Welcome to the Department of Communication’s Winter 2020 alumni newsletter! This bi-annual newsletter has been a staple reaching alumni, students, faculty, and friends of the Department of Communication. We hope you enjoy this issue and learn more about our faculty, staff, and students.

Department Chair, Joe Mazer

December 16th, 2019: I am excited to report that Dr. Brandon Boatwright has accepted an appointment to join the Department of Communication at Clemson University. Brandon is an established scholar in the field of media communications, a close collaborator with Dr. Skye Wingate, and an active member of the Carolina Communication Association. We are very excited to welcome him to the Department.

Dr. Boatwright’s research and teaching focuses are strategic communication, public relations, and health communication. He is also a highly regarded teacher and mentor. He has received multiple awards for his teaching, and his research interests include health communication, public relations, and organizational communication.

We also welcomed Jordan Elling to the Department of Communication as an academic adviser for our undergraduate program. We wish her well as she begins her position. We already chatting with Jennifer Mazer to help us learn more about Jordan's work and how we can support her.

With the Fall 2020 semester in the rearview mirror, we are anticipating a restful holiday season before classes resume in the new year. It seems like lately there is never a dull moment, so with this newsletter we try to convey just a snapshot of the department’s recent accomplishments. We are doing and even more excited about our future.

We hope you enjoy the Winter 2020 issue of our alumni newsletter. If you have questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to contact us.

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Brandon Boatwright joins us from the University of Tennessee, where he recently completed his Ph.D. Brandon teaches and conducts research in sports communication, strategic communication and health communication and will be very busy gathering evidence in the field.

Greg Cranmer received the 2020 Sue DeWine Book Award from the National Communication Association’s Social Cognition Division. His article, “Victims’ Interpersonal Communication, and Mediated Communication,” was recently published by Peter Lang.

Skye Wingate joins us from the University of California, Davis, where she completed her Ph.D. Sky’s research interests are in health communication, interpersonal communication, and mediated communication. Skye received the 2020 Distinguished Fiction Award from the National Communication Association’s Fictional Dialogues Division. The article, “‘Hearers’ that can’t hear: The joint role of self-esteem, loneliness, and trait perspective-taking on empathetic listening,” was recently published in the Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication, one of the top journals in the field.

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Have a happy holiday season, a healthy and prosperous new year and…Go Tigers!

Joseph P. Mazer, Ph.D.
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