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EDUCATION

- **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) – Urbana, IL** *Anticipated May 2023*
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
Communication
Advisor: Dr. Cara Finnegan
- **Syracuse University (SU) – Syracuse, NY** **June 2017**
Master of Arts (MA), *Advanced Certificate in University Teaching (CUT)*
Communication and Rhetorical Studies
Thesis: *Reading Between the Pictures: Documenting Economic Hardship in a Neoliberal Age*
Advisor: Dr. Rachel Hall
Committee: Dr. Amos Kiewe, Dr. Kendall Phillips, And Dr. Jennifer Stromer-Galley
- **Pacific Lutheran University (PLU)– Tacoma WA** **May 2014**
Dual Degree: **Bachelor of Arts in Communication (BAC), Bachelor of Arts (BA)**
Majors: Communication Studies and Political Science
Minor: Women and Gender Studies
Capstone: *Politics and the American Story: Understanding Personal Narratives and the Power of the American Dream*

PUBLICATIONS

- Axtman-Barker, Pam.** “A Picture of Structural Pain: Visualizations of the Housing Crisis.” *Visual Communication Quarterly*. Forthcoming.
- Axtman-Barker, Pam.** “Book Review: ‘Painting Publics: Transnational Spaces for Encounter.’” *Quarterly Journal of Speech*. (2020). DOI: 10.1080/00335630.2020.1744810
- Barker, Pamela A.** “British parliamentary debate, polarization, and collaboration.” *Contemporary Argument and Debate* Vol 35 (2016): 52-72.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020** **Rhetoric Society of America, National Conference (Portland, OR)**
Paper Presentation: A Sense of Home: Rhetorical constructions of home on real estate marketing blogs (Conference cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2019** **National Communication Association, National Conference (Baltimore, MD)**
Paper Presentation: Buying into the American Dream: Visual representations of homeownership and risk after the housing crisis
- 2017** **Economics, Communication and Society Pre-Conference (Dallas, TX)**
Panel Presentation: Documenting Economic Hardship
- National Communication Association, National Conference (Dallas, TX)**
Panel Presentation: Post-heroic Rhetoric
- Making Sense of Election 2016, hosted by Texas A&M (Bryan, TX)**
Panel Presentation: The Candidate Not on the Ballot: Obama in the 2016 Election

- 2016** **National Communication Association, National Conference (Philadelphia, PA)**
Panel Discussion: Modern Political Campaigning: Analyzing the effectiveness of New Campaign Methods with Millennial Voters
- 2014** **National Communication Association, National Conference (Chicago, IL)**
Panel Discussion: British Parliamentary Debate as a Forum for Scholarship
- Western States Communication Association:
Undergraduate Scholars Research Conference (Anaheim, CA)**
Paper Presentation: Politics and The American Story: Understanding Personal Narratives and the Power of the American Dream

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign- Engineers SPEAK Program **Fall 2019-present**

Lead Program Administrator

- Coordinated program connecting undergraduate engineering students with communication graduate students to improve public speaking skills and confidence. Typically work with senior engineering students before their capstone presentations
 - Deliver guest lectures as invited by engineering faculty about public speaking organization, delivery and slide design.
 - Manage public speaking clinics where students get feedback on practice presentations
 - Provide one-on-one feedback and training for students tailoring feedback with student's timeframe and goals
 - Hire and train communication graduate students to work with engineering undergraduates

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign- Dept of Communication **Fall 2018-present**

Teaching Assistant

Peer Leader (August 2019-present)

- Taught yearlong introductory course in public speaking and composition. Served as peer leader for one year supporting new and experienced TAs and assisting with administrative needs of the course.
- Taught 8 week visual politics course online to help students understand the role that visual images play in public life.
- Courses Taught:
 - *Fall 2018, 2019* Introduction to Oral and Written Communication I (Instructor of Record)
 - *Spring 2019, 2020* Introduction to Oral and Written Communication II (Instructor of Record)
 - *Summer 2019, 2020* Visual Politics (Online) (Instructor of Record)

University of Rochester- University of Rochester Debate Union **July 2017-June 2018**

Visiting Instructor

- Coached team with 40+ members who participated in Worlds/BP Debate and NDT/CEDA. Served as primary coach for BP Format and traveled regionally, nationally and internationally with students to facilitate competition and student growth.
- Assisted with teaching of Introduction to Debate where students learned about argumentation, research, and public speaking
 - *Fall 2017, Spring 2018* Introduction to Debate

Syracuse University – Dept of Comm and Rhetorical Studies

August 2015-May 2017

Teaching Assistant

- Taught Introduction to public speaking class that fulfilled general education requirements. Students worked on developing research and delivery skills.
- Taught an introduction to argumentation and rhetoric class that was required to the major. Students attended a weekly lecture with faculty, and two recitation sections per week. Recitations featured speech assignments, discussion and audience-focused writing activities.
- Taught a graduate level course for engineering students about public speaking and oral communication. Course was tailored to student needs and featured sections on speaking to technical, general, and public audiences.
- Courses Taught:
 - *Fall 2015, Fall 2016* Presentational Speaking (Instructor of Record)
 - *Spring 2016, Spring 2017* Public Advocacy (Teaching Assistant)
 - *Fall 2016* Oral Communication for Engineers (Instructor of Record)

Carroll College – Talking Saints Forensics Team

July 2014-July 2015

Assistant Coach

- Coached a comprehensive team of about 20 students that regularly traveled to compete in both debate and individual events. Focused on preparing students for short prep-events, such as extemp and impromptu, in addition to primary focus of BP/Worlds style debate. Regularly met with students individually to evaluate progress and set goals. Traveled with students to competitions regionally and nationally.

INVITED GUEST LECTURES

2020	Optimizing Technical Presentations January 2020, Sloan University Center for Exemplary Mentoring, Annual Conference
2017	Changing Exigencies: How Tobacco Prevention Campaigns Have Transformed Spring, 2017, CRS 225: Public Advocacy, Instructor: Lynn Greenky
2016	Public Advocacy in the Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Campaign, a Case Study Spring, 2016, CRS 225: Public Advocacy, Instructor: Lynn Greenky

UNIVERSITY SERVICE: COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

- Tenure and Promotion Committee, Graduate Rep, SU Communication and Rhetorical Studies
 - July 2016-July 2017
- Communication and Rhetorical Studies Faculty Meeting, Grad Student Representative, SU
 - July 2016-July 2017
- Search Committee: Vice-President of Student Life/ Dean of Students at PLU
 - October 2013-April 2014
- School of Arts and Communication (SOAC) Student Advisory Board, PLU
 - September 2011- May 2014
- Enrollment and Student Life Committee, PLU Board of Regents
 - May 2013-May 2014
- Search Committee: Clinical Assistant Professor of Communication / Director of Forensics, PLU
 - October 2012-March 2013

SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT

- **Communication GSA at UIUC**
August 2019-present
Vice-President
- **Communication and Rhetorical Studies at SU**
July 2016-July 2017
Graduate Student Representative

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Graduate College's Distinguished Graduate Fellowship in the Humanities and Arts (DGF-HA)
Awarded 2018
- List of Excellent Teachers at the University: Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019
- Dept of Communication Teaching Assistant Scholarship and Stipend
August 2018-present

SYRACUSE UNIVERISTY AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- The Graduate School at Syracuse University:
Outstanding Teaching Assistant
March 2017
- CRS Outstanding TA Award
January 2017
- Departmental Support for Conference Attendance
January 2017
- Creative Opportunity Grant
October 2017, 2016
- Teaching Assistant Scholarship and Stipend
August 2015-May 2017

PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Umutu Senior Leadership Award
May 2014
- Presidents Scholar (4 year, 1/2 tuition scholarship
based on leadership and academic success)
2010-2014
- Matthew Jibbensmith Scholarship (outstanding
debater with an academic interest in gender)
2012, 2014
- TOH Karl Forensics Award (leadership and
competitive success in forensics)
2011-2014
- Lambda Pi Eta – National Communication
Honorary Society
Inducted April 2013
- Outstanding Scholar in Communication Studies
April 2013
- PLU Forensics Leadership Award
May 2012
- Young Scholar in Communication
May 2011

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **AmeriCorps VISTA- Volunteers in Service to America** (Helena, MT) **July 2014-July 2015**
Youth Coordinator, Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program
 - Managed state-wide youth engagement program designed to prevent initiation of teen smoking
 - Evaluated youth program success and detailed areas for improvement in a written report and oral presentation
 - Planned advocacy day about e-cigarettes and the point of sale for 160 high school students at the Montana State Capitol