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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Current) Communication Studies
The University of Texas at Austin
Concentration: Organizational Communication & Technology

M.A. (2019) Communication Studies
The University of Alabama
Concentration: Organizational & Intercultural Communication

B.A. (2018) Communication Studies
The University of Alabama (*summa cum laude*)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

James, S. “*The Best Form of Prostitution*”: *Agency, Identity, and Power in the Relationship Between a Student Athlete and Their Institution*. Poster presented at the Organizational Communication Mini Conference, New Brunswick, NJ, Oct. 12-14th, 2018.

James, S. “*You’re a Woman Before a Fan*”: *Exploring Intercultural Identity within Fan Communities*. Poster presented at the Discerning Diverse Voices Symposium, Tuscaloosa, AL, Feb. 28th, 2019.

James, S. “*Agent of Change*”: *The Rhetoric of Position in Locational Memory*. Paper presented at the Southern States Communication Association Conference, Montgomery, AL, April 3-6th, 2019.

James, S. *Fandom Culture: Fan Communities Bridging Diverse Backgrounds Through Technology*. Paper presented during the National Communication Association Convention, Baltimore, MD, November 14-17th, 2019.

FUNDING

Conferences

2018 Travel Grant: Organizational Communication Mini Conference
Awarded by: Department of Communication Studies; Graduate School
The University of Alabama
Amount: \$500

2019 Travel Grant: Southern States Communication Association

Awarded by: Department of Communication Studies; Graduate School
The University of Alabama

Amount: \$500

2019

Travel Grant: National Communication Association Conference

Awarded by: Department of Communication Studies; Graduate School
The University of Texas at Austin

Amount: \$350

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Departmental and University-wide Service

2019-Present *Member at Large*

Communication Studies Student Government Council, The University of Texas

2018-2019 *President*

Graduate Communication Assembly, The University of Alabama

2016-2019 *Public Speaking Consultant & Facilitator*

The Speaking Studio, The University of Alabama

2018 *Volunteer & English Language Learner Lead Teacher*

Spanish Outreach Program, The University of Alabama

AWARDS

Outstanding Senior in Communication Studies (2017-2018)

Selected by the College of Communication & Information Sciences for academic rigor and dedication to the program throughout my undergraduate career at the Capstone.

Outstanding Service by a Graduate Student (2018-2019)

Selected by a graduate faculty committee within the Department of Communication Studies for work supporting the department and developing the graduate student community.

Marsha Houston Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Work in Social Justice and Diversity (2018-2019)

Selected by the faculty of the Department of Communication Studies for research focused on social justice and diversity and inclusion initiatives.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

National Communication Association

Southern States Communication Association

TEACHING & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Teaching

Graduate Teaching Assistant (2018-Present)

Department of Communication Studies, The University of Alabama

- Public Speaking (COM 123)
 - Put into practice the basic principles of effective Public Speaking
 - Taught and graded speeches ranging in style and type
 - Five sections of 24+ students each over the course of two semesters

Department of Communication Studies, The University of Texas at Austin

- Building Sales Relationships through Communication (COM 337)
 - Managed communications and grading within a section of 90 students
 - Facilitated small group projects within large lecture class
 - Applied course material to build connections for students

Professional Experience

Co-Founder & Coach (2019-Present)

Cool Beans Coaching

- Co-Founder
 - Provided copywriting for website creation
 - Created and Beta-tested customer journey
 - Manage a team of employees and the hiring process
- Coach
 - Virtually provide one-on-one consulting on a range of presentation skills
 - *SAP Ariba Live in Barcelona, Spain*
Coached C-Suite level members of the SAP Ariba team during a global event

Operations Intern & Facilitator (2017-Present)

Ward Certified Consulting, San Antonio Texas

- Operations Intern
 - Communication as part of a virtual team to complete on-going projects
 - Outgoing content creation for upcoming workshops, client management
- Facilitator
 - *Managing the Multigenerational Workplace*
Propane Gas Association of New England Annual Meeting, Oct. 2018
 - *Managing the Multigenerational Workplace*
Eastern Energy Expo, June 2018