Kudos and Celebrations

Conferences/Presentations/Events

Congrats and applause to all those who organized and participated in BrandU, especially Dr. Craig Engstrom and the C3 team. It was a great day full of sessions and speakers, attended by folks from all around the country.

A round of applause to Caleb McKinley-Portee who served as the host of the Oct. 20th Saluki Conversations- Know Your Rights: Students & Public Safety which featured special guests Chief Benjamin Newman, SIUC Director of Public Safety, and the Carbondale Interim Chief of Police Stan Reno.

Congratulations to Janine Armstrong who presented her paper “Stories from My Mind, Stories from My Body” at the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender annual conference.

Kudos to Dianah McGreehan who served as the co-chair of the planning committee for SIUC’s inaugural Diversity Week. For videos of sessions from throughout the week, you can visit diversity.siu.edu

Great job Dr. Nilanjana Bardhan, Caleb McKinley-Portee, and Dianah McGreehan for their involvement in the Chancellor’s diversity task force. Dr. Bardhan also helped moderate discussion sessions including the SIU System-wide Conversation on Understanding: Strategies and Actions to Dismantle Systemic Racism.

Awards

Well done to Marco Ramirez for his scholarship award from the 2020 PRSA ICON conference.

Publications

Three cheers for Dr. Randy Auxier for another interesting publication, “Philosophy and the Personae” in the edited collection, Kiss and Philosophy.

Professional Development

Congratulations to Dr. Craig Engstrom for his validation on the Quality Assurance for Online Leaders in Continuing and Professional Education by the University of Illinois- Springfield, which includes certification in quality assurance strategies and issues in online programs.

Shout out to Dr. Todd Graham who completed his cycle of interviews and articles surrounding the presidential and vice-presidential debates, and has been seen and read all around the world.

Other Accomplishments

Thank you to the PRSSA team, headed by Haley Spiewak, for putting together a fantastic grad recruitment video. Thanks, also, to those who participated in making the video. Check it out here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BMSxo2Pnu24

Let’s hear it for Dr. Craig Engstrom, who has been nominated by CoLA to serve on the State Advisory Committee for programs in Arts & Communication.

Hooray for Marco Ramirez for being reached out to by the 2020 Hispanic Scholarship Fund Media and Entertainment Summit to be a mentor. He will also be presenting at the 2020 National Communication Association Religious Communication Day.

Important Dates

- Nov. 14: CMST virtual trivia night
- Nov. 16-21: NCA virtual conference
- Nov. 17: Native American Heritage Day
- Nov. 21-29: Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 7-22: Finals Week
- Dec. 9: Poetry is not a Luxury: A Kleinau Theatre Show by Charlie Hope Dorsey
- TBD: If It Ain’t Pretty: A Kleinau Theatre show by A.B.