**Curriculum Vitae**

**Michael Klajbor-Smith**

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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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**EDUCATION**

Anticipated 2025 Ph.D.., Communication, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2018 - 2020 M.A., Communication Studies, University of Nevada, Reno

*Concentration:* Rhetoric

*Thesis:* “Bad Hombres – Racialized Rhetoric in Trump’s Immigration Policy”

*Advisor*: Jenna N. Hanchey and Lydia Huerta

*Committee:* Deborah Boehm

2013 – 2016 B.A. Cultural Anthropology, Biola University, La Mirada, CA

**FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

2021 – 2024 **Graduate College Fellowship** ($25,000)

*Department of Communication, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*.

2021 **List of Teachers Ranked As Excellent By Their Students** (Fall 2021)

*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.*

2020 **List of Teachers Ranked As Excellent By Their Students** (Fall 2020)

*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.*

**Outstanding Fellow Award** (Summer 2020)

*Summer Predoctoral Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.*

**Summer Predoctoral Fellow** ($5,000)

*Summer Predoctoral Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.*

**Graduate Student Travel Grant** ($500)

*Graduate Student Association, University of Nevada, Reno.*

2019 **Graduate Student Travel Grant** ($500)

*Graduate Student Association, University of Nevada, Reno.*

**Regent’s Service Scholarship** ($1000)

*University Board of Regents, University of Nevada, Reno.*

2016 **Cum Laude Graduate**

*Biola University.*

2014-2016 **Dean’s List**

*Biola University.*

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

2020 – 2021 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

*Department of Communication, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

Courses Taught/Currently Teaching:

* CMN 340: Visual Politics (Summer 2021)
* CMN 111/112: Oral and Written Communication I/II (Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021)

2018 – 2020 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

*Department of Communication Studies, University of Nevada, Reno*

Courses Taught:

* COM 412: Intercultural Communication (Spring 2020)
* COM 101: Public Speaking (Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019)

**CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS**

2022 **The Wall That Covid Built – Title 42 Expulsions And Migrant Illegalities**

*Competitively for the Rhetoric Society of America Conference, Baltimore, MD, May 2022*

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**Cultivating Resistance against Fascism: From Critical to Liberatory Communication Pedagogies and the so-called Freedom to Express in the Communication Classroom**

*Panelist, Competitively Selected by the Freedom of Expression and Political Communication for the Western States Communication Association Conference, Portland, OR, February 2022.*

2020 “**The 'White' House – Color Blind Racism and the Trump Administration's Border Discourse”**

*Competitively selected by the Communication, Identities, and Difference Division for the Western States Communciation Association Conference, Denver, CO, February 2020.*

**“Constructing Alien – White House Executive Metaphor”**

*Competitively selected by the Rhetoric, Culture, and Advocacy Division for the Western States Communciation Association Conference, Denver, CO, February 2020.*

**Formulating Diversity and Representation in Communication Discipline: Students' Perspective**

*Special format panel competitively selected for the WSCA 2020 Conference.*

**SEMINAR PARTICIPATION**

2021 **RSA Institute. Competitively Selected Participant: “The Question of Decoloniality”**

*Rhetoric Society of America, Syracuse, NY 2020.*

**RSA Institute. Competitively Selected Participant: “Bordering Rhetorics: Mobility, Containment, & the Boundaries of Critical Rhetoric”** *Rhetoric Society of America, Syracuse, NY 2020.*

2020 **NCA Preconference Seminar. Participant: “What is Survival?”**

*National Communication Association, Baltimore, 2020.*

2019 **WSCA Preconference Workshop. Participant: “Advocating with Evidence through a Feminist Lens”**

*Western States Communication Association, Seattle, WA 2019.*

**SERVICE POSITIONS**

***To the Discipline:***

2022 **Ad-Hoc Reviewer**

*Education, Pedagogy, and Cultural Studies*

***To the Department:***

2019 – 2020 **CGSA** **President**

*Communication Graduate Student Association, Department of Communication Studies, University of Nevada, Reno*

2018 – 2019 **CGSA Travel Coordinator**

*Communication Graduate Student Association, Department of Communication Studies, University of Nevada, Reno*

2015 – 2016 **Anthropology Guild President**

*Department of Anthropology, Biola University*

***To the Institution:***

2021 – 2022 **Lead Contract Negotiator**

*Graduate Employees’ Organization, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

2018 – 2019 **Literacy Specialist**

*Department of Criminal Justice, University of Nevada, Reno*

*Under Grant from UNR Board of Regents*

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

2019 **Student Speaker, Resist Hate Teach-In**

*University of Nevada, Reno*

**Panelist, The Role of the Humanities in Shaping Immigration and Refugee Initiatives**

*Thought on Tap @ Laughing Planet, Reno, Nevada*

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

**Western States Communication Association**

*Interest Groups: Intercultural Communication, Communication, Identities, and Difference, Rhetoric, Culture, and Advocacy, Communication Theory and Research*

**National Communication Association**

*Divisions: Activism and Social Justice Division, International and Intercultural Comunication Studies Division, Latino/Latina Communication Studies Division, Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division*

*Caucuses: La Raza Caucus*

**Rhetorical Society of America**