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West Virginia University
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Education

Ph.D. Communication, 2016.

The University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT
Focal Areas: Organizational communication, Critical/Cultural Studies
Dissertation: “In-situ rhetorics of resettlement and re/decolonization:
Investigating organizational practices of empowerment”

M.A. Communication Studies, 2012.

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
Focal Areas: New Media, Organizational communication
Thesis: “(Cyber)activism in an online social movement: Exploring dialectics and
discourse in The Zeitgeist Movement”

B.S. Interpersonal and Public Communication, 2010.

Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI
Focal Areas: Public and Political communication, Spanish

Publications

Dykstra, T. A. & Rivera, K. D. (2015). Cyberactivism or Cyberbalkanization? Dialectical
Tensions in an Online Social Movement. *Journal of Social Media Studies*.

Dykstra, T. (2016). Assemblages of Syrian suffering: Rhetorical
formations of refugees in Western media. *Language, Discourse & Society*.

Professional Development

Faculty-Led Study Abroad Workshop, September 19, 2016

Professional Connections Event – “Hitting the Ground Running,” September 22, 2016

Presentations

- Dystra-DeVette, T. (2016). Critical theory and organizational communication studies. *In-house guest lecturer*. COM 7606 Dr. Matt Martin.
- Dykstra, T. (2015). "Hacker or Homo Sacer? Competing discourses of internet freedom." Competitive paper presented at *The National Communication Association 2015 Convention*. Las Vegas, NV.
- Dykstra, T. (2014). "Narratives of the white savior in the digital age: Kony 2012 and the myth of the innocent nation." Competitive paper presented at *The National Communication Association 2014 Convention*. Chicago, IL.
- Dykstra, T. (2014). "Representations of Syrian refugees: Sacred assemblages in Western media." Competitive paper presented at *The National Communication Association 2014 Convention*. Chicago, IL.
- Dykstra, T. (2014). "<Free Speech> and #Muslim Rage: Ideographs and Orientalism in response to the "Innocence of Muslims." Competitive paper presented at the *Western States Communication Association 2014 Convention*. Anaheim, CA.
- Dykstra, T. (2013). "Legal terministic screens and the superfluity of Muslim humanity." Competitive paper presented at the *Central States Communication Association 2013 Convention*. Kansas City, MO.
- Dykstra, T. (2013). "The ritual of rebirth and redemption: Understanding the role of rhetoric in social movement mobilization." Competitive paper presented at the *Central States Communication Association 2013 Convention*. Kansas City, MO.
- Dykstra, T. (2012). "Dude, you have no Qur'an: Exploring humor as a rhetorical response to inflammatory rhetoric." Top 4 Paper in the Popular Culture Division presented at the *Southern States Communication Association 2012 Convention*. San Antonio, TX.
- Dykstra, T. (2012). "Cyberactivism in an Online Social Movement: Exploring Dialectical Tensions." Top 4 Paper in the Organizational Communication Division presented at the *Western States Communication Association 2012 Convention*. Albuquerque, NM.
- Dykstra, T. (2012). "A feminist criticism of the dichotomy: Subjugating spirituality through the rational voice and spiritual other." Competitive paper presented at the *Western States Communication Association 2012 Convention*. Albuquerque, NM.
- Dykstra, T. (2011). "A feminist criticism of the dichotomy: Subjugating spirituality

through the rational voice and spiritual other.” In-house paper presentation at the *Texas Tech Women’s Studies 2011 Gender Colloquium*. Lubbock, TX.

Dykstra, T. (2011). “The privilege of masculinity and rationality in an online social movement.” Competitive paper presented at *The Organization for the Study of Language Communication and Gender 2011 Conference*. Chicago, IL.

Dykstra, T. (2009). “Overcoming obstacles to democratic participation: Exploring new solutions on the internet.” Competitive paper presented at the *Central States Communication Association 2009 Conference*. St. Louis, MO.

Teaching Experience

COMM 3170: Intro to Organizational Communication
Instructor of Record
Department of Communication, The University of Utah
Summer 2015, Fall 2015

COMM 4590: Strategic Writing Online
Instructor of Record
Department of Communication, The University of Utah
Summer 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015,

COMM 4590: Strategic Writing
Instructor of Record
The Department of Communication, University of Utah
Summer 2013, Fall 2013

COMM 4270: Forensics Practicum
The Department of Communication, University of Utah
Co-Instructor of Record
Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015

COMM 3270: Forensics Lab
The Department of Communication, University of Utah
Co-Instructor of Record
Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014

COMM 1270: Analysis of Argument Online
The Department of Communication, University of Utah
Instructor of Record
Spring 2014

COMM 1270: Analysis of Argument
 The Department of Communication, University of Utah
 Teaching Assistant for Dr. Michael Middleton and Norm Elliot
 Fall 2012, Spring 2013

COMS 2300: Public Speaking Online
 Department of Communication Studies, Texas Tech University
 Instructor of Record
 Summer 2012

COMS 2300: Public Speaking
 Department of Communication Studies, Texas Tech University
 Instructor of Record
 Fall 2011, Spring 2012

COMS 2300: Public Speaking
 Department of Communication Studies, Texas Tech University
 Position: Graduate Teaching Assistant for LeAnne Lagasse
 Fall 2010, Spring 2011

Texas Tech Parliamentary Debate Team
 Department of Communication Studies, Texas Tech University
 Position: Assistant Debate Coach for Joe Gantt, Director of Forensics
 Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012

Spanish Writing Center, Central Michigan University
 Position: Tutor
 Supervisor: Dr. Anthony Puglisi
 Spring 2010

Intro to Spanish Class, McKinley Elementary School
 Position: Student Teacher
 Supervisor: Julie Giddens
 Spring 2006

Honors and Awards

RC25 Academic Excellence Award, *International Sociological Association 2016 Vienna Convention*

New Voices in Critical/Cultural Studies Cash Award, *National Communication Association 2014 Convention*

Top 4 Paper in the Organizational Communication Division presented at the *Western*

States Communication Association 2012 Convention.

Top 4 Paper in the Popular Culture Division presented at the *Southern States Communication Association 2012 Convention.*

2012 Recipient of the Texas Tech University Department of Communication Studies Outstanding Research Award

2011 Nominee for Texas Tech University Department of Communication Studies Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Central Michigan Debate and Forensics Coach's Award – Fall 2008

Professional Service and Affiliations

Member of the Editorial Board, *Language, Discourse & Society*

Reviewer, Women and Feminist Studies Interest Group, National Communication Association 2016

Reviewer, Critical/Cultural Studies Interest Group, National Communication Association 2016

Reviewer, Organizational Communication Interest Group, Western States Communication Association 2016

Reviewer, Western States Argumentation Association, Western States Communication Association 2016

Member of the Editorial Board, *Parliamentary Debate: The Journal of the National Parliamentary Debate Association*

The University of Utah John R. Park Debate Society – Director of Debate (Fall 2013-Spring 2016)

Reviewer for the Organizational Communication Division of the Western Communication Association

Member of the National Communication Association (2014, 2015, 2016).

Member of the Western States Communication Association (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015).

Member of the Central States Communication Association (2013).

Member of the Southern States Communication Association (2012)

Member of the Organization for the Study of Language Communication and Gender (2011)

Texas Tech University Debate Team – Assistant Coach (Fall 2010-Spring 2012)

Central Michigan Debate and Forensics Team (Fall 2006-Spring 2010)

Pi Kappa Delta National Honorary Forensics Fraternity (Fall 2006-present)

National Society of Collegiate Scholars (Fall 2006-present)

Kellogg For Youth Committee Member (2004-2006)

Grants and Scholarships

The University of Utah Graduate Fellowship and Assistantship (Fall 2012-Present)

The University of Utah Conference Travel Grant (2013-2015)

Texas Tech Graduate Assistantship (Fall 2010-Spring 2012)

Texas Tech Research Travel Grant (Fall 2010 – Spring 2012)

Central Michigan University Undergraduate Research Presentation Grant (2009)

United Methodist Foundation Merit Scholarship (2006-2010)

Central Michigan University Special Talent Scholarship (2006-2010)

Chenoweth Debate Award (2007)

Cadillac Kiwanis Club Scholarship (2006)

Statistical and Computer Experience

SPSS Statistical Software

Nvivo Qualitative Data Analysis Software

Microsoft Word, Powerpoint, Excel

Professional Experience

Dell Campus Representative (August 2008 – March 2009)

Campaign for Change Intern/Team Leader (August 2008-November 2008)

Hospitality Services (March 2005-August 2010)