

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

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The Department of Communication was established in 2002 through the merger of the Department of Speech Communication and the School of Communications. Rooted in humanistic, critical, and social science traditions, the Department emphasizes teaching, research, and service in seven areas: communication and culture, communication technology and society, global communication, journalism, political communication, rhetoric and critical studies, and social interaction. Faculty, staff, and students work across these domains as part of an inclusive scholarly community.

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## Education

Undergraduate study in communication at the University of Washington has four foundations: communication literacy, communication inquiry, theory and concepts, and community engagement. We teach our students to think critically, respect diversity, and communicate effectively. We work actively to enroll a diverse set of students in our courses and in the major. Students come from all over Washington and even the world to study, and almost half of our majors are students of color. Our courses cover important traditions in communication alongside contemporary practices. Innovative teaching abounds, such as delivering speeches in the middle of Red Square on the UW's Seattle campus, partnering with community organizations on projects of civic engagement, and integrating new media technologies (blogging, Twitter, Facebook) into course content and assignments. We encourage our undergraduates to think globally by studying with our faculty in Italy, Spain, and Germany. Undergraduates also gain experience through our State Capital Reporting program, internships, community partnerships, national policy debate competitions, our honors program, and through doing independent and directed research.

The Department's graduate programs include a combined Master of Arts and PhD in Communication, a Communication Leadership Master's program with emphases in Digital Media or in Communities and Networks, and a Master of Communication in Native Voices. The **Master of Arts and Doctorate of Philosophy in Communication** prepare students to conduct original, innovative research on how communication manifests in a wide range of social domains. **Communication Leadership** is a graduate program that provides professional training in both creative storytelling skills and strategies to direct communication efforts across all sectors. The **Native Voices Program** is a center where students, faculty, and independent producers create documentaries and media research that contribute to the understanding and support of indigenous peoples.

## STUDENTS (Autumn 2016)

676	Undergraduate majors
8	Master of Arts students
123	Communication Leadership
4	Native Voices
40	PhD students

## DEGREES AWARDED (July 2015-June 2016)

569	Bachelor of Arts degrees
3	Master of Arts degrees
59	Communication Leadership
2	PhD degrees
3	Native Voices

## RECENT MAJOR STUDENT AWARDS

\$110,000 in undergraduate scholarships

Outstanding Dissertation Award, National Communication Association

National Science Foundation Dissertation Award

UW Business Plan Competition Champion

Bonderman Fellowships

Society of Professional Journalists Awards

## Faculty

Communication faculty are recognized nationally and internationally for their excellence in teaching, research, and service. They hold leadership positions across campus, including as UW Provost; a co-founder of WIRED, a support/writing/research group for female faculty at the UW; and as director of the Science, Technology, and Society Studies Graduate Certificate Program. Among others, our faculty members hold these honors:

UW Distinguished Teaching Awards (8)  
President-Elect of the International Communication Association (ICA)  
International Communication Association Fellows (3)  
Pulitzer, Grantham, and Polk Awards for Outstanding Journalism  
Editorship, *Public Opinion Quarterly*  
Editorship, *Oxford Bibliographies: Communication*  
Olof Palme Chair, Stockholm University  
Washington State Professor of the Year, Carnegie Foundation  
Public Relations Society of America PR Professional of the Year  
Outstanding Professor Award, National Speakers Association  
Hillier Kriehbaum Under-40 Award for Outstanding Career Accomplishments, by the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (2)  
Outstanding book, monograph, and article awards from International Communication Association, National Communication Association, Society of Professional Journalists, American Forensic Association, American Political Science Association, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, and Society for the Scientific Study of Religion  
Clarion Award, Association for Women in Communications  
Carroll C. Arnold Lecturer (lifetime achievement award) National Communication Association

## Research

The Department is home to two centers. The **Center on Communication, Difference, and Equity** is committed to building a more equitable world, in which our words, imagery, and attention are infused with understanding, respect, and justice. The **Center for Communication and Civic Engagement** explores communication processes and media technologies that facilitate positive citizen involvement in politics and social life; its Citizen Roundtable on Politics and Democracy Series includes the Becoming Citizens internships.

Faculty are working on large scale projects, including: **The Seattle Globalist**, a nonprofit journalism publication that examines the ways in which the world converges in Seattle, with a specific focus on peoples underrepresented in the traditional media; **Collaborating Against Human Trafficking**, dedicated to finding constructive paths through multilevel tensions between cross-sector organizations; and the **Freedom Registry**, a collaboratively developed public database of organizations, agencies, and institutions working to address exploitation and modern day slavery within the United States.

Our faculty members have received research support from numerous public and private organizations, including the National Institutes of Health, Ford Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, Pew Charitable Trusts, Annenberg Policy Foundation, Army Research Organization, Seattle CityClub, Microsoft Research, Imago Dei Foundation, Namaste Foundation, and National Science Foundation, among others.

## Alumni

The Department's 16,000+ living alumni include political and civic leaders, entrepreneurs, lawyers, journalists, authors, corporate and nonprofit specialists, educators, and entertainment industry success stories. Nine alumni share 13 Pulitzer Prize wins. A small number of alumni are honored annually through the Department's Hall of Fame and Early Career Awards. The Department integrates its alumni into its educational and outreach activities through an Alumni Board, a quarterly newsletter, classroom visits, and a year-long **Career Kickstart** program of professional development opportunities. We also maintain close partnerships with local, national, and global organizations whose core values align with those of the Department and the University of Washington.

## FACULTY (Autumn 2016)

10	Professors
5	Associate Professors
5	Assistant Professors
2	Principal Lecturers
1	Senior Lecturer
5	Lecturers
5	Artists in Residence
10	Emeritus Professors
3	Emeritus Associate Professors
1	Emeritus Senior Lecturer
3	Adjunct Professors
2	Adjunct Associate Professors
3	Affiliate Professors

## FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS

Faculty fellowships have included:

The Center for Advanced Study in the Social and Behavioral Sciences

The German Marshall Memorial

Thomas J. Watson

Ford Foundation

Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs

Knight Science Journalism

Pew Internet & American Life Project

The Stanhope Centre for Communications Policy Research

The Center for Information Technology Policy

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society, Harvard University

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