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## EDUCATION

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- **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) – Urbana, IL** *Anticipated May 2023*  
**Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**  
Communication
- **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

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

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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2020

**Rhetoric Society of America, National Conference (Portland, OR)**

A Sense of Home: Rhetorical constructions of home on real estate marketing blogs

2019

**National Communication Association, National Conference (Baltimore, MD)**

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**

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### **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign- Dept of Communication**

**Fall 2018-present**

Teaching Assistant

- Courses Taught:
  - Introduction to Oral and Written Communication I (Instructor of Record)
  - Introduction to Oral and Written Communication II (Instructor of Record)
  - Visual Politics (Online) (Instructor of Record)

### **University of Rochester- University of Rochester Debate Union**

**July 2017-June 2018**

Visiting Instructor

- Courses Taught:
  - Introduction to Debate (Instructor of Record)
- Debate Formats Coached:
  - Varsity and Novice British Parliamentary (Worlds/ BP) *Primary Coach for this format*
  - Novice Policy (CEDA/NDT)

### **Syracuse University – Dept of Comm and Rhetorical Studies**

**August 2015-May 2017**

Teaching Assistant

- Courses Taught:
  - Presentational Speaking (Instructor of Record)
  - Public Advocacy (Teaching Assistant)
  - Oral Communication for Engineers (Instructor of Record)

### **Carroll College – Talking Saints Forensics Team**

**July 2014-July 2015**

Assistant Coach

- Debate Formats Coached:
  - Varsity and Novice British Parliamentary (Worlds)
  - Novice Extemporaneous Speaking
  - Novice Impromptu

## INVITED GUEST LECTURES

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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

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- **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

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- **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

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- Dept of Communication Teaching Assistant Scholarship and Stipend  
August 2018-present
- Graduate College's Distinguished Graduate Fellowship in the Humanities and Arts (DGF-HA)  
Awarded 2018

## SYRACUSE UNIVERISTY AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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- 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
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October 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

## SPEECH AND DEBATE SUCCESS HIGHLIGHTS

### *British Parliamentary (BP) Success:*

- Breaking Judge, United States Universities Debating Championships April 2015, 2017, 2018
- Breaking Judge, North American Women and Gender Minorities Championship March 2018
- Equity Officer, Brad Smith Memorial Tournament September 2017
- Funded Independent Judge, US Universities Debating Championships April 2016, April 2017
- Top Judge, Brad Smith Memorial Tournament November 2015
- Octafinalist at US Universities Debating Championship (seed #30) April 2014
- 92<sup>nd</sup> Speaker at US Universities Debating Championship April 2014
- Finalist at Willamette Women's' Tournament April 2014
- 10<sup>th</sup> Speaker at Denver University Tournament March 2014
- Finalist at Mark O Hatfield Memorial Tournament March 2014
- Finalist Pacific University Regional Designated Tournament January 2014
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Speaker at Pacific University Regional Designated Tournament January 2014
- Semi-Finalist Seattle University Tournament December 2013

### *National Parliamentary Debate Association (NPDA) Success:*

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Speaker, Pacific Lutheran University College Tournament January 2013
- Octafinalist NPDA National Tournament (Seed #62) March 2012
- Octafinalist NPDA National Tournament (Seed #33) March 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