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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of Texas at Austin, anticipated 2021, Austin, TX
(in progress) Communication Studies
- M.A. Baylor University, 2015, Waco, TX
 Communication Studies
- B.A. Texas A&M University, 2010, College Station, TX
 Theatre Arts

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2017 - present University of Texas at Austin, Department of Communication Studies
Teaching Assistant:
 Nonverbal Communication, CMS 334K , Dr. Dailey
 Theories of Persuasion, CMS 332K, Dr. McGlone
- 2015 - 2017 Baylor University, Department of Communication Studies
Temp. Full-Time Lecturer: Speech for Business and Professional Students
- 2013 - 2015 Baylor University, Department of Communication Studies
Teaching Assistant:
 Fundamentals of Public Communication
 Speech for Business and Professional Students

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PAPERS

- Varga, S. (2019). Help or hindrance? The role of parents in international and intercultural relationship development. Southwest Fulbright Symposium, San Antonio, TX.
- Dailey, R., Varga, S., Zhang, T., Hazzard, J., & Kearns, K. (2018, November). Relationship talk in cyclical and non-cyclical relationships: Applying the theory of motivated information management. Paper presented at the annual convention of the National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT. (*Top Four Paper, Interpersonal Communication Division*)

- Guinn, T., Varga, S., & Blanton, R. (2018, February). How relationships with family, friends, and faculty affect college student retention. Poster presented at the Conference on Academic Research in Education, Las Vegas, NV.
- Blanton, R., Guinn, T., & Varga, S. (2017, September). A masterclass approach to communication: InFusing pedagogical style with the practice of expecting the unexpected. Texas Speech Communication Association Convention, San Antonio, TX.
- Varga, S. (2017, September). Stereotype threat: How ambivalence, assumptions, and attraction influence global relationships. 2017 Southwest Fulbright Symposium, San Antonio, TX.
- Varga, S. (2017, September). Presentational self: The importance of impression management before, during, and after going abroad. 2017 Southwest Fulbright Symposium, San Antonio, TX.
- Varga, S., & Morman, M. (2016, November). The not-so-blind date: How online information-seeking influences first date attraction. Paper presented at the annual convention of the National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- Varga, S., (2014, November). Stereotypes and groups: The impact of stereotypes and how we educate groups to respond. Paper presented at the annual convention of the National Communication Association, Chicago, IL.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

- Varga, S. (2016). Motivating vs. managing: Recruiting and retaining dedicated volunteers. Leadership Retreat, Fellowship Bible Church, Waco, TX.
- Varga, S. (2014). The importance of interpersonal communication skills in the graduate TA role. TA Training, Department of Biology, Baylor University, Waco, TX.

HONORS AND AWARDS (SELECTED)

- Moody Graduate Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, (effective 2018-2021)
- Graduate School Fellowship Stipend, University of Texas at Austin, 2017
- Provost Supplement Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, 2017
- Graduate student full scholarship, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2013-2015
- Graduated *magna cum laude*, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, 2010
- Assistant Scenic Designer, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, 2010
- President's Baylor Scholarship, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2006-2008
- NE San Antonio Kiwanis Club Scholarship, 2006
- Valedictorian, Castle Hills First Baptist School, San Antonio, TX, 2006

SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (SELECTED)

- Teaching assistant workshop, Department of Communication Studies, University of Texas at Austin, 2017
- Adjunct teaching workshop, Academy for Teaching and Learning, Baylor University, 2015

Worship team member, Vocalist, Fellowship Bible Church, 2014 - present
Small group discussion co-leader, Fellowship Bible Church, 2016 - 2018
Faculty judge: Baylor Panhellenic New Member Talent Show, 2016
Youth ministry leader, Fellowship Bible Church, 2014 - 2015
Volunteer, Blueprint Ministries, San Antonio, TX, 2012
Educator training, Texas Teachers Alternative Certification Program, 2011
Sunday school teacher, Grace Bible Church, 2008 - 2010

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Secondary Teacher, Christian Academy of San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas, 2011 - 2012
Assistant Manager, Luxe Apothetique, Austin, TX 2010 - 2011
Community Leader, Campus Living and Learning, Baylor University, 2007 - 2008
Freshman Leadership Organization, Baylor University, 2006 - 2007

CONSULTING

2018 - present	MBA+ Communication Coach, McCombs School of Business, University of Texas at Austin
2018 - present	Expert Panelist, Quantified Communications, Austin, TX
2015 - present	Communication coach specializing in presentational effectiveness, and interview and audition preparation
2013 - 2014	Presentation/Audition Coaching: Department of Psychology, Department of Theatre Arts, & Undergraduate Mock Trial Team, Baylor University
2012	TAPPS Speech Meet Coach, Christian Academy of San Antonio

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2014 - present	National Communication Association (NCA)
2017 - present	Fulbright Association