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## Communication Faculty and Student Testimonials

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**Aaron Sachowitz, Ph.D.**, on two of his current research projects:

*"The first project is about the cacao/chocolate industry in Nicaragua. It's an analysis of interviews with top business leaders, and a collection of video interviews with Nicaraguan people telling their stories about cacao and chocolate. The second project is an examination of a New Zealand hip-hop song, and its suggestions about the potential for communicating across cultural differences."*

**Mark Generous, Ph.D.**, on his favorite courses to teach:

*"Everyone lives their lives in relationships, so it is rewarding to see students learn about interpersonal theories and apply them to their own relationships in Comm 112: Interpersonal Communication. Additionally, in Comm 110: Quantitative Methods, I love seeing students realize how capable they are to learn and apply such complex information!"*

**Samantha Joyce, Ph.D.**, on her favorite course to teach:

*"I love teaching Comm 116: Advertising and Civic Engagement. It is a Fall only course, so I find myself looking forward to it. It is great to be able to help students to think critically about the advertisements we consume on a daily and even hourly basis."*

**Dan Leopard, M.F.A, Ph.D.**, on his recent research project:

*"I'm currently working on graphic narratives (comics and visual essays) and memory/trauma studies. In particular, I'm looking at the use of human simulations as a way to create new forms of testimony and witnessing in relation to traumatic historical events such as the Holocaust."*

**Scott Schönfeldt-Aultman, Ph.D.**, on a couple of his research projects:

*"Some of the most enjoyable projects I've worked on have been in collaboration with colleagues, be it when we wrote a book for our Communication & Social Understanding class (with Margaret Dick, Ellen Rigsby, & Ed Tywoniak) or a dialogue piece on 'hip-hop, social justice and pedagogy' (with Aaron Sachowitz)."*

**Camilla Marais `19**

*"I chose to study Communication because I couldn't imagine studying anything more engaging and applicable to my career aspirations. With my professional aspirations in Public Relations and Visual Communication, this major is the most instrumental in providing a pathway to achieve these goals. From public speaking to digital media, our professors instill 'real life' skills that begin in the classroom."*

**Katie Corgiat `18**

*"In the courses I've taken as a Communication major, I have refined my analytical, writing, and interpersonal skills immensely. As a PR/Event Marketing Intern for Coupa Software, my bosses were pleased to see that I was able to draft concise press releases, professional emails, and engaging blog content. This department has prepared me to achieve both my academic and professional passions."*