

Curriculum Vita, February 2016

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Education

Louisiana State University

Baton Rouge, LA

Fall 2014

MA-PhD in Communication Theory

I completed my Master of Arts in Communication Studies in December of 2015, and I am currently a doctoral student at LSU. My focus is on developing theory of interpersonal communication in competitive video games, as well as issues relating to how the upcoming generation of virtual reality technology will impact current communication theories. I plan to supplement this work with a minor in Statistics.

Cornell University

Ithaca, NY

2012 – May 2014

Major: Bachelor of Science in Communications (Cum Laude)

Cumulative GPA: 3.71

I completed my BS in Communication Studies on May 25, 2014 from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell, with a focus area in Communication and Social Influence and an emphasis on research methods and social psychology. I worked as a research assistant in the Social Media Lab in the fall of 2012, and as a teaching assistant for COMM 2820 Research Methods in fall 2013 and COMM 2760 Persuasion and Social Influence in Spring 2014.

Brookhaven College

Farmers Branch, TX

2009 – 2012

Degree Conferred: Associate of Arts, with Honors

Graduating GPA: 3.79

I completed my core curriculum by attending night and online classes while working full-time. I graduated in May of 2012 with my associate's degree, and decided to complete my bachelor's degree by transferring to a four-year university.

Teaching Experience

9/2015 – present – Instructor – Louisiana State University
CMST 2060 – Public Speaking

The primary outcomes for this class are that student: understand the principles of rhetoric and effectively utilize them in crafting well researched, reasoned, and appealing speeches; choose topics for public speaking that are timely, relevant, and adaptable given varying situations in which the message may be delivered, and for different audiences; effectively and critically evaluate message/speech content and delivery, both when examining one's own work as well as that of others; understand and utilize the verbal and nonverbal elements essential for exemplary speech delivery; and analyze and discuss speeches of historical, political and social significance.

9/2014 – 5/2015 – Teaching Assistant – Louisiana State University
2014/15 – CMST 1061 Fundamentals in Communication (Dr. Joni Butcher)

My primary duties for this course involved leading class group activities on a near-daily basis and grading. I designed and lead a Communication Challenge group activity for the class section on Communication in Human Relationships.

9/2013 – Present – Teaching Assistant – Cornell University
2013 Fall semester – COMM 2820 – Research Methods in Communication (Dr. Jeff Neiderdepp)

2014 Spring semester – COMM 2760 – Persuasion and Social Influence (Dr. Jonathon Shuldt)
I worked with a group to assist with the day to day operations of conducting a class. Job duties were varied, but included writing, posting, and grading discussion board questions, tracking student participation, assisting with test grading, holding regular office hours and answering any questions students may have about the material. We also reviewed lecture slides and conducted review sessions prior to exams.

Research Experience

9/2014-Present – Research Assistant – LSU CMST (Dr. Graham Bodie)

I work with a team of undergraduate and graduate assistants at LSU and the University of Minnesota on unitizing and coding videos of dyadic conversation. My duties included assisting in the development of a Supportive Conversation Assessment Rubric (SCAR), testing the rubric, and guiding undergraduate assistants through the process of coding.

9/2012 – 1/2013 - Research Assistant - Cornell University Social Media Lab (Dr. Jeff Hancock)

I worked on a project in conjunction with Harvard Law School to determine the presence of deceptive language use and linguistic style matching in circuit and Supreme Court nomination hearings.

Extra Curricular Activities and Awards

6/2013 – 5/2014 – Editor-in-Chief – The Cornell Review

I am the current EIC for the second largest student-run newspaper at Cornell University. I oversee a staff of 15 writers, editors, and photographers to produce a biweekly publication. The Cornell Review received the William F. Buckley award for outstanding campus reporting from the Collegiate Network in November of 2013.

1/2013 – 5/2013 - Executive Director - Cornell Republicans

I served as a liaison between the club and Cornell University. I assisted in arranging guest speakers and organizing events in the spring.

9/2012 – Present – Staff Writer – The Cornell Review and Cornell Insider

I have written several articles for both publications, ranging from Halloween costume ideas to an interview with Congressman Tom Reed (NY 29).

10/2012 – Organizer and VIP Usher – Rick Santorum and Howard Dean Debate

I assisted with the organization of the event, as well as serving as an usher for the VIP section. The topic of the debate was the role of government in a free society.

5/2010 – 4/2011 - Chapter President

Alpha Delta Pi Chapter, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Brookhaven College, Dallas TX

3/2011 – 3/2012 - District 2 Vice President

Texas Region, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society

Alpha Delta Pi Chapter Representative, Brookhaven College, Dallas, TX

Representative and lead organizer for 19 North Texas chapters of the honor society. Under my leadership, District 2 was the best performing and highest ranked district in Texas in 2011, and Texas was the best performing region in the world.

Accomplishments:

- Cornell University CALS Deans List, Fall 2012
- Brookhaven College Deans List, Fall 2009
- Brookhaven College Assistant Deans List (Part-Time Students), 2009-2012
- USA Today All-Texas Academic Team 2010
- Coca-Cola Academic Team, Silver Medalist 2010
- 2014 Phi Theta Kappa Distinguished Alumni Award

Working Skills

- Advanced Microsoft Suite
- Intermediate Adobe InDesign
- FedEx, UPS, and USPS Proprietary Software
- Quickbooks Accounting Software
- IBM SPSS Statistics and Data Analysis
- STATA Statistics (Adv.)
- DataDesk Statistics Program
- Experience with Survey construction, distribution, and analysis
- Working knowledge of several social media sites (Facebook, Twitter, Ning, etc.)

Memberships

- Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Association
- Delta Omicron Kappa Honor Society

- American Association of Public Opinion Researchers (AAPOR)
- American Communication Association (ACA)
- NCA Game Studies Division
- NCA Interpersonal Communication Division

Academic Work

Navarro, M. (2016). Attribution Complexity Theory. In D. L. Worthington, & G.D. Bodie (Eds.) *The Sourcebook of Listening Methodology and Measurement*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell. **Under contract.**

(Add 2 citations for 2015 NCA conference presentations)