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COMMUNICATION STUDIES

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Stay in the Loop with Comm Studies!

Exciting events, important updates, and more are waiting for you in this month's newsletter!

Don't miss out—click below to explore what's happening in the Communication Studies Department!

ADD YOUR NEW HEADSHOT TO YOUR LINKEDIN PROFILE



SARAH ANDERSON

COME TO LAMBDA PI ETA'S LINKEDIN WORKSHOP TO CREATE A PROFESSIONAL ONLINE RESUME THAT YOU CAN USE TO ADVANCE YOUR CAREER!

Oct 22 @ 4pm in BDA 218

LAMBDA PI ETA



LinkedIn WORKSHOP



Join us for the **Lambda Pi Eta Career Development Meeting**, where Holly from **MTSU's Career Development Center** will be presenting a LinkedIn workshop to help you improve your profile and professional presence. This workshop is designed to offer tips and strategies for enhancing your online portfolio, ensuring you stand out to potential employers. Don't miss this opportunity to boost your LinkedIn game!



LOCATION

BDA 218

OCT 22, 2024

TIME

4PM

Questions? Contact the president
lmk4h@mtmail.mtsu.edu

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dr. Roberta Chevrette is presenting in the True Blue Core sponsored **Sidewalk Talks**, Wednesday, October 9, from 12:30-12:50 at the library quad.
- **Boro Pride** is Saturday, 10/12. We will have a table there. Talk to Mr. Dominick Cinefro-Prelis and Dr. Roberta Chevrette about volunteering, etc.
- Lori Kissinger's **USO Show** in KUC Theatre on October 1 at 6 pm.
- **LinkedIn Workshop** hosted by Lambda Pi Eta will be on October 22 at 4pm in BDA 218.
- **MTSU Debate Team is hosting a tournament** on October 25-27 at MTSU.
- The **Disability and Leadership Conference** is on Tuesday, October 29, from 1-3:30 pm in the Sam Ingram Building.
- Communication Studies Club is hosting a **Pumpkin Carving** on Wednesday on October 30 at 4-6 pm in the student lounge in Jones Hall.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Meet Dr. Kurt Bruder!



Dr. Kurt Bruder (Ph.D., M.Ed.) is a communication scholar-teacher, trained psychotherapist, and student of wisdom traditions the world over. This range of activities was both inspired and supported by the fact that Bruder has spent much of his career teaching abroad in places like Estonia, Singapore, Malaysia, China, and Saudi Arabia. He took advantage of the opportunity that these postings afforded him for exploring our world, treating each site as a springboard for regional travel.

In consequence of his valuing of human diversity, he has displayed many different "looks" over time, a fact illustrated in the accompanying photos that show him as he appears today, when he served as a Lt. Colonel on the faculty of New Mexico Military Institute (2022), on the faculty of King Fadh Security College in Riyadh (2019), and while stationed in Singapore (2012). And, yes, he had dreadlocks for nearly 20 years, eventually a good deal longer than his 6'2" frame.

Bruder has trained communication professionals in skill areas like public speaking, interpersonal, intercultural, and health communication, media writing, and persuasion. In his scholarly work, he has investigated a variety of topics dealing with the subject of identity, the sense of self, one's response to the question, "Who am I?" Lately, Bruder has been attempting to re-conceptualize folk notions of "soul," "spirit," "self" (and related themes) in terms of processes of social interaction and their artifacts.

Bruder is the author of several published works in both the scholarly and popular press, including a guide to devotional chanting, *Following Sound into Silence: Chanting Your Way Beyond Ego into Bliss* (Hay House). He is also a recording artist, whose most recent release, *Longing*, features a collection of sacred music that spans the Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, and Muslim musical and religious worlds.



INTERNSHIPS

Summer Internships



Dollar General

Hiring FULL TIME & PAID intern positions in:

Human Resources, Information technology, marketing, public relations, and more!



APPLICATION DEADLINE: Jan 3, 2025
PROGRAM DATES: May 27 to Aug 1, 2025

Tractor Supply Co

Hiring FULL TIME & PAID intern positions in:

Marketing, Human Resources, Merchandising, and more!



Application Deadline: Feb 1, 2024

Tennessee Dept. of Treasury

Hiring FULL TIME & PAID intern positions in:

Communications, Human Resources, Accounting, Information Systems, and more!

Submit resumé to Treasury.Resumes@tn.gov with the subject line "Summer Internship," as well as your division of choice.

Those selected will be contacted via phone to schedule an interview.

Submission Deadline: March 7, 2025
Program Dates: June 2 to Aug 8, 2025



MEET OUR TUTORS!

MEET OUR COMM STUDIES

tutor



About Me

Hello! My name is MacKenzie Chambers! I am a junior here at MTSU majoring in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and minoring in Entrepreneurship and Honors!

Tutoring Details

I am the tutor for the COMM 2100 and 2200 courses here in the Communication Studies Department! I am in Jones Hall room 238. On Mondays & Wednesdays, I am here 10am - 2pm. On Thursdays, I'm here from 3pm - 5pm!

Schedule

MW 10 AM - 2 PM
R 3 PM - 5 PM
Jones Hall 238

Fun Fact

I love to hang out with my friends, play with my dog, or read a good book

@mtcommstudies

✉ mgc5e@mtmail.mtsu.edu

MEET OUR TUTORS!

Savannah Brewer

MEET OUR TUTOR



HELLO!

ABOUT ME

Hi!
My name is Savannah!
I am a Communication
Studies major with a Culture
and Social Influence
Concentration!
I am also the president of the
Communication Studies
Club!

MY SCHEDULE

**I only offer virtual services
on:**

Tuesdays 12 - 4

Wednesdays 4 -6



TUTORING DETAILS

I SPECIFICALLY TUTOR:
COMM 2300
COMM 2560
COMM 2830

The students must go to
the MTSU tutoring
website and click
Communication Studies.

FUN FACT

I recently got
engaged this past
summer! we could
not be more excited
to enter this new
chapter together!

Advice for the Comm Major or Minor



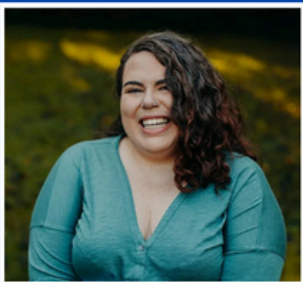
“It is okay to not receive something immediately. The journey makes the achievement much more meaningful.”

- Janell Benton, Class of Spring '20
Human Resources for International Paper



“Seek out every opportunity to put your Communication skills to use.”

- Bart Walker, Class of '68
Broadcast Ownership



“Take advantage of the experiential opportunities the program encourages! Don't be afraid to ask questions.”

- Katelyn Brooks, Class of Fall '17
Professor in higher education



“I truly recommend this program all the time. I learned so much both educationally and personally. The staff in this program are amazing too!!!”

- Maddy Hill, Class of May '22,
Marketing Manager



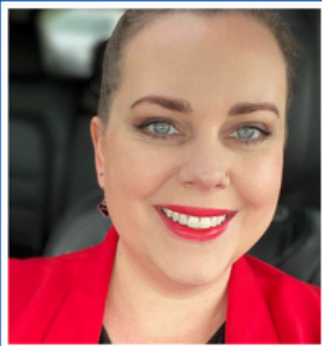
“Pay attention to everything. Something from my ORCO classes is always used in my everyday life.”

- Brianna Roberson, Class of Dec. '17,
Eligibility Counselor for the state of
Tennessee, licensed esthetician



“Always practice speaking before presenting. The absence of ummms and ahhs really make a huge difference and it makes you sound a lot more confident.”

-Nicole Le, Class of May '19
Physician Practice Manager of Operations



“Always keep an open mind. Your first choice in a career may not work out. Your second or third option might work out and you'll figure out that you're really good at it. Never put yourself in a box.”

- Anna Leverage Otis, Class of May '17
Director of Sales and Marketing within senior living



“Read The Art of Possibility by Zander & Zander.”

- L'Oreal Stephens, Class of May '03
Lecturer, Comm Studies, MTSU



“Networking is key!”

- Jayda Couch, Class of May '09
People Operations Manager (HR)

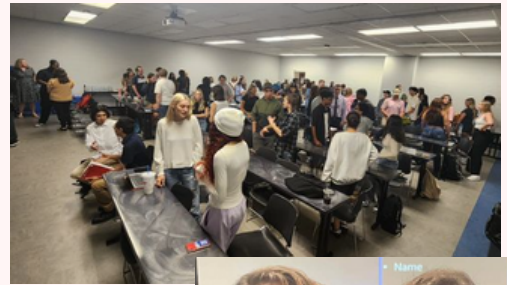
Are you an Alumni and want to share your advice to current Comm Studies Major's?

Go to www.mtsu.edu/communication/alumni.php and fill out the Alumni Questionnaire. We would love to hear from you!

Sincerely,
Meaghan Chamblin
Communication Studies Student Intern

WHAT'S NEW WITH COMM?

The **Career Fair Ready Event** organized by **Dee Priddis** and **Katie Gruber** was a HUGE success! The room was packed! It was literally standing-room only! Students learned how to create an effective elevator pitch, had their resumes reviewed, got some professional clothes in the Career Closet, and got professional headshots. Pictures of the event can be found on our social media pages. Thank you to **Dee, Katie, and the Career Development Center** for all their hard work on this! Also – thanks to those who came out and supported the event! It was an excellent event that helped students from ALL majors across campus!



We had lots of representation at the Tennessee Communication Association meeting! I have attached some pictures so you can see everything we did. Faculty participants included **Patrick Richey, Janet McCormick, Kristin Naylor, Becky Richey, Natonya Listach, Dom Cinfero-Prelis, and Mary Beth Asbury**. Student participants included **Savannah Brewer and Ethan Schmidt**. TCA pictures will be put on social media on Tuesday or Wednesday to make the posts weekend-heavy.

- Speaking of TCA, our very own **Savannah Brewer** won the Top Undergraduate Paper Award! Pat Richey was her mentor for the project. Also, **Dr. Patrick Richey** won the TCA Communicator of the Year Award! YAY!



Dr. Patrick Richey's third edition of his debate book, the International Public Debate Association textbook, received a very favorable review in the journal *The Forensic of Pi Kappa Delta*.



WHAT'S NEW WITH COMM?

The Communication Studies Department had a fantastic time at this year's MTSU Homecoming Parade and Tailgate! Our float was a hit, showcasing the creativity and energy of our students, and we had a great turnout at the tailgate. Faculty, students, and alumni came together to enjoy delicious food, games, and lively conversations, all while showing off their Blue Raider pride. It was a wonderful day of connection, celebration, and community spirit. **Thank you to everyone who joined us—we look forward to seeing you again next year! #TrueBlue #CommStudies**



LAMBDA PI ETA

Lambda Pi Eta (LPH) is the National Communication Association's official honor society at four-year colleges and universities nationwide. The honor society recognizes outstanding student scholars in Communication. LPH has more than 500 active chapters in 47 states!

To be eligible for admission, students must meet the following criteria:

1. Complete 60 semester credit-hours or more
2. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 for all courses taken
3. Complete 12 semester credit-hours or more in communication (COMM/ORCO)
4. Have a minimum GPA of 3.25 for all communication courses (COMM/ORCO)

To join our MTSU chapter:

Every eligible student member must submit the national initiation fee (\$35) and completed Application Form to the faculty advisor, Dr. DeAnne Priddis, prior to induction. You can also order an honor gold cord to wear during graduation for an additional charge (\$18). This one-time fee covers your Lambda Pi Eta lifetime membership.

If you are interested in joining Lambda Pi Eta contact Dr. DeAnne Priddis.



LAMBDA PI ETA

SCHEDULE

FALL 2024

UPCOMING LAMBDA PI ETA EVENTS

SEPT
17

Meet & Greet

Jones Hall 223
4:30pm

OCT
22

LinkedIn
Workshop

BDA 218
4pm

NOV
12

Cookies &
Compliments

Location TBD
4pm

Email the president, Leah Kimbro, for more details on the events
lmk4h@mtmail.mtsu.edu

COMMUNICATION STUDIES CLUB



The Communication Studies Club aims to provide students with personal and professional development, networking events, opportunities to attend professional speaker events, and community service projects. The Comm Studies Club is an enriching experience for Communications majors to get involved on campus and in the community while practicing the skills learned in their coursework. There are no G.P.A. or credit hour requirements to apply. If you are interested in becoming a member or attending the next meeting,

**Contact President Savannah Brewer at
sb2bx@mtmail.mtsu.edu**

COMMUNICATION STUDIES CLUB S C H E D U L E

UPCOMING COMM STUDIES CLUB EVENTS

September 21

Homecoming tailgate

1-3pm

Outside of Jones Hall

October 30

Pumpkin Carving

4-6pm

Jones Hall 223

Email the president, Savannah Brewer,
for more details on the events
sb2bx@mtmail.mtsu.edu

BLUE RAIDER DEBATE TEAM



The mission of MTSU debate is to make you a better thinker, scholar, and speaker. Through well rounded and balanced argumentation you also will become a better citizen. The ultimate goal of this team is not victory in the round but victory in life. Victory in life will bring many victories in rounds. The team looks to the past for guidance for a better future.

To advance this mission, the MTSU Debate Team will seek to:

- Apply the strictest ethical principles.
- Strive for and competitive excellence at all times.
- Treat each other with respect, kindness, and gentleness in all encounters.
- Conduct ourselves as professionals despite all obstacles.
- Teach those who come after us as those before taught us.

Contact

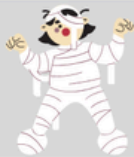
If you have questions, contact Dr. Patrick Richey at patrick.richey@mtsu.edu or 615-898-2273.

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES!

COMM'S FAVORITE HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

"My family has a tradition of doing family costumes each year. My favorite we've done so far was our Moana theme."

Natonya Listach



"My favorite from childhood that comes to mind is the year I did mummies."

Kristin Naylor

"My favorite costume that I made for my kids when they were growing up was the Kellogg Characters or a two headed monster..."

Jeri Burnett



"A black cat because I have never had an interest in dressing up--now or growing up. I was a black cat (same costume) for five years straight!"

Mary Hill



HALLOWEEN COSTUMES!

"I mostly dressed up as a ghost as a kid; Casper the Friendly Ghost was popular at that time."

Crystal Laferty



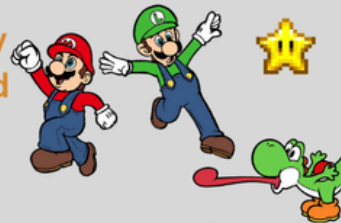
"My favorite was the time my sister and I dressed up as 'rocker chicks,' with colored hairspray, a neon wardrobe, and LOTS of makeup."

Roberta Chevrette



"I always dress up as Luigi because my son dresses as Mario. We have dressed our Huskey, Nola, as Yoshi before."

Patrick Richey



"My favorite would be Scarlett O'Hara. In recent years I've dressed up with my husband with various couples' themed costumes!"

Katie Gruber



GET CONNECTED

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM!

Want to know what is happening within the Communications Studies department?

Follow us on social media to find out. We will keep you updated on all Communication Studies events and opportunities such as internships and job postings.

- Public Facebook Group:
- **MTSU Communication Studies**
- Facebook Private Group:
- **MTSU Comm Studies**
- Instagram:
@mtcommstudies

For related posts, use the hashtags #mtcomm and #mtcommstudies

WANT TO BE FEATURED IN NEXT MONTHS NEWSLETTER?

Scan the QR code with your phone to quickly fill out a short form! Your input will help shape next month's newsletter!



Ready Reference Resource How Does a Student...

Receive Writing Support?

The University Writing Center, in Walker Library 262, provides writing resources for students via remote learning including one-on-one, 45-minute appointments. Sign up at mtsu.edu/writing-center

Get Tutoring Assistance?

Find tutoring schedules for free remote tutoring in over 180 courses at mtsu.edu/studentsuccess/tutoring.php

Schedule an Academic Advising Appointment?

Find the link on Pipeline MT's Registration and Student Records page at pipeline.mtsu.edu

Receive Food Assistance?

The Student Food Pantry provides access to free food, meal vouchers, and personal items with a student ID and is located with MT One Stop, SSAC second floor. Or make an online request at mtsu.edu/foodpantry.

Receive Medical Care?

The Health Services Building located at the Rec Center is open Monday-Friday during fall and spring semesters. Contact the office at **615-898-2988** and mthealth@mtsu.edu.

Get Counseling Assistance?

Fully committed to the emotional health and wellness of our students, Counseling Services is housed in KUC 326-S. Schedule an appointment by calling **615-898-2670**

Report Sexual Violence, Harassment, and/or Discrimination?

Visit the Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance in Cope 116 or at mtsu.edu/iec

Access Free Professional Clothing?

Raiders' Closet in KUC 327 has professional attire for both men and women (suits, jackets, slacks, shirts, ties, skirts, scarves). Email kim.collins@mtsu.edu or call **615-898-5467**

Receive Life Needs Support?

The June Anderson Center, located in Student Union 330, offers housing/utility assistance, legal clinics, child care services, food vouchers, and scholarships. mtsu.edu/jac

Learn about Internships and Employers?

The Career Development Center's services include career advising appointments, professional document review, virtual interview practice, and job search databases. Contact them at **615-898-2500** and career@mtsu.edu.

Apply for an Emergency Grant?

The MTSU Emergency Micro-Grant Program helps students in good standing with short-term financial emergencies to enable them to cope with unexpected hardships and remain in school. Apply on your academic college's home page.

Contact Campus Police?

Reach the University Police 24-7 by calling **615-898-2424** on a cell phone or campus phone or **911** on a *campus phone only*

Qualify for an Accommodation?

Visit the Disability and Access Center in KUC 107, call **615-898-2783**, or email dacemail@mtsu.edu

Access Training Videos Online?

MTSU students have access to the online training video library, LinkedIn Learning, which has over 3,000 training videos. mtsu.edu/itd/lil.php

Report Misconduct by a Student?

Submit incident to the Office of Student Conduct, located in KUC 208, through the online form at mtsu.edu/student-conduct

Succeed as a First-Generation Student?

Student Support Services, housed in KUC 308, works especially with first-generation and Pell grant-eligible students to ensure they navigate college successfully and graduate. One-on-one help with tutoring, advising, mentoring, and major selection are a few of the services provided. mtsu.edu/ssupport

Learn More about Veterans' Student Benefits?

The Charlie and Hazel Daniels Veterans and Military Family Center, in KUC 124/316, provides transition services for veterans and their families after returning to civilian life. Contact the center staff through mtsu.edu/military



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