

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- M.A. The University of Texas at Austin, 2020
Communication Studies (Interpersonal Communication)
Thesis: Hate the Sin, Blame the Sinner: The Effects of Language on Attitudes toward Substance Use Disorders
Advisor: Matt McGlone
- B.S. Bradley University, 2014
Psychology (Behavioral Neuroscience)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Instruction - University of Texas at Austin, 2025-present

Courses taught: CMS 210 – Forensics Workshop (x3), CMS 322K – Theories of Persuasion (x1), CMS XXX – Advanced Presentation (x1)

Instructional Assistant Professor - Illinois State University, 2021-2025

Courses taught: COM 110 – Communication as Critical Inquiry (x1), COM 202 – Persuasive Communication (x8)

Graduate Teaching Assistant - The University of Texas at Austin, 2018-2020

Courses: CMS 339 – Social Interactions in Virtual Environments (x1), CMS 210 – Forensics Workshop (x4)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Director of Speech – University of Texas at Austin, 2025-present

Led the team achieve national recognition as the undisputed top speech team in the country: 2026 AFA Team Champions for the 5th consecutive year & 2026 NFA Team Champions for the first time in the team's history

Coached 26 national finalists, 4 individual national champions, and 2 of the top 10 overall speakers in the country at both AFA and NFA in 2026

Assistant Director of Individual Events - Illinois State University, 2021-2025

Assisted in leading the team to achieve national recognition as a top 10 team 7 times, and ranking as the 3rd best team in the country at AFA in 2023

Coached 41 national finalists, 4 individual national champions, and 6 top 15 overall speakers including the top overall speakers at both AFA and NFA in 2023

Assistant Director of Speech - The University of Texas at Austin, 2016-2020

Coached the AFA national championship team in both 2017 & 2018

Coached 82 national finalists, 24 individual national champions, and 20 top 10 overall speakers including the top overall speaker in 2018

Curriculum Director – University of Texas National Institute in Forensics, 2015-2020

Developed age-appropriate curriculum for hundreds of high school students over six summers during intensive two-week camps

Director of Individual Events - Lewis and Clark College, 2014-2016

Led the team to their first Pacific Northwest regional championship and their first national out round in 30 years

AWARDS

2020 Outstanding New Coach Award (American Forensics Association)

2025 Impact Award for Excellence in Teaching (Illinois State University)

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

“Teaching Humor While the World Burns”

Accepted NCA Panel, 2026 (upcoming)

“Beyond the Comm Major: Recruiting Across Campus & Promoting Forensics for All Students”

TSCA Panel, 2026 (upcoming)”

“Creative Resistance: Literary Discovery Under Anti-DEI Pressures”

TSCA Panel, 2025

“Using Forensics as a Bridge to Real World Advocacy Work”

TSCA Panel, 2025

“Finding Your Voice in a New but Familiar World: Student and Coach Perspectives on the Differences Between High School and College Forensics”

TSCA Panel, 2025

“Preparing for the Performance: TIFA Student Performance Panel”

TSCA Panel, 2025

“The Compounding Effects of Environmental Enrichment and Cocaine Administration on Anxiety and Locomotor Activity”

Poster presented at San Diego Society for Neuroscience Conference, 2013

“The Evolutionary Psychology of Belief”

Original Informative Speech, National Forensics Association National Champion, 2013

“The Neurobiology of Autism Spectrum Disorder”

Senior Capstone Paper Presentation during Celebrate Psychology Day, 2013

SERVICE

TIFA Fiscal Review Committee, TSCA, 2026

Tournament Director

- The Longhorn Classic TFA/TOC/NIETOC Qualifier, 2025-Present
- Hill Country Swing, 2025-Present
- Hell Froze Over Swing, 2025-Present

Camp Director

University of Texas National Institute in Forensics, 2025-present

Creator & Webmaster, AFA/NFA Historical Archive (Forensics Ledger), 2026-Present

Founding Board Member & Feedback Manager, Speech Equity Project, 2019-2022