

DOC Busy at National Communication Conference

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The Department of Communication was busy at last week's National Communication Association (NCA) conference in Chicago.

As noted previously, the Department was awarded the Association's "Rex Mix Award Program of Excellence." Accepting on behalf of the Department, Dr. David Neumann summarized a number of Department activities using student-centeredness as the unifying theme.

Dr. Diane Hope was awarded the Visual Communication division's Research Excellence Award for her book Visual Communication: Perceptions, Rhetorics, Technology.

Dr. Grant Cos, Dr. Diane Hope, Dr. Susan Barnes and Dr. Keith Jenkins offered paper presentations and/or were research panel respondents.

Department alumni were likewise fully engaged. Wilfredo Alvarez (PTC '02), currently a Ph.D. student at the University of Colorado at Boulder, presented two research papers: "Diversity in the Workplace" and "Dynamics of Interpersonal Communication." Carin L. Kosmoski (CMT '04), currently a Ph.D. student at Purdue University, presented a paper evaluating a motorcycle safety campaign. Dr. Walter J. Carl (PTC '95), currently an Associate Professor at Northeastern University, presented a paper discussing Julia Wood's "Contributions to the Study of Everyday Relational Communication." And Dr. Heather Marshall (full-time DOC faculty, 2006-07) presented a paper on "The Persuasive Effects of Message-Framing in Organ Donation."

The NCA conference, held annually since 1915, draws some 5,000 communication professionals, most associated with colleges and universities.