Communicating Career Night recently attracted a large audience of undergraduate and graduate students to its panel discussion from professionals in the field of Communication.

February was the 2nd Annual Career Night, organized by Graduate Assistant, Brian Arterbridge.

At the event, students learn about the possibilities of careers in communication from UIS alumni and area professionals working in journalism, video, web design and graphic art, television broadcasting, human resources, fundraising, and public relations.


COM Graduate Assistant, Brian Arterbridge, has rolled up his sleeves and delved in during his time at UIS. Besides coordinating functions for the Communication Department and assisting the department’s faculty, he’s a founding member/executive board member of three campus organizations: the Professional Student Association, the Public Administration Student Association, and Masters of Public Health Club. He’s also the president of the UIS Association of Graduate Employees Union, and been involved with the Black Student Union and the student clubs in Psychology, Social Work, and Communication.

Arterbridge graduates this May, and the department will miss him dearly.

Among his duties, the GA for Communication compiles the department newsletter; helps coordinate department events, such as Graduate Orientation; attends faculty meetings, and generally represents the department and graduate students. Arterbridge has taken on several department projects, as well, to organize a successful career tour for students at five area businesses, and to organize two Career Nights, with a panel of professionals working in fields in communication and students interested in learning more about careers in communication. “My best experience has been receiving appreciation and positive feedback from students and faculty for the events and newsletters I write,” he said.

Arterbridge will graduate with a master’s in Public Administration, in nonprofit management and labor relations. School doesn’t end there, though. Arterbridge was accepted into a second master’s program last year in Social Work at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. He would like to work for state government when he graduates, or eventually run his own nonprofit organization. An M.A. in Public Administration compliments his bachelor’s in Social Work, which leads to one of his goals, “to open a transition home, a nonprofit organization for young men ages 12-21, who need the proper tools to build healthy lives,” Arterbridge said.

His dream job, however, would be as a supervisor of investigation at the Department of Children and Family Services, he said. Helping others is a “passion,” Arterbridge said. In fact, this summer he’ll study abroad in Gambia, Africa, where he’ll have the opportunity to teach elementary school children and work at a local health clinic to help test and treat individuals with STDs.

Among his best experiences at UIS has been “building friendships that I will have for the rest of my life,” he said. His advice for future graduate students is to get involved in activities and organizations. UIS master’s students don’t always get a sense of community because they’re working other jobs, raising families. “One of my reasons for creating two graduate student organizations was to build a friendly community among graduate students from each department at UIS,” he said. Finally, “The most important advice I have is: Smile. You are that much closer to obtaining your advanced degree, higher pay, and increased job satisfaction,” Arterbridge said.

Meet the new Adjunct Instructors

Scott Faingold, who recently graduated from the Communication Department, started teaching for the department last fall.

Faingold enjoys teaching COM 112 Oral Communication and finds that it plays to his strengths. He enjoys the challenge of making the more abstract theoretical ideas accessible to students and encouraging them to find their strengths as public speakers, he said. He received his M.A. in Communication at UIS in 2012.

Along with teaching part-time at UIS, he’s a long-time staff writer for the Illinois Times and the Associate Editor of the Springfield Business Journal. He’s the lead vocalist and primary lyricist for the garage rock/post-punk band Epsom, which plays regularly in Springfield.

Priscilla Meddaugh has a “blast” teaching Oral Communication at UIS, she said. She received her Ph.D. in 1999, and since, has taught a wide variety of classes in rhetoric, media studies, critical theory, and journalism.

She loves being in the classroom. “There is an energy there that you can’t find anywhere else.” Meddaugh’s teaching goal is to leave a positive social footprint with students. She’s an active researchers and publishes in scholarly journals in the areas of both rhetoric and new media.

Outside of academics, Meddaugh is a violinist and plays at any variety of functions: weddings, churches and art galleries. She and her husband enjoy music and art and taking care of two dogs and two cats.

Saying Goodbye and Moving Forward

Scott Faingold
**Current Students and Alumni Accomplishments**

- **Carley Reynolds**, to graduate May 2014 with an M.A. in Communication, has been accepted into the Ph.D. program in Communication at Southern Mississippi University.
- **Erica Cullens**, to graduate May 2014 with an M.A. in Communication, spoke at the 7th Annual Whitney M. Young Symposium in February, on *GoodWorksConnect: A Closer Look at Social Media Efficiency for Nonprofits*.
- **Blake Woods**, to graduate May 2014 with an M.A. in Communication, received a nomination from the Communication Department for the university-wide Outstanding Project Award 2014.
- **Chris Costello**, undergraduate, is a top 100 finalist in *Photographer’s Forum* 34th Annual College Photo Contest, sponsored by Nikon.
- **Ellie Bretzman** received an internship at WCIS.
- **Catalina Hernandez**, graduate of Communication, works for the Retention Coordinator University of Illinois.

*Note: Send your college career achievements to Brian Arterbridge, Communication Department Graduate Assistant, at barte2@uis.edu.*

**Faculty Updates**

- **Dr. Jae Sik Ha** will join the UIS faculty to teach in Digital Media for the Communication Department in Fall 2014. Among the courses he will teach is Entrepreneurial Journalism as a COM 480 Topics course. Look for it on Tuesday nights, 6-9:30 p.m. Dr. Ha said this course will help students prepare themselves to work not only as employees of media organizations, “but also as entrepreneurs who are able to start viable business by themselves in the emerging media ecosystem shaped by the Digital Revolution.”
- **Dr. Amie Kincaid and Dr. Beth Ribarsky** will present at Central States Communication Association Conference, in April, in Minneapolis.
- **Instructor Ricardo Perez** completed Safe Zone training and is a proud member of the LGBTQ alliance at UIS.
- **Dr. Beth Ribarsky** was elected as Chair of the Communication Education Division at the Central States Communication Association.

**Communication Club & Lambda Pi Eta News**

The UIS Communication Club held a bake sale and the fundraiser, *Dough for Donuts*, to raise money for charities in the community. Dr. Amie Kincaid’s COM 528 class won the competition by raising $20. In total, the club raised $75 during the *Dough for Donuts* campaign, and about $150 over the two-day bake sale.

The Communication Club and Lambda Pi Eta (national communication honor society) will volunteer at the UIS Career Center’s LinkedIn Event to help with Picture Perfect Photo Days.

Both clubs are also raising money to attend the Central States Communication Association (CSCA) conference, in April. Contact Carley Reynolds at creyn2@uis.edu for more information on how to get involved.
Dr. Kathy Jamison will teach in India this summer at the Vellore Institute of Technology. It is an engineering school listed in the top 10 in the country. Jamison said: “It’s funny, I am always aligned in one way or another with engineers.”

She’s worked as a technical writer with software engineers at Northrop in Los Angeles, taught engineering master’s students at the University of Poitiers, France, and ghost written a book with the head of engineering years ago at University of Illinois, Urbana. Now, “I’ll be teaching other scholars in writing research at VIT.”

“I know nothing in particular about engineering,” said Jamison. “It’s more that engineers have needed my writing skills.”

### Need Help Writing?

The CTL offers a series of workshops and walk-in writing help throughout the semester. CTL writing tutors are available to help students on a walk-in basis every Wednesday evening from 6:00-8:30 pm in Brookens Library. Please contact Christina Smith (csmit31@uis.edu), the Writing TA for the Center for Teaching and Learning, for assistance in organizing ideas, creating outlines, revising writing projects, researching, and placing academic sources within assignments. Her office hours are:

- **Monday**: 9:00 am – 2:30 pm
- **Tuesday**: Off
- **Wednesday**: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
- **Thursday**: 12:00 pm – 5:30 pm
- **Friday**: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
### Fall 2014 COM Schedule

***Schedule is subject to change***

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Online & Blended classes on-campus meeting dates:

- COM 112-A Perez — TR 10-11:15 (blended meets Tuesdays on campus)
- COM 112 J Oral Comm. — Kincaid — (restricted to online degree majors only)
- COM 411 Computer-Mediated Interpersonal Comm — Grubbs (2nd 8 weeks)
- COM 472 Political Communication in the United States — Cheney
- COM 459/LIS 431 Beatles: Pop Music/Society — Cheney
- COM 303 B Intro Mass Media — Grubbs

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