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## NEWSLETTER

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## Center for Writing & Communication

If you're registered for COMM 2381: Oral Communication (or any other class that requires presentations for that matter), you won't want to miss this opportunity. Join instructors who can walk you through a presentation from beginning to end to ensure that you get the grade, make the case, and persuade your audience. **Find out more here:** [memphis.edu/libraries/tigerswrite](https://memphis.edu/libraries/tigerswrite)



# Tigers Speak

**FEB. 20, 2025**  
**10:30AM-1:30PM**  
**McWherter Library,**  
**1st Floor Commons**

*Working on a presentation project and not sure what to do?*  
*Have public speaking jitters? Interested in communication?*

Join experts from the Department of Communication & Film, the Center for Writing and Communication, and the University Libraries for information on:

- Overcoming presentation anxiety
- Outlining your presentation
- Finding sources
- Creating effective delivery notes
- Recording your presentation
- Careers in communication

To learn more about *Tigers Write* & *Tigers Speak* events, visit [memphis.edu/libraries/tigerswrite](https://memphis.edu/libraries/tigerswrite)



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## Oscar Favorites



It's award season, and the 97th Academy Awards will take place next month. We asked some of our film faculty which of the nominated films they would recommend. Check out their responses below:

*Conclave* - "It's an incredible story and it's beautifully written" - Kristen Hill

*Dune: Part Two* - "It is a faithful continuation of the world *Dune: Part One*" - Elja Roy

*Nickel Boys* - "It's a heartbreaking cinematic marvel" - David Goodman

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## Time for a change?

Get questions answered by staff from admissions, academic advising, financial aid, and more as we guide you through the transfer process in this online meeting. This free event is from 6:30pm to 8pm on Tuesday, March 4. Register with <https://tinyurl.com/4rpnpxc> today;

## Graduate Student Teaching Profile

Communication Studies PhD Student and COMM 2381: Oral Communication Instructor AD Alston shares what she loves about teaching at the UofM. Of course, she starts with her love for students and the ways they inspire her; however she also finds that the classroom motivates her research and vice versa.





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## Film Profile:

When you need to check out film equipment, William is your guy. And he can help you get familiar with the technical components of production.

William is a great resource for our students, faculty, and staff! So hit him up about your next project and #COMMStudyWithUs

A graphic with a blue background and white text. It features a photo of William Johnson and a woman. The text reads: "MEET WILLIAM JOHNSON", "FVP Media Specialist", "William has been the Media Specialist in the Dept. of Communication and Film for over 21 years!", "When he's not working with students, he's often working on his own projects!", and "William co-owns That Moment Media Productions with his wife, Monica. He's even produced two feature films!"

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## Staff Profile:

If you've ever stepped into our office suite, then you've had the pleasure of encountering Sonya Mills, the face of our department. As our administrative associate, Sonya does a little of everything for basically everyone from undergrads to alumni and from grad students to faculty. From guiding lost students to coordinating with the dean's office and university staff, Sonya keeps the trains running around here and brings a smile to everyone's face.

A graphic with a blue and white background. It features a photo of Sonya Mills. The text reads: "THIS IS MEMPHIS", "Get To Know Our Team: Sonya Mills", "aka the Department's Wonder Woman", "known for a killer Elmo impression", "proud grandma of a competitive cheerleader", and "can turn her belly button inside out".

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