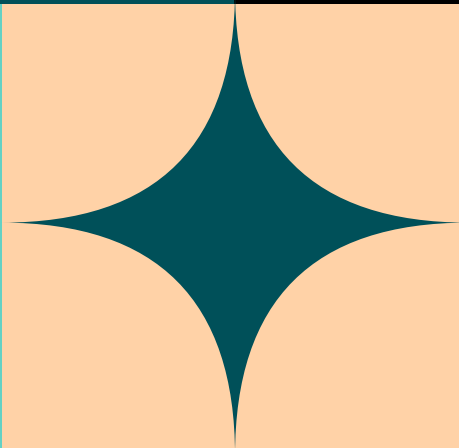


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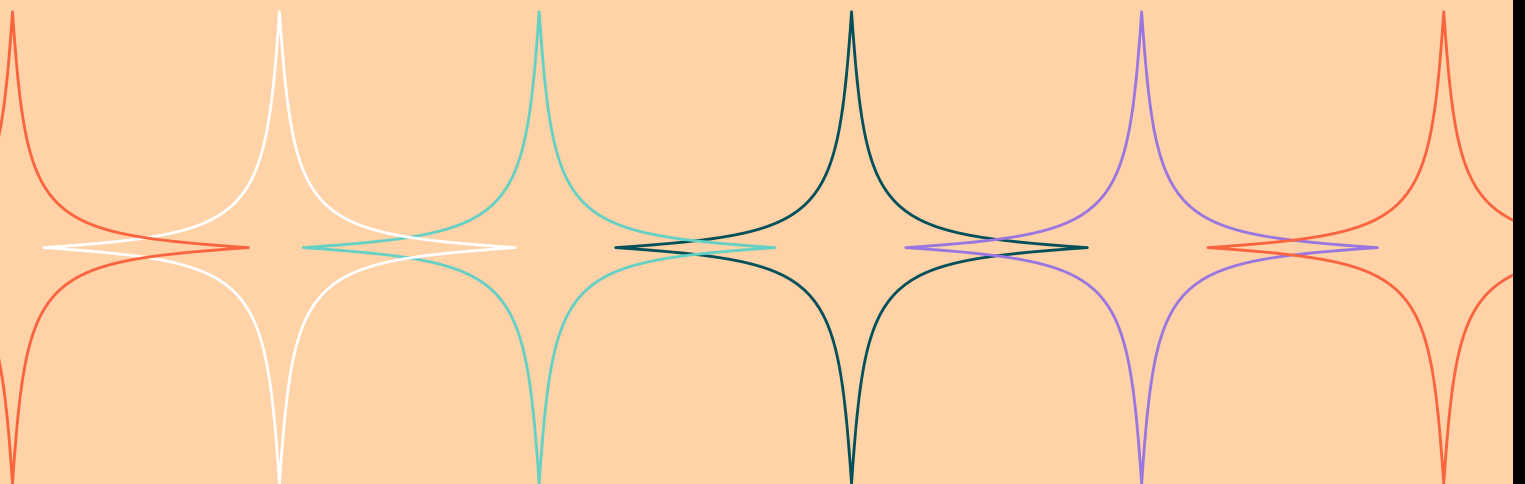
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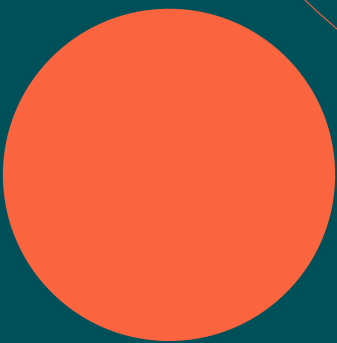
Welcome to the Communication Studies and Philosophy Awards Banquet!

This is a special celebration as it marks the completion of our first year as a new department. Even with all the trials that come from being new and doing things for the first time (not to mention a global pandemic), we have crafted a department that is a mix of disciplines, with undergraduate and graduate programs, which values excellence in teaching, research, and service, and with which we are all proud to be identified. We have also created a department that is known for its support, its warmth, its friendliness, and its sense of humor, all of which are much less common in academia than they should be.

Tonight we celebrate only a fraction of our accomplishments and our milestones, the ones that have titles and names. For many of us, our most important achievements are much smaller—learning something new, watching a student overcome an obstacle, getting an article published, or receiving an unexpected note of thanks. So tonight we celebrate! The big and the small. Thank you for being here.

–Jen Peeples, Department Head





Faculty Awards

Lecturer of the year



SIDI MEYARA IS AN EXCELLENT INSTRUCTOR WHO HAS EXCELLED IN FACE-TO-FACE AND ONLINE TEACHING. HE COVERS DIFFICULT MATERIAL WITH CURIOSITY AND HUMOR. HIS STUDENTS RECOGNIZE HIS CLASSROOM AS A SAFE PLACE TO ASK QUESTIONS AND CHALLENGE IDEAS. HE HAS ALSO PUBLISHED AN ORIGINAL TEACHING ACTIVITY THIS YEAR, SHOWING THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONAL INFLUENCE REACHES BEYOND USU.

Sidi Meyara

Teacher of the year



STUDENTS COMMENT FREQUENTLY THAT HARRISON KLEINER'S CLASSES ARE MEANINGFUL AND INSPIRING. HE IS KIND AND NURTURING AS A MENTOR FOR STUDENTS. HE IS AN EXPERT IN INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN AND HIS ASSIGNMENTS AND READINGS ARE PURPOSEFUL AND FINELY TUNED. HARRISON KLEINER IS A GREAT RESOURCE FOR ALL OF THE FACULTY IN PHILOSOPHY TO GET IDEAS FOR HOW THEY COULD IMPROVE THEIR CLASSES.

Harrison Kleiner

Undergraduate
faculty mentor of
the year

Clair
Canfield

BEYOND HIS REGULARLY TAUGHT COURSES, CLAIR CANFIELD HAS SPENT MULTIPLE SEMESTERS TEACHING SMALL INDEPENDENT STUDY CLASSES IN WHICH HE INSTRUCTS STUDENTS ON HOW TO MAKE SPACE FOR OTHERS TO THINK PRODUCTIVELY ABOUT THEIR CONFLICTS. UPON GRADUATION STUDENTS FREQUENTLY REPORT HOW TRANSFORMATIVE CLAIR'S CLASSES AND MENTORSHIP HAVE BEEN FOR THEIR LIVES.



FACULTY SERVICE AWARD

Kaitlin
Phillips

KAITLIN PHILLIPS HAS CONTINUALLY SHOWN HER DEDICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY, AND FIELD THROUGH HER TIME AND SERVICE. SHE BELIEVES THAT SERVICES IS INTEGRAL TO HER ENGAGEMENT AS A SCHOLAR-TEACHER.



ADJUNCT OF THE YEAR



SYDNEY POND

Sydney Pond is an excellent global communication instructor. Her course evaluations are consistently high and her students write that she is one of their favorite teachers. One commented, "I really appreciated how she took time to understand students and what they were trying to say. She is also fair, and makes the classroom an open discussion. Another notes, "She did a great job gathering different viewpoints and writing questions to really make you think about the way your brain, and yourself viewed the world." Sydney is an asset to our program.

Researcher of the year

NICOLE ALLEN'S RESEARCH PATH HAS CONTINUED TO STRENGTHEN OVER TIME AS SHE HAS BOTH DEEPENED AND DIVERSIFIED HER PROGRAM OF RESEARCH SINCE HER ARRIVAL AT USU. SHE TACKLES IMPORTANT AND TIMELY SUBJECT MATTER AND IS UNAFRAID TO CRITICALLY EXAMINE DIFFICULT ISSUES. OVERALL, THE SKY IS THE LIMIT AS SHE BUILDS HER REPUTATION AS A TOP SCHOLAR IN THE FIELD.



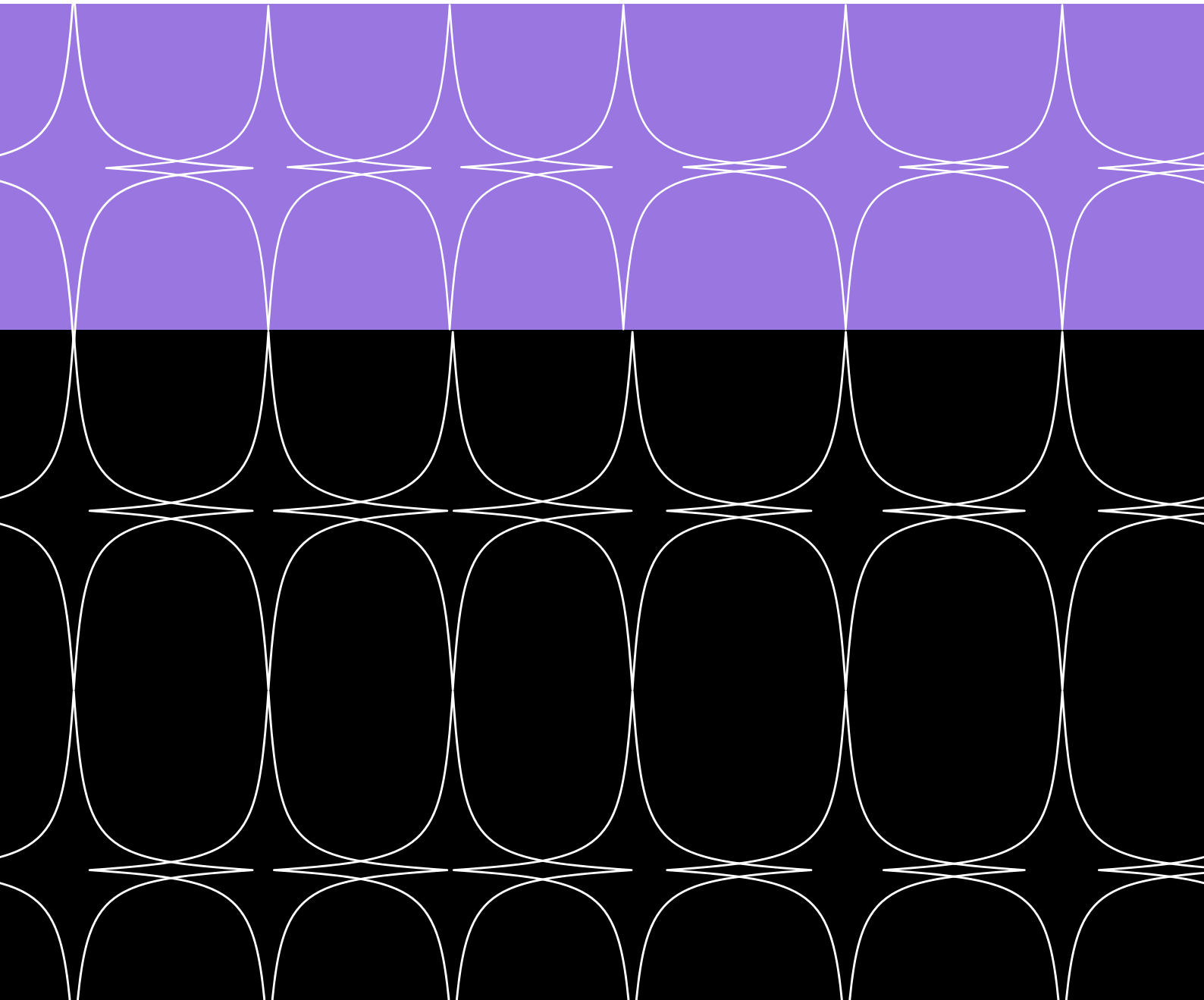
Nicole Allen

Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentor

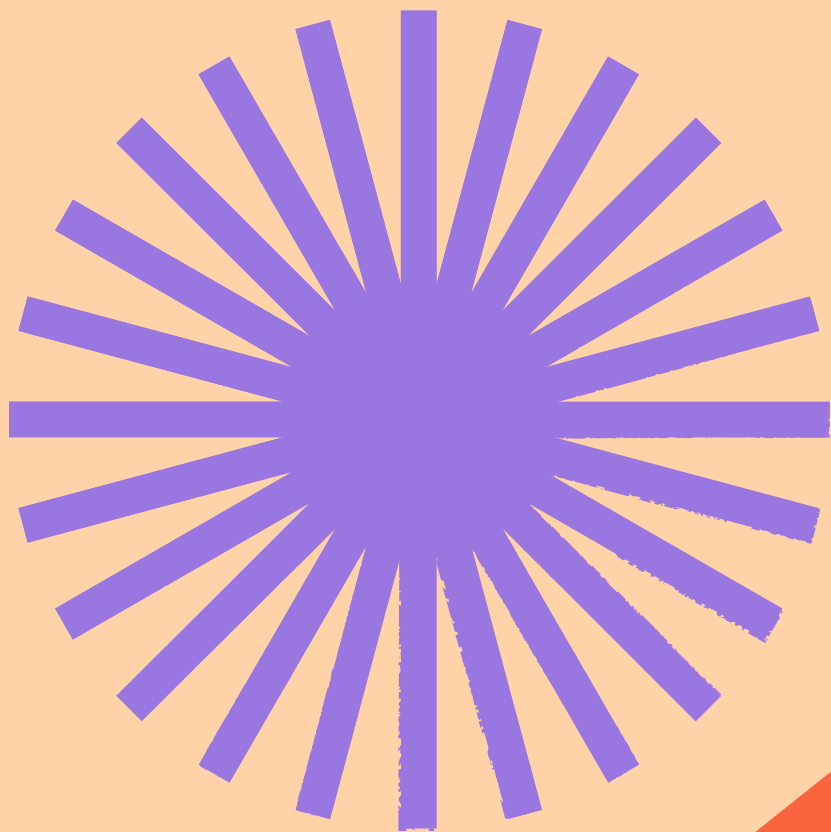


Sydney O'Shay

SYDNEY HAS WORKED TO INTEGRATE HER RESEARCH WITH HER TEACHING TO URGE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND EXCITEMENT. OVER THE PAST YEAR SYDNEY HAS HELPED MENTOR MANY AWARD-WINNING STUDENTS WHO WORKED ON RESEARCH THAT DIRECTLY IMPACTS THEIR COMMUNITY.



STUDENT AWARDS



Donnie Corwin



MASTER'S STUDENT RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR

DONNIE HAS SHOWN EXCELLENCE IN HIS ABILITY TO CONDUCT RIGOROUS, GRADUATE LEVEL RESEARCH. HE HAS FINISHED A THESIS ON "VIETNAM CONTINUED: THE BATTLE FOR AMERICAN PUBLIC MEMORY IN PUBLIC SCHOOL TEXTBOOK RHETORIC," WHICH IS WELL-POSITIONED TO MAKE AN IMPACT ON THE FIELD OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES.

MA GRADUATE INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

MICHALA APPLIES EVERYTHING SHE IS LEARNING IN HER SEMINARS AND RESEARCH TO HER CLASSES. SHE IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF AN INSTRUCTOR WHO IS EXCITED TO INTEGRATE ALL ASPECTS OF HER RESEARCH AND TEACHING.

Michala Zilkey



UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR

DAVID IS AN UNDERGRADUATE GLOBAL COMMUNICATION HONORS STUDENT THAT IS EXEMPLARY IN MANY WAYS. NOT ONLY IS HE A DELIGHT TO WORK WITH, HE IS A STUDENT YOU CAN COUNT ON TO CONSISTENTLY SHOW UP, DO THE WORK, AND DO THE WORK WELL. . HIS INQUISITIVE NATURE DRIVES HIM TO HELP THOSE AROUND HIM INCLUDING HIS TEAM AND COMMUNITY.

David Suisse



*Student's of
the Year*



**Jennifer
St. Hillaire**

LIBERAL ARTS STUDENT OF THE YEAR

JENNA ST. HILAIRE HAS FOCUSED HER UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES ON BETTER UNDERSTANDING THE DIVERSITY OF HUMAN THOUGHT, WITH THE GOAL OF BUILDING COMMUNICATION ACROSS COMPLEX MODERN CULTURAL DIVIDES THROUGH WRITING AS AN ESSAYIST AND NOVELIST. SHE WILL GRADUATE IN THE SPRING OF 2022 WITH A MAJOR IN LIBERAL ARTS AND MINORS IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE, ANTHROPOLOGY, AND HISTORY.



**Camryn
Rigby**

GLOBAL COMMUNICATION STUDENT OF THE YEAR



CAMRYN IS MAJORING IN GLOBAL COMMUNICATION WITH AN EMPHASIS IN THE SPANISH LANGUAGE AND MINORS IN LINGUISTICS AND SOCIOLOGY, AS WELL AS A CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY IN CONFLICT MANAGEMENT AND FACILITATION. SHE IS PASSIONATE ABOUT PEOPLE, AND SHE HOPES TO WORK IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT SHARES THAT VALUE. SHE IS PLANNING ON ATTENDING GRAD SCHOOL IN THE FALL OF 2023 TRAVELING IN BETWEEN TO MAKE UP FOR TWO YEARS AT HOME.

**Jordan
Schwanke**

PHILOSOPHY STUDENT OF THE YEAR



JORDAN SCHWANKE IS PURSUING A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN PHILOSOPHY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE. JORDAN'S FIRST EXPOSURE TO PHILOSOPHY WAS DURING HIS SENIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL BY READING PLATO'S DIALOGUES. SINCE THEN, HE HAS BEEN TAKING PHILOSOPHY CLASSES AT USU RANGING FROM THE PHILOSOPHY OF ART TO EPISTEMOLOGY.

**Lauren
McIntosh**

COMMUNICATION STUDIES STUDENT OF THE YEAR

LAUREN WAS BORN AND RAISED IN UTAH VALLEY BEFORE ATTENDING SCHOOL IN VIRGINIA FOR A SEMESTER. AFTER SERVING AN 18 MONTH CHURCH MISSION IN ORLANDO, FL, SHE MOVED TO LOGAN WHERE SHE HAS STUDIED COMMUNICATION STUDIES WITH A MINOR IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT. SHE PLANS TO ATTEND GRADUATE SCHOOL TO CONTINUE HER STUDY OF COMMUNICATION AND BECOME A PROFESSOR.





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COMMUNICATION
STUDIES AND
PHILOSOPHY PAPER
AT THE 2022 STUDENT
RESEARCH
SYMPOSIUM

Patients' Perceptions of Stigma During Emergency Department Visits:

Measuring Impacts on Patient
Satisfaction and Psychological
Distress



**David Suisse,
Jace Griffeth,
Elliot Willmore**

scholar ships



New Scholarship!

The Suzann Winn Scholarship

Suzann Winn dedicated 18 years to the Department of Languages, Philosophy, and Communication Studies. Suzann worked diligently to help students plan their degrees and chose classes but most of all she helped guide students onto the right path. In these conversations, she would listen carefully, ask questions, and give detailed insight into the Communication studies, Global Communication, and Philosophy majors. Graduating students in these programs would often say that if it wasn't for Suzann Winn, they would not have found their major or graduated on time. Her impact on the students in these programs was extraordinary.

For this dedication, a new scholarship has been funded and named in recognition of Suzann Winn's work.

RECIPIENTS

The Harold J. Kinzer Scholarship

Kelly Seipert

Mehdi Heravi Endowed Scholarship for Philosophy

Jordan Schwanke

Mehdi Heravi Endowed Scholarship for
Communications Studies

Marisa Davis
Nathan Spencer

The Raymond T. Coward and Andrea S.
Coward Global Communication Endowed
Scholarship

Camille Bassett

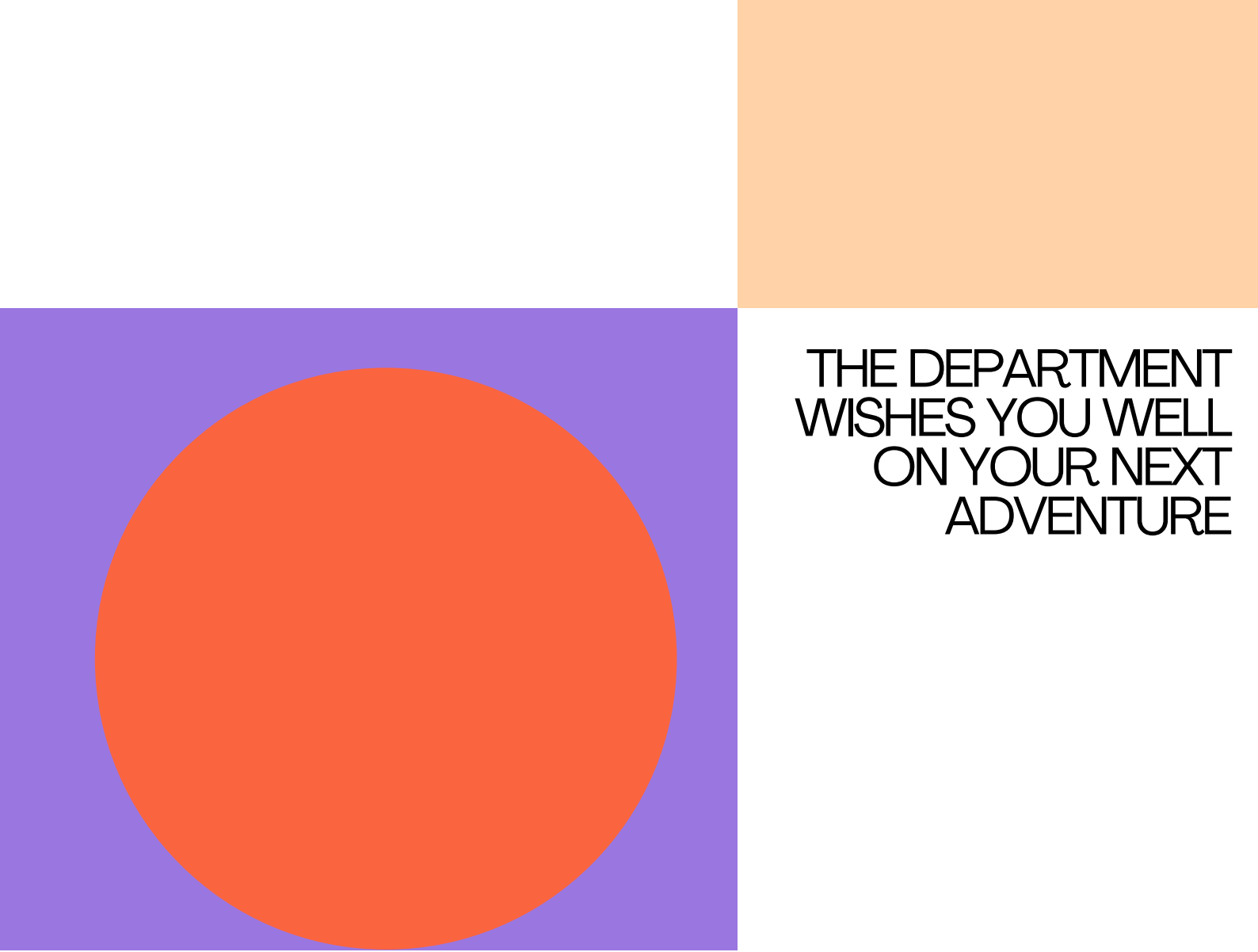
Benjamin Berlin

Alex Lambert

Isaac Larsen

Brett E. Blanch Memorial Scholarship

Jacob Leonard



THE DEPARTMENT
WISHES YOU WELL
ON YOUR NEXT
ADVENTURE

THANK YOU

KATHY MCKEE

KATHY BEGAN WORKING AT USU IN MARCH OF 1992 AND SPENT TEN YEARS IN THE CONTROLLERS OFFICE BEFORE MOVING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES, PHILOSOPHY AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES.

KATHY'S COLLEAGUES AGREE THAT SHE IS AN INVALUABLE SOURCE OF INFORMATION FOR THE STAFF AND FACULTY WITHIN THE COLLEGE. IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT THERE IS LIFE AFTER WORK AND AFTER THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE, KATHY IS EXCITED TO START A NEW PHASE AND SEE IF THAT IS REALLY TRUE. SHE WILL BE RETIRING THIS MAY 2022.



DARLA MOORE

DARLA STARTED WORKING FOR THE COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES IN JULY 2008 AND AFTER 12 YEARS OF WORK SHE WILL BE RETIRING. DARLA HAS SERVED AS A STAFF MEMBER FOR THE PREVIOUS DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES, PHILOSOPHY AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES. AND CURRENTLY WORKS AS THE STAFF MEMBER FOR THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES. DARLA HAS ALSO WORKED ON THE CEA AND PEA BOARDS, AS WELL AS THE DEAN'S CHASS ADVISORY COMMITTEE. SHE IS EXCITED TO MOVE ONTO HER NEW ADVENTURE , WHATEVER THAT MIGHT BE.



RICHARD SHERLOCK

RICHARD SHERLOCK WILL BE RETIRING THIS YEAR AFTER WORKING AS PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY. HE WAS HIRED AT USU IN THE FALL OF 1985 WITH ADVANCED TRAINING IN THEOLOGY, ETHICS, AND PHILOSOPHY. HE RECEIVED HIS MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES AND PH.D. AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY. HIS PHILOSOPHICAL INTERESTS INCLUDE THE CONCEPT OF CONSCIENCE, EARLY MODERN ARGUMENTS FOR RELIGIOUS TOLERATION, AND ETHICAL AND CONCEPTUAL ISSUES IN BIOTECHNOLOGY.



KAITLIN PHILLIPS

KAITLIN PHILLIPS IS LEAVING USU TO RETURN TO HER HOME STATE OF TEXAS. SHE CAME TO THE COMMUNICATION STUDIES PROGRAM AS A POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW IN 2017 AND WAS PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN 2018. SHE HAS ALSO BEEN A CO-DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES SINCE 2020. SHE IS AN AWARD WINNING SCHOLAR AND TEACHER, WITH A RESEARCH EMPHASIS ON INTERPERSONAL AND FAMILY COMMUNICATION. HER DEDICATION TO SERVICE WILL LEAVE A LASTING IMPACT ON THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES AND PHILOSOPHY.

*Thank
you!*



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