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Events

(8:00am-1:00pm Mission Ballrooms)

8:00 – 8:15  Morning Reception and Welcome.........................CD
8:30 – 9:30  USRC Panel Session I .......................Shell, AB, and E
9:45-10:45  USRC Panel Session II .......................Shell, AB, and E
10:45-11:30  Break .....................................................CD
11:30-12:30  USRC Panel Session III .....................Shell, AB, and E
12:30-1:00  USRC Awards Ceremony .........................CD

2:00 – 3:30  Graduate Student Workshop ......................La Jolla
3:45 – 5:00  Graduate Programs Open House ..............Pavilion

USRC Welcome: 8:00 – 8:15 a.m.
Continental breakfast and Welcome  Mission Ballroom CD

Panel Session I: 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Panel 1: Cultural and Relational Communication  SHELL

- Sarah Shammas, California State University, Long Beach, “Sheep, Wolf, or Sheep Dog: The Victimage of the Muslim Arab”
- Siana Amos, University of San Francisco, “The Best of Both Worlds: Relational Communication in Friends with Benefits Relationships”
- Marcelle Mulier, University of San Francisco, “Until Death Do Us Part: An Examination of Death Communication Through a Western Lens”

-- Chair & Respondent --
Jo Anna Grant, California State University, San Bernardino

Panel 2: Rhetorics for Shifting Discourses of Race, Class, and Violence  AB

- Marguerite Lehman, University of San Diego, “Transforming the American Dream: A Close Reading of the 2015 State of the Union Address”
- Jack Wilson, California State University, Long Beach, “A Rhetorical Critique of Ron Finley’s Use of Signifyin(g) to Subvert A Structurally Racist Food System”
- Sara Beth Brooks, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, “An Argument for Dramatistic Nonadic Analysis in the Conflicting Narratives of the Death of Michael Brown”
- Sonni Simmons, California State University, San Marcos, “Poetic Fantasy: Fantasy-Theme Analysis of a Spoken Word Performance”

-- Chair & Respondent --
Thomas R. Dunn, Colorado State University

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Panel 3: Teachers, Students and Communication

- Thalia V. Bobadilla, California State University, Stanislaus, “Student Motives to Communicate: An Examination of Peer-Peer Communication”
- Laura Rose Buser, Colorado State University, “Academic Avowals: Negotiating Teacher Cultural Identity and Perceived Credibility in the College Classroom”
- Tiffany Freitas, California State University, Stanislaus, “The Relationship Between Instructor Humor, Student Incivility and Nagging”

  -- Chair & Respondent --
  Donna Gotch, California State University, San Bernardino

Panel 4: Family Communication

- Corey Miller, Ciera Belyea, Danielle Carlston, Tyrel Howard, Sunia Tauteoli, The University of Utah, “Parent-Child Communication: How The Big 5 Takes Effect”
- Megan L. Busch, University of San Francisco, “The Complex Relationship Between College-Aged Youngest Siblings and Their Older Siblings”
- Kelsey Duff, University of San Francisco, “Because She is a Woman, I’d Rather Talk to My Stepmom’: Examining Gender and Its Influence on Stepchild Relations with Stepparents”
- Paula Diaz, University of San Francisco, “Bilingual Siblings: How Communication is Affected”

  -- Chair & Respondent --
  Elizabeth Williams, Colorado State University

Panel 5: Mediated Identities and Diversities in Communication

- Sierra Gonzalez, University of the Pacific, “The Patriarchy Inherent in Women’s Consumer Advertisements”
- Louise Strandoo, Western Washington University, “The Proliferation and Contestation of Whiteness in Little Miss Sunshine”
- Vincent Thomas Conroy-Villarreal, Adams State University, “Queer Theory Analysis of Mulan”
- Alyson Schwermer, The University of Utah, “More Than Just a Girl in a Band: Lauren Mayberry’s Fight Against The Trolls”

  -- Chair & Respondent --
  Diane Marie Keeling, University of San Diego

Panel 6: Health and Cultural Communication

- Ajouah Grass, University of San Francisco, “Strategies for Success: Navigating Alzheimer’s and Dementia Communication”
- Amanda Sand, University of San Francisco, “‘Consistently Inconsistent’: An Analysis of Communication Between Addicts and Their Loved Ones”
- Katherine Orphrey, California State University, San Marcos, “Doing Rhetorical Criticism #LikeAGirl”
- Shalay Branch, Kelsea Jackson, Natalie Johnson, and Christine Behle, Utah Valley University, “A Qualitative Study on the Influence of the Mormon Religion on Identity in Utah”

  -- Chair & Respondent --
  Christina Granato Yoshimura, The University of Montana

Break: 10:45-11:30am
Panel 7: Language, Equality, Feminism, and Gender Communication

- Kelsey Kobert, Northwest Nazarene University, “Socially Inclusive Language and Political Candidate Credibility”
- Gabrielle Domingo, University of San Francisco, “Sexual Harassment: The Evolution of Communication After a Woman has been Sexually Harassed”
- Seth Harrington and Cara Holmes, California State University Long Beach, “Gender Equality Is Your Issue Too: But Who Is Left Out?”
- Carlyn Abramo, University of San Francisco, “Grrrls Just Wanna Be Punk”

— Chair & Respondent —
Jennifer Asenas, California State University, Long Beach

Panel 8: Online Social Networks and Communication

- Joshua C. Adamson, California State University, San Bernardino, “Twitter Privacy: Determinants of Sharing Behavior on Twitter”

— Chair & Respondent —
Teresa Bergman, University of the Pacific

Panel 9: Popular Culture, Media Impact, and Communication

- Nick Shumate, California State University, San Marcos, “A Dance with the Devil in the Pale Moonlight”
- Gabriella Russo, University of San Diego, “The Developmental Course of Face-ism”
- Sarah Kelner, University of the Pacific, “The Impact of Romantic Comedies on Individuals’ Romantic Ideals”

— Chair & Respondent —
Beth E. Bonnstetter, Adams State University

USRC Awards Ceremony: 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.
Mission Ballroom CD

Graduate Student Workshop: 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
La Jolla

A panel of Graduate Directors & Graduate Program Coordinators from a diverse set of graduate programs and academic institutions offer suggestions and advice for applying to, attending, and succeeding in graduate school.

Dr. Kurt Lindemann, San Diego State University
Dr. Mary Claire Morr Serewicz, University of Denver
Dr. LeiLani Nishime, University of Washington
Dr. Helene A. Shugart, The University of Utah

Graduate Programs Open House: 3:45 – 5:00 p.m.
Pavilion

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