

Alumni Spotlight

Chua Siang Yee, B.A. '13
Reporter, *Straits Times Singapore*



An article in the *Straits Times* (a major Singapore newspaper) featured a recent graduate from the Department of Communication's program at the Singapore Institute of Management. **Chua Siang Yee**, now a reporter for the *Straits Times*, received the S-League

(the Singapore football league) Story of the Year Award.

At an award ceremony which brought together the past and present generations of Singapore footballers, Siang Yee received the award for his story, "Pennant looking to start over in S'pore" which was published on January 10 in *The Sunday Times*.

The feature highlighted Jermaine Pennant's "reflections on his chequered past, his reputation as a bad boy, and his vow to put his troubled past behind him," notes the *Times*.

ST sports editor Lee Yulin observed the following statement

about Siang Yee's win: "Jermaine Pennant was not just the biggest name to play here but also one of the most interesting. His colourful and controversial history, his legacy of unfulfilled potential, his admission of underachievement, and determination to right all that before his career is up - these were all captured masterfully by Siang Yee in his feature."

<http://www.straitstimes.com/sport/football/sts-choa-has-banner-day-for-pennant-feature>

AWARD WINNING DEPARTMENT FACULTY

On October 20, 2016, three Department of Communication faculty were recognized for their achievements at the 13th Annual Celebration of Faculty and Staff Academic Excellence.

Mark Frank, PhD Professor, is the recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Scholarship and Creative Activities. The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities supports the pursuits foundational to sustaining the intellectual growth of SUNY institutions by recognizing consistently outstanding scholarly and creative productivity, conducted in addition to teaching, by SUNY's instructional faculty (SUNY, 2016). Frank is recognized for his work on emotional recognition and detection deception.

Thomas Feeley, PhD Professor, is the recipient of the UB Exceptional Scholar Sustained Achievement Award. The award recognizes work that has garnered public and/or professional accolades beyond the norm for other bodies of work in the

identified genre (e.g. citation analysis, critical reviews signifying the work is of enduring importance, or completion of the work under the auspices of a highly prestigious fellowship or grant). The award serves as recognition for outstanding



performance in a recent segment of a scholar's career (University at Buffalo, 2016). Feeley is recognized for his work with organ donation.

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