



NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the President

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Dear Maryland Communicators:

Welcome to this year's annual conference held at Morgan State University. The topic, "Issues in Minority Communication," is one of great interest to all of us, as our communities and institutions become ever more diverse. Our conferences have a history of providing good hand's on information that we can take home with us and use immediately, and I'm sure that this year's conference will give us many new ideas for our students.

I'm especially pleased to welcome Ronald Jackson as our keynote speaker. He is a true expert in this field, with several books and many articles he has written about minority communication. This year Ron is First Vice President and planner for the Eastern Communication Association Convention to be held in Philadelphia in April, 2006. I'm sure he will be glad to talk to any of you about the programs he has planned, and it might even be possible to get onto a program that may need your particular expertise. I've known Ron for several years, and I've always found him both interesting and charming to talk to. Thanks, Ron, for coming down from Penn State to talk to us today.

Speaking of conventions, I will become the Vice-Chair and planner for the Community College Section of the National Communication Association at this year's convention in Boston in November. I will be planning programs for the convention in November, 2006 in San Antonio. For the past few years we have submitted such good programs that we have achieved a large number of program slots. This year we have 18 slots, and next year I hope to have as many or more. If you would like to be on a program or have an idea for a good panel, please contact me as soon as possible. I'd like to have a list of program ideas to take with me to this year's convention, to see if there are others interested in working with those ideas. By the way, you do not need to teach at a community college to be a member of the Community College Section for NCA or the Community College Interest Group for ECA. You can list us as one of your choices and join us for our meetings and parties. I would like to have diversity in institutions, programs, and panelists for NCA next year.

Thank you to Carl Hyden and a hard working Board for making this year's MCA Conference a success. Thanks also to Morgan State University for hosting us this year. If you have ideas for programs for next year, be sure to talk to Jody Morrison from Salisbury State University, who will be next year's planner. If you would like to become a future officer, please let me know. The immediate Past President is the Chair of the nominations committee. We have learned a lot this year about making a conference run smoothly, and I would like to thank Shirley Maase, of Chesapeake Community College, who will be leaving the Board this year after her successful reign as President and Past President.

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I'd like to thank Nana Sabet, of Towson University, for keeping up our great website www.mdcomm.org. It's well worth taking a look at. Today's newsletter is a short form of the one Nana will be sending out soon. If you have information from your institution that you would like to have in the newsletter, please contact Nana. We'd all love to know about new programs, new faculty, or unusual courses that you offer. I'd also like to thank Elaine Kass, from Prince George's Community College, for her work as Secretary-Treasurer. She was really patient in putting up with so many changes we kept making in forms and lists. Pierre Rodgers, from George Mason University, has been our liaison to NCA for several years, and we can thank him for getting announcements about our conference into NCA's Spectra. Jody Morrison, best wishes to you as you take on the position as First Vice President and planner for next year. We are all looking forward to coming to Salisbury. Promise to have good weather for us, so that we can go to the beach before and after the conference.

It has truly been a pleasure getting to know so many of my colleagues from around the state. Many of you were helpful to me in planning last year's conference at the College of Southern Maryland, and I have enjoyed this year as President even more. It is very important to get the word out about MCA to our colleagues who may not know we exist. If you have friends at other institutions who are not here today, make sure you say something to them about joining. You can direct them to the website or have them call any of the Board members for information. It is the instructor out in the hinterlands who does not know about us, who needs us the most. Tell them to join us next year and they will find out that Maryland communicators ROCK!

Best wishes,

*Shirlee Levin, President
College of Southern Maryland*

Community College Leadership Doctoral program

By Elaine Kass, MCA Secretary/Treasurer

In Fall 2003 Dr. Christine McPhail, director of the Community College Leadership Doctoral Program (CCLDP), of Morgan State University and Dr. Vera Zdravkovich, Vice President of Instruction at Prince George's Community College (PGCC) established a pilot program on PGCC's Largo campus known as Cohort Six.

In Spring 2004, fourteen PGCC faculty joined the Program taking two courses: "The American Community College" and "Contemporary Issues in Community Colleges." At the end of this summer session, most of our twelve-member Cohort have completed 11 courses equaling 33 credits. The expected completion of this Program is May 2007, when we receive an EdD. in Community College Leadership.

MCA member Clover Baker-Brown and I are in this program; Clover is in the established Administrative Track and I am in the new Instructional Track. This Fall 2005 we will be taking 3 courses in the Program; one course all together and the other 2 courses in our separate Track. Internship for our Cohort begins in Spring 2006.

Cohort Seven includes all Montgomery College Administrative Track students; courses are held at Montgomery College.

Four highly suggested books from MSU CCLDP courses are:

Teaching College in an Age of Accountability (2003) by R. Lyons, M. McIntosh & M. Kysilka; Allyn and Bacon;

No One To Waste (2000), Washington D.C.: The Community College Press;

A Learning College for the 21st Century (1997) by Terry O'Banion, Phoenix, AZ: Orynx Press;

The Fifth Discipline, The Art and Practice of the Learning Organization (1994) by Peter Senge, New York: Doubleday.

If you are interested in further information about this fascinating Morgan State CCLDP, please email Dr. McPhail at cmcphail@jewel.morgan.edu.

Institutional Affiliate News

College of Southern Maryland

We are pleased to announce that we have a new faculty member this year: Sarah Meranko. Sarah has been at the college for several years in our Student Life Department. During that time she has taught several part-time classes for us, and she has been in charge of our service learning program. She will continue her work with service learning, and she will become our newest full-time faculty member in speech communication.

We have just finished the second full year of our Communication major. Currently we have two different programs; one brokers into University of Maryland University College and the other brokers into the University of Baltimore. The programs are similar, though the one for UMUC has more writing and journalism as a part of the program, while the one at Univ. of Baltimore is more of a traditional speech communication program. If your institution is interested in putting together a program with our majors, please contact us.

We now offer both our hybrid course and our course in Interpersonal Communication on line. If you are interested in how these courses work on line,

contact Michelle Simpson for the hybrid course and Nadine Poznanski for the interpersonal course. Both of them have several semesters of experience to share.

Our newest course is our capstone course for majors. It is being team taught, and it is done partly on line and partly in the classroom. The major component for the course is a portfolio that includes a resume, career mission statement, writing about our general education items that refer to communication, an annotated bibliography of articles from communication journals, and other items. If any of you are teaching a capstone course, we would enjoy talking to you about what you are including in the course.

Shirlee Levin will be come Vice Chair and planner for the Community College Section of the National Communication Association in November. She will be putting together programs for the November, 2006, NCA Convention in San Antonio. If you are interested in being on a panel or putting a program together, please contact her.

Michon Hicks Parker 2005-2006 MCA Executive Council Candidate

Michon Hicks Parker, is a native Marylander, she was born in Washington, DC on March 2, 1968. She has dedicated her life to the field of education. She attended and graduated from the following schools: John Burroughs Elementary, Washington DC, The Wade School, Washington, DC, and Regina High School, Hyattsville, MD. Upon leaving high school, she attended Howard University receiving a Bachelors Degree in Speech Communication (1994) and a Masters Degree in Rhetoric (1997). She is currently working toward a Doctoral Degree in Intercultural Communication, also from Howard University.

Presently, she is a full-time Associate Professor in the Communication and Theatre Department at Prince George's Community College. She teaches a variety of courses ranging from Mass Media to Voice and Diction for Non Native Speakers. She previously held the position of Adjunct Professor at the College from 1998-2001.

Michon has also conducted various training workshops such as: Improving Your Oral Presentation Skills, Communicating Across Cultures, and Effective Listening Techniques. In recent years, she has served as the regional coordinator for the 23 rd & 24th Annual Washington, DC Area Universities Graduate and Professional School Fair (at George Washington University), one of the largest recruiting events for students and working professionals in the metropolitan area.

She has also held positions as: Associate Director for Public Relations and Development, Christian Brothers Conference; Intern, Minority Committee on Education and Labor, U.S. House of Representatives; and, Administrative Graduate Assistant, Office of Retention and Support Programs, Howard University.

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of these positions, or
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colleague, please contact
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