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**EDUCATION**

# 2011 Doctor of Philosophy, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Lincoln, NE

Dissertation title: Gambling with the American Dream: A mythic examination of the rhetorical construction of gambling in America Advisor: Ronald Lee

# 2005 Master of Arts in Speech, Kansas State University

Manhattan, Kansas

Thesis title:Do negative political advertisements create a sleeper effect?

Advisor: William Schenck-Hamlin

# 2003 Nebraska Wesleyan University

Lincoln, NE

 Double majors: Communication Studies and Political Science

 Minor: Business Administration

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

# 2018-Present Associate Professor of Practice University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Communication Studies

Lincoln, NE

**2005-Present Director of Speech & Debate University of Nebraska-Lincoln** Directed a 30 member nationally ranked speech and debate team.

The 2017 speech team won its sixth consecutive Big Ten Conference Tournament Challenge Championship and finished 8th in the nation at the American Forensics Association’s National Individual Events Tournament (AFA-NIET). This marked the 10th consecutive top 10 finish for the speech team. The 2017 debate team finished 5th at the National Forensics Association’s National Tournament (NFA-NT) in Lincoln Douglas Debate. This was the fourth top five finish in seven years for the debate team. I have coached 40 national finalists in all eleven speech events and two national champions. My responsibilities include budgeting, individual coaching sessions with students, supervision of three graduate assistant coaches, traveling with team regionally and nationally, hosting three annual forensics tournaments on campus, directing a summer camp for high school students, as well as researching and developing ideas for speech topics and debate cases.

**2015-2018 Assistant Professor of Practice University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Communication Studies**

Lincoln, NE

**2005-2014 Lecturer University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Communication Studies**

Lincoln, NE

**2003-2005 Graduate Coaching Assistant Kansas State University Individual Events Team**

 Manhattan, KS.

**2003-2005 Graduating Teaching Assistant Department of Speech Communication Kansas State University**

Manhattan, KS

**1999-2003 Assistant Forensic Coach Lincoln East High School**

Lincoln, NE

# SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM PLACINGS

**2019** 8th at AFA-NEIT in Speech

 4rd at NFA-NT in Lincoln Douglas Debate

 Extemporaneous Speaking National Champion at AFA-NIET

 Impromptu Speaking National Runner-up at AFA-NIET

**2018** 12th at AFA-NEIT in Speech

 3rd at NFA-NT in Lincoln Douglas Debate

 Individual National Lincoln Douglas Debate Champion at NFANT

 1st Big Ten Conference Challenge Tournament

**2017** 8th at AFA-NEIT in Speech

 5th at NFA-NT in Lincoln Douglas Debate

 1st Big Ten Conference Challenge Tournament

**2016** 9th AFA-NEIT

 14th at NFA-NT in Lincoln Douglas Debate

 1st Big Ten Conference Challenge Tournament

**2015** 7th at AFA-NEIT in Speech

 5th at NFA-NT in Lincoln Douglas Debate

 1st Big Ten Conference Challenge Tournament

**2014** 7th at AFA-NEIT in Speech

8th at NFA-NT in Lincoln Douglas Debate

 1st Big Ten Conference Challenge Tournament

**2013** 7th at AFA-NEIT in Speech

5th at NFA-NT in Lincoln Douglas Debate

 1st Big Ten Conference Challenge Tournament

**2012** 8th at AFA-NEIT in Speech

8th at NFA-NT in Lincoln Douglas Debate

1st Big Ten Conference Challenge Tournament

**2011** 7th at AFA-NEIT in Speech

5th at NFA-NT in Lincoln Douglas Debate

**2010**  9th at AFA-NEIT in Speech

13th at NFA-NT in Lincoln Douglas Debate

**2009** 7th at AFA-NEIT in Speech

**2008** 9th at AFA-NEIT in Speech

**2007** 11th at AFA-NEIT in Speech

**2006** 9th at AFA-NEIT in Speech

# AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

**2013, 2015, 2019, 2020** *UNL Parents’ Association’s Award for Contributions to Students*, University of Nebraska- Lincoln Teaching Council and the Parents Association

**2018** *Distinguished Service Award,* National Speech Championship

**2013, 2016** *Bruce* *Kendall Award for Excellence in Teaching*, Department of Communication Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

**2016** Nebraska Intercollegiate Forensic Association Distinguished Service Award

**2014** *Larry Schnoor District IV Distinguished Service Award*, District IV of the American Forensics Association-National Individual Events Tournament

**2014** *Professor of the Month for October,* Omicron Delta Kappa Honorary University of Nebraska-Lincoln, in recognition of hard work and outstanding dedication to students

**2014** *Admiral in the Great Nebraska Navy,* Governor David Heineman, in recognition of service to the state of Nebraska

**2012** *James V. Griesen Award for Exemplary Service to Students,* Office of the Chancellor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

**2012** *Joe Black Award for Outstanding Service to the Forensics Community*, Speech Unlimited, Kansas State University

**2003** *All American Team* *Member* AFA-NIET

 *Kevin Heineman Student Service Award* AFA District Four

 3rd Place After Dinner Speaking AFA-NIET

 4th Place Extemporaneous Speaking AFA-NIET

 4th Place Impromptu Speaking AFA-NIET

 6th Place Interstate Oratory Nationals

 8th Place Individual Sweepstakes AFA-NIET

 Qualified seven events for AFA-NIET

**2002** 6th Place Extemporaneous Speaking AFA-NIET

 Semi-finalist Impromptu Speaking AFA-NIET

**2001** Quarter-finalist Impromptu Speaking AFA-NIET

 Quarter-finalist Extemporaneous Speaking AFA-NIET

**2000** 2nd Place Impromptu Speaking AFA-NIET

 Quarter-finalist After Dinner Speaking AFA-NIET

**TEACHING**

# Courses Developed and Taught COMM 101: Communication in the 21st Century

This course is designed to provide students with an introductory understanding of the discipline of communication studies through a problem-centered learning approach centered around developing the students’ abilities to advocate, negotiate, and relate.

# COMM 375: Theory of Persuasion

This course provides a comprehensive view of persuasion by analyzing how persuasion operates at both an interpersonal and societal level. Students focus on the process of persuasion in many different areas including: films, advertising, interpersonal interactions, news media, rhetoric, social media, and social movements. Students participate in a semester long project to create a persuasive public service campaign to benefit their local community.

# COMM 412: Directing Forensics

A senior level course in communication studies focused on the challenges of coaching and directing a team. Although, the specific context of the class was crafted for students interested in directing a forensics team, the course addresses a wide variety of topics related to management and coaching. Topic areas of the course included psychological capital, organizational behavior, building team cohesion, and crafting motivating messages.

# COMM 440: Rhetoric of Sports and Games

This course is designed to provide an understanding of rhetorical theory and practice viewed through the lens of sports. By understanding how rhetoric operates in cultural spaces, students will recognize the components and processes of rhetoric, which operate in public discourse and mass mediated culture. Using the research methodologies learned in the course students write three major papers utilizing the research methods of rhetorical analysis, ethnographic observation, and cultural criticism.

**Additional Courses Taught COMM 109: Fundamentals of Human Communication**  **COMM 205: Oral Interpretation of Literature COMM 209: Public Speaking** **COMM 280: Popular Culture COMM 286: Business and Professional Speaking**

# Guest Lecturing and Coaching

**Speech Tournament Coordinator - Mandela Washington Fellowship Institute (Summer 2019)** Worked with office of Civic Engagement to oversee a public speaking competition for Mandela Washington Fellows

# Guest Lecturer – Mandela Washington Fellowship Institute (Summer 2018)

Presented a lecture to fellows on best practices and strategies for public speaking and message framing.

# Guest Lecturer – College of Business Administration (Fall, Spring 2016)

Presented to seniors enrolled in BUSAD 444: Professional & Life Skills about the importance of professional communication and provided methods and tips to improve their public speaking and work place communication.

# Guest Debate Coach - Department of Entomology (October 2015)

Members of the Department of Entomology were preparing to engage in a public debate as part of their national annual meeting. At their request, I helped them prepare for the debate, practice arguments, and provided guidance and strategies.

**Guest Lecturer – College of Journalism and Mass Communication (Fall 2014)** Guest speaker forJOUR 447: Mass Media and Society. I lectured and took questions on how to prepare for and participate in a debate about ethics.

**Guest Lecturer and Coach - Xi’an Jiaotong University, Xi’an China (Summer 2014)** Invited by the American Exchange Center and Xi’an Jiaotong University to lecture on public speaking and debate. Gave two public speeches about speech and debate, lectured in six public speaking classes, served as adjudicator and master of questions for an allcampus public speaking contest, and served as co-host and respondent for a public debate between University of Nebraska students and students from Xi’an Jiaotong University.

# Teaching Professional Development

Reviewer for MacMillan Publishers

Fraleigh, D.M., Tuman, J.S., & Adams, K.T. *Let’s communicate: An illustrated guide to human communication.* New York: MacMillan (Reviewer, 2017).

Participant, Peer Review of Teaching program. Sponsored by University of NebraskaLincoln (2015-16).

Reviewer for Sage Publications

Edwards, A., Edwards, C., Wahl, S.T., & Myers, S.A. (2016). *The communication age: Connecting and engaging. Thousand Oaks*, CA: Sage (Reviewer, 2015).

Reviewer for Oxford University Press

Huglen, M. (2011). *Persuasion: Strategy and critique in language and human relations.* New York: Oxford (Reviewer, 2011).

# UCARE, Thesis and Dissertation Committees

**2019**  UCARE Advisor for Jordan Duffin Wong

**2018** Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor for Sam Baue

**2016-2017** Dissertation Supervisory Committee Member for William Cooney **2016-2017** Dissertation Supervisory Committee Member for Adam Blood

**2017** Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor for Nicholas Gilbert

**2017** Dissertation Supervisory Committee Member for Nicole Allen

**2016** Dissertation Supervisory Committee Member for Adam Knowlton

**INSTRUCTIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**

# Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Arellano, A., & Duncan, A. (2013). Performance, dialogue, and debriefing: Examining

Frank Ocean’s coming out. *Teaching Media*, 1, 1-36. (40% Contribution Duncan)

Duncan, A. (2013). An antidosis for a forensics life: An Isocratic defense of modern practices of competitive forensics. *National Forensics Journal, 31,* 15-26*.*

Duncan, A. (2012). Does “coming to Jesus” do more harm than good? Exploring the psychological capital of forensics competitors. (Forum). *The Forensic of Pi Kappa Delta*, 95, 31-36.

# Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

Duncan, A., & Syrek, A. (2017). Spreading the gospel of forensics and increasing community: Targeting traditional and non-traditional populations for involvement in forensics. In K. Copeland & G.L. Castbeery (eds.). *Competition, community, and educational growth: Contemporary perspectives on competitive speech and debate.* New York: Peter Lang. (60% Contribution Duncan)

# Journal Manuscripts in Progress

Bonander, A., & Duncan A. My mentor only texts me: Technological determinism and dialogic theory applied to mentoring relationships. *Speaker & Gavel: Journal of Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha.* (50% Contribution Duncan)

Duncan, A., & Bonander, A. Playing with someone else’s chips: This could be really great…Convincing students to gamble with event and performance choices. *Speaker & Gavel: Journal of Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha.* (50% Contribution Duncan)

Duncan, A. Social change organizational analysis. *Communication Teacher.*

# Conference Presentations

Duncan, A. (2018). Three questions, three points, and thirty minutes: An extemporaneous speech about extemporaneous speaking. Performance presented at the National Communication Association’s Annual meeting, Salt Lake City, UT.

Bonander, A. & Duncan, A. (2017). Please hire my competition: Urging established forensics coaches to lobby administration on campuses without forensics team. Paper presented at the National Communication Association’s Annual meeting, Dallas, TX.

Duncan, A. (2017). Generative spaces: Utilizing forensics events to create publications for undergraduate students. Paper presented at the National Communication Association’s Annual meeting, Dallas, TX.

Duncan, A. (2017). The national speech championship: Reflecting on an experimental national tournament and moving forward. Presenter on discussion panel to be held at the National Communication Association’s Annual meeting, Dallas, TX.

Duncan, A. (2016). Combating rape culture on college campuses in communication courses. Organizer and chair of discussion panel that was presented at the

National Communication Association’s Annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Duncan, A. (2016). Ranks, rates, and rfds: Interpreting ballots as peer review of teaching assessment tools. Paper was presented at the National Communication Association’s Annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Duncan, A. (2016). Forensics from the fringes: Investigating the roles of alumni, volunteers, and unaffiliated coaches. Respondent for panel presented at the

National Communication Association’s Annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Duncan, A. & Bonander, A. (2015). Playing with someone else’s chips: This could be really great…Convincing students to gamble with event and performance choices**.** Paper was presented at the National Communication Association’s Annual meeting, Las Vegas, NV.

Duncan, A. (2015). Teaching Media Quarterly: Cultivating dynamic pedagogy through open access lesson plan publishing. Discussion panel participant at National Communication Association’s Annual meeting, Las Vegas, NV.

Duncan, A. & Carter, J. (2014). Mining the medium: Benefits and potential pitfalls to the utilization of YouTube by forensics organizations. Paper was presented at the National Communication Association’s Annual meeting, Chicago, IL.

Duncan, A. (2014). Speaking up in the middle kingdom: Reflections on coaching and teaching forensics in China. Discussion panel participant at National Communication Association’s Annual meeting, Chicago, IL.

Duncan, A. (2013). Translating a competition rhetorical criticism into a publishable rhetorical criticism: A case study explanation of the essay taking aim at sexual harassment*.* Paper was presented at the National Communication Association’s Annual meeting, Washington D.C.

Duncan, A. & Syrek, A. (2012). Spreading the gospel of forensics to create COMMunity:

targeting traditional and non-traditional populations for involvement in forensics. Paper was presented at the National Communication Association’s Annual meeting, Orlando, FL.

Duncan, A. (2012). Creating community in forensics: Roundtable discussion with DOFs. Paper was presented at the National Communication Association’s Annual meeting, Orlando, FL.

Duncan A. & Brown, C. (2011). When the student surpasses the teacher: How changes in power and status impact the mentoring relationship. Paper was presented at the National Communication Association’s Annual meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Ronnau, A., & Duncan, A. (2011). My mentor only texts me: Technological determinism and dialogic theory applied to mentoring relationships. Paper was presented at the National Communication Association’s Annual meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Duncan, A. (2010). Does “coming to Jesus” do more harm than good? Exploring the psychological capital of forensics competitors*.* Paper was presented at the

National Communication Association’s Annual meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Duncan, A. (2009, November). There’s a new sheriff in town: Challenges faced by coaches encountering an existing team culture. Paper was presented at the

National Communication Association’s Annual meeting, Chicago, Illinois.

Duncan, A. (2006, November). Quantitative analysis of parents’ of high school forensicators knowledge of college forensics.Paper was presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Antonio, Texas.

**RHETORICAL SCHOLARSHIP**

# Book

Duncan, A. (2015). *Gambling with the myth of the American Dream.* New York, NY: Routledge.

# Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Duncan, A. (2014). Reimagining the self-made man: Myth, risk, and the pokerization of America. *Western Journal of Communication*, 78, 39-57.

# Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

Duncan, A., & Carter, J. (2017). The comedic demystification of the political spectacle: The organic intellectualism of Bill Hicks. In M. R. Meier & C. R. Schmitt (eds.). *Standing up, speaking out: Stand-up comedy and the rhetoric of social change* (pp. 135-151). New York: Routledge.

Duncan, A. (2014) A change of scenery: The Southern, the Western, and evolution the Frontier Myth, In J. Perlich, & D. Whitt (Eds.). *Myth in the Modern World:*

*Essays on Intersections with Ideology and Culture* (pp. 61-82). Jefferson, NC: McFarland.

Ohl, J., & Duncan, A. (2012). Taking aim at street harassment: Gender performances of hegemonic masculinity in the first-person shooter game *Hey Baby*. In G. Voorhees, J. Call, & K. Whitlock (Eds.). *Guns, grenades and grunts: The first person shooter games* (pp. 319-339). New York: Continuum.

# Journal Manuscripts in Progress

Duncan, A. The Rhetoric of orthodoxy and heresy: An examination of Lenin’s writing in *What is to be Done?* *Journal of Communication Studies*.

# Conference Presentations

Duncan, A. (2018). Stick to Playing the Game: Football as a Contested Space in U.S.

Culture. Respondent to panel at the National Communication Association’s Annual meeting, Salt Lake City, UT.

Duncan, A. (2018).Sunday is Not My Funday: An Examination of the NFL Protests through a Workplace Dignity Lens. Paper presented at the National

Communication Association’s Annual meeting, Salt Lake City, UT.

Duncan, A. (2016). Pink ribbons and red scars: An examination of the Scar Project’s visual reinterpretation of breast cancer narratives. Paper presented at the [Athens Institute for Education and Research’](http://www.atiner.gr/)s 7th Annual International Conference on Visual and Performing Arts, Athens, Greece.

Duncan. *A.* (2013). Nasty, brutish, and short: Examining *The Hunger Games* as Postmodern re-imagining of the work of Thomas Hobbes*.* Paper was presented at the National Communication Association’s Annual meeting, Washington D.C.

Duncan, A. (2008, November). Abolish or recontextualization: New York City’s ban on the N-word. Paper was presented at the National Communication Association’s Annual meeting, San Diego, California.

Duncan, A. (2007, November*).* The Rhetoric of Orthodoxy and Heresy: An examination of Lenin’s writing in *What is to be Done?* Paper was presented at the National Communication Association’s Annual meeting, Chicago, Illinois.

Duncan, A., & Wolff, J. (2005, April). Public speakers teaching public speaking: Using forensic coaching members in the classroom*.* Paper presented at the meeting of the Central States Communication Association, Kansas City, MO.

Duncan, A., & Wolff, J. (2004, November). The impact of modality on retention and comprehension of current events information*.* Paper was named to the Top Students Paper Panel at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Chicago, Illinois.

# TRANSLATIONAL AND PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Duncan, A. (08/03/16). What the favorite TV shows of Trump supporters can tell us about his appeal. *The Conversation.* [https://theconversation.com/what-thefavorite-tv-shows-of-trump-supporters-can-tell-us-about-his-appeal-63433](https://theconversation.com/what-the-favorite-tv-shows-of-trump-supporters-can-tell-us-about-his-appeal-63433)

 Republished (08/04/2016). What the favorite TV shows of Trump supporters can tell us about his appeal. *The New Republic.* [https://newrepublic.com/article/135816/favorite-tv-shows-trump-supporters-cantell-us-appeal](https://newrepublic.com/article/135816/favorite-tv-shows-trump-supporters-can-tell-us-appeal)

Duncan, A. (07/08/2015). The US won the World Cup – not the Women’s World Cup. *The Conversation.* [https://theconversation.com/the-us-won-the-world-cup-not-thewomens-world-cup-44403](https://theconversation.com/the-us-won-the-world-cup-not-the-womens-world-cup-44403)

Duncan, A. (06/08/2015). The World Series of Poker’s Colossus event and America’s obsession with risk. *The Conversation*. [https://theconversation.com/the-worldseries-of-pokers-colossus-event-and-americas-obsession-with-risk-42658](https://theconversation.com/the-world-series-of-pokers-colossus-event-and-americas-obsession-with-risk-42658) Republished (06/09/2015). Going bust: American’s are gambling away their money because they can’t protect it. *Quartz.* [http://qz.com/422459/americans-aregambling-away-their-money-because-they-cant-protect-it/](http://qz.com/422459/americans-are-gambling-away-their-money-because-they-cant-protect-it/)

Duncan. A. (02/07/2015). The rise of the Risk Society and the pokerization of America. *Poker News.* [http://www.pokernews.com/news/2015/02/the-rise-of-the-risksociety-and-the-pokerization-of-america-20358.htm](http://www.pokernews.com/news/2015/02/the-rise-of-the-risk-society-and-the-pokerization-of-america-20358.htm)

# INVITED SPEAKING, COACHING, & CONSULTING

**Spring 2018-Present Executive Education Program – College of Business** Worked with program director to provide public speaking and communication training for local business and community members.

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| **Summer 2019**  | **Communication Boot Camp - Duncan Aviation** **P**rovide public speaking and communication training for Duncan Aviation employees. |
| **Spring 2019**  | **Physicians Academy – Bryan Health** Provided training in health communication, public speaking and message framing to local physicians through a program at the College of Business.  |
| **Fall 2018**  | **Executive Vice Chancellors Leadership Academy** Worked with program leader to provide public speaking and communication training for members of the Academy. |
| **Fall 2016-**  | **Speakers Bureau - University of Nebraska-Lincoln**  |
| **Spring 2018**  | Worked with the director of the bureau to develop a profile and speech topics that were distributed to area groups and organizations looking for public speakers.  |

# Spring 2016-Present 2018

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|  | **Public Service Campaign for Youth Gambling**  |
|  | **Nebraska Gamblers’ Assistance Program** Was engaged by the Nebraska Gamblers Assistance Program to help develop a statewide public service campaign aimed at preventing young people from becoming problem gamblers.  |
| **November 2013,**  | **British Debate Series**  |
| **2014, 2017**  | **Debate Moderator and Co-Organizer** Served as a co-host and moderated a debate between the British National Debate Team and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Debate Team. Helped to organize, promote, and host the debate on campus which drew an audience of over 1,000 students, staff, and community members. The debates were part of the E.N. Thompson Forum lecture series held at the Lied Center for the Performing Arts and streamed live by NETV.  |
| **October 2017**  | **Great Western Bank** Gave a presentation entitled, “Powerful Presentations” at a meeting of account managers from Great Western Bank. Presentation was coordinated through the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Speakers Bureau.   |
| **October 2017**  | **Nebraska State Penitentiary**  |

# Defy Ventures

Gave a presentation entitled, “Building communication skills for a better life” to inmates at the Nebraska State Penitentiary. The presentation was coordinated by Defy Ventures, a non-profit organization aimed at helping prisoners develop life skills and find employment post incarceration.

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| **September 2017**  | **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute** **University of Nebraska–Lincoln** Gave a presentation entitled “Can we believe what we read?” The presentation focused on the defining and identifying what constitutes fake news and equipping audience members to better evaluate online news.  |
| **August 2017**  | **Education Quest** Gave a presentation entitled, “Powerful presentations” at the end of the quarter meeting for a non-profit education group. Presentation was coordinated through the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Speakers Bureau.   |
| **August 2017**  | **Nebraska State Penitentiary**  |
|  | **Business Coach** Worked individually with inmates to practice their interview skills and develop resumes. Coaching was coordinated by Defy Ventures, a non-profit organization aimed at helping prisoners develop life skills and find employment post incarceration.  |
| **July 2017**  | **Lincoln Northeast Sertoma Club** Gave a presentation entitled, “Gambling the myth of the American Dream” at the monthly meeting for a non-profit service group. Presentation was coordinated through the University of NebraskaLincoln Speakers Bureau.  |
| **March 2017**  | **UNL College of Journalism and Mass Communication: Media and Politics Speaker Series** Gave a presentation entitled “Alternative Facts, Framing, and the Fourth Estate: When is a Lie a Lie?” and served as panelist for the College of Journalism and Mass Communication’s the event The Press the Presidency and the Post-Truth Era. The event was part of the college’s media and politics speaker series.  |
| **February 2017**  | **New Leaders Council Omaha** Gave a presentation entitled, “Speechwriting and message framing in a politically divisive climate” at the New Leaders Council Omaha’s Communications Institute.  |
| **December 2016**  | **Education Quest** Gave a presentation entitled, “Making messages memorable” at the end of the year meeting for a non-profit education group.  |

Presentation was coordinated through University of NebraskaLincoln Speakers Bureau.

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| **November 2016**  | **College of Business – Master of Business Administration** Presented to a group of MBA students on strategies and ideas for effective public speaking and professional presentations. |
| **October 2016**  | **Great Gun Debate - Moderator** Moderated the “Great Gun Debate” between Dr. John Lott, author of *More guns less crime* and Paul Helmke former CEO of the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence. The debate was hosted by University Program Council.  |
| **Spring 2016**   | **Meeting of the Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling** Invited to speak to commissioners in charge of the Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling and leaders of the gamblers assistance program about improving messaging and communication about problem gambling.  |
| **June 2016**   | **Faculty Panel for Athletic Department** **Panel Member** Invited to speak on a panel with other members of the UNL faculty to incoming students in the athletic department about best practices for success in college.  |
| **May 2016**  |  **Nebraska Annual Social Indicators Survey (NASIS)**  |
|  | **Consultant** Assisted the Nebraska Gamblers Assistance Program in creating questions for the NASIS aimed at measuring Nebraskans’ attitudes towards gambling. |
| **March 2016**  | **Nebraska Gamblers Assistance Program Legislative Breakfast** Invited to speak to members of the state legislature and gambling commission about my research involving the American Dream and the growth of gambling in America.  |
| **October 2015**   | **Nebraska Speech Communication & Theater Association** **Annual Meeting** Invited by the conference planner to speak at the annual meeting of Nebraska’s high school speech and debate coaches and theater directors. Gave a presentation entitled: Sparking interest in program oral interpretation.  |
| **February 2015**  | **Veterans Coming Home**  |

# Moderator

Participated as the moderator and host for panel of veterans who have returned from combat. The panel was put on through a grant from Americorp and the Student Veterans Association. Panel members discussed the challenges of readjusting to civilian life and integrating back into school.

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| **September 2014**  | **Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys**  |
|   | Gave a presentation entitled “Sharpening the saw: Practicing the art of public speaking and persuasion.” In addition to speaking at the meeting, I prepared materials for distribution to association members and answered questions related to public speaking and persuasion.  |
| **Spring 2014**   | **Lincoln Credit Association** **Co-Organizer and Debate Moderator** Served as co-organizer and moderator for a debate between members of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the Lincoln Credit Associations Annual Conference. The purpose of the debates was to educate credit association members about the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.  |
| **Summer 2013**  |  **Diverbo Englischhausen**  |
|  | **Anglo Instructor**  |
|    | Baden-Wurttemberg, German Served as a volunteer instructor for the Englischhausen program in the Baden-Wurttemberg region of Germany. Worked one-on-one and in groups with German professionals looking to improve their conversational English.  |
| **Winter 2013**  | **University of Nebraska-Lincoln Softball Team**  |
|   | Gave a motivational speech for the university’s softball team entitled, “Secrets for success in competition and life.” The speech reflected on my experiences and lessons learned during my time as a successful coach and competitor in speech and debate.  |

# MEDIA APPERANCES AND INTERVIEWS

Mertes, M. (4/01/2017). A survival guide to fake news: How to be a better news consumer.

[http://www.omaha.com/living/a-survival-guide-to-fake-news-how-to-bea/article\_2971d902-1644-11e7-b734-03690f30ad22.html](http://www.omaha.com/living/a-survival-guide-to-fake-news-how-to-be-a/article_2971d902-1644-11e7-b734-03690f30ad22.html)

McGill, M. (10/10/2016). UNL forensics coach breaks down round 2.

[http://www.1011now.com/content/news/UNL-forensics-coach-breaks-downround-2-396605981.html](http://www.1011now.com/content/news/UNL-forensics-coach-breaks-down-round-2-396605981.html)

Murphy, K. (10/09/2016). Speech and debate expert breaks down political debate.

[http://www.klkntv.com/story/33352233/speech-and-debate-expert-breaks-downpolitical-debate](http://www.klkntv.com/story/33352233/speech-and-debate-expert-breaks-down-political-debate)

Burbach, A. (09/20/2016). Read it carefully: Ballot language for death penalty referendum is correct, but confusing. [http://www.omaha.com/news/politics/read-it-carefully-ballot-language-for-deathpenalty-referendum-is/article\_4bfcf695-94a2-55d0-ac2d-7ecc935b9d50.html](http://www.omaha.com/news/politics/read-it-carefully-ballot-language-for-death-penalty-referendum-is/article_4bfcf695-94a2-55d0-ac2d-7ecc935b9d50.html)

Lorie, R. (8/08/2016). Radioactivity. WMNF 88.5FM. Tampa, FL. Discussed the television viewing habits of Donald Trump supporters.

<http://www.wmnf.org/tag/rob-lorei/>

Massey, M. (2/28/16). University of Nebraska Speech & Debate powerhouse. 10/11 KLON CBS. Lincoln, NE.

<https://www.facebook.com/1011News/posts/10153935010118057>

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**SERVICE**

**Department of Communication Studies**

# 2018-Present Faculty Grievance Committee

Served as a member of the committee which oversees grievances related to faculty members

# 2017-Present Chair of Awards Committee

This committee is responsible for recognizing and nominating undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty members for department, university, and discipline awards.

# 2017 Search Committee – Rhetoric of Identity and Difference

Participated as a member of the department’s search committee for

a second assistant professor position in rhetoric of identity and difference.

# 2016-2017 Search Committee – Rhetoric and Civic Engagement

Participated as a member of the department’s search committee for

associate professor position in rhetoric and civic engagement.

# 2016-2017 Search Committee – Rhetoric of Identity and Difference

Participated as a member of the department’s search committee for

an assistant professor position in rhetoric of identity and difference.

# 2015-2017 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Participated in the development and review of department undergraduate curriculum for the department of Communication Studies.

# 2015 Search Committee – Professor of Practice and Director of Undergraduate Curriculum

Participated as a member of the department’s search committee for

an assistant professor of practice who would also serve as the department’s director of undergraduate curriculum.

# 2006-Present Organizer and Head Counselor Cornhusker Forensics Summer Institute

Created and hosted a summer camp for high school students on the campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Duties included the creation and distribution of camp recruiting materials, recruitment of staff, organization of facilities, supervision of campers, and planner of camp schedule. Also, responsible for planning and conducting sessions on speech writing, research, debate skills, and impromptu speaking.

# 2005-Present Department of Communication Studies Graduate Committee

Ad hoc advisor focusing on identifying and recruiting high qualify

graduate students with forensics experience

**2005-Present Department of Communication Studies Governing Board University Service**

# 2018 Fall Search Committee – Dean of College of Arts & Sciences

Participated as a member of the College of Arts & Sciences search

committee for a new dean of the college.

# Discipline Service

**2016-Present Conference Reviewer** for National Communication Association

Political Communication Division

**2015-Present Editorial Board Member and Reviewer**, *Speaker & Gavel*

# 2015-Present American Forensics Association Alumni Engagement Committee (Chair)

Directed and coordinated efforts to increase alumni involvement, connection, and engagement with the AFA-NIET.

# 2015-Present National Forensics Association Technology and YouTube Committee (Chair)

Directed and coordinated efforts to launch YouTube channel for NFA-NT

**2014-Present Conference Reviewer for National Communication Association’s Argumentation and Forensics Division**

# 2005-Present Tournament Staff for the American Forensics Associations National Individual Events Tournament

Served as co-director of the extemporaneous speaking preparation

room. Duties include writing and distribution of extemporaneous questions, as well monitoring of preparation room, and enforcement of organizational rules.

**2019-2020 American Forensics Association Nominating Committee**

Helped to choose the slate of candidates for voting for president and other AFA offices

# 2013-2015 Member of Board of Trustees of the American Forensics Association-National Individual Events Tournament

Worked with board members to chart the future of the organization

and relationships with various stakeholders.

# 2009-2014 American Forensics Association Finance Committee

 (Chair 2010-2011) Appointed by the President of American Forensics Associations to

serve on the organization’s finance committee. Elected by members of the committee to serve as chair for a one year term. The committee is tasked with overseeing the finances of a large national organization to which over 100 universities and colleges are members.

**2009-2011 American Forensics Association District Four Committee** Elected by members of the AFA’s District Four, which represents the states of Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, to the district committee. The committee overseas the district’s annual qualifying tournament and refers proposals for changes to bylaws to AFA’s National Committee.

**2009-2011 President of Nebraska Intercollegiate Forensics Association** Elected to serve as president and chief spokesman for college forensics in the state of Nebraska. Organized state meetings and planned the annual state tournament.

# 2005 Assistant Host for the American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament Kansas State

**University 2005 AFA-NIET tournament**. As a member of the host coaching staff, I helped to coordinate the recruiting of judges, food, and the other many people necessary to run a successful national tournament.

# MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

* Phi Kappa Phi National Honorary
* Who’s Who in America’s College and Universities
* National Communication Association
* American Forensics Association
* Pi Kappa Delta Honorary Forensics Fraternity
* Lambda Pi Eta Communication Honorary
* Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honorary
* Blue Key Honorary Society
* Order of Omega Greek Honorary
* Nebraska Intercollegiate Forensics Association