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New and Retiring Faculty

Oluseyi Adegbola joined the college's PRAD program on July 1. He obtained his doctorate from Texas Tech University's College of Media and Communication in 2019. His research interests include mediatized conflict, the effects of exposure to violent conflict in the news and international communication. Retiring from the PRAD program is Jim Motzer, a professional lecturer and faculty advisor to DePaul's chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America.

First-Ever Bateman Win

In a DePaul first, the College of Communication's PRAD team won the Bateman Competition, the Public Relations Student Society of America's premier national case study competition for public relations students. The team, composed of Abby Barbeau, Annie Evans, Aleeza Mehtab, Audrey Nelson and Adriana Talavera, received first place for their campaign, "Make Your Community Count," which raised awareness of the 2020 Census.



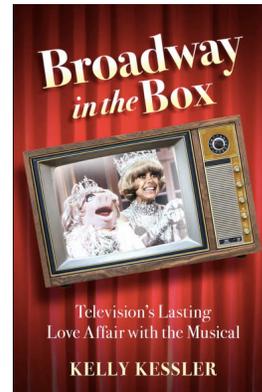
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Gold Telly Winners

Three DePaul faculty members won a 2020 Gold Telly Award in the category of Social Video: Education and Discovery for a series of short recruitment films featuring undergraduate students in the College of Communication. The winners are the project's executive producer and Vincent de Paul Professor of Media Studies Carolyn Bronstein and adjunct faculty members John Klein in the College of Computing and Digital Media and Judith McCray in the College of Communication.

Alumni Sharing Expertise

College of Communication alumni have been contributing expertise from their professional lives to DePaul's online "[Alumni Experts](#)" video series. Jessie Crawford (CMN '14) shares how to make the perfect Old Fashioned, Katie Wilkes (CMN '11) offers Red Cross safety tips, Mattie Dratz (CMN '18, CSH '18) talks about vermicomposting, and Ariel Upton (CMN '11) offers advice on the whys and hows of journaling. In addition, Dean's Advisory Council member Arbin Smith (CMN '00) was featured in the "[Here, We Do](#)" series of alumni success stories.



Words and Music

Associate Professor Kelly Kessler's new book, "Broadway in the Box: Television's Lasting Love Affair with the Musical," was released in May 2020. Although the musical seems like a new discovery for television with the popularity of such shows as "Glee," "Galavant" and "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend," Kessler argues that musicals have been inextricably linked with television since its earliest days. She cites Mary Martin's iconic "Peter Pan" airings, the music-laden "The Carol Burnett Show," current offerings on the "Great Performances" series and one-off musical episodes of popular series in her examination of the topic.



Teaching Award Winners

Among the 2020 Excellence in Teaching award winners named by DePaul's Quality of Instruction Council were Assistant Professor Kendra Knight and Professional Lecturer Jim Motzer. Knight is a professor of communication studies, and Motzer taught in the college's public relations and advertising (PRAD) program until his retirement this year.

In addition, the American Academy of Advertising honored Kelly Chu with the Billy I. Ross Advertising Education Award in March. An associate professor in the PRAD program, Chu was recognized for her innovative work promoting internationalization, diversity and entrepreneurship in advertising education.