



# Catch Up with Communication Studies

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**Good luck on your finals!**  
**Wishing you a**  
**P&A Wsome winter break!**

*-Department of Communication Studies*



## What is Communication?



Communication studies is about exploring how we connect with one another — whether through language, gestures, or technology. Research has consistently shown that communication is the most powerful predictor for the quality of a relationship, be it a romantic relationship, friendship, or co-worker relationship. But at the same time, both scholars and relational partners rate communication as one of the top problem areas in interpersonal relationships. Thus, communication, or effective communication, is the most important foundation for building a healthy and fulfilling relationship.

*-Dr. Shuangyue “Shaun” Zhang*





## Student Organizations

### Lambda Pi Eta



On November 14th, we welcomed 12 new inductees and 3 honorary inductees to Lambda Pi Eta. Congratulations to all of the new members!

Be on the lookout for future Lambda Pi Eta events, as we invite alumni to speak on what they are doing with their communication degrees and other networking events.



Current and New Inductees, Pictured, left-to-right:

Back Row:

Haley Wozniak; Kendyll Renee Morris; Kaci Moore

Middle Row:

Julie Develin; Stephanie Berry; Shelie R. Coulter

Front Row:

Dr. Caleb G. Hubbard, Advisor; Madison Stone, Current LPH President; Justin Amaro; Macey Schank; Xander Dean Cook; Bentley; Hannah Chitty, Current LPH Member; Dr. Colton Krawietz, Advisor

Inducted Virtually, Not Pictured:

Nicole Douglas; Chassity George; Emma Smalls



Honorary Inductees, Pictured, left-to-right:  
Dena Horne, MA; Allyzah Allene D. Cabugao, MA; Kristen Hester, MA

## CommuniKats



Do you want to improve your communication skills or connect with like-minded students interested in communication? Connect with CommuniKats!

CommuniKats is open to new members, all students welcome.

Contact current CommuniKats president Kylee Patterson at [kmp118@shsu.edu](mailto:kmp118@shsu.edu) or follow on Instagram at @CommuniKats for more information and updates!



## Celebrations and Success

### *Green Eggs and Ham at The Great Hunt! with Suzi Honeywell, MA*



Instructor Suzi Honeywell participated in The Great Hunt! 2024, organized and hosted by Sam Houston State University's Veterans Resource Center last November. She read Dr. Seuss' *Green Eggs and Ham* as part of the 300 item scavenger hunt.

The Great Hunt! is hosted annually by the Veterans Resource Center as part of their Veterans Week events.

## **International Conference on Social and Education Sciences (IConSES) 2024: Shifting Patterns in Educational Philosophy and Policies During and After the Pandemic: How COVID-19 Changed the Game in Education: Promethi Das Deep, Nitu Ghosh, and Dr. Cindy Chen**



Dr. Cindy Chen worked with Promethi Das Deep (Graduate Student in the School of Teaching and Learning) and Nitu Ghosh (Graduate Student in the Department of English) on a paper titled “Shifting Patterns in Educational Philosophy and Policies During and After the Pandemic: How COVID-19 Changed the Game in Education”. Their paper was accepted by the 2024 International Conference on Social and Educational Sciences in Chicago and was presented at the conference on October 17th, 2024. Findings reveal the pandemic’s negative impact on students and highlight how educators were making essential shifts in philosophical paradigms to adopt new policies that

support flexible learning strategies. Findings also point to significant shifts toward blended learning models that emphasize flexibility, collaboration, and inclusivity.

## **National Communication Association 2024 Annual Convention: Dr. Rebekah M. Chiasson, Dr. Lisa Dahlgren, Dr. Caleb G. Hubbard, Dr. Colton Krawietz**



Four of our faculty presented their research recently at the National Communication Association 2024 Annual Convention from November 21st - 24th.

Dr. Rebekah M. Chiasson and co-authors presented on a papers titled “Does the Human Professor or Artificial Intelligence Offer Better Explanations to Students? Evidence from Three Within-Subject Experiments” and “Dynamic and Daily Partner-Specific Processes of Relationship Uncertainty and Enacted Relationship Talk”.

Dr. Lisa Dahlgren and co-author presented on a paper titled “Exploring Rules in Friends with Benefits Relationships Among Non-College-Aged Adults”.

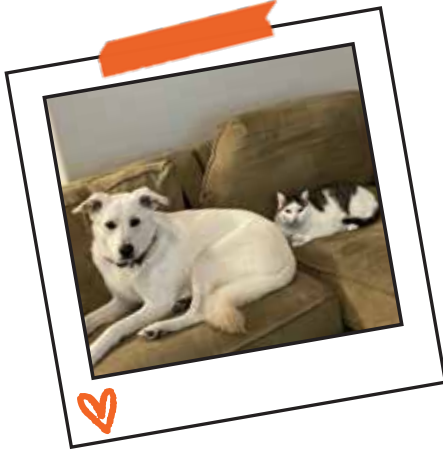
Dr. Caleb G. Hubbard and co-author presented on a paper titled “All is Fair in Love and Fanship: Examining Relationship Building Maintenance in Friendships and Romantic Relationships Through Secondhand Fanship”. Dr. Hubbard was also a panelist on the “Fans to Scholars: How Fanship can be Utilized in Non-Traditional Classrooms” research panel.

Dr. Colton Krawietz and co-authors presented on papers titled “Differentiation, Communication, or Dispositions: What Differentiates Estranged and Intact Adult Children?” and “Topic Avoidance as a Multiplex Phenomenon among Individuals Transitioning from Dating to Cohabitation”.



## Pet Spotlight

Dr. Kelly Weikle's Pawesome Pets!



**Boba Fett (left)**  
Major in Friendship and Love Studies  
Minor in Anxious Attachment

**Petra (right)**  
Major in Leisure Studies  
Minor in Cuddles



## Important Upcoming Dates

### December

**Monday, December 9th - Thursday, December 12th**

 **Final Examinations**

**Thursday, December 12th - Saturday, December 14th**

 **Commencement**

**Monday, December 16th**

 **Deadline for Filing Grades**

### January

**Monday, January 13th**

 **First Class Day**

**Monday, January 20th**

 **University Holiday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

**Wednesday, January 29th**

 **Deadline for Spring Graduation and Certificate Application**



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