

Curriculum Vitae of
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EDUCATION

In progress **Ph.D. Louisiana State University**

Communication Studies

Advisor: Ashley N. Mack, Ph.D.

2017 **M.A. Abilene Christian University**

Communication

Thesis: Ethnic Student Organization Leaders' Perceptions of Institutional Diversity Efforts at a Predominantly White Faith-Based University

Thesis Chair: Jonathan Camp, Ph.D.

2014 **B.S. Abilene Christian University**

Sociology and Family Studies (double major)

Certificate: Aging Studies

Honors Project: Increasing Awareness of Diversity Through Student Leaders: A Qualitative Analysis of the Role Ethnic Student Organization Leaders I

Increasing Campus Diversity

Summa Cum Laude (and with University Honors)

2010 **A.S. African Christian College**

Ministry and Leadership

Summa Cum Laude

RESEARCH INTERESTS

social media and messaging applications, nationalism, un/belonging, postcolonial theory and criticism, decoloniality, settler colonialism, African/Black, Latina/x, and Asian feminisms, critical theory, rhetorical field methods

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2018-2020 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of Communication Studies,
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
- 2016-17; 2018 **Adjunct Instructor**, Department of Communication and Sociology, Abilene
Christian University (ACU), Abilene, TX
- 2016, 2017 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of Communication and Sociology,
ACU, Abilene, TX

SCHOLARSHIP & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 **Theledi, K. M. K.** “WhatsApping the Rainbow Nation: Messenger Applications and the
Construction of National Identity in Post-1994 South Africa”.* Paper presented at the
International and Intercultural Communication Division panel at the National
Communication Association Convention, Indianapolis, IN [virtual].
**Awarded “Top Four Student Paper”, by the National Communication Association,
International and Intercultural Communication Division*
- 2020 Self, Rico, Reed, Kina, Smith, Damariye, **Theledi, K. M. K.**, & Williams, Goyland
(panelists). “The South Got Something to Say!: The Absence/Omission of Africa in U.S.
Rhetorical Theory” presented on the panel “For the Culture: Black Rhetoric and the Race
for Critical and Theoretical Intervention”. Panel presented to the Rhetorical and
Communication Theory Division at the National Communication Association
Convention, Indianapolis, IN [virtual].
- 2020 Oliver, Laura, **Theledi, K. M. K.**, Morris, Calvin. “This is How We Do It: Black
Performers, Performance Pedagogy, and the Praxis of Co-Creation”. Discussion panel
presented to the Collaborative Directing at the Crossroads: Mapping the Future of
Communication Studies by Means of Performance Methods at the National
Communication Association Convention, Indianapolis, IN [virtual].
- 2020 **Theledi, K. M. K.** “#MenAreTrash: A Black Twitter Response to Gendered Violence in
South Africa”. Paper presented at the Organization for Research on Women and
Communication at the Western States Communication Association Convention, Denver,
CO [virtual].

- 2019 **Theledi, K. M. K.** “South African Land Reform, Trump, and the Mobilization of Global White Supremacy”. Paper presented to the Critical/Cultural Studies Division at the National Communication Association Convention, Baltimore, MD.
- 2019 **Theledi, K. M. K.** “Surviving Depoliticizing Critiques: The Necessity for Feminist of Color Theories in Intercultural and International Communication”. Panelist. Discussion panel presented at the International and Intercultural Division at the National Communication Association Convention, Baltimore, MD.
- 2017 **Theledi, K. M. K.** (Panel organizer) “Subcultural Community Identity and Expression on Social Media platforms”. Paper panel presented to the Human Communication and Technology Division at the National Communication Association Convention, Dallas, TX.
- 2017 **Theledi, K. M. K.** (Panel co-organized with Piyawan Charoensap). “Student Organizations and Organizational Communication: Examining How Organizational Theory and Practice Impact Student Organizations”. Paper panel presented to the Organizational Communication division at the Eastern Communication Association Convention, Boston, MA.
- 2016 **Theledi, K. M. K.** “Twitter Moments: Social Media and Student Civic Engagement”. Teaching idea presented to the Great Ideas for Teaching Students (G.I.F.T.S.) at the National Communication Association Convention, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016 **Theledi, K. M. K.,** (Panel co-organized with Nicholas Tatum), Bushnell, E., Gonzales, A. G., Runyan, K., & Dannels, D. P. (co-panelists). “Teachers on Teaching Series: Honoring the Pedagogy of Lauren Lemley and John Caputo.” Discussion panel presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association Convention, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016 **Theledi, K. M. K.** “Gender-Role Attitudes and Churches of Christ: A Comparison of Attitudes Toward Women’s Roles in the Church – South Africa and the United States”. Paper presented at the Christian Scholars Conference, Nashville, TN.
- 2016 Runyan, K., **Theledi, K. M. K.,** Boren, F., & Lamborn, P. (co-panelists). “Balancing Personal and Professional Interests in Transitioning to Graduate School”. Discussion panel presented at the Eastern Communication Association Convention, Baltimore, MD.

- 2014 **Theledi, K. M. K.** “Increasing Awareness of Diversity through Student Leaders”. Paper presented at the Abilene Christian University Undergraduate Research Festival, Abilene, TX
- 2013 **Theledi, K. M. K.** “Analysis of Political Inequality in Invictus”.* Paper presented at the Abilene Christian University Undergraduate Research Festival, Abilene, TX.
**Awarded Outstanding Oral Presentation in the Social Sciences*

PERFORMANCES

- 2020 **Theledi, K. M. K.** in Oliver, L., “The Black Collective: A Performer’s Toolbox”, The HopKins Blackbox, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA.

DISCIPLINARY SERVICE

- 2020 **Reviewer**, reviewed 2 individual papers, Gender Studies Division, Southern States Communication Association
- 2020 **Reviewer**, reviewed 3 individual papers, Feminist and Gender Studies Division, National Communication Association
- 2020 **Reviewer**, reviewed 1 individual paper, Critical and Cultural Studies Division, National Communication Association
- 2019 **Reviewer**, reviewed 1 discussion panel, Critical and Cultural Studies, Division, National Communication Association

DEPARTMENT & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2019-21 **President**, Rhetoric Society of America at LSU (RSA@LSU)
 Co-authored an application (with Taylor Moran) and won the Rhetoric Society of America’s Outstanding Graduate Student Chapter award in March 2020
- 2020 **Treasurer**, Black Graduate and Professional Student Association, LSU
- 2020 **Graduate Student Support**, Prospective Students Visit, LSU
- 2018-19 **Treasurer**, RSA@LSU, Louisiana State University
- 2015-16; 2018 **Session Host**, Abilene Christian University Research Festival
- 2015; 2016 **Judge**, Texas Christian Schools Interscholastic Tournament
- 2015; 2016 **Conference Staff**, TEDxACU

- 2013-14 **Student Steering Panel**, ACU Undergraduate Research Festival
- 2013 **Steering Committee & Peer Leader**, ACU Welcome Week
- 2012 **Presidential Student Ambassador**, ACU

INVITED PANELS/PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 **Graduate Student Representative**, International Graduate Student concerns committee with LSU university administrators
- 2020 **Panelist**, Louisiana State University Inclusion, Equity, and Diversity Leadership Retreat, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
- 2020 **Panelist**, Dean of Louisiana State University Graduate School, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
- 2020 **Guest Panelist**, Black Graduate and Professional Student Association, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2020 **CMST 1061 – Fundamentals of Communication** (1 online section), Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
- 2019-2020 **CMST 2060 – Public Speaking** (2 face-to-face sections; 1 hybrid section; 1 online section), Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
- 2016-2017 **COMM 211 - Speech and Rhetoric** (6 face-to-face sections), Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX

GRADUATE/TEACHING ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

- 2018-2019 **CMST 1061 – Fundamentals of Communication** (2 sections), Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
- 2016-2017 **COMM 211 - Speech and Rhetoric** (2 sections), ACU, Abilene, TX

AWARDS, GRANTS & RECOGNITIONS

- 2020 **Top Four Student Paper**, National Communication Association, International and Intercultural Studies Division (\$100)

- 2016 **Graduate Teaching Assistant of the Year**, Department of Communication and Sociology, ACU
- 2014 **University Scholar Award**, ACU
- 2014 **Lemoine G. Lewis Valedictorian Award**, ACU
- 2013 **Delta Theta Chi National Sorority Award**, Taygeta Province (\$1,000)
- 2013 **Service Award**, Department of Communication and Sociology, ACU
- 2012 **Exceptional Campus Leadership Award**, Breakfast Optimist Club
- 2012-14 **Wilmeth-Development Family Studies Award**, Department of Family Studies, ACU (\$500/3 yrs)
- 2012-14 **Students of Gerontology Scholarship**, Pruett Gerontology Center, ACU (\$500/2yrs)
- 2012-14 **Women for ACU Award**, Women for Abilene Christian University (\$2,000/3 yrs)
- 2012 **Honors College Travel Grant**, Honors College, ACU (\$100)
- 2012 **American Association of University Women Award**, Abilene branch (\$1,000)
- 2011-14 **Community Servant-Leader Award**, ACU (\$1,500/3 yrs)
- 2011-14 **Transfer Merit Award**, ACU (\$2,500/4 yrs)
- 2012-14 **Bilingual Student Scholarship**, ACU (\$2,000)
- 2011-14 **Dean's Honor Roll**, ACU

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2016-17 **Assistant Director** Speaking Center, ACU
- 2015-17 **Speech Consultant** Speaking Center, ACU
- 2017-18 **Program Coordinator**, Department of History and Global Studies, ACU
- 2014-15 **Administrative Assistant**, Student Life and Upward Bound, ACU

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- National Communication Association (NCA)
 - Critical/Cultural Studies Division
 - Feminist and Gender Studies Division
 - International and Intercultural Studies Division

Rhetoric Society of America at Louisiana State University (RSA@LSU)
Black Graduate and Professional Student Association (BGPSA) at LSU
Women's and Gender Studies Graduate Student Organization (WGSGO) at LSU
American Sociological Association (ASA)

REFERENCES

Available upon request