Workshops are centered around instruction, discussion, application, and activities. We can facilitate workshops from 45 minutes to as much as two hours, and they can include topics such as interpersonal communication, group dynamics, public speaking anxiety, and many others in the field of Communication Studies.

Next semester, we look forward to working with AmeriCorps group members who serve at different nonprofits in Guilford County. We will help them become more confident and competent public speakers as they speak to others about the organization.

Whether the workshop is for teenagers, thirtysomethings, or retirees, we can create content and activities that cater to specific needs. We have a team in place to coordinate logistics, collaborate on objectives, and create the workshop best suited for the audience.

We thank our on-campus and off-campus partners for the learning opportunities they provide to us and look forward to strengthening the bonds the Speaking Center has with our communities.

BECOMING A CONSULTANT

Students interested in becoming a Consultant must 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>

A VOICE FROM THE CENTER

BY JENNY SOUTHARD

How do I describe my time with the Speaking Center? In a phrase...life-changing! I was not introduced to the Speaking Center until the summer before my senior year when I was required to come in for a class presentation. As many students do, I complained about this requirement, but once my consultation began I immediately found a great deal of value in the visit.

I was then very pleased when I received the invitation to apply to join the Center a few weeks later. I took CST 390 in the fall of 2013 and returned in the spring of 2014 as an intern. The knowledge and skills that I gained that year were some of the most valuable of my college career. By that point, I knew

that I would be returning in the fall of 2014 to work towards my Master's degree in the Communication Studies program with the goal of teaching. My time in the Speaking Center was one of the experiences that helped me realize teaching was my passion. My training made me feel comfortable in my role as a peer educator and pushed me to think about extending this into a teaching role. Of course, my relationship with the Speaking Center did not end with my undergraduate graduation!

Kim Cuny, who has become a friend and mentor, invited me to work for the Center in both the summer of 2014 and 2015. Additionally, as a teaching assistant for the CST department, I fre-

quently referred my students to the Center, both as a requirement and as optional opportunities for speech preparation. I constantly reinforced the high value to be had in visiting the Speaking Center. I could go on speaking to this value from several perspectives.

Also, in what could have been a devastating time in my graduate career, Kim came to my rescue and formulated a plan to help me stay at UNCG an extra semester to complete my graduate work. Part of that plan was offering me the opportunity to return to the Center as a Graduate Assistant Director—and what a fantastic semester it has been! The semester was fraught with difficulty outside of my

Center work, but being a part of the SC staff and leadership team, as well as having their unequivocal support, has been phenomenal! I am grateful beyond measure to be a part of the Speaking Center family, and I will never be able to express what a positive, life-changing moment it was when that summer course professor required me to visit the Speaking Center! And in case you need a reminder...KIM ROCKS!



OUR GRADUATING COMMUNICATORS



Anastasia: Managing Consultant
Major: Sociology



Aysia: Senior Desk Manager
Major: Political Science and Sociology



Ena: Senior Consultant
Major: Sociology/Criminology



Claudia: Managing Consultant
Major: Event Planning



Miranda: Senior Consultant
Major: Kinesiology



Corey: Senior Consultant
Major: English



Jasmine: Managing Consultant
Major: Nursing



Hampton: Senior Consultant
Major: Communication Studies



Anna: Senior Consultant
Major: Communication Studies



Jade: Managing Consultant
Major: Information Systems

CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL OF OUR
SENIORS!



Sam: Managing Consultant
Major: Human Development and Family Studies

OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT

Words from our newest student-consultants upon completing the Speaking Center Theory and Practice course

“ After completing 390 I realize what an enriching experience it was. Having the opportunity to work with the Speaking Center Directors allowed me to understand leadership in a new way . We were challenged to be problem-solvers and thinkers, which is much needed in the world in which we live today. If I had the chance, I would do it all over again.”

-Ingrid

“My 390 experience was AWESOME! Every day was like a surprise because even though we had a schedule, we often shifted or changed it. So it was a big ball of fun, surprises, and we got candy a lot which made it all worth it! “

-Reatter

“Being in CST 390 enhanced my communication skills and leadership capabilities and allowed me to join the Speaking Center family.”

-Em