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.

### Alumni News

Four new tenure-line faculty joined our department in August 2020 and they have hit the ground running. They teach and research in the areas of sport communication, public relations and non-profit organizations.

**Jordan Elling**

Jordan joined the Department of Communication as academic adviser for our undergraduate programs. We’re thrilled Jordan is here to serve as a liaison between our students and the faculty, and to foster a healthy and supportive environment for learning and growth.

**Skye Wingate**

Skye received the 2020 Distinguished Scholar Award from the National Communication Association’s Health Communication Section. Her article, “Victims’ Interpersonal and Media Experiences in the Initial Stages of Online Dating,” was recently published in the Journal of Health Communication. Skye’s teaching and research interests are in health communication, public relations and online communities.

### Faculty News

**Greg Cranmer**

Our faculty are achieving national success in their work. Greg Cranmer’s book, *The Media Manipulators: How the Radical Right Uses the Media to Control the American Mind*, was recently released by Peter Lang. Greg continues to be a leader in the field of communication and his work has earned him recognition and nationally.

**Jordan Morehouse**

Jordan joined us from the University of California, Davis, where she completed her Ph.D. in communication. Jordan is already making a difference in the department with research and teaching interests in strategic communication and social media.

**Virginia Harrison**

Virginia recently completed her Ph.D. at Virginia Commonwealth University and joins the Department of Communication as academic adviser for our undergraduate programs. We’re thrilled Virginia is here to serve as a liaison between our students and the faculty, and to foster a healthy and supportive environment for learning and growth.

### Department News

On November 14th, I had the opportunity to represent faculty in the College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences’ graduation ceremony. This ceremony recognized May and June graduates from the Department of Communication at the College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences.

### Leadership Institute News

President Clements to serve on the Institute’s Leadership Institute last year, Joe was asked by the President’s Advisory Board this year. This is a testament to his leadership, his commitment to students, and his dedication to the University.

### Grant News

We also welcomed **Tom Mazer** to the Department of Communication as academic advisor for our undergraduate programs. We’re thrilled Tom is here to serve as a liaison between our students and the faculty, and to foster a healthy and supportive environment for learning and growth.

### University News

The 2020 Sue DeWine Book Award from the National Communication Association’s Social Cognition Division. Her article, “Victims’ Interpersonal and Media Experiences in the Initial Stages of Online Dating,” was recently published in the Journal of Health Communication. Skye’s teaching and research interests are in health communication, public relations and online communities.

### Newsletter

I encourage you to remain engaged with the Department of Communication by following us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and other social media platforms. We welcome your feedback, suggestions, or if you just want to chat, please don’t hesitate to contact me. We are thrilled about what we’re seeing and what we’ll continue to do.

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