STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- Carolyn Coles, second year IIC student, was honored as the graduate winner of the University’s Champions of Change award at the 2017 Diversity Summit. Read more.
- Maureen Maloney, second year IIC student, along with alumnae Katie Cook and Dana Forsberg created a film that was included in the America Heard documentary project. Watch their film, Transitions.

ALUMNI UPDATES

- Ellie Sue Schafer (BA ’90), special assistant to President Barack Obama and director of the White House visitor’s office, was named a Champion in the White House in OUT magazine’s 100 most influential people/groups of 2016. Read more.
- Danielle Calhoun was featured in DivergeNow for her work with the LAGRANT Foundation. Read more.
- Conor McGahey (BA ’07) is the new voice of the Denver Broncos. Read more.
- Laura Giocomo (BA ’08) has been named in The Denver Business Journal’s 40 under 40 awards list. Learn more.

FACULTY UPDATES

- Rod Buxton had two art pieces accepted for the juried show “iPhoneography” exhibit to be shown during the Front Range biennial Month of Photography. All the pieces for this particular exhibit were taken with smart phones and utilized apps for manipulation. The pieces will show at Spark Gallery for one month, beginning Friday March 10. All are invited to the opening on that date from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- Lynn Schofield Clark:
o Is a mentor for South High School's Digital Media Club with Dr. Margie Thompson: the club has been selected for the Executive Committee of Transportation Solutions Foundation's Transportation Solutions Champion Award "for excellence in increasing the use of alternative transportation for students through ongoing planning."

o Served on a panel on Rebuilding Trust in the News for the Colorado Press Women.

o Contributed a book chapter in Portuguese:

- **Elizabeth Henry**’s film "Through These Trackless Waters" was screened for the Los Angeles Film Forum at the Spielberg Theatre of the Egyptian in Los Angeles, CA on February 18, 2017. The film has screened at over 35 film festivals both in the United States and Abroad and has won the following awards:
  - Winner: Director's Citation--Black Maria Film Festival
  - Best Experimental Film--Delta International
  - Best Short Film--Three Rivers Film Festival
  - Finalist--San Francisco Women's Film Festival
  - "Best of“ Eye Am Women Behind the Lens

- **Nadia Kaneva** Gave a keynote address entitled "The branded national imagination and its limits: Insights from the post-socialist experience" at the inaugural Dialogue on Nation Branding at the University of Pretoria in South Africa, October 5, 2016. The event was jointly organized by Brand South Africa, a government agency, and the University of Pretoria.

- **Andrew Matranga** offered his Cannabis Journalism course over Winter Interterm again by popular demand, taking students around Denver to meet with media professionals who write about marijuana policy.

- **Erika Polson** will be on sabbatical until June 2017

- **Adrienne Russell**:
  - Co-authored two new books:
  - Co-authored a journal article with Silvio Waisbord:
Wrote the following guide to protecting your online privacy with students in her Digital Cultures Class: *How to Protect Your Online Privacy*.

- Was interviewed for an article titled, "The Tweeting President: How Trump’s use of social media is changing the way we get news."
- Was interviewed for an article titled, "How Can we Make Social Media Less Blindingly Awful in 2017."

- **Sheila Schroeder** was interviewed by Colorado Independent Women in Film to talk about her work with DU Project F.I.L.M. and their award winning short comedy *Happy F-ing Valentines Day*. [Read the interview.]

- **Derigan Silver**:
  - Featured on NPR's *All Things Considered* on December 7 to talk about the legal rights of victims of fake news stories. [Hear the segment.]
  - Was a guest speaker on Fox31 Denver talking about the First Amendment and the role of the free press. [Watch the clip.]

- **Margie Thompson**:
  - Is a mentor for South High School’s Digital Media Club with Dr. Lynn Schofield Clark.
  - Volunteered at the Karnes family immigration detention center in south Texas and wrote an article about her experiences. [Read the article.]

- **Diane Waldman** will be retiring this June after 38 years with the University of Denver’s Department of Media, Film & Journalism Studies. A celebration in her honor will be held Friday, June 2 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. on campus. All are welcome to attend, but please RSVP to MFJS@du.edu so we know how many to anticipate.

**FILM PROJECTS**

- **Happy F-ing Valentine’s Day**, co-written by MFJS Associate Professor Sheila Schroeder and produced by Project DU F.I.L.M.’s (Film Initiative Linking to Mentors) student and alumni collaborative, has been or will be screened at the following film festivals, receiving multiple awards along the way:
  - **Broad Humor Film Festival**
    September 2015
    Winner: Best Short Screenplay
  - **Longmont Front Range Film Festival**
    April 2016
    Winner: Audience Award
- Houston Comedy Film Festival
  May 2016
  Nominated: Best Short Screenplay
- American Movie Awards
  May 2016
  Official Finalist: Short Screenplay
- Lyons Film Festival
  June 2016
  Winner: Audience Choice Award
- Intendence Film Festival
  June 2016
- Out Here Now Kansas City LGBT Film Festival
  June 2016
  Winner: Best Short Comedy Film
- Las Vegas Screenplay Contest
  August 2016
  Official Finalist: Short Screenplay
- North Carolina LGBT Film Festival
  August 2016
- Breckenridge Film Festival
  September 2016
- Reeling Film Festival
  September 2016
- TampaBay International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival
  September 2016
- Dallas VideoFest
  October 2016
- Out on Film
  October 2016
- Denver Film Festival
  November 2016
- Desperado LGBT Film Festival
  January 2017
  Winner: Best Short Film
- Colorado Independent Women of Film Festival
  February 2017
- Sedona International Film Festival
  February 2017