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Fall 2023

Department of Communication
Commencement Ceremony

Talley Student Center

December 15, 2023

3:30 pm

Greetings from Dr. Jessica Jameson, Head, Department of Communication:

Commencement is my favorite time of the semester. The history of the regalia, the sounds of pomp and circumstance, the sight of faculty, staff, and students marching together. The students here today have encountered many unusual obstacles during their time at NC State, and they have demonstrated great grit and resilience in achieving their goals. I know everyone gathered here is proud of these students who have achieved their Bachelor of Arts in Communication, Master of Science in Communication, or Ph.D. in Communication, Rhetoric, and Digital Media (CRDM).

NC State graduates of the Department of Communication do great things. Our alumni work in education, government, healthcare, industry, media, nonprofit agencies, public relations firms – just to name a few. Communication is needed *everywhere* to help individuals, groups and organizations achieve their goals. We have no doubt that you will continue this legacy as you pave the way for the students who follow you. There are many ways you can help future students achieve their dreams of graduation. You can follow us on social media to learn about the latest Department innovations and achievements. You can return to Winston Hall to speak with our students. You can contact us to share your ideas about how to enrich the academic experience for our students.

Finally, your connection with our department may take the form of a financial contribution. The Department of Communication Enhancement Fund allows us to meet many departmental needs where state funding does not exist or is unavailable for use. For example, you may consider supporting one of our department scholarships (listed within this program), you may want to sponsor a student's study abroad experience, or you may wish to create a new scholarship recognizing one of today's graduates. Please go online for more information about donations by using the QRC or address below.

Thank you to the families and friends of our graduates for supporting them in their journey and as we celebrate their graduation together here today.

Very warm and sincere congratulations to our Fall Class of 2023!!
Go out there and continue to THINK AND DO!



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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jessica Jameson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "J".

Order of Ceremony

Opening Remarks

Dr. Jessica Jameson
Department Head

Recognition of CRDM Achievement Presentation of Ph.D. Graduates

Dr. Adriana de Souza e Silva
Associate Director CRDM

Recognition of Graduate Achievement Presentation of M.S. Graduates

Dr. Andrew R. Binder
Director of Graduate Programs

Recognition of Undergraduate Achievement

Cynthia Zuckerman-Hyman
Director of Undergraduate Advising

Presentation of Graduating Seniors' Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching

Jessie Pittman
Vice President, Lambda Pi Eta

Undergraduate Commencement Address

Hailey Ray Hawkins
B.A. - Public Relations Concentration

Presentation of B.A. Candidates

Cynthia Zuckerman-Hyman
Director of Undergraduate Advising

Closing Remarks

Dr. Jessica Jameson

PhD Graduates
Communication, Rhetoric, and Digital Media

Amber Ellen Holland
Seth F. Mulliken

Master of Science in Communication
Graduates

Brian Stanley Chesanek
Asia King

“You just don’t know how magnificent you might be. Think big. Think big about your possibilities in this world.”

John Caldwell, NC State Chancellor (1959-1975)

Bachelor of Arts Candidates

Interpersonal, Organizational, and Rhetorical Concentration

Chloe Bain

Shyheim Lynwood Battle **

Allison Victoria Figuerado *

Kemmia Dena Ghodrat

Clark Michael Hinshaw

Alexis Valerie Nastasi **

Jonathon Ryan Olczak

Heather Fay Robinson **

Grant Jeffrey Troxler *

Ashley Elizabeth Worden **

Summer 1 Graduates indicated by *

Summer 2 Graduates indicated by **

Bachelor of Arts Candidates

Public Relations Concentration

Sidney Claire Cameron *

Brandon Chiang *

Brian Fernandez-Jurado **

Hailey Ray Hawkins

Hannah Elizabeth Keister

Audrey Elise Kuga **

Ayden Nicole Law

Madison Louise Ligh

Emily Reed McNeill**

Meah Grace Osborne

Morgan Taylor Roberts

Chloe Marie Roy

Samantha Paige Shea *

Taylor McKensey Swaim

Bryce Tricas **

Celeste Claudia Weber

Eva Camille Weiss

Abby Caroline White

Calvin R. Zissel

Summer 1 Graduates indicated by *

Summer 2 Graduates indicated by **

Bachelor of Arts Candidates

Communication Media Concentration

Christian Spence Acree
Ronald Jackson Agresta
Timothy Grayson Armstrong
Chell Edmundo Bonet *
Jada Lasha Bosier *
Curtis Lok Yan Cheung
Arnaldo Andrey Colon
Colby Lawrence Curtis
Carter Cabaniss Diehl
Joshua W. Dombkowski
Tyler Jonathan Eddy *
Ares Josphe Epps
Melissa Joseph Fakhri
Aidan Summersby Flynn
Leila N. Ganim
Harris Moore Gregg
Anan He *
Kelsey Amelia Higgins
James Clay Hodges

Summer 1 Graduates indicated by *

Summer 2 Graduates indicated by **

Bachelor of Arts Candidates

Communication Media Concentration

Logan Briann Holland **

Dinah Leigh Ingall

Jadyn V. Keobouala

Brooksie Nicole Lawson

Ashley Hoi Ching Li

John Charles Loomis **

Jeremiah Luoma

Hannah Mary Moxey **

Joseph Fischer Plummer

Ethan Ramirez *

Logan A. Ray

Nouran Yehia Shaaban

Miles Simpson-Quigley

Alexis Victoria Strickland

Edward Christian Taggart *

Davis Alan Willard **

Brae N Williams **

Madison Lynn Young

Summer 1 Graduates indicated by *

Summer 2 Graduates indicated by **

Scholarships

The Department of Communication thanks our generous donors for providing the following scholarships for our undergraduate

- * General Hugh Shelton / Kimberly M. Jessup Memorial Scholarship
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- * Charlotte Ann and Thomas S. Elleman Scholarship Endowment
- * Long, Javidi, Prospects and PRSSA Scholarship Endowment
- * Rebecca and Ruth C. Leonard Scholarship Endowment
- * Joe S. Epley Scholarship for Public Relations Studies
- * Kara Ruth Medlin Memorial Scholarship Endowment
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- * Norma and Wally Ausley Endowed Scholarship
- * William G. Franklin Scholarship Endowment
- * Robert (Bob) Larson Communication Award
- * Michael Lee Herman Memorial Award
- * 919 Advertising Scholarship

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Chelsea Creech, COM Alumna, Class of 2015

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Dr. Jessica Jameson	Department Head
Dr. Adriana de Souza e Silva	Associate Director CRDM
Dr. Andrew R. Binder	Interim Associate Department Head/ Director of Graduate Programs
Cynthia Zuckerman-Hyman	Director of Undergraduate Advising
Dr. Cindy Rosenfeld	Director of Public Speaking Program
Dr. Joshua Smicker	Director of Public Speaking Program

Department Staff

Alan Alleyne	Undergraduate Advisor
Robert Bell	Multi-Media Technician
Donise T. Benton	Undergraduate Services Coordinator
Reginald Ross-Weaks	Administrative Assistant
Maya L. Stephenson	Graduate Services Coordinator



“These accomplishments —and so many others—came in spite of what everyone calls an unprecedented time. But taking on the unknown and unprecedented is what we do best. That’s how we think and do.”

Randy Woodson, NC State Chancellor (2010-Present)

Department of Communication Faculty

Professors

Dr. David Berube; Dr. Victoria Gallagher*; Dr. Jean Goodwin; Dr. Jessica Jameson;
Dr. Roy Schwartzman; Dr. Adriana de Souza e Silva; Dr. Kenneth Zagacki

Associate Professors

Dr. Andrew Binder; Dr. Yang (Alice) Cheng; Dr. Ryan Hurley; Dr. Kami Kosenko; Dr. Lynsey Romo; Dr. Stephen Wiley

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Dr. Rico Self

Assistant Teaching Professors:

Dr. Cindy Rosenfeld; Dr. Joshua Smicker

Lecturers

Mike Charbonneau; Anita Croasmun[†]; Dr. Ed Funkhouser; Kimberly Holmes-Iverson;
Chris Kampe; Robert Larson[†]; Clodagh Lyons-Bastian; Julia Matthews; Julie Mayberry[†];
Hal Meeks; Jim Pierpoint; Caitlin Reagan; Mindy Sopher; Dr. Kathy Sturgis; Jodi Wahba[†]; Cynthia Zuckerman-Hyman[†]

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Professors Emeritus: Dr. Charlotte Elleman; Dr. Melissa Johnson; Dr. William Jordan;
Dr. Joann Keyton; Dr. William Kinsella; Dr. James Kiwanuka-Tondo*; Dr. Robert Schrag;
Dr. Craig Smith

Associate Professors Emeritus: Dr. Patricia Caple; Dr. Daniel DeJoy; Dr. Edward Funkhouser;
Dr. Becky Leonard; Dr. Sarah Stein

Assistant Professor Emerita: Dr. Nancy Snow

Lecturers Emeritus: Jim Alchediak[†]; Dean Phillips[†]

Advisor Emerita: Sandra Stallings

[†] Senior Lecturer * Holladay Medal Recipient

PhD Graduate Assistants

Margaret Baker; Carrie Clower; Gayas Eapen; Jack Fennimore; Susie Hedley; Robyn Hope;
Chance Lachowitz; Jaekuk Lee; Luke LeGrand; Chandra Maldonado; Travis Merchant-Knudsen;
Malcolm Ogden; Folasewa Olatunde; Jinzie Qiao; Mar Scardua; Nolan Speicher; Emma Stanley;
Bryce Stout; Alex Sutter; Doris Wesley; Brittany Young

Master of Science Graduate Assistants

Richard Abiona; Syeda Helmi Afrah; Ernestine Akorli; Haleigh Eubanks; Yezi He; Iris Howell;
Stanley Miller; Katelin Mueller; Kirsten Murphy; David Bao Nguyen; Emily Raser; Morgan Risko;
Nicole Vincent; Anna Wisniewski; Kurtis Woods; Tory Worth