

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Kansas, Department of Communication Studies, 2024
Advisor: Robert C. Rowland
Dissertation: Richard Nixon, the Peacemaker: Pathos, Countersubversive Rhetoric, and Cinematic Themes in the 1972 Campaign

M.A. Wake Forest University, Department of Communication, 2013
Advisor: Michael J. Hyde

B.A. *cum laude*, Trinity University, 2011
Major Fields: Speech Communication, History

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Instruction, University of Texas at Austin, Department of Communication Studies, 2018-present
Courses taught: CMS 210—Forensics Workshop (x15), CMS 332—Argumentation & Advocacy (x9), CMS 332K—Theories of Persuasion (x5), CMS 333—Case Studies in Argumentation
Spring 2026: CMS 210—Forensics Workshop, CMS 366F—Rhetoric of Film

Graduate Instructor, University of Kansas, Department of Communication Studies, 2013-2018
Courses taught: COMS 130—Speaker-Audience Communication (x15), COMS 238—Cases in Persuasion (x2), COMS 322—Audience-Centered Public Speaking in the Workplace (x2)

SERVICE

ADVISING

Chair/Faculty Advisor, **Plan II Honors Undergraduate Thesis Committee**, Arnav Kashyap, 2024-2025.

Chair/Faculty Advisor, **Plan II Honors Undergraduate Thesis Committee**, Gordie O'Rorke, 2025-2026.

Second Reader, **Plan II Honors Undergraduate Thesis Committee**, Lindsay Jade Feinstein, 2025-2026.

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Communication Studies Scholarship Committee, 2023-present

Moody College Scholarship Committee

Communication Studies Representative, 2019-2024

Communication Studies Hiring Committee

Director of Speech, 2023

UTNIF Program Coordinator, 2019

Moody Faculty Advisory Council, 2022-2023

Appointed by Former Moody College Dean Jay Bernhardt

Communication Studies Curriculum Committee, 2021-2022

Director, University of Texas National Institute in Forensics, 2018-present

ORGANIZATIONAL SERVICE

National Debate Tournament Executive Committee

District 3 Representative; 2022-present

National Debate Tournament Appeals Committee

Voting Member; 2022-present

Cross-Examination Debate Association Executive Committee, 2021-2026

President; 2023-2024

Vice President; 2022-2023

2nd Vice President; 2021-2022

Immediate Past President; 2024-2025

Second Past President; 2025-2026

Cross-Examination Debate Association Topic Committee

Executive Committee Representative; 2022, 2023

Undergraduate Representative; 2010

Cross-Examination Debate Association Awards Committee

Chair; 2023

Member; 2022

Collegiate Public Forum League Board, 2021-present

American Debate Association Council of Tournament Directors, 2018-present

Tournament Director

- The Longhorn Classic TFA/TOC/NIETOC Qualifier; 2018-present
- The Texas Open; 2020, 2022-present
- The District 3 NDT Qualifier and Mid-America Championship; 2023-present
- CEDA Nationals at Cal State Fullerton; 2024

Tournament Administrator

- CEDA Nationals at George Mason University; 2022
- CEDA Nationals at the University of Houston; 2023
- Tournament of Champions (TOC), University of Kentucky; 2025, 2026
- Owen L Coon Memorial Debates, Northwestern University; 2021
- Northwestern University Season Opener; 2021
- JW Patterson Debates, University of Kentucky; 2024, 2025
- Georgetown College Tournament; 2025, 2026
- Jesuit Debates, Gonzaga University; 2025
- Crowe Warken Debates, US Naval Academy; 2025
- Georgia State Season Opener; 2012
- Churchill Classic TFA/TOC/NIETOC Qualifier; 2026

Public Debate Coordinator/Consultant

- The Red River Rivalry Debates, Old Parkland Institute (2018, 2019)
- Free Speech Week Public Debate, Moody College (2021, 2022, 2023)
- Communication Studies Week Public Debate, Moody College (2022, 2023)
- The ATXelerator Finalists Live Pitch Competition (2022)
- Independent Media Initiative Festival (2025)

Reviewer

Argumentation and Advocacy, 2024

National Communication Association Conference – CEDA Division, 2025

INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATE COACHING

Director of Debate, University of Texas at Austin, 2018-present

Notable Program Successes: Cross-Examination Debate Association (**CEDA**) **National Champion** (2021); American Debate Association (**ADA**) **National Runner-Up** (2nd Place, 2024); **5th Place Individual Team Ranking**, (**NDT**) National Debate Tournament (2023-2024) National Season Ranking; **Three-time American Forensic Association NDT-NST Joint Award**, awarded to the overall points winner of programs that compete at both events (shared with Randy Cox - 2019, 2022-2024); Qualified **four NDT First Round At-Large Bids**; Qualified

fourteen teams to the National Debate Tournament; Kentucky Round Robin Invitee (2022-2024), Dartmouth Round Robin Invitee (2023, 2024); **Two-time Red River Rivalry Debate champions**, an OU-Texas debate event hosted by the Old Parkland Institute (2018, 2019)

National Championship Results:

Champions – CEDA Nationals (2021)
Runner-Up/2nd Place – ADA Nationals (2024)
Semifinals/Final Four – Collegiate Public Forum (CPFL) Nationals (2022)
Quarterfinals/Elite Eight – ADA Nationals (2023)
Quarterfinals/Elite Eight – CEDA Nationals (2022)
Semifinals/Final Four – ADA Fall Championship – Novice Division (2025)
Octafinals/Sweet Sixteen – NDT (2022, 2023, 2024)

National Season Rankings:

5th Place – NDT Individual Partnership Ranking (2023-2024)
7th Place – CEDA Team Sweepstakes Award (2023-2024)
10th Place – CEDA Team Sweepstakes Award (2019-2020)

Major Regular Season Tournament Results:

Champions – University of Kentucky – Junior Varsity Division (2020)
Co-Champions – CPFL Spring Opener (2022)
Runner-Up/2nd Place – Northwestern University Season Opener (2023)
Runner-Up/2nd Place – Naval Academy (2025)
Runner-Up/2nd Place – University of Kentucky – Junior Varsity Division (2025)
Semifinals/Final Four – Cal State Long Beach (2024)
Semifinals/Final Four – Texas Open (2024)
Semifinals/Final Four – University of Kentucky (2022)
Semifinals/Final Four – CPFL March Invitational (2022)
Semifinals/Final Four – Wake Forest (2020)
Quarterfinals/Elite Eight – Harvard University (2023)
Quarterfinals/Elite Eight – Wake Forest (2023)
Quarterfinals/Elite Eight – University of Kentucky (2021)

Invitational Round Robin Results:

3rd Place – Herbert L. James Debates/Dartmouth College Round Robin (2024)

Regional Tournament Results:

Champions – NDT District 3 Qualifier (2024, 2025)
Champions – Mid America Championship (2020, 2024)
Champions – University of Central Oklahoma (2023)
Co-Champions – University of Central Oklahoma (2019)
Runner-Up/2nd Place – University of Kansas Sunflower Swing (2024)
Semifinals/Final Four – University of Kansas Sunflower Swing (2024)
Semifinals/Final Four – University of Houston (2023)

Assistant Debate Coach, University of Kansas, 2013-2018

Notable Program Successes: **Copeland Award** – #1 NDT Individually Ranked Partnership (2017-18); National Debate Tournament (**NDT**) **Champion** (2018); #1 Overall Ranked Varsity Program (2014-15); #2 Overall Ranked Varsity Program (2017-2018); National Junior Division Debate Tournament (**NJDDT**) **Champions (x5)**; **NDT Finalist** (2016); Cross Examination Debate Association (**CEDA**) **Finalist** (2015); Qualified **five** at-large bids to the NDT; Advanced **nine** teams to elimination debates at the NDT; Qualified **fourteen** teams to the NDT

Assistant Debate Coach, Wake Forest University, 2011-2013

Notable Successes: American Debate Association (**ADA**) **National Champions**; **4th Place** NDT Individually Ranked Partnership (2012-2013); Qualified **four** at-large bids to the NDT; Advanced **four** teams to elimination debates at the NDT; Qualified **six** teams to the NDT

AWARDS

Lucy M Keele Award for Excellence in Service, American Forensic Association-National Debate Tournament, 2025

Outstanding New Director Award, American Debate Association, 2024

PUBLICATIONS

Brendon Bankey, “Recovering the Scientific Polemic: An Investigation into Alfred Kinsey’s Rhetoric” Randy Lake (Ed.), *Recovering Argument*. Routledge, 2018.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Elevating the “Man with No Name”: Easy Rider, Dirty Harry, and the Contest for America’s Soul. **National Communication Association**. Individual Paper, Critical and Cultural Studies Division, 2025.

“Nixon’s quest for ‘Heart’: Tanya Savicheva, The Peacemaker Hero, and Sentimentality at the 1972 Republican National Convention.” **University of Texas at Austin Communication Studies Departmental Colloquium Series**, Spring 2024

“Make My Day!: Dirty Harry as a Narrative Resource for 2nd Amendment Self Defense Statutes in the United States.” **International Society for the Study of Argumentation**, Summer 2018

Queer Archival Immersion: Rhetoric, Performance, Pedagogy, and Politics at the Kinsey Institute, **Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Institute**, Summer Seminar, 2017.

Rhetorics of Scientific Objects, **Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Institute**, Summer Workshop, 2017.

“‘The Clint imbroglio’: A reinvestigation into the rhetoric of the hanging chair.” **Rhetoric Society of America**, 2016.

“Challenging abnormality: Alfred Kinsey and the role of scientific translation in the pre-inception of liberation.” **National Communication Association**, Top Paper Panel, Association for the Rhetoric of Science and Technology, 2015.

“Recovering the Scientific Polemic: An Investigation into Alfred Kinsey's Rhetoric.” **Alta Conference on Argumentation**, 2015.

“Lost in Translation: Uncovering the Metonymic Function of ‘Laban’ as the Border to the Promised Land in *Genesis* and *The Book of Mormon*.” **Rhetoric Society of America**, May 2014.

“Presidential Nuclear Rhetoric and the Korean Peninsula: Exploring Connections Between Policy Debate Research and Rhetorical Scholarship.” **National Communication Association**, Cross Examination Debate Association, 2013.

“‘The Shadow of Eugenics:’ An Analysis of Normalcy in *The Case against Perfection*.” **National Communication Association**, Association for the Rhetoric of Science and Technology, 2012.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

“Influence in Action: Unlocking Your Power to Persuade,” **Bessemer Trust Rising Leaders Gathering**, in coordination with the McCombs School of Business Langston Wealth Management Center, 2025