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## EDUCATION

### *Doctor of Philosophy in Rhetoric, Theory, and Culture*

Michigan Technological University  
Recipient of the King-Chavez Parks Faculty Fellowship

Houghton, MI  
2016-2021

#### ***Dissertation: "When Darkness Descends: Maternal Resilience in Post-Disaster Environments"***

An intensive study on the impact of hurricane recovery efforts on families in Puerto Rico, particularly mothers. My argument is that despite a harsh confluence of failures and inadequacies in relief aid, island resources, and governance, Puerto Rican mothers are responding to their situations with new forms of resilience and creativity.

### *Master of Science in Communication-Magna Cum Laude*

Illinois State University  
**Focus:** Instructional Communication and Interpersonal Communication

Normal, IL  
2005-2007

#### ***Thesis Project: "Standards Based Curriculum for Community Colleges"***

Created and planned a rubric of standards, specifically for the basic communication course at the community college level. Study included research into community college philosophy and learner theories. Lesson plans developed and outlined to meet the standards identified.

### *Bachelor of Arts in Communication- Magna Cum Laude*

The Monmouth College  
**Focus:** Communication Science

Monmouth, IL  
2001-2005

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### ***Continuing Faculty: Assistant Professor***

2022-Present

### ***Continuing Faculty: Instructor***

2007-2021

*Department of Communication and Media Studies, Northern Michigan University*  
Marquette, MI

- Instructed multiple sections of Interpersonal Communication, Small Group Communication, Argumentation, Crisis Communication, Advanced Interpersonal, Critical Thinking and Communication, Public Address, Entertainment and Sports Promotion, and the Senior Capstone.
- On-line instructor for multiple sections of Public Address, Interpersonal Communication, and Argumentation (see certifications)
- Advisor for Communication Studies majors and minors

### ***Graduate Instructor***

2005-2007

*School of Communication, Illinois State University*

Normal, IL

- Instructed multiple sections of the Basic Course in Public Speaking
- Instructed multiple sections of the Basic Course in Public Speaking Hybrid: Political Engagement. Courses addressed the key dimensions of political development and persuasion through grassroots campaigning

## CERTIFICATIONS

- APPQMR Certification- Completion of Online Teaching Fellows 2 2018
- APPQMR Certification- Completion of Online Teaching Fellows 1 2016

- Higher Education Training Group Certification of Distance Learning 2014 & 2015

## AWARDS

- Recipient of the NMU Global Campus Excellence in Online Teaching Award 2020
- This award recognizes an outstanding faculty member who has creatively utilized appropriate Internet-based technologies to teach online and/or blended courses in higher education.

## PRESENTATIONS

***“Getting back to normal in aftermath of Hurricane Maria: Crafting New Definitions and Conditions of Normalcy”***- Potter, S.

- Paper selected for presentation at Michigan Science Arts and Letters conference, Virtual, March, 2022

***“Moments: Exploring Knapp's Relational Development Model Through Story”*** Bouche, H. & Potter, S.

- Novella selected for presentation at Michigan Science Arts and Letters conference, Virtual, March, 2022. Student paper written as part of an undergraduate course on Advanced Interpersonal.

***“A Feminist Culture-Centered Approach to Understanding Humanitarian Aid in Puerto Rico: Using Samaritan’s Purse as a Case Study for Understanding Structure, Culture, and Agency.”***- Potter, S.

- Paper selected for presentation at the International Communication Association Conference, Virtual, May, 2021.

***“Surviving Hurricane Maria: Mothers on the March”***- Potter, S.

- Presentation for the NMU Gender and Sexuality Studies Gender Fair, March 18, 2021

***“Narrative Approaches to the Transgender Coming Out Experience”***- Wiles, M. & Potter, S.

- Paper selected for presentation at Central States Communication Conference, Chicago, IL, April, 2020. Paper written as part of a multi-credit research mentorship.

***“Developing University-Wide Trans Inclusive Policies: A review of current practices, university models, and recommendations for future directions.”***- Morley, M. & Potter, S.

- Short course selected for presentation at The Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender Asexual College Conference, Kalamazoo, MI, February, 2020. Presentation developed as part of a multi-credit undergraduate directed study project.

***“The Resilience of Mothers: Puerto Rican Women Rise Up after Hurricane Maria”***

- NMU Public Relations Students Society of American #RiseUP Women's March Event, Marquette, MI, 2020

***“A Feminist Culture-Centered Approach to Understanding Humanitarian Aid in Puerto Rico: Using Samaritan’s Purse as a Case Study for Understanding Structure, Culture, and Agency.”***-Potter, S.

- Paper selected for presentation at Central States Communication Conference, Chicago, IL, April, 2020. Unfortunately, due to COVID this conference section was cancelled and paper was not presented.

***“Our Family’s Journey: The Narrative Account of the Communicative Processes of the Transgender Coming Out Experience”- Wiles, M. & Potter, S.***

- Paper selected for presentation at the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender Conference, Cincinnati, OH, October, 2019. Paper was written as part of a multi-credit directed study.

***“Motherhood as a Jointly Constructed Narrative”***

- Paper presented at the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender Conference, Lake Tahoe, CA, October, 2018

***“OSCLG Vice President Panel- Thriving through Persistence: Potential Paths”***

- Panel hosted at the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender Conference, Lake Tahoe, CA, October, 2018
- Panel members- Hanchey, J., Denker, K., Sotirin, P., McBride, C., Turner, P.K., Defenbaugh, N., Manning, J., & Spencer, L.G.

***“Different Rights (in)Different Times: Rendering the Invisible Visible through A Comparative Iconographic Analysis of the Women’s Suffrage Parade of 1913 and the 2017 Women’s March on Washington”***

- Paper presented at Central States Communication Association Conference, Milwaukee, WI, April 2018
- Paper selected for the *Top Papers* in Communication Ethics, Activism, and Social Justice Interest Group.

***“When the Experts Don’t Agree: Navigating Difference in Faculty Advice”***

- Graduate Student Caucus Panel at Central States Communication Association Conference, Milwaukee, WI, April 2018
- Panel members- Beattie, A., Richards, R., Goble, H., Bistodeau, K., Wieland, M., & Dinndorf, J.

***“Investigating the Language of the Courtroom: Using Critical Discourse Analysis to Understand Polarization and the Framing of Symbolic Power Resources in the Sentencing Memorandums of the Stanford Rape Case.”***

- Paper presented at Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters at Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI, March 2018.

***“Using Critical Discourse Analysis to Understand Power, Hegemony, and Blame in the Stanford Rape Case”***

- Paper presented at the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, March 2017.

***“A Reading from Nikki Craft: “An open letter to men who say they believe in freedom and equality” from 1981***

- Presented during the Feminist Reading Feminists Michigan Technological University Department of Humanities celebration of Women’s History Month, Houghton, MI, March 2017.

***“Using Critical Discourse Analysis to Understand Power, Hegemony, and Blame in the Stanford Rape Case”***

- Paper presented at the Graduate Research Colloquium at Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI, February, 2017.

***“Talking Tech: Getting to the Basics”***

- Conducted a workshop on communicating technical and field specific information to policy makers and community members. Presentation as part of the City of Marquette NMPSA winter conference, Marquette, MI, December, 2015

***“Constructing Narratives and Deconstructing Ideology”***- Potter, S. & Walus, S.

- Paper presented at G.I.F.T.S (Great Ideas for Teachers) panel at Central States Communication Conference, Madison, WI, April, 2015

***“Relationships are Pin-teresting”***

- Paper presented at G.I.F.T.S (Great Ideas for Teachers) panel at Central States Communication Conference, Madison, WI, April, 2015

***“How Do College Students Talk Politics? A Preliminary Analysis of the Convergence and Divergence Found in Midwestern College Students Political Viewpoints and Activism”*** –Harmon, Lillian (Freshman Fellow) & Potter, S.

- Paper presented at the Undergraduate Honors Conference, Central States Communication Conference Madison, WI, spring 2014.
- Paper completed as part of a multi-credit Freshman Fellowship Program.

***“Elevating Course Communication & Content: Traditional, Online, & Hybrid Use of Course Management System”***- Chair, Potter, S.

- Panel members- Phillips, A., Kratzer, J., Renolds, M., Walus, S. & Watson, R
- Central States Communication Conference in Minneapolis, MN, spring 2014.

***“The Use of Systematic Desensitization for the Reduction of Communication Apprehension in Public Speaking Students”***- Potter, S. & DeBold, S. (McNair Scholar)

- Paper accepted for presentation at National Communication Association in Washington D.C. fall 2013.

***“Freshman Seminar: The Second Semester”***- First Year Experience Planning Committee Presentation

- Created a second semester enhancement course for freshman probation students. The course development involved four primary course goals with measurable objectives to complete each goal that enhanced the learning objectives from previous semester UN100 (freshman seminar course). Lesson plans developed and outlined to meet the standards identified. Pilot study completed winter 2013.

***“Assessing Writing Knowledge, Delivery Skills and Communication Apprehension in the Basic Course in Public Speaking: The Use of 10 30 Second Speeches”***- Potter, S. & DeBold, S. (McNair Scholar)

- Presented paper at Central States Communication Conference, Cleveland, March 2012
- Paper selected as a *Competitive Paper* in the Basic Course Division
- Paper selected for Presentation at the Celebration of Student Research *Top Social Science Papers* at Northern Michigan University, 2012

***“Speech Writing and Delivery in 30 Seconds or Less”***- Potter, S.

- Presented paper at G.I.F.T.S (Great Ideas for Teachers) panel at National Communication Association Conference, San Francisco, November 2010

- Paper selected as a Scholar-to-Scholar presentation

**“Assessing Political Engagement in the Basic Communication Course: A Preliminary Descriptive Analysis”**- Potter, S., Cantril, J., & Hunt, S. K.

- Presented paper at National Communication Association Conference, San Diego, November 2008

**“Communication and Information Literacy: Assessing Information Literacy Instruction in the Basic Communication Course”**- Hunt, S. K., Poggi, S., Walus, S., Strong, C., Wilkinson, M., & Smith, T.

- National Communication Association *Top Paper* in Basic Course Division
- Paper selected as a Scholar-to-Scholar presentation
- Presented paper at National Communication Association Conference, San Antonio, November 2006

### **Research Symposium**

2007

- Participated in University-wide symposium, which places special emphasis on communicating ideas to a general audience.
- Presented paper, “The importance of developing information literacy in our students work.”

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Potter, S. (2017). Using critical discourse analysis to understand power, personal agency, and accountability in the Stanford Rape Case. *Southern Journal of Linguistics*. 4(2), 1-31.

Potter, S., & Walus, S. (2015, November). Constructing narratives and deconstructing ideology. Retrieved from <https://collegepublicspeakingresources.wordpress.com/constructing-narratives-and-deconstructing-ideology/>

Breslin, P. (November, 2015). Re: College Speaking Resources [Activity Posts]. Retrieved from [www.collegepublicspeakingresources.wordpress.com](http://www.collegepublicspeakingresources.wordpress.com).

Poggi (Potter), S. (2005, spring). Thoughts hidden in the spiral of a conch. *The Coil: The Monmouth College Creative Arts Magazine*, 10, 6 (2). Monmouth, IL.

### **Instructor’s manual contributions:**

Simonds, C.J., Hunt, S.K., & Simonds, B.K. (2010) *Public Speaking: Prepare, Present, Participate*. (1<sup>st</sup> Ed.) Pearson Education, Inc.

Rybacki, K. C. & Rybacki, D. J. (2010). *Advocacy and Opposition: An Introduction to Argumentation*. (7<sup>th</sup> Ed.). Pearson Education, Inc.

## **INTERVIEWS/PRESS**

“The Resilience of Women in the Aftermath of Hurricane Maria”- Potter, S.

- Radio Interview for Radio X Community Colloquium, hosted by Dr. Josh Ewalt, March 9, 2021

Travernini, R. (2017, Winter). Creativity blend. *Northern Magazine*, 8-13.

- Faculty spotlight featuring interviews with faculty about their creative pedagogical classroom strategies

- Agbozo, E. (2017, March 16). Annual conference of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters held in Kalamazoo. *The Lode*, 1, 3.
- Rake, A. (2017, February 23). GSG holds annual research colloquium and poster contest. *The Lode*, 3.
- Lambert, A. (2016, May). Communication When Students are Home for the Summer. *ZBGuide*, 18-19. [https://issuu.com/goflocom/docs/2016\\_zbguide\\_may/19](https://issuu.com/goflocom/docs/2016_zbguide_may/19)
- Williams, M. (2015, April 23). Faculty union plan protest march. <http://www.thenorthwindonline.com>.
- Finkbeiner, E. (2014, November 13). NMU students go hungry to fight famine. <http://www.thenorthwindonline.com>.
- Martino, K. & Spatz, D. (2014). Informal breast milk sharing: What nurses need to know. *American Journal of Maternal Child Nursing*, 39, 6. Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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|---|------------------|
| Attended Eastern States Communication Conference  | April, 2021      |
| Viewed McMillian Learning Session:<br>Communicating to Connect: Interpersonal Relationships in a Post-Pandemic World  | 2021             |
| <b><i>International Communication Association Conference, Interpersonal Division</i></b><br>Reviewer  | 2020             |
| Attend the virtual Texas Conference for Women   | Oct. 1-9, 2020   |
| Attended the virtual conference Continuity Insights   | Oct. 19-25, 2020 |
| Viewed the presentation:<br>"Privilege and Diversity: Understanding Ones Role and Doing the Work in Higher Education"<br>by Dr. Connor McLaughlin.  | 2020             |
| Viewed the presentation:<br>"How to manage legal and communication advice in a crisis- and do the right thing."   | 2020             |
| Viewed the UPTLC Virtual Workshop:<br>Collaborative Group Testing and In Defense of Distance Education.   | 2020             |
| <b><i>Faculty Learning Circle</i></b><br>Publishing your article in 12-weeks.   | 2020             |
| <b><i>Graduate Student Caucus, CSCAC</i></b><br>Reviewer  | 2019             |
| <b><i>Completion of Online Teaching Fellows Program 2: QM course review</i></b><br>Successfully completed and passed a full internal course audit of my SP100 Public Speaking course.<br>Participated as a reviewer on two external course reviews. | 2018             |
| <b><i>The Top Paper in Undergraduate Honors Caucus, OSCLG</i></b><br>Reviewer   | 2018             |

<i>The Portage Review, Michigan Technological Student Journal</i> Reviewer	2017-2018
<i>Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters annual conference</i> Co-Chair and Section Leader for Linguistics Section	2017-2018
<i>Attended the Women's Conference</i> Two-day conference where I attended training a session on "Reclaiming our voice: Public speaking training for youth organizers" and attended panel presentations on campus sexual assault, organizing youth in schools and communities, the status of women in Puerto Rico, engaging women in economic empowerment, and reproductive justice.	2017
<b>Completed NCA and CSCA Short Courses</b>	
Training Graduate Student Assistants	2014
Teaching Gender Communication Theory	
Elevating the On-line Classroom	
Elevating the Student Experience	
Really Teaching the On-line Communication Course	2012
Invigorating Small Group Classes	2010
A How-To on Hybrid Podcasting Communication Courses	
Teaching Small Group Communication On-line	2009
Teaching Millennial Students	
<i>Participated in Action in Education Summer Institute: Service Learning Workshop</i> Two-day workshop focused on integrating service learning projects into the classroom.	2009
<i>Competed Internship in College Teaching</i> Focused on clinical supervision, instructional design and content implementation	2007
<i>Member of Living Democracy Committee, Planned Clean Elections Panel Presentation</i> Helped plan and present a panel presentation on political campaign spending and clean elections; featured speakers included Illinois State Representative Dan Brady, former City Council candidate Carol Koos, and County Board Member Tari Renner.	2007
<i>Developed a Comprehensive Training Program at Illinois State University: School of Communication Advisement Center</i> Assessment of the School of Communication Advisement Center through open ended survey measures, in-house observations, and focus groups. Created and implemented a 2-day training workshop and developed a detailed staff training manual.	2007
<i>Participated in Communication and Critical Inquiry Training Workshop</i> A 12-week training program focused on preparing graduate students to teach a self-contained communication course. Included a two-week nationally recognized training workshop, peer mentor program, and course director evaluations.	2006
<i>Professor's Assistant</i> School of Communication, Illinois State University	2005-2007
• Facilitated lecture and discussion through daily activities and assignments	
• Advanced Interpersonal	
<i>Research Assistant</i> 20-hour appointments responsible for compiling data and literature for:	

- Courtright, J. L. and Smudde, P. M. (2007). *Power and Public Relations*. Hampton Press, Incorporated
- Dr. William Cupach, research study on relational transgressions
- Dr. Joseph Zompetti, research study on “Powers of Persuasion: Rhetoric of Magic”

## **SERVICE**

### ***Northern Michigan University***

#### ***Student Organizations***

Faculty Advisor for the Northern Book Club	2019-current
Faculty Advisor for New to Northern	2018-current
Faculty Advisor for Panhellenic Council, governing body for all 3 sororities on campus Doubled chapter numbers in 2 years with highest grossing recruitment numbers in last 5 years. Attended NPC Leadership Conference with Presidents Office Grant, 2015 and 2016 NPC Conference Grant Recipient, 2015 Nominated for Advisor of the year, 2015 Nominated for Community Service Project of the year, 2015 Nominated for Program of the year, 2014 Nominated for Organization of the year, 2014 Nominated for Advisor of the year, 2012	2012-2017
Faculty Advisor for Power Sports Club Won 2009 NMU Community Service Award Nominated for Community Service Award 2010	2007-2013

#### ***Committees***

Faculty Council Representative	2021-2022
Academic Senate Representative	2019-2022
Teaching Learning Advisory Council	2021-2022
Gender and Sexuality Studies Committee	2020-2022
First Year Experience Committee, selected as three-year term member	2010-2016
First Year Experience Instructor Recruitment and Hiring Committee, two-year terms	2010-2016
First Year Experience Committee, lead production of UN295 course	2012
First Year Experience Coordinator Replacement Search Committee	2011

#### ***Research Mentorships***

Freshman Fellow Mentor Mentored a first-year student through graduate-level research project on how college students take politics. Paper selected for presentation at the Central States Communication Conference Undergraduate Honors Conference, Madison, WI, 2015	2014-2015
McNair Scholar Mentor Paper on Public Address Pedagogy Selected for Presentation at the Celebration of Student Research Top Social Science Papers at Northern Michigan University, 2012 Presented at Central States Communication Association Conference as a Top Paper, 2012	2011-2012



## *On-Campus Presentations*

### *"Active learning in the online environment: A faculty panel discussion."*

- Invited as a panel participant for NMU's faculty professional development workshop, 2020.

DARTS Program Presentation	2019
Beginning in Public Speaking- Meyland Hall	
DARTS Program Presentation	2018
Relational Maintenance and Conflict Resolution-Woods Hall	
DARTS Program Presentation	2017
Words We Don't Say- Birch West Hall	
DARTS Program Presentations	2016
Roommate Dynamics- West Hall	
Speed Friending- Halverson Hall	
Family Relationships- Halverson Hall	
Union Representative on Faculty Issues at Board of Trustees May meeting	2015
Faculty Remarks provided at the Mortar Board Initiation Ceremony	2014
Presented Workshop for McNair Freshman Fellows titled "Preparing to Speak about Your Research"	2013-2014
Presented on Monmouth College Alumni Panel, Monmouth IL	2013
Presented at Cat Career Conference titled "Workplace Communication" "Life After College"	2013
Presented at Magers Residential Hall titled "We're Not Talking: Now What?"	2013
Presented Skill Builder through Student Enrichment Center titled "Presentation in Class...Now What?"	2013
"Toasts and Roasts"	2012
"Speaking with Confidence"	2012
Presented Public Speaking Workshop for Multicultural Education Resource Center titled "How Leaders Inspire and How to be an Inspiring Leader"	2013
Presented Workshop for McNair Junior Researchers titled "Presenting Your Research at Conferences"	2013
"Preparing Yourself for a Conference Presentation."	2012
Guest Lecturer for Department of Construction Management "Problem Solving in the Work Place: Dealing with Team Member Conflict"	2011
Guest Lecturer for Department of Construction Management Lectured on strategies for managing the workplace: "Building and Understanding Professional Relationships"	2009

Participated in Department of English Graduate Instructor Training Program 2007  
 Developed a training module that focused on strategies for leading classroom discussions and using small group activities in large classrooms.

**Other**

NMU Homecoming Float and Parade Judge 2021  
 NMU Homecoming Stepping Contest and Parade Judge 2018  
 Mentored Jumpstart presentative for Responsible Debating Programming through Multicultural Education Resource Center 2016  
 NMU Homecoming Stepping Contest Judge 2014  
 Faculty Liaison and Group Facilitator for Parent Orientation 2011-2013  
  
 International Student Host Family, Sister City Scholarship Program; Megumi Yamamoto, Higoshiomi, Japan. 2011-2012

**Interdepartmental**

Chair of Search Committee: Instructor in Communication Studies 2020  
 Ad Hoc Promotion and Continuing Contract: David Pierce 2019  
 Ad Hoc Sabbatical Committee: Shelly Russell 2019  
  
 Chair, Budget, Planning and Communication Committee 2021-2022  
 Spearheaded physical update to the office suite and creation of new marketing materials for rebranding effort as CAMS.  
 Curriculum Committee 2020-2021  
 Spearheaded successful CUP proposal for curriculum changes in Communication Studies Major  
 Executive Committee 2019-2020  
 Budget, Planning and Communication Committee 2018-2019  
 Executive Committee 2017-2018  
 Curriculum Committee 2016-2017  
 Budget, Planning and Communication Committee 2015-2016  
 Executive Committee 2014-2015  
 Budget, Planning and Communication Committee 2013-2014  
 Executive Committee 2011-2013  
 Academic Program Review Committee 2011-2012  
 Budget, Planning and Communication Committee, Chair 2010-2012  
 Executive Committee, Secretary 2008-2010  
 Speech/PR Search Committee 2008-2009  
 Budget and Planning Committee 2007-2008  
  
 PRSSA 2007-2013  
 Delivered Programming on resume writing and interview tips  
 Lead Practicum Project *Jam for Love*, in conjunction with PRSSA, which raised \$2,200 for charity and was nominated program of the year, 2009  
 Volunteered as a model for PRSSA's annual fashion fundraiser *Project Compassion* 2011

**Community-Wide**

Cash for Kids Service Learning Project 2019  
 Service learning project in my small group process course that led to \$1000 being collected. The money was used to provide a scholarship for a local elementary student, the only student from the UP chosen to attend a STEM camp for girls at Loyola University in the summer 2019.  
  
 Cash for Kids Service Learning Project 2018

Service learning project in my small group process that led to \$1700 in donations collected through students fundraising projects and community service. Funds were donated to Father Marquette Elementary in the form of \$1000 in new books, \$200 in equipment, and \$500 in cash.

Cash for Kids Service Learning Project 2017  
Service learning project in my small group process that lead to \$1100 in cash donations collected through students fundraising projects and community canvassing. Funds were donated to Sawyer Elementary School to be used for the creation of “safe spaces” in a high-needs classroom.

Literacy for a Lifetime Service Learning Project 2016  
Service learning project in my small group process that lead to \$2,100 worth of books donated to Marquette Area Public School Systems. Students also participated in a service based reading program with each of the schools k-2 grade classrooms.

Noquemonon Trail Networks Snowball Event Planning Committee 2014-2016  
NTN’s largest fundraiser of the year. Raised over 25K for trail construction and maintenance while remaining under the event budget. Individual responsibilities included collecting donations from over 15 businesses, managing multiple student interns, coordinating 10+ volunteers for set-up and teardown, day-of event management, and the event host/speaker.

### ***Michigan Technological University***

Humanities Department RTC Steering Committee, Graduate Student Representative 2017-2018

### ***Illinois State University***

Participated in Political Engagement Project Documentary, presented at Stanford University 2007

Participated in General Education Video 2007

Living Democracy Group: Clean Elections Campaign Event Coordinator 2007

Media Training Program for Illinois State University Women’s Basketball Team 2006-2007

Faculty Mentor, Whitten Hall Fourth Floor 2005-2007

### **HONORS**

Central States Communication Association Conference Top Paper Award 2018

Central States Communication Association Conference Top Paper Award 2012

National Communication Association Certificate of Distinction 2006

Departmental Honors: Outstanding Senior in Communication Studies 2005

National Society of Collegiate Scholars 2002-2005

Blue Key Honor Society 2002-2005

Greek of the Year Award 2004

Sigma Tau Delta, National Honor Society for English 2002

Alpha Lambda Delta 2001

### **SCHOLARSHIPS and GRANTS**

Student scholarship to be able to attend the virtual Texas Conference for Women 2020

King-Chavez Parks Faculty Fellowship 2016-2021

GSG Conference Grant 2017 & 2018

NPC Conference Grant 2015 & 2016

Student Travel Grant 2014

Teaching and Learning Advisory Council Conference Grant Recipient 2010

Graduate Teaching Assistantship 2005-2007

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

Member of the International Communication Association	2019
Member of the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender	2018
Member of the Central States Communication Association	2002-2018
Member of National Communication Association	2002-2016