

MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER



CALENDAR

Last day of Classes 4/28

Graduation May 7th-8th

*Fall semester begins
August 23rd*

*Lambda Pi Eta Sip and
Chat April 28th*

SOCIAL MEDIA:

INSTAGRAM

@MTCOMMSTUDIES

@MTSUDEBATE

@MTSUCOMMSTUDIESCLUB

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MTSU Comm Studies

TWITTER

@mtcommstudies

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JOIN LAMBDA PI ETA FOR

SIP & CHAT

with your professors

APRIL 28, 2021 | 10:00-11:00AM
JONES HALL COMM STUDIES OFFICE

Meet Dr. Chevrette

May 2021

Meet Dr. Roberta Chevrette

Dr. Chevrette has been at MTSU since 2017. She is originally from California, and lived for many years in Sacramento, a capitol city filled with Americana and roots music where she spent several years making music of her own. After finishing her undergraduate degree in Anthropology and Women's Studies, she moved to Phoenix, Arizona to earn her PhD from Arizona State University while enjoying desert hikes and backyard sunsets. She has also lived in the cities of Philadelphia and Kutztown, Pennsylvania, and spent a half a year living in an airstream trailer in the forests of Northern California. After all of this, she is happy to call Nashville home, and loves the combination of living in a city with a small-town feel, lots of music, and nature nearby.

Dr. Chevrette enjoys teaching Communication Studies courses at MTSU, including Critical Methods in Communication, Intercultural Communication, and other courses in the Culture and Social Influence concentration. She also teaches in the Women's and Gender Studies program, and loves working with diverse students with an array of backgrounds and identities. Her main goal in the classroom is to guide students to become aware of, and critically examine, the ways rhetorical structures and cultural systems of gender, race, and sexuality shape our ways of thinking and our everyday experiences. She enjoys mentoring students to develop their own research and career interests so that they can find jobs they enjoy and make a positive impact in the lives of others.

Dr. Chevrette's research uses queer, feminist, and postcolonial frameworks to examine relationships among communication, identity, and social justice. She is co-author of the book *Dangerous Dames: Representing Female-Bodied Empowerment in Postfeminist Media*, and has published articles in journals including *Communication Monographs*, *Communication Theory*, and *QED: A Journal in GLBTQ Worldmaking*. She has also published co-authored work with COMM students, including a study of the local organization Murfreesboro Loves.

Outside of school, you can find Dr. Chevrette rock climbing, running, hiking, cooking, attending Bonnaroo, and checking out local concerts, restaurants, and breweries. Favorite foods include sushi and tacos, and musicians include Rising Appalachia, Michael Franti, Ani DiFranco, and Emancipator, but there are so many more (foods and music)! She loves road trips and traveling near and far by herself or with her fiancé Jordan and her dog River.



CLUBS

SPEECH AND DEBATE

Interested in joining the fun and developing key public speaking/presentation skills? Join the walk on MTSU Debate team, no prerequisites required. Contact our coach at patrick.richey@mtsu.edu if you're interested!

Instagram: @mtsudebate

The team is in route to close out their season with both TIPDA and singles Nationals. Wish them luck in defending TIPDA #1 in the nation.

- NETWORKING
- RESUME BUILDING
- HEADSHOTS
- PUBLIC SPEAKING
- LEADERSHIP
- PRESENTATION
- CAREER DEVELOPMENT
- COMMUNITY
- INFORMATION
- LINKEDIN

COMMUNICATION STUDIES CLUB

Looking for a club filled to the brim with networking and resume building opportunities? Then the Communication Studies Club is for you! The Comm Studies Club is an organization open to all majors, providing seminars similar to Lambda Pi Eta that answer some of College's most difficult questions. From mock interviews, Career Development, service activities, and more, there's little reason not to at least attend once!

LAMBDA PI ETA

Lambda Pi Eta (LPH) is the National Communication Association's (NCA) official honor society at four-year universities in the nation.

REQUIREMENTS

- Completed 60 semester credit-hours
- Have a minimum overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 • Completed 12 semester credit-hours in Communication Studies
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.25 for all Communication Studies courses
- Currently enrolled as a student in good standing

More information is available at <https://www.mtsu.edu/communication/LPH.php>

If you have all of the requirements except for the number of credits, you can join as a pledge member for only \$5/year.

CLUB CONTACTS

Lambda Pi Eta –

Meredith mec6p@mtmail.mtsu.edu

Dr. Priddis dee.priddis@mtmail.mtsu.edu

Comm Studies Club –

Gabriela (President) glj2r@mtmail.mtsu.edu

SPEECH AND DEBATE –

Dr. Richey patrick.richey@mtmail.mtsu.edu

MTSU DEBATE TEAM

Veneratio Pro Victoria



The MTSU debate team closes its season off with some fiery IPDA National breaks. This team gets results from its hard work, practice, and continued persistence at tournaments.

Join us as we return to traveling in person next year!

TIPDA #1

NATIONWIDE

TIPDA NATIONALS

BREAKS/AWARDS

- Steven Barhorst/Graham Christophel - Octo-finalist
- Moe Campbell – Double-Octo-finalist
- Solomon Barber – Octo-finalist
- Nick Ged – Double Octo– Finalist
- Joe Mego – Quarter – Finalist
- Joe Mego – Third Speaker

IPDA NATIONALS



COMMS STUDIES ALUMNI – CAREER PATHS

I got a master's in higher education from ASU, am working on a second master's in human relations from northern Arizona university but I am trying to apply for counseling from northern Arizona university instead.

- Abby Howard

I am the Human Resources Director for Chick-dip-A of Murfreesboro, a proud provider of 300 jobs in our local community!

- Morgan Miller

Business Communication and interpersonal communication class(es) were the most helpful! Learning how to compose professional documents, write detail oriented but focused memos is a skill I use daily. Learning how to talk to people one on one and in various situations is key to daily interactions.

- Christin Reynolds

Master of Administration, Belmont University, Spring 2013 (completed)

- Christin Reynolds

I am currently pursuing a Masters in Social Work.

- Roger May

Full-Time Nonprofit Development and Events Manager (STARS Nashville) and Part-Time Event Planning Assistant (Elliott Events)

- Shelby Huggins

Sourcing Account Specialist for the State of Tennessee

- Tara Roark

FLYERS



COMMUNICATION STUDIES UNDERGRAD RESEARCH SHOWCASE

**THURSDAY
MAY 6 - ZOOM**

Students from COMM 3750 Quantitative Methods will present their original research for other communication students, faculty, and members of the MTSU Comm-unity!

1:00 - 3:00 PM

<https://mtsu.zoom.us/j/87982316456>

You are all cordially invited to attend our Spring Research Showcase!

Students in COMM 3750 have been working hard this semester to conduct original survey research, putting what they've learned about quantitative research methods into practice. This semester, students in six research teams are examining communication phenomena related to the COVID-19 pandemic, spanning several communication topics (e.g., interpersonal, org comm, gender, and media).

We would like faculty, students, and staff to join us and support the students in their accomplishments, as well as challenge them with questions about their study designs and interpretations of results. Please share the attached flyer with your classes and encourage all students to attend, whether they have taken 3750 or not! If any students are anxious, or just curious, about 3750, this will give them a chance to see what all the hubbub is about! We also plan to celebrate our graduating seniors with a little slideshow at the beginning. Come show your support!

The event will be during our scheduled final exam time on May 6th from 1pm to 3pm (via Zoom), so I know many of you will not be able to attend. However, if you can make it, we hope to see you there! Here is the Zoom link for your convenience: <https://mtsu.zoom.us/j/87982316456>

COMM3990

Instructional Communication for Human Resource Trainers

M-W 2:20-3:45 PM with Dr. Priddis

CRN: 87030

Examines communication training as a tool for human resource development in organizations, enabling preparation and implementation of training workshops and programs for professional development. This course is designed to walk through the theory and research of building and training from analysis to facilitation. Students will present their group's final training project for a live audience.

WGST 3500/COMM 3810

WOMEN IN THE MEDIA

(Topics in Culture and Social Influence)



FALL 2021 **TR 1:00-2:25 PM**
DR. ROBERTA CHEVRETTE

An introduction to the subject of women and gendered representations in popular/mass media. Emphases include: female-bodied action heroes in contemporary television and movies; the cultural icon Wonder Woman and her comic-book history; representations of Black womanhood and Black girl magic; feminist social media activism; and more!

Boutwell Dramatic Arts 214

INTERNSHIPS

Interested in an Internship?

Students may earn credit in the major by participating in an internship. It's a great way to network, try out a job to see if it's what you thought, and possibly secure a career upon graduation. To find an internship, you can conduct online research on your own and explore various options. If the company or business doesn't mention internships on their website, feel free to reach out to them and ask if they are willing to take on an intern. You can also visit the College Internship Coordinator, Ella Weaver to discuss your interests and suggestions she might have. Make an appointment by visiting the [CLA Internship website](#).

You may earn 1, 2 or 3 credit hours per semester. The number of hours you work during the semester determines the number of credits. 1 credit = 40 hours; 2 credits = 80 hours; 3 credits = 120 hours. However, to earn credits you need to follow these steps:

1. Secure an internship
2. Complete a Department Internship Agreement form and submit it to Dr. Hundley. The form is available from Ms. Weaver, the Comm Studies Dept, is on the Comm Studies Dept website, and you may also get it from Dr. Hundley.
3. Once approved, you'll be permitted to register for COMM 4900. Complete the registration.

In addition to working the required number of hours, you are also required to complete work to earn course credit. The syllabus, assignments, due dates, and other information is provided on D2L.

It's a good idea to think about this in advance. That is, if you are considering a summer internship, you should be in conversation about this by spring midterm. If you are looking for a fall semester internship, start exploring the options in July. If you are thinking about an internship in the spring, you should probably be checking it out in late October. Some companies may take formal applications and require interviews. Other companies are less formal. Plan it out, make it count, and take advantage of the opportunity.

Summer and Fall Internship Opportunities with Volunteer Tennessee

Volunteer Tennessee is seeking energetic and organized interns for the summer and fall of 2021.

Interns will help in the planning and coordination of the Tennessee Conference on Volunteerism and Service-Learning and the Governor's Volunteer Stars Awards. Interns must have excellent communication and organization skills and a heart for service.

For the application and more information, *please visit our website at* <https://www.tn.gov/volunteer-tennessee/vt-aboutus/vt-positions.html>.

Recruitment/Outreach Intern

Communication Studies Department

Interested in developing hard skills to well supplement your major such as graphic design and social media management? The COMMS 4900 internship is for you! 3 credit hours will also count to your major for this unpaid internship. Contact Dr. Priddis via email if this entices you!

Policy & Communications Assistant Job Opening – Office of Senator Bill Frist, MD

The Nashville, Tennessee-based Office of Senator Bill Frist, MD seeks a driven, energetic policy & communications assistant to support the former Senator and his senior policy advisor.

In this role, you will make an impact by drafting op-eds, speeches, social media copy and more to guide decisions and educate others in wide-ranging health policy areas. Position can be in-person or remote, so we are not limited by geography (although we do have a Middle TN preference).

Responsibilities:

- Extensive writing and researching biweekly articles and op-eds on current health policy issues
- Drafting briefing materials to prep Senator Frist in advance of public events
- Supporting the Senator's A Second Opinion Podcast
- Managing daily engagement on multiple social media accounts
- Updating billfrist.com and asecondopinionpodcast.com
- Speechwriting

The ideal candidate:

- Excellent writing and communications skills with demonstrated experience
- Ability to work effectively within a small and diverse team, being both a collaborative team player and a self-motivated initiator
- Willingness to engage in and take on diverse projects
- Skill in social media and website management
- Comfort in working with deadlines
- Bachelor's degree or higher
- Healthcare policy knowledge/experience preferred
- Experience working in or around government preferred

Opportunity to work remotely, although Middle Tennessee residence strongly preferred

Applicants should submit a letter of interest, and a current resume to Erin Rogus at erogus@wfrist.com.

Applicant screening begins immediately and continues until the position is filled. Salary commensurate with experience. Half-time and full-time options available.

The Tennessee Department of Treasury is seeking a Communications intern for Summer 2021.

Each year, The Treasury Department strives to have interns from a variety of universities across the state and would appreciate your help in getting this message out to students in your university's Communications Department.

This internship is a 10-week paid educational and experiential learning opportunity and offers undergraduate and graduate students a chance to witness and participate in the operations of a State constitutional office.

The program is both professionally and academically beneficial, providing interns with practical, hands-on experience in state government. The internship will be a mostly virtual work schedule, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 7 – Aug 13.

Description of Position:

The Communications Division is responsible for all press, public relations, publications, and communications on behalf of Treasury and its programs. The intern should be prepared on Day 1 to assist with all communications tasks.

Supports work of the division by maintaining professionalism on all communications and developing new ways to communicate internally and externally.

The 2021 intern will assist in producing, editing and creating video as part of their project.

Requirements:

Communications, Journalism, Public Relations, Marketing, Graphic Design, or English Major

Enrolled in or graduate of a degree-seeking program at an accredited university

Minimum GPA of 3.0

Must provide own housing accommodations

Experience in copywriting and editing; working knowledge of MS Office

Adobe Creative Suite experience desired; experience with graphic and photo editing software preferred

Experience creating informational videos, including video editing with Adobe Premiere Pro preferred

To Apply:

To apply for an internship with the Tennessee Department of Treasury, please send your resume to totreasury.resumes@tn.gov, with the subject line "Communications Summer Internship." Successful candidates will be contacted by phone to schedule an interview.



The Annual Scholars Week

Speech Contest is officially over and here are the results -

First place - Jacob Dilts

Second place - Guadaloupe George

Third place - Luke Elrod

Fourth place - Odette Rosales

Fifth place - Amir Alam

The participants have been notified and their certificates and gift cards will be mailed once Natonya Listach receives their mailing addresses at: natonya.listach@mtsu.edu

GRADUATING SENIORS!

- Noah Collins
- Steven Cook
- Meredith Craig
- Rachel Dorris
- Bien Espera
- Mikayla Flagg
- Nicole Freeman
- Hayley Hildner
- Madelyn Hill
- Tarik Johnson
- Wesley Johnson
- Haley Kane
- Alecia Lake
- Joshua Lawrence
- Jonathon Locke
- Michael Oaks
- Gabriela Ortega
- Kayleigh Payne
- Jesse Penland
- Leeann Saenboutarath
- Deborah Stott
- Tionna Thompson
- Nathan Wahl
- Kaley Walker
- Molley Walton
- Jessica Warren
- Elizabeth Watts
- Elizabeth West
- Maegan Williams
- Shelby Wilson
- Jaylyn Wogoman
- Abigail Woods
- Paige Wyre



Tennessee Communication Association Annual Conference took place virtually this year.

Awards:

Dorotha Norton Spirit of Service: Patrick Richey, MTSU Student Undergraduate Papers

1st Place: Miura Rempis for her paper: *How Machiavelli's The Prince Affects Incumbent Elections in the United States* Middle Tennessee State University

Mentor: Dr. Patrick Richey

Ready Reference Resource How Does a Student...

Receive Writing Support?

The University Writing Center, in Walker Library 262, provides writing resources for students via remote learning including one-on-one, 45-minute appointments. Sign up at mtsu.edu/writing-center

Get Tutoring Assistance?

Find tutoring schedules for free remote tutoring in over 180 courses at mtsu.edu/studentsuccess/tutoring.php

Schedule an Academic Advising Appointment?

Find the link on Pipeline MT's Registration and Student Records page at pipeline.mtsu.edu

Receive Food Assistance?

The Student Food Pantry provides access to free food, meal vouchers, and personal items with a student ID and is located with MT One Stop, SSAC second floor. Or make an online request at mtsu.edu/foodpantry.

Receive Medical Care?

The Health Services Building located at the Rec Center is open Monday-Friday during fall and spring semesters. Contact the office at 615-898-2988 and mhealth@mtsu.edu.

Get Counseling Assistance?

Fully committed to the emotional health and wellness of our students, Counseling Services is housed in KUC 326-S. Schedule an appointment by calling 615-898-2670

Report Sexual Violence, Harassment, and/or Discrimination?

Visit the Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance in Cope 116 or at mtsu.edu/iec

Access Free Professional Clothing?

Raiders' Closet in KUC 327 has professional attire for both men and women (suits, jackets, slacks, shirts, ties, skirts, scarves). Email kim.collins@mtsu.edu or call 615-898-5467

Receive Life Needs Support?

The June Anderson Center, located in Student Union 330, offers housing/utility assistance, legal clinics, child care services, food vouchers, and scholarships. mtsu.edu/jac

Learn about Internships and Employers?

The Career Development Center's services include career advising appointments, professional document review, virtual interview practice, and job search databases. Contact them at 615-898-2500 and career@mtsu.edu.

Apply for an Emergency Grant?

The MTSU Emergency Micro-Grant Program helps students in good standing with short-term financial emergencies to enable them to cope with unexpected hardships and remain in school. Apply on your academic college's home page.

Contact Campus Police?

Reach the University Police 24-7 by calling 615-898-2424 on a cell phone or campus phone or 911 on a campus phone only

Qualify for an Accommodation?

Visit the Disability and Access Center in KUC 107, call 615-898-2783, or email dacemail@mtsu.edu

Access Training Videos Online?

MTSU students have access to the online training video library, LinkedIn Learning, which has over 3,000 training videos. mtsu.edu/itd/lil.php

Report Misconduct by a Student?

Submit incident to the Office of Student Conduct, located in KUC 208, through the online form at mtsu.edu/student-conduct

Succeed as a First-Generation Student?

Student Support Services, housed in KUC 308, works especially with first-generation and Pell grant-eligible students to ensure they navigate college successfully and graduate. One-on-one help with tutoring, advising, mentoring, and major selection are a few of the services provided. mtsu.edu/ssupport

Learn More about Veterans' Student Benefits?

The Charlie and Hazel Daniels Veterans and Military Family Center, in KUC 124/316, provides transition services for veterans and their families after returning to civilian life. Contact the center staff through mtsu.edu/military

Dear MTSU Students, Faculty, Staff, and Retirees,

Per Rutherford County Vaccination guidelines announced yesterday, we are pleased to now be able to offer COVID19 vaccination to adults aged 18 and over who are:

- MTSU current students and their spouses
- MTSU Faculty and Staff and their permanent household members
- MTSU Retirees

To schedule an appointment please go to <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/VaccinationClinic2@mtsu.edu/bookings/>. The person scheduling the appointment will need a current valid MTSU email account. Please bring a photo ID that includes date of birth (i.e., a driver's license or passport) to your appointment.



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