



COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

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**The 7th Annual
Student Research and Creativity
Fall Forum**

November 15, 2024

2 p.m. t o 5 p.m.

Welcome to the 2024 Communication Department's annual Fall Research and Creativity Forum. This year we are celebrating the work of more than 25 students enrolled in Communication classes here at Buffalo State University. As with other academic conferences, the featured students will both present their work and field discussion questions about their work. Our forum is both a way for members of our academic community to learn about student research and creative activity, and for the presenters to get feedback regarding their work, much of which is ongoing. Thank you for participating in this event both as student presenters and as audience members.

Communication Department
Buffalo State University

2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

BUCKHAM B141

Kaleida Health

Thomas Bailey & Anna Smith

Journalism/Media Production

Faculty mentor: Ann Liao

13th: Revealing Injustice in the United States Justice System

Joseph Cioppa

Media Production

Faculty mentor: Meg Knowles

Enforcers of Hockey

Sarah Theriault

Communication Studies

Faculty mentor: Meg Knowles

Leveling Up: Teaching Soft Skills Through Video Games

Nathaniel Gunawardene

Communication Studies

Faculty mentor: Ann Liao

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Diving into the Unknown

Jack Hyde

Communication Studies

Faculty mentor: Meg Knowles

The Human Obsession Over Narrative/Special Effects Used in Film

Armani Diaz

Media Production

Faculty mentor: Ann Liao

The Dance of Shadow and Light

Shavonne Pucula

Communication Studies

Faculty mentor: Michael Niman

A Model of a Brutal Documentary

Mario Campo

Media Production

Faculty mentor: Meg Knowles

3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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Horror Movies: The Pleasure of Fear

Drake Heckmann

Media Production

Faculty mentor: Ann Liao

Shadows of Perception: The Media's Lens on the Amanda Knox Case

Shavonne Pucula

Communication Studies

Faculty mentor: Meg Knowles

Broke and the Financial Trends of Retired Professional Athletes

Emma Knospe

Public Relations & Advertising

Faculty mentor: Meg Knowles

The Clarity of Scientology

Kathryn Drueschler

Journalism

Faculty mentor: Meg Knowles

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The Erasure of Identity

Ehete Mehret

Media Production

Faculty mentor: Meg Knowles

The Cove

Onyx Wolverton

Art and Design

Faculty mentor: Meg Knowles

The Relationship of Body Image and Gender Dysphoria in the Media

Tofsekul Ahmed

Journalism

Faculty mentor: Meg Knowles

Activism Throughout Buffalo

Collin O'Brien

Media Production

Faculty mentor: Michael Niman

4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

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How Autism Has Been Presented in Films and TV Shows Throughout the Years

Shavonne Pucula

Communication Studies

Faculty mentor: Ann Liao

Fictional Characters in Reality

Antonio Adrian

Media Production

Faculty mentor: Ann Liao

African American Cultural Center

Hannah Ross, Christopher Davis, Matthew Miles & Elijah Umeh

Public Relations & Advertising/Criminal Justice/Media Production/Media Production

Faculty mentor: Ann Liao

Psychology Behind Athlete Success Concerning Stephen Curry: Underrated

Chyann Kelly

Media Production

Faculty mentor: Meg Knowles

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Friends of the Night People

Fletcher Gonzalez & Brayden Hayes

Media Production/Communication Studies

Faculty mentor: Ann Liao

The Pulse of the City

Nathan Palmer

Communication Studies

Faculty mentor: Michael Niman

The Art of Food: A Photographic Essay

Lisa Michael

Higher Education and Student Affairs

Faculty mentor: Michael Niman

Racial Injustice and Media Influence in the Central Park Five

Benus Araujo

Communication Studies

Faculty mentor: Meg Knowles