

Dept. of Communication Studies  
Good News  
Spring/Summer '11

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**Dr. Kristen Cvancara**

Dr. Cvancara received a Fullbright Scholarship and will be spending her sabbatical studying in Finland for the 2011-2012 academic year.

**Dr. Dan Cronn-Mills:**

**Book Published**

Croucher, S. M., & Cronn-Mills, D. (2011). Religious misperception: The case of Muslims and Christians in France and Britain. Cresskill, NJ: Hampton Press.

**Book Chapter Published**

Stables, G., Barnes, A., Cronn-Mills, D., Easley, T., Keenan, V., Morris, E., & Sandoz, ML. (2010). Consolidating debate governance. In A. D. Loudon (Ed.), *Navigating opportunity: Policy debate in the 21st century* (181-197). New York, NY: IDEbate Press.

**Journal Article In-Press**

Orcholski, M. & Cronn-Mills, D. (in press). They know what they're doing but they don't know why: A theoretical exploration of intertextuality in interpretation events. *National Forensic Journal*.

**Appointment to National Committee**

Dr. Daniel Cronn-Mills has been appointed as a committee member to Douglas W. Ehninger Distinguished Rhetorical Scholar Award by the National Communication Association.

**Graduate Student Research Presentations**

Benz Krukow, C. (2011). Dr. Laura's radio rant: Whose side are you on? Paper presented at the Graduate Research Conference, Minnesota State University, Mankato. Advisor: Dr. Daniel Cronn-Mills

Metzger, J. (2011). Political operations and new operations: The suspension of Keith Olbermann. Paper presented at the Graduate Research Conference, Minnesota State University, Mankato. Advisor: Dr. Daniel Cronn-Mills

Trcka, J. (2011). Jims: The Bachman-Clark dialogue. Paper presented at the Graduate Research Conference, Minnesota State University, Mankato. Advisor: Dr. Daniel Cronn-Mills

DeLung, J. (2011). Analyzing propaganda: From the 2010 election to the death of Pat Tillman. Paper presented at the Graduate Research Conference, Minnesota State University, Mankato. Advisor: Dr. Daniel Cronn-Mills

Werner, J. B. (2011). The Rally to Restore Sanity: Jon Stewart's constitutive rhetoric. Paper presented at the Graduate Research Conference, Minnesota State University, Mankato. Advisor: Dr. Daniel Cronn-Mills

Stella, J. (2011). Identity in political communication: The case of two Delaware senate race speeches. Paper presented at the Graduate Research Conference, Minnesota State University, Mankato. Advisor: Dr. Daniel Cronn-Mills

Greene, R. W. (2011). Euphemisms and other distortions of truth and trust. Paper presented at the Graduate Research Conference, Minnesota State University, Mankato. Advisor: Dr. Daniel Cronn-Mills

**Dr. Cronn-Mills and Associate Professor Jim Dimock:**

**Book Chapter In-Press**

Dimock, J. P., Cronn-Mills, D., & Werner, J. B. (in press). Not of the world: The Jehovah's Witnesses and "Saluting a Flag". In S. Croucher & T. Harris (Eds.). *Religion and communication: An anthology of extensions in theory, research, and method* (n.p.). New York, NY: Peter Lang Publishing.

**Congratulations to our new graduate students:**

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| <b>Brennan, David</b>      | <b>MFA, “Defining Success: Examining What It Means to be Good in Forensics,” May, 2011</b>                             |
| <b>Browne, Robert</b>      | <b>MA, “Dominating Circumstance Through Rhetoric,” December, 2010</b>  |
| <b>DeCurtins, Amanda</b>   | <b>MS, Internship Option, May, 2011</b>  |
| <b>Hedlund, Maggie</b>     | <b>MS, Internship Option, May, 2011</b>  |
| <b>King-Quale, Richard</b> | <b>Graduate Certificate: Professional Communication, May, 2011</b>   |
| <b>Krukow, Cassandra</b>   | <b>Graduate Certificate: Professional Communication, May, 2011</b>   |
| <b>Lindahl, Carlene</b>    | <b>MS, Internship Option, May 2011</b>   |
| <b>Mann, Jacqueline</b>    | <b>MS: Internship Option, May, 2011</b>  |
| <b>Merranko, Sarah</b>     | <b>Graduate Certificate: Communication Education, May, 2011</b>  |
| <b>Shkuro, Yuliya</b>      | <b>MA, APP: “Attraction and Motivation of Millennial Generation Volunteers by Nonprofit Organizations ,” May, 2011</b> |

Thomas, Amara

MA, "How Black Professors Can Teach White Privilege Effectively," May 2011

Trcka, Jakub

MA, "On Kenneth Burke's Identification: A Criticism and Commentary," May, 2011

### Spring Results for Maverick Forensics:

On April 1-4, 2011 three members of the MSU-Mankato Speech team traveled to the American Forensic Association – National Individual Events Tournament held at the University of Nebraska, Kearney. Senior Communication Studies major **Suzanne Lumberg** (Woodbury, MN) advanced both Prose Interpretation and Program Oral Interpretation to the quarter-final round of competition (top 24 students in the event). **Lumberg** was also selected as an AFA-NIET All-American Team Member.

**MSU-Mankato Speech Team Member is 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Nation** On April 15-18, 2011 members of the MSU-Mankato Speech team attended the National Forensic Association National Championship Tournament held at Illinois State University in Bloomington, IL. Over 80 schools competed in the tournament. **The team placed 12<sup>th</sup> overall** and 4<sup>th</sup> in the President's I Division (Schools with 22-43 entries). **Senior Communication Studies major Suzanne Lumberg from Woodbury, MN placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Informative Speaking. Sophomore Communication Studies major Skylar Carlson from Tracy, MN placed 6<sup>th</sup> in Persuasive Speaking** out of the 193 students entered in the event.

On April 22 and 23, **Senior Communication Studies Major Suzanne Lumberg** competed in the 139<sup>th</sup> Interstate Oratorical Association tournament held in Harrisonburg, VA at James Madison University. This is the oldest university level forensic competition in the nation. Only the top 2 ranked persuasive speeches in each state qualify to attend this prestigious event. Lumberg placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of over 60 competitors.

### **ALUM NEWS:**

Chad Kuyper, MFA, was named 2011 Forensic Coach of the Year by the 2-year and 4-year state association for forensics (FIFA). Kuyper was also nominated to replace Brendan Kelly as president.