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OSTCA Newsletter

Remembering Cindy Carley 1947-2009

OSTCA acknowledges the passing of SWOSU Department of Communication & Theatre instructor Cindy Carley, who died unexpectedly on Saturday, September 19th. Ms. Carley was an excellent teacher, an outstanding leader, and a valued member of the OSTCA community. "We will certainly miss her radiant smile and the positive outlook she possessed," commented SWOSU Librarian Jane Long. Dr. Robin Jones, Chair of the SWOSU Department of Communication and Theatre, observed that Carley "was a wonderful teacher and loved her students very much. She was highly thought of by everyone who knew her. We were blessed to know her." Dr. David K. Scott, Professor of Communication Studies at NSU, stated, "that even though I did not know Professor Carley personally, I was very impressed with her OSTCA presentation (innovative uses of PowerPoint in the classroom). It was obvious she had great enthusiasm for teaching and was always seeking ways to improve. These are traits I admire strongly in our profession. I definitely learned several things from her presentation that will be useful in my future teaching." Family member Kyle Clifton remembered that



Professor Carley Presenting
at the 2009 OSTCA Conference

"Cindy was quite a person and always had a smile on and cared about every one of her students." A SWOSU student commented: "I thought I would hate public speaking, but once I got in her class, I was actually looking forward to talking in front of the class about topics that I was actually interested in. She's a great teacher, very motivational, and told a lot of interesting stories." Cindy is survived by her husband, David R. Carley, daughters, Sheila and Carlina and five grandchildren.

Memorials can be made in memory of
Cindy Carley at the Southwestern
Oklahoma State University Foundation:
Cindy Carley Scholarship Fund; 100
Campus Drive, Weatherford, OK 73096.

Rodney Heggy Esq., Delivers 2009 OSTCA Keynote Speech



Rod Heggy delivered the 2009 OSTCA keynote address. In his speech, Heggy stated he was drawn to the legal profession as a result of his undergraduate competitive debate experience. Rod debated for U.S. Grant High School in Oklahoma City, ascending to the Semifinals of the 1973 State High School Debate Championship. That success earned him a debate scholarship to Southeastern Oklahoma State University, where he and his debate partner won the Regional Tournament and the right to compete in the 1976 National Debate Tournament in Boston, MA. In his speech through a series of anecdotal stories, Heggy reminded his audience that speech teachers make a difference in people's lives. Today Heggy leads the Heggy & Associates Law Firm in Oklahoma City.



Rodney Heggy

University of Houston, J.D. 1981
University of Louisiana, M.S. 1978
SEOSU B.A. 1977

The 2009 OSTCA awards are Announced

During the 2009 OSTCA conference (Ada, OK) OSTCA Awards committee chair Kris Copeland was pleased to announce the 2009 OSTCA award winners

Josh Lee Service Award: *Dr. Jeff Gentry, Rogers State University*

Dr. Gentry is head of the Department of Communications at Rogers State University. Dr. Gentry has served in numerous leadership positions in OSTCA over the years. Amy Aldridge Sanford said, "He was president when I joined the board and I was so incredibly impressed with his Interpersonal skills. It is a pleasure to be lead by him."



Dr. Jeff Gentry

Outstanding Theater Educator: *Courtney Sanders, Oral Roberts University*

Courtney Sanders is the Director of Theater at Oral Roberts University. Under her direction she has increased the theater program to four main stage performances and two showcases. Ms. Sanders teaches a variety of acting techniques, including the Meisner technique. In addition to her role at ORU, Ms. Sanders is the founding member of The Playhouse Theatre, a new professional theatre company in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



Courtney Sanders

H. B. Mitchell Outstanding High School Forensics Coach Award: *Brad Swygard, American Christian School*

A self proclaimed "Debate: Nerd," Mr. Swygard ranks forensics as one of the most important life changing moments of his life. Both a high school and collegiate forensics competitor, Mr. Swygard approaches the art of forensics as developing passionate communicators. One of Mr. Swygards colleagues noted that he qualified thirty-nine events for regionals in 2009.



Brad Swygard

Outstanding College Communication Teacher: *Dr. David K. Scott, Northeastern State University*

Dr. David Scott is a professor of communication studies at Northeastern State University. One colleagues stated " He puts more time into developing his lectures than any other academic I know. He adds prestige to our department because people are so impressed with his intelligence and preparedness." Likewise, Amy Sanders, a student of Dr. Scott's, stated,"His example, patience, and positive encouragement throughout my undergraduate experience contributed to my success and participation in NSU's Undergraduate Research Day."

Young High School Teacher: *Kasey Harrison, Ada High School*

Kasey Harrison is a graduate of the Speech Educator's program at the University of Central Oklahoma and currently works at Norman High School as co-teacher of the Competitive Acting and Debate: Program. Mr. Harrison has directed two spring drama productions, as well as attending all the speech competitions. A colleague stated that Kasey is infinitely patient and understanding.

Young College Teacher: *Lynette Burchfield, Oral Roberts University*

Ms. Burchfield began teaching adjunct at Oral Roberts University while her preference was to teach high school. After three semester's she realized she enjoyed interacting with college students. After completing her Master's Degree this past May, Ms. Burchfield plans to continue teaching in higher education as well as make contributions to the field of higher education that would improve the learning experiences of students and the environment for students and faculty.

Top Papers are announced for 2009 OSTCA Conference

The 2009 OSTCA Convention Planner Dana Ayers was pleased to announce the Top Paper/ Panel Awards for the 2009 OSTCA conference.

Top Paper:

"Presidential Word Choices." Paul Crandon and Justin Walton, Cameron University.

Top Undergraduate Paper:

"An Examination of the Changing Reputation of the Private Press." Jessica Ammons, Rogers State University

Top Panel:

"A Steaming Cup of Love: The Power of Service Learning Inside and Outside of the Classroom." Jonna May and Stephen Myers, Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Top Poster:

"Does Media act as a tool in Facilitating Terrorism?" Douglas Wittman, Rogers State University.



Dana Ayers

Aldridge Sanford Accepts NSU Administrative Appointment

The NSU Office of Academic Affairs announced that Dr. Amy Aldridge Sanford will serve as temporary Assistant to the Vice



President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Aldridge Sanford will be responsible for some of the areas previously under Associate Vice President Janet Bahr. These include program review and curriculum matters as well as assisting Dr. Tom Jackson with preparations for Oklahoma Research Day in November. Dr. Aldridge Sanford brings a wealth of organizational and communication skills to this position. She most recently chaired the General Education Task Force which has submitted its final report to the university for consideration at the Curriculum and Educational Policies Committee meeting in October. NSU looks forward to having Dr. Aldridge Sanford temporarily join the Office of Academic Affairs.



Rogers State University is set to host 2010 OSTCA Convention

Jeff Gentry was pleased to announce that RSU President Larry Rice has formally approved for Rogers State University to host the 81st anniversary convention of the Oklahoma Speech, Theatre, and Communications Association in Claremore. Gentry thanked the Executive Committee and President Amy Aldridge Sanford for allowing the conference to come to the Tulsa area for the first time in memory. Gentry concluded, "We will do our best to make it a memorable conference."

OSTCA Leadership 2009-2010

Dana Ayers: President

Donna Gough: Vice President

Sheryl Lidzy: VP Elect.

Pam Broyles: Executive Director/Nominations (1st year)

Lisa Schroeder: Executive Director-Elect

Lindsay Wakefield: Forensics Chair

Paul Crandon: Mass Communication Chair (2010)

Rick Groetzinger: Theatre Chair

Lynette Burchfield: Communication Chair

Arlie Daniel: CSCA/NCA Representative (2011)

Tony Allison: Historian/Parliamentarian

David K. Scott: Webmaster (2010)/ Director of PR

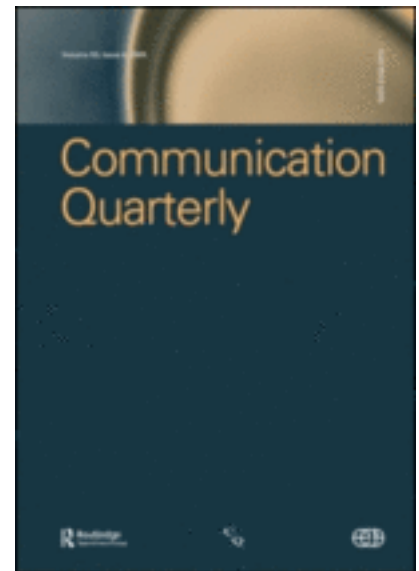
Kristopher Copeland: Recording Secretary/Awards Committee (2nd year)

Amy Aldridge Sanford: Past President



Scott, Chanslor and Dixon have their article conditionally accepted to *Communication Quarterly*

David K. Scott, Mike Chanslor and Jennifer Dixon had their manuscript: "FAIR and the *PBS NewsHour*: Assessing Diversity and Elitism in News Sourcing" conditionally accepted to the journal *Communication Quarterly*. The article notes that over the past twenty years the media advocacy group, *Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting* (FAIR) issued a series of studies criticizing the *PBS NewsHour* for having an "establishment bias" and for a lack of diversity in news sourcing. A partial replication and a comparative analysis to the alternative independent newscast *Democracy Now!* confirm and validate many of the FAIR's claims regarding the narrow sourcing practices of the *PBS NewsHour*.



Please Send Us Your News!

Please send us updates on your latest activities and achievements to share with your OSTCA colleagues.

Thank You!

David K. Scott

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Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association

High School Speech

2009 State Champions

3A Sweepstakes Award: American Christian School-Bartlesville: Brad Swygard
4A Sweepstakes Award (tie): Marlow HS: Paula McConnell; Lone Grove HS: Brian Gunter
5A Sweepstakes Award: Guymon HS: Michael Patterson
6A Sweepstakes Award: Norman HS: Betsy Ballard, Kasey Harrison

3A Original Oratory: Sarah Swygard - American Christian School-Bart
4A Original Oratory: Josh Hutton - Prague
5A Original Oratory: : Amanda Ack - Ardmore HS
6A Original Oratory: Phillip Parrish - Norman

3A Standard Oratory: Bryan Lynch - Quinton
4A Standard Oratory: Harley Harmon - Lone Grove
5A Standard Oratory: Sarah Shreder - Bishop Kelley
6A Standard Oratory: Sammi Adhikiri - Norman

3A Humorous Interp: Garrett Starks - Cherokee
4A Humorous Interp: Lyndsay Tabor - Muldrow
5A Humorous Interp: Hunter Rogers - Woodward
6A Humorous Interp: Reese Mishler - Owasso

3A Dramatic Interp: Victoria Thomas - Haskell
4A Dramatic Interp: Lyndsay Taylor - Muldrow
5A Dramatic Interp: Dominick Praither - Guymon
6A Dramatic Interp: Scott Knowlton - Owasso

3A Prose: Bryan Lynch - Quinton
4A Prose: Emma Dean - Marlow
5A Prose: Kalisa Mora - Guymon
6A Prose: Bobby Greeson - Norman

3A Poetry: Kohannah Hess - Cherokee
4A Poetry: Lyndsay Tabor - Muldrow
5A Poetry: Hunter Rogers - Woodward
6A Poetry: Keith Daniels - Booker T. Washington



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Continued

3A Foreign Extemp: Kaylee Jones - American Christian School-Bart

4A Foreign Extemp: Zach Eldredge - Bristow

5A Foreign Extemp: Joe Proszek - Bishop Kelley

6A Foreign Extemp: Heather Swadley - Shawnee

3A Domestic Extemp: Thomas Teague - Clayton

4A Domestic Extemp: Rachel Hill - Muldrow

5A Domestic Extemp: Patrick McSweeney - Ardmore

6A Domestic Extemp: Andrew Connery - Norman

3A Monologue: Kohannah Hess - Cherokee

4A Monologue: Andrew Rathgeber - Alva

5A Monologue: Sheridan Hill - Ardmore

6A Monologue: Rachel Watkins - Choctaw

3A Humorous Duet: Brittany Barr & Laurel Trumble - American Christian School-Bart

4A Humorous Duet: Derrick Cerveny & Montana Camp - Keys (Park Hill)

5A Humorous Duet: Kayla Jarman & Michale Howlett Noble

6A Humorous Duet: Reese Mishler & Hunter Paul Owasso

3A Dramatic Duet: Riley Longacre & Tristin Hays - Okeene

4A Dramatic Duet: Hannah Barton & Kaleb King - Marlow

5A Dramatic Duet: Jamie Fife & Kiersey King - Grove

6A Dramatic Duet: Zack Miller & Ryan Jones - Putnam City

3A Lincoln Douglas Debate: Thomas Teague - Clayton

4A Lincoln Douglas Debate: Brad Crofford - Bethany

5A Lincoln Douglas Debate: Tim Pullin - Ardmore

6A Lincoln Douglas Debate: OSSAA did not report results.

3A Team Debate: Sarah Swygard & Kaylee Jones - American Christian School-Bart

4A Team Debate: Derick Cerveny & Zak Rajpari - Keys (Park Hill)

5A Team Debate: Julie Guirl & Nate DeAngelis - Bishop Kelley

6A Team Debate: Sierra Shear & Weston Watts - Heritage Hall