Greetings from the Department Head

Welcome to the first of our departmental newsletters via email. As the Department of Communication continues to grow and our students engage in so many activities, this approach will allow the department to stay in touch on a more regular basis. This newsletter targets current HSU students as well as HSU alumni. While we plan an annual mail out, we hope this online version keeps you apprised of each semester’s activities.

Alumni--stay in touch and let us hear your exciting news. Current students--let us hear the joys of your life that extend beyond the classroom. These days are an exciting season to be at Hardin-Simmons University and we welcome you to drop by and visit when you are on campus.

Charlene Strickland  
Department Head

Communication Alumni Profile

Dr. Michael S. Milford

As an assistant professor it is imperative that you are a good listener as well as a multi-tasker. Milford describes his typical day as early mornings filled with office hours, grading papers, updating course notes and assignments, class sessions, developing research projects, and fitting in some extra office hours in the afternoon for those overly disciplined students.

Throughout any given day, Milford uses an array of skills which he developed during his time at Hardin-Simmons University, including
his strong public speaking skills, good listening skills, and familiarity of different communication disciplines and fields, all of these he said contributed to his success in graduate school.

Milford obtained his BA from Hardin-Simmons University in 1998, his MA from Abilene Christian University in 2000, and his PhD from the University of Kansas in 2005, all of which he states helped him develop the necessary communication skills and discipline to be effective in his chosen field as an educator.

Although Dr. Milford has only been teaching at Tarleton State University for one year, it is evident that his education and training has provided the opportunity to do what he loves and at the same time advance as an expert in his field. Let your training and education give you the opportunity to land your dream job.

—Julie Teague

**Current Position:** Assistant Professor of Communication, Tarleton State University

**Experience:** 7 years teaching communication courses

**Recommended Education:**
Communication, Mass Media, Education

**Tools of His Trade:**

**Sense of Humor:** To effectively communicate with students, Milford states a good sense of humor as one of the most important tools he uses in or out of the classroom.

**Information Processor:** Milford believes that to be an effective professor, you must attain the ability to read masses of incomprehensible information and explain it to students using recent current events.

**Communication Skills:** To be an assistant professor of communication, it is vital that you develop patience in listening skills as well as strong public speaking and verbal skills.

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**Keep Us Posted**

Keep us up to date on your contact information. The department always needs extra money, so we’ll only sell a few of your contact profiles.

Email Joseph Bailey at: jbailey@hsutx.edu. Feel free to sell his information.

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Do you have an interesting story or experience you want to share with the world? (Or at least all the people who read this newsletter?) Let your favorite communication professor know.

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