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# Curriculum Vitae Sherice Gearhart, Ph.D.

#### **Contact Information**

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#### **Faculty Appointments**

July 2016 – Present Assistant Professor of Public Relations

**Department Public Relations** 

College of Media & Communication

Texas Tech University

Aug. 2013 – June 2016 Assistant Professor of Communication, Public Relations, and

Social Media

School of Communication

College of Communication, Fine Arts & Media

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Aug. 2010 – May 2013 Instructor of Record and Research Assistant

Departments of Mass Communication and Public Relations

College of Media & Communication

Texas Tech University

Aug. 2007 – May 2009 Instructor of Record, GTA, and Research Assistant

Department of Communication College of Liberal & Fine Arts University of Texas at San Antonio

#### **Education**

#### **Texas Tech University**

College of Media & Communication Ph.D., Mass Communication, 2013

Dissertation Title: Watch what you say (on Facebook): Testing the spiral of silence in the social

media era

#### **University of Texas at San Antonio**

College of Liberal & Fine Arts M.A., Communication, 2009 Specialization: New Media

Thesis Title: You are what you post: Using social network profiles to express identity

#### University of Texas at San Antonio

College of Liberal & Fine Arts B.A., Communication, 2006

Concentration: Technical Communication

#### **Funded Grant Applications**

Principal Finding the Impact Zone: Testing Health News for Native Americans

Investigator Funded by Waterhouse Family Institute at Villanova University for 2015-16

(\$8,594)

Team Native Health News Alliance Project – Strategic Health News Promotion

Member Funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation for 2013-15 (\$157,537)

Team Native American Journalists Association – News Organization Development

Member Funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation for 2013-15 (\$125,741)

# **Unfunded Grant Applications**

Principal American Society of News Editors (ASNE) Employment Diversity Survey
Investigator Unfunded by American Society of News Editors 2017-18 (\$114,778)

Principal Exposure to Comments and Perceptions of Bias and News Comprehension

Investigator Unfunded by Waterhouse Family Institute 2018-19 (\$8,505)

Principal The Influence of Facebook Comments on News Perceptions: A Test of User

Investigator Generated Hostile Media Bias

Unfunded by AEJMC Emerging Scholars Grant Program 2019 (\$3,500)

Principal LOI – Investigating the Influence User-Generated Comments on News

Investigator Unfunded by the Knight Foundation 2018 (\$187,000)

#### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications**

**Gearhart, S.,** Adegbola, O., & Huemmer, J. (*in press*). Where's the fracking bias?: Contested media frames and news reporting on shale gas in the United States. *Energy Research & Social Science*.

- Adegbola, O., & **Gearhart, S.,** (*in press*). Examining the relationship between media use and political engagement: An international comparative study between the U.S., Kenya, and Nigeria. *International Journal of Communication*.
- **Gearhart, S.,** Adegbola, O., & Guerra, M. (*in press*). Harvesting the wind: Analyzing television news coverage of wind energy. *Environmental Communication*. doi: 10.1080/17524032.2018.1526199
- **Gearhart, S.,** Trumbly-Lamsam, T., & Reisberg, C. (*in press*). Finding the impact zone: Testing health news for the Native American and non-Native audience. *Howard Journal of Communications*. doi: 10.1080/10646175.2017.1392909
- Steede, G. M., Meyers, C., Li, N., Irlbeck, E. & **Gearhart, S.** (*in press*). A content analysis of antibiotic use in livestock in national U.S. newspapers. *Journal of Applied Communications*.
- **Gearhart, S.,** & Zhang, W. (2018). Same spiral, different day? Testing the spiral of silence across issue typologies. *Communication Research*, 45, 34-53. doi: 10.1177/0093650215616456 [Themed Issue: Spiral of Silence]

- **Gearhart, S.,** Trumbly-Lamsam, T., & Adegbola, O. (2018). Why isn't health a priority? A survey of journalists serving Native American news media. *Journalism Practice*, 12, 1183-1200. doi: 10.1080/17512786.2017.1363658
- Adegbola, O., Skarda-Mitchell, J., & **Gearhart, S.** (2018). Everything's negative about Nigeria: A study of U.S. media reporting on Nigeria. *Global Media & Communication*, 14, 47-63. doi: 10.1177/1742766518760086
- Adegbola, O., **Gearhart, S.**, & Skarda-Mitchell, J. (2018). Using Instagram to engage with (potential) consumers: A study of Forbes Most Valuable Brands' use of Instagram. *Journal of Social Media in Society*, 7(2), 232-251.
- Steede, G. M., Meyers, C., Li, N., Irlbeck, E. & **Gearhart, S.** (2018). A sentiment and content analysis of Twitter content regarding the use of antibiotics in livestock. *Journal of Applied Communications*, 102(4), 1-16. doi: 10.4148/1051-0834.2225
- **Gearhart, S.,** & Trumbly-Lamsam, T. (2017). The scoop on health: How Native American newspapers frame and report health news. *Health Communication*, *32*, 695-702. doi: 10.1080/10410236.2016.1168001
- **Gearhart, S.,** & Dinkle, D. (2016). Mother knows breast: A content analysis of breastfeeding in television network news. *Health Communication*, *31*, 884-891. doi: 10.1080/10410236.2015.1012631
- Merle, P., **Gearhart, S.,** Craig, C., Rahimi, M, Brooks, M. E., & Vandyke, M. (2015). Computers, tablets, and smart phones: The truth about web-based surveys. *Survey Research*, 8(6), 1-8. doi: 10.29115/SP-2015-0028
- Zhang, W., & Gearhart, S. (2015). The effects of internet use and internet efficacy on offline and online engagement. *The Online Journal of Communication & Media Technologies*, 5(4), 147-173.
- **Gearhart, S.,** & Zhang, W. (2015). "Was it something I said?" "No, it was something you posted!" A study of the spiral of silence theory in social media contexts. *Cyberpsychology, Behavior, & Social Networking. 18*(4), 208-213. doi: 10.1089/cyber.2014.0443
- **Gearhart, S.**, & Kang, S. (2014). Social media in television news: The effects of Twitter and Facebook comments on journalism. *Electronic News*, 8(4), 243-259. doi: 10.1177/1931243114567565
- **Gearhart, S.,** & Zhang, W. (2014). Gay bullying and online opinion expression: Testing spiral of silence in the social media environment. *Social Science Computer Review,* 32, 18-36. doi: 10.1177/0894439313504261
- Seltzer, T., Zhang, W., **Gearhart, S.,** & Conduff, L. (2013). Sources of citizens' experiential and reputational relationships with political parties. *Public Relations Journal*, 7(4), 1-35. [Special Issue: Political Public Relations]
- **Gearhart, S.,** Craig, C., & Steed, C. (2012). Network news coverage of obesity in two time periods: An analysis of issues, sources, and frames. *Health Communication*, 27, 653-662. doi: 10.1080/10410236.2011.629406

- Gearhart, S., Kang, S., & Lee, K. M. (2011). Self-presentation on social network sites: Development of a self-identity expression scale and its relationship with social competence. *Iowa Journal of Communication*, 43(1), 39-64. [Special Issue: Communication and Social Media]
- Kang, S., **Gearhart, S**. & Bae, H. (2010). Coverage of Alzheimer's disease from 1984 to 2008 in television news and information talk shows in the U.S.: An analysis of news framing. *American Journal of Alzheimer's Disease & Other Dementias*, 25, 687-697. doi: 10.1177/1533317510387583
- Kang, S. & **Gearhart**, S. (2010). E-Government and civic engagement: How is citizens' use of city websites related with civic involvement and political behaviors? *Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media*, 54, 443-462. doi: 10.1080/08838151.2010.498847

#### **Published Chapters**

- Gearhart, S. (2017). Spiral of Silence in Health and Risk Messaging. *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Health and Risk Message Design and Processing* (pp. 19). New York: Oxford University Press.
- Zhang, W., & **Gearhart, S.** (2014). Social media strategies and tactics in political campaigns. In K. Harvey (Ed.) *Encyclopedia of Social Media and Politics* (pp. 1175-1180). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications Inc.
- Zhang, W., & **Gearhart, S.** (2014). Social capital: Political uses. In K. Harvey (Ed.) *Encyclopedia of Social Media and Politics* (pp. 1138–1141). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications Inc.
- Zhang, W., & **Gearhart, S.** (2014). Non-profit organizations. In K. Harvey (Ed.) *Encyclopedia of Social Media and Politics* (pp. 895-897). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications Inc.
- Zhang, W., & **Gearhart**, S. (2012). Political behaviors in social network sites. In Z. Yan (Ed.) *Encyclopedia of Cyber Behavior* (pp. 1050-1062). Hershey, PA: IGI Global.

#### **Work Under Review & in Progress**

- **Gearhart, S.,** Zhang, B., Perlmutter, D. D., & Lazić, G. (under contract). Meme wars: Political communication and visual intertextuality. In K.L. Smith, S. Moriarty, K. Kenney, & G. Barbatsis (Eds.) *Handbook of Visual Communication: Theory, methods, and research* (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition). Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum.
- Zhang, B., **Gearhart, S.,** & Perlmutter, D. D. (*under review*). Avoiding online censorship through Fatty Memes: How Chinese social media users talk about North Korea.
- Adegbola, O., & **Gearhart**, **S.** (*under review*). The Arab Uprising on U.S. television: Issues, frames, and implications.
- **Gearhart, S.,** Holland, D., & Moe, A. (*under review*). The influence of Facebook news comments on opinion expression: Testing the spiral of silence among unknown others.

- Adegbola, O., Cho, J., & **Gearhart, S.** (*under review*). Reporting bias in the coverage of Iran protests: A content analysis of coverage by global news agencies.
- **Gearhart, S.,** & Zhang, W. (*in progress*). Combating harassment on social media with the voices of victims: Testing the social advocacy potential of the opinion climate.
- **Gearhart, S.,** Moe, A., & Holland, D. (*in progress*). Judging news content with comments: Testing the influence of Facebook comments on perceptions of hostile media bias.
- **Gearhart, S.,** & Zhang, W., (*in progress*). The dark side of social network sites: The role of network customization in selective exposure.

#### **Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations**

- Gearhart, S., Zhang, B., & Moe, A., (2019, May). Hostile media bias on social media: Testing the climate of opinion on perceptions of bias and credibility. To be presented to the Communication & Technology Division at the 2019 International Communication Association Conference (ICA). Washington, D.C.
- Gearhart, S., Moe, A., & Holland, D., (2019, May). Social media users (under)appreciate the news: An application of hostile media bias to news disseminated on Facebook. To be presented to the Mass Communication Division at the 2019 International Communication Association Conference (ICA). Washington, D.C.
- Adegbola, O., & Gearhart, S. (2019, March). Doesn't Beto look Hispanic when you see him on TV? A test of co-ethnic voting in the 2018 Texas Senate Election. To be presented to the Minorities and Communication Division at the 2019 Midwinter Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC). Norman, OK. Top Paper Award
- Zhang, B., **Gearhart, S.,** (2019, March). *Use of political memes as a form of political engagement: Application of uses and gratifications theory and social capital.* To be presented to the International Communication Division at the 2019 Midwinter Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC). Norman, OK.
- Adegbola, O., Cho, J., & **Gearhart, S.** (2019, March). Reporting bias in the coverage of Iran protests: A content analysis of coverage by global news agencies. To be presented to the International Communication Division at the 2019 Midwinter Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC). Norman, OK.
- Zhang, B., **Gearhart, S.,** & Perlmutter, D. D. (2018, August). Recoding language with fatty memes: How Chinese netizens avoid censorship when referring to North Korea. Presented to the Visual Communication Division at the 2018 Annual Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC). Washington, D.C.

- Adegbola, O., & Gearhart, S., (2018, August). *Media use and political participation: A comparative study of U.S., Kenya, and Nigeria.* Presented to the Elections News Division at the 2018 Annual Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC). Washington, D.C.
- Gearhart, S., & Zhang, W. (2018, August). Facilitating role of online opinion climate in speak out behavior: Testing the spiral of silence in the social media environment. Presented to the Communication Technology Division at the 2018 Annual Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC). Washington, D.C.
- Steede, G. M., Meyers, C., Li, N., Irlbeck, E., & **Gearhart, S.** (2018, August). *A sentiment and content analysis of Twitter content regarding antibiotic use in livestock*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Communication Excellence. Phoenix, AZ.
- Gearhart, S., & Zhang, W. (2018, March). Facilitating role of online opinion climate in speak out behavior: Testing the spiral of silence in the social media environment. Presented to the Communication Technology Division at the 2018 Midwinter Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC). Norman, OK. Top Paper Award
- Gearhart, S., Moe, A., & Holland, D. (2018, March). Judging news content with comments: Testing the influence of Facebook comments on perceptions of hostile media bias. Presented to the Mass Communication & Society Division at the 2018 Midwinter Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC). Norman, OK.
- Gearhart, S., Holland, D., & Moe, A. (2017, August). Commenting on news stories via social media. Presented to the Communication Technology Division at the 2017 Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC). Chicago, IL.
- **Gearhart, S.,** Adegbola, O., & Huemmer, J. (2017, August). *Hydraulic fracturing on U.S. cable news*. Presented to the Mass Communication & Society Division at the 2017 Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC). Chicago, IL.
- **Gearhart, S.** (2017, March). *Commenting on news stories via social media*. Presented to the Communication Technology Division at the 2017 Midwinter Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC). Norman, OK.
- Gearhart, S., & Adegbola, O. (2017, March). *Hydraulic fracturing on U.S. cable news*. Presented to the Mass Communication & Society Division at the 2017 Midwinter Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC). Norman, OK.
- Gearhart, S., Trumbly-Lamsam, T., & Reisberg, C. (2016, August). Finding the impact zone: Testing health news for the Native American and non-Native audience. Presented to the Minorities and Communication Division at the 2016 Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC). Minneapolis, MN.

- Skarda-Mitchell, J., Adegbola, O., **Gearhart, S.,** & McMickell, A. (2016, August). *Using Instagram to engage with (potential) consumers: A study of Forbes most valuable brands use of Instagram.* Presented to the Communication Technology Division at the 2016 Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC). Minneapolis, MN.
- Adegbola, O., Skarda-Mitchell, J., & **Gearhart, S.** (2016, August). *Everything's negative about Nigeria: A study of U.S. media reporting on Nigeria*. Presented to the International Communication Division at the 2016 Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC). Minneapolis, MN.
- Skarda-Mitchell, J., Adegbola, O., **Gearhart, S.,** & McMickell, A. (2016, February). *Using Instagram to engage with (potential) consumers: A study of Forbes most valuable brands use of Instagram.* Presented to the Communication Technology Division at the 2016 Midwinter Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC). Norman, OK. **Top Paper Award**
- Adegbola, O., Skarda-Mitchell, J., & **Gearhart, S.** (2016, February). *Everything's negative about Nigeria: A study of U.S. media reporting on Nigeria.* Presented to the International Communication Division at the 2016 Midwinter Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC). Norman, OK.
- **Gearhart, S.,** & Zhang, W., (2015, November). *Selective exposure on social network sites*. Presented at the 2015 annual meeting of the Midwest Association of Public Opinion Research (MAPOR). Chicago, IL.
- Gearhart, S., & Zhang, W., (2015, August). Is the spiral of silence still relevant in the social media environment? Presented to the Communication Technology Division at the 2015 Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) annual conference. San Francisco, CA.
- **Gearhart, S.**, & Trumbly-Lamsam, T. (2015, April). Why health news matters: Health reporting in Native American media outlets. Presented to the Multicultural Division at the 2015 Broadcast Education Association (BEA) annual conference. Las Vegas, NV. **Top Paper Award**
- Snook, P., & Gearhart, S. (2015, April). Can social media ruin your future? Predicting parental concern for teen's online activity. Presented at the 2015 annual meeting Broadcast Education Association (BEA). Las Vegas, NV.
- **Gearhart, S.,** & Zhang, W. (2014, November). *Tending to see similarities: Isolation, self-censorship, and perceptions of opinion congruency*. Presented at the 2014 annual meeting of the Midwest Association of Public Opinion Research (MAPOR). Chicago, IL.
- **Gearhart, S.** (2014, April). Posting a comment or speaking out? Testing the spiral of silence in Facebook. Presented to the Interactive Media and Emerging Technology Division at the 2014 Broadcast Education Association (BEA) annual conference. Las Vegas, NV. **Top Paper Award**

- Gearhart, S., & Zhang, W., (2013, November). Same spiral, different day? Testing the spiral of silence across issue typologies. Presented at the 2013 annual meeting of the Midwest Association of Public Opinion Research (MAPOR). Chicago, IL.
- Gearhart, S., & Zhang, W., (2013, June). "Was It Something I Said?" "No, It Was Something You Tweeted!" Applying the Spiral of Silence to Social Media. Presented to the Mass Communication Division at the 2013 International Communication Association Conference (ICA). London, UK.
- Gearhart, S., Rahimi, M., Merle, P., Craig, C., Vandyke, M., & Brooks, M. E. (2013, May). A revolution in survey research? A bibliometric review of public opinion studies between 2000 and 2012. Presented at the 66th annual conference of the World Association for Public Opinion Research (WAPOR), Boston, MA.
- Merle, P., **Gearhart, S.,** Craig, C., Rahimi, M, Brooks, M. E., & Vandyke, M. (2013, May). *Computers, tablets, & smart phones: The truth about web-based surveys.* Presented at the 66th annual conference of the World Association for Public Opinion Research (WAPOR), Boston, MA.
- Gearhart, S., & Kang, S. (2013, April). How do social media comments in television news work? Audience responses to journalistic quality and credibility. Presented to the Interactive Media and Emerging Technology Division at the 2013 Broadcast Education Association (BEA) annual conference. Las Vegas, NV. Top Paper Award
- Brooks, M. L., & Gearhart, S. (2013, April). *The Facephone is ringing: Adult children's communication with elderly parents via videophone technology*. Presented at the at the 2013 Broadcast Education Association (BEA) annual conference. Las Vegas, NV.
- **Gearhart, S.** (2012, August). *Man-on-the-street or man-on-the-tweet? Using social network site comments as vox pop in television news*. Presented to the Electronic News Division at the 2012 Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) annual conference. Chicago, IL.
- Zhang, W., & Gearhart, S. (2012, August). The effects of Internet use and Internet efficacy on offline and online engagement. Presented to the Communication Technology Division at 2012 Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) annual conference. Chicago, IL.
- Gearhart, S., & Guerra, M. J. (2012, April). Wind energy in television network news: An analysis of issues, sources, and episodic-thematic frames. Presented to the News Division at the at the 2012 Broadcast Education Association (BEA) annual conference. Las Vegas, NV. Top Paper Award
- **Gearhart, S.** (2012, April). Vox pop in television news: Replacing man-on-the-street interviews with Facebook and Twitter comments. Presented at the at the 2012 Broadcast Education Association (BEA) annual conference. Las Vegas, NV.
- Zhang, W., & Gearhart, S. (2012, March). Social network sites and public relations: A critical conceptual and empirical review. Presented at the International Public Relations Research Conference. Miami, FL.

- Gearhart, S., Kang, S., & Lee, K. M. (2011, November). Self-Presentation on social network sites: Development of a self-identity expression scale and its relationship with social competence. Presented at the 2011 National Communication Association (NCA) annual conference. New Orleans, LA.
- **Gearhart, S.,** & Zhang, W. (2011, August). *Expressing opinions on GLBT tolerance using Facebook: A modern application of the spiral of silence*. Presented to the Mass Communication and Society Division at the 2011 Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) annual conference. St. Louis, MO.
- **Gearhart, S.,** Craig, C., & Steed, C. (2011, August). *An examination of obesity coverage in network news: Issues, sources, and episodic-thematic frames.* Presented to the Communicating Science, Health, Environment, and Risk Division at the 2011 AEJMC annual conference. St. Louis, MO.
- Haislett, R., & Gearhart, S. (2011, April). Misogynistic rap music & the emergence of the 'Independent' woman: A critical analysis of cultural changes in themes, identities, & desires. Presented to the Gender and Media Studies area of the Popular Culture Association Conference (PCA). San Antonio, TX.
- **Gearhart, S.,** Craig, C., & Steed, C. (2011, April). *Network news coverage of obesity in two time periods: An analysis of issues, sources, and frames.* Presented at the 2011 Broadcast Education Association (BEA) annual conference. Las Vegas, NV.
- Kang, S., Gearhart, S. & Bae, H. (2010, November). Network news coverage of Alzheimer's disease from 1984 to 2008: An analysis of issues, sources, and episodic-thematic frames. Presented to the Health Communication Division, National Communication Association Conference (NCA). San Francisco, CA.
- **Gearhart, S.** & Kang, S., (2010, June). You are what you post: Using social network profiles to express identity. Presented to the New Communication Technology Division of the 2010 International Communication Association Conference (ICA). Singapore, SG.
- Kang, S., & Gearhart, S. (2009, April). Government & civic engagement: How is citizens' use of city websites related with civic involvement & political behaviors? Presented to the Interactive Media & Emerging Technologies Division of the 2009 Broadcast Education Association (BEA). Las Vegas, NV. Top Paper Award

#### **Invited Presentations**

- **Adegbola, O.,** & Gearhart, S. (2016, November). *The Arab Uprising on U.S. Television: Issues, Frames, and Implications.* Presented at the Eighth Annual International Research Conference, Texas State University. San Marcos, TX.
- **Gearhart, S.** (2016, February). *International media coverage of critical events*. Invited Discussant, International Communication Division at the Midwinter Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication (AEJMC). Norman, OK.

- Gearhart, S. (2015, August). The unbearable filteredness of being online: Customization and the media we consume. Invited Panelist, Co-Sponsored by the Communication Technology and Methodology Division at the Annual Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication (AEJMC). San Francisco, CA.
- **Gearhart, S.** (2015, April). *The package is no longer enough: Incorporating social media into radio and broadcast television classes.* Invited Panel, Sponsored by the News Division at the Annual Conference of the Broadcast Education Association (BEA). Las Vegas, NV.
- **Gearhart, S.,** & Trumbly-Lamsam, T. (2014, November). Why health news matters: Content analysis highlight of findings. Presented to the 2014 National Native Media Annual Conference. Santa Clara, CA.
- **Gearhart, S.** (2012, March). Vox pop in television news: Replacing man-on-the-street interviews with Facebook and Twitter comments. Presented at the Eleventh Annual Graduate Student Research Poster Competition, Texas Tech University. Lubbock, TX. (First Place Award).
- Gearhart, S., & Hassanzadeh, M. (2011, November). Assessing the perceived effectiveness of companies' interaction in Facebook: An experimental examination of varying levels of interactivity. Presented at the Third Annual International Research Conference, Texas State University. San Marcos, TX.
- Haislett, R., & Gearhart, S. (2011, October). Misogynistic rap music & the emergence of the 'Independent' woman: An analysis of cultural changes in themes, identities, & desires. Presented at the Gender and Identity Colloquium at Texas Tech University. Lubbock, TX.
- **Gearhart, S.,** Craig, C., & Steed, C. (2011, March). A comparison of obesity coverage in network news across two time periods: An analysis of issues, sources, and episodic-thematic frames. Presented at the Tenth Annual Graduate Student Research Poster Competition, Texas Tech University. Lubbock, TX. (Second Place Award).

#### **Teaching Experience**

#### **Instructor of Record**

MCOM 5366	Seminar in Mass Communication Theory Texas Tech University, 2019
PR 3353	Political Public Relations Texas Tech University, 2019
PR 3353	Special Topics: Public Relations & Public Opinion Texas Tech University, 2018
MCOM 5364	Research Methods (Online & Face-to-Face Sections) Texas Tech University, 2017-2018
PR 4380	Applied Public Relations Research (Online & Face-to-Face Sections) Texas Tech University, 2016-2018

PR 2310	Principles of Public Relations (Online-Only) Texas Tech University, 2016-2018
COMM 8570	Foundations of Mass Communication Seminar University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2015
JMC 1500	Introduction to Mass Communication (Online-only) University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2015-2016
COMM 8010	Seminar in Communication Research: Quantitative University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2015
JOUR 3230	Principles of Public Relations University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2013, 2015
JOUR 4500/8506	Mass Communication & Public Opinion University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2014
CMS 4190/8196	Computer-Mediated Communication University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2014, 2016
BRCT 4350/8356	Mass Communication Research University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2013-2016
MCOM 3380	Mass Communication Research Methods Texas Tech University, 2012- 2013
PR 3341	Graphics and Production for Public Relations (Lecture & Lab) Texas Tech University, 2011
EMC 3310	Introduction to Electronic Media & Communication Texas Tech University, 2011
COMM 1053	Business & Professional Speech University of Texas at San Antonio, 2009
Independent Study	
MCOM 7000	Student: Oluseyi Adegbola – Fall 2018 Topic: Media use & engagement in the Texas Senate Election
MCOM 7000	Student: Oluseyi Adegbola – Summer 2017 Topic: Wind energy in network news
COMM 8980	Student: Jackie Skarda – Summer 2015 Topic: Corporate use of Instagram and consumer engagement
COMM 8980	Student: Oluseyi Adegbola – Summer 2015 Topic: U.S. media depictions of Nigeria
COMM 8980	Student: Ashley McFeely – Summer 2015 Topic: School reform in the news

JOUR 4980 Student: Susan Payne – Spring 2015

Topic: Newspaper suicide reporting policies

COMM 8980 Student: Paige Snook – Fall 2014

Topic: Online privacy & teen social media use

#### **Qualifying Exam Committees**

Comp Question Student: Garrett McKinnon – Summer 2018

Theory question for PhD comprehensive exam

Comp Question Student: Garrett Steede – Summer 2017

Methodology question for PhD comprehensive exam

Comp Question Student: Ashley McFeely – Summer 2016

Methodology question for MA comprehensive exam

Comp Question Student: Ehite Allison – Spring 2016

Methodology question for MA comprehensive exam

Comp Question Student: Oluseyi Adegbola – Spring 2016

Theory question for MA comprehensive exam

JMC 1500 Student: Elizabeth Lockin – Fall 2015

**Undergraduate Honors Contract** 

Topic: Portrayal of women in modern film

#### **Thesis & Dissertation Committee Service**

Thesis Chair Student: Bingbing Zhang – 2018-2019

Use of Political Memes as a Form of Political Engagement:

Application of Uses and Gratifications Theory and Social Capital

Dissertation Student: Garrett McKinnon – 2018-2019

Committee Impact of Individuals' Relationships with favorite sports teams

Perceptions of Credibility of Journalists and Media Outlets

Dissertation Student: Garrett Steede 2017-2018

Committee A Multi-Method Study of the Influence of Online and Traditional

Media on Public Opinion of Antibiotic Use in Livestock

Thesis Chair Student: Olusevi Adegbola 2015-2016

U.S. television coverage of the Arab Spring: A study of ABC, CBS,

and NBC

Thesis Chair Student: Lauren Adams 2015-2016

Exercise to the lyrics: Understanding the effects of lyrical content on

exercise performance

Thesis Student: Stephanie Neumann 2015-2016

Committee Slim down, shape up! A content analysis of cover lines in men's and

women's health and fitness magazines

# **Course Development/Revision**

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PR 4380	Applied Public Relations Research Re-developed Course for Online Teaching, 2016 – 2018
PR 2310	Principles of Public Relations Re-developed Course for Online Teaching, 2016 – 2018
JOUR 1500	Introduction to Mass Communication Re-developed Course for Online Teaching, 2014 – 2015
JOUR 4500/8506	Mass Communication & Public Opinion Revised Master Syllabus, 2014
BRCT 4350/8356	Mass Communication Research Revised Master Syllabus, 2013
<b>Guest Lectures</b>	
PR 6315	Media & Communication Research Tools (Special Topics) Writing Academic Research, 2018
PR 6530	The Professoriate (Special Topics) Publishing Academic Research, 2018
MCOM 3380	Mass Communication Research Methods Sampling in Research, 2018
PR 3353	Political Public Relations (Special Topics)  Agenda-Setting in Political Communication, 2017
CMST 4220/8226	Health Communication Health Campaigns & Mass Media, 2015
Political Comm	Graduate Political Communication at Florida State University Contingent Conditions of the Spiral of Silence Theory, 2015
GTA Training	Workshop for incoming Graduate Teaching Assistants Developing & Teaching Online Courses, 2015
COMM 8570	Foundations of Mass Communication Seminar Methodological Approaches in Mass Communication Research, 2014
COMM 1500	Introduction to Mass Communication Panel on Careers in the Media Industry, 2014
COMM 8470	Foundations of Communication Studies Seminar Role of the Issue Context in the Spiral of Silence Theory, 2013
SPCH 4190/8196	Computer-Mediated Communication Approaches to Research on Online Communication, 2013

# **Honors and Awards**

2019	Top Paper Award – Minorities & Communication Division AEJMC Midwinter Conference.
2018-19	Fellow - Institute for Inclusive Excellence Texas Tech University
2018	Top Paper Award – Communication Technology Division AEJMC Midwinter Conference.
2016	Top Paper Award – Communication Technology Division AEJMC Midwinter Conference.
2015	Top Paper Award - Multicultural Division Broadcast Education Association
2014	Top Paper Award - Interactive Media and Emerging Technology Division Broadcast Education Association
2013	Graduate Student of the Year Award Texas Tech Student Government Association
2013	Commencement Banner Bearer The Graduate School at Texas Tech University
2013	Recipient - Dissertation Research Funding Award (\$5,000) Office of the President, Texas Tech University
2013	Top Paper Award - Interactive Media and Emerging Technology Division Broadcast Education Association
2013	Regent Professors' Graduate Student Research Small Grant (\$250) College of Media & Communication, Texas Tech University
2013	Texas Tech Parents Association Scholarship (\$1,000) Texas Tech University
2012	AEJMC Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$1,000)
2012	Helen DeVitt Jones Graduate Fellowship, Texas Tech University
2012	Top Paper Award - News Division Broadcast Education Association
2012	Nominee - Horn Professors Graduate Achievement Award Texas Tech University
2012	First Place Award (Communications Category) 11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Research Poster Competition, Texas Tech University

2012	Texas Tech Parents Association Scholarship (\$500) Texas Tech University
2012	Research Funding Award College of Media & Communication, Texas Tech University
2011	Second Place Award (Multi-Disciplinary Category) 10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Research Poster Competition, Texas Tech University
2011	Research Funding Award - Formby Professorship College of Media & Communication, Texas Tech University
2010	Helen DeVitt Jones Graduate Fellowship, Texas Tech University
2010	Graduate Student Assistantship College of Media & Communication, Texas Tech University (3 years)
2009	Top Paper Award - Interactive Media & Emerging Technologies Division Broadcast Education Association

# **Departmental & University Service**

Chair	PR Showdown Committee - Department of Public Relations
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College of Media & Communication Texas Tech University (2018-2019)

Member Strategic Planning Committee - Department of Public Relations

College of Media & Communication Texas Tech University (2018-2019)

Member COMC Graduate Council: Dept. of Public Relations Representative

College of Media & Communication (2018 - 2019)

Member OP Revision Committee

College of Media & Communication Texas Tech University (2018 - Present)

Member Faculty Search Committee - Department of Public Relations

College of Media & Communication Texas Tech University (Fall, 2018)

Member Graduate Scholarship Application Funding Review Committee

College of Media & Communication (2018)

Member Grade Appeal Committee (Graduate)

College of Media & Communication

Texas Tech University (2018)

Representative Graduate Dean's Representative

Dissertation Defense for Student Alex Moe

Representative Center for Communication Research Advisory Board

Department of Public Relations Representative College of Media & Communication (2017 - Present)

Member Research Identity Committee

College of Media & Communication (2017 - Present)

Member Graduate Research Application Funding Reviewer

College of Media & Communication (2017 - Present)

Member PR Showdown Committee - Department of Public Relations

College of Media & Communication Texas Tech University (2017- 2018)

Member Scholarship Committee - Department of Public Relations

College of Media & Communication Texas Tech University (2016 - Present)

Member Faculty Search Committee - Department of Public Relations

College of Media & Communication Texas Tech University (Fall, 2017)

Member Faculty Search Committee – Hispanic Media

College of Media & Communication Texas Tech University (Fall, 2017)

Member PR Bootcamp Recruiting Event Committee

College of Media & Communication Texas Tech University (Spring, 2017)

Speaker Brownbag Speaker Series

College of Media & Communication Texas Tech University (Spring, 2017)

Member Graduate Program Planning - Core Revitalization Committee

School of Communication

University of Nebraska at Omaha (2014 - 2016)

Member Advisory Committee (elected position)

School of Communication

University of Nebraska at Omaha (2014 - 2015)

Member Graduate Program Strategic Planning Committee

School of Communication

University of Nebraska at Omaha (Spring 2014)

Member Communities of Practice - Social Media Lab

University of Nebraska at Omaha (2014 - 2015)

Member Elton Carter Outstanding Thesis Nomination Committee

School of Communication

University of Nebraska at Omaha (Fall 2013; Fall 2014)

Member Research Triangle – Social Media Lab for Research & Engagement

University of Nebraska at Omaha (2013 - 2014)

Member Teaching Circle – Computer-Mediated Communication

University of Nebraska at Omaha (2013 - 2014)

Board Member Social Media Center for Research & Engagement

University of Nebraska at Omaha (2013 - 2016)

Facilitator Diversity Dialogue

Texas Tech University School of Law (2012)

Mentor Mentor Tech

Lauro Cavazos & Ophelia Powell-Malone Mentoring Program

Texas Tech University (2011 - 2012)

Member College Grade Appeal Board

College of Media & Communication Texas Tech University (2011 - 2013)

Member Graduate Student Research Funding Logistics Committee

College of Media & Communication

Texas Tech University (2011)

**Professional Service** 

Research Chair AEJMC Political Communication Interest Group (2018 – 2019)

Jr. Research Chair AEJMC Political Communication Interest Group (2017 – 2018)

Committee Member Inez Kaiser Graduate Students of Color Award Committee

Public Relations Division AEJMC (2017 – Present)

2019

Journal Reviewer International Journal of Communication (1 manuscript)

2018

Journal Reviewer Communication Research (3 manuscript)

Journal of Communication (1 manuscript)

Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly (2 manuscripts)

Electronic News (1 manuscript)

Conf. Reviewer Electronic News Division (AEJMC)

2017

Journal Reviewer Communication Research (1 manuscript)

Journal of Health Communication (1 manuscript)

Communication Studies (1 manuscript)

Electronic News (1 manuscript)

Cyberpsychology, Behavior, & Social Networking (1 manuscript)

Conf. Reviewer Electronic News Division (AEJMC)

2016

Journal Reviewer Electronic News (2 manuscripts)

Mass Communication & Society (1 manuscript)

Conf. Reviewer Electronic News Division (AEJMC)

Discussant Midwinter Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism

and Mass Communication (AEJMC)

Topic: International Media Coverage of Critical Events

2015

Book Reviewer Mass Communication: Living in a Media World 5<sup>th</sup> Edition

Invited to review by SAGE Publications

Journal Reviewer Mass Communication & Society (1 manuscript)

Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication (1 manuscript) Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly (1 manuscript)

Electronic News (2 manuscripts)
Health Communication (2 manuscripts)

Cyberpsychology, Behavior, & Social Networking (3 manuscripts)

Conf. Reviewer Communication Technology Division (AEJMC)

Electronic News Division (AEJMC)

Research Division (BEA) News Division (BEA)

2014

Journal Reviewer Cyberpsychology, Behavior, & Social Networking (5 manuscripts)

Electronic News (2 manuscripts)

Discussant Annual Conference of the Midwest Association of Public Opinion

Researchers (MAPOR)

Topic: Online Content Viewing, Creating, & Sharing

Conf. Reviewer Communication and Technology Division (ICA)

Mass Communication Division (ICA)

Communication Technology Division (AEJMC)

Electronic News Division (AEJMC)

Research Division (BEA)

Student Research-in-Progress Competition (BEA)

2013

Journal Reviewer Electronic News (1 manuscript)

Gender & Society (1 manuscript)

Discussant Midwest Association of Public Opinion Researchers (MAPOR)

Annual Conference

Topic: International Populations and Topics

Conf. Reviewer Research Division (BEA)

Student Research-in-Progress Competition (BEA)
Political Communication Interest Group (AEJMC)

Electronic News Division (AEJMC)
Mass Communication Division (ICA)
Health Communication Division (ICA)
Public Relations Division (ICA)

2012

Journal Reviewer Evaluation & Program Planning (1 manuscript)

Conf. Reviewer Communication and Technology Division (ICA)

Mass Communication Division (ICA) Health Communication Division (ICA)

Children, Adolescents and the Media Division (ICA)

Research Division (BEA)

2011

Conf. Reviewer Communication and Technology Division (ICA)

Mass Communication Division (ICA) Health Communication Division (ICA)

Children, Adolescents and the Media Division (ICA)

Research Division (BEA)

2010

Conf. Reviewer Research Division (BEA)

2009

Conf. Reviewer International Academy of Business Disciplines Annual Conference

Interpersonal/Small Group Communication Track

**Community Service** 

Panelist How to use your time in graduate school to prepare for a successful

career – Luncheon for doctoral students AEJMC Public Relations Division (2018)

Judge Graduate Research Poster Competition

Texas Tech University (2018)

Judge Undergraduate Research Conference (URC), Competition

Texas Tech University (2017, 2018)

Volunteer Move-In Volunteer at Murdough Residence Hall

Texas Tech University (2017, 2018)

Judge UNO High School Media Conference

Judge for the Public Service Announcement Category (2015, 2016)

Judge Native American Journalists Association Media Awards (2015)

Served as Judge for six categories: (1) best feature story - print; (2) best news story - print; (3) best coverage of Native Americans - print; (4) best feature photo; (5) best news photo; and (6) best sports photo.

Service Learning Taught *Principles of Public Relations* course with designated service-

learning component (2015S). Students produced campaigns for the

UNO School of Communication meet specific client needs.

Consultant Skutt Catholic High School (2014)

Consulted student Taylor Holz on her high school senior project

regarding the impact of media on young people.

Judge UNO High School Media Conference (2014)

Served as Judge for the Public Service Announcement Category.

Judge Native American Journalists Association Media Awards (2014)

Served as Judge for five categories: (1) best feature story (daily/weekly) – online; (2) best feature story - print (daily / weekly); (3) best feature story - print (monthly/semimonthly); (4) best feature photo - print (daily/weekly); and (5) best feature photo – print

(monthly/ semimonthly).

Service Learning Taught Principles of Public Relations course with designated service-

learning component (2013F) Students produced campaigns for 88improv, an Omaha-based thespian troupe working with the 402

Arts Collective, a local nonprofit organization.

Service Learning Taught Mass Communication Research Methods with service-

learning component (2013F). Students produced research projects for

Office of University Communications to aid with marketing.

### **Professional Development Activities**

Workshop Inclusive Syllabus Workshop (November, 2018)

Institute for Inclusive Excellence

Workshop Celebrate Diversity with Ana Navarro (October, 2018)

Institute for Inclusive Excellence

Workshop Confronting Microaggressions with Microresistence (October, 2018)

Institute for Inclusive Excellence

Workshop Discussion with Vice President of the Division of Diversity (October, 2018)

Institute for Inclusive Excellence

Workshop Cultivating an Inclusive Learning Environment (September, 2018)

Institute for Inclusive Excellence

Workshop Transparent Assignment Design (March, 2018)

Teaching, Learning & Professional Development Center

Workshop Tenure Academy (November, 2016)

Teaching, Learning & Professional Development Center

Workshop True Colors: Media and Communication (October, 2016)

ILT Course

Workshop Title IX Training for Faculty (2015)

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Seminar Time Warner College Professors Thought Leadership Seminar (2014)

Time Warner MediaLab - New York, NY

Seminar Social + Science: Enacting Citizen Science through Social Media (2014)

CEC Lunch & Learn Series

Seminar Future of Social Media Measurement with Grant Crowell (2014)

UNO Social Media Lab and Universal Information Services

Seminar Rise of the Networked with Lee Rainie, Director of the Pew Research

Center's Internet & American Life Project (2013)

MAPOR - Chicago, IL

Workshop InDesign in the Classroom (2012)

TTU Advanced Technology Learning Center

Workshop Photoshop – I & II (2010, 2011)

TTU Advanced Technology Learning Center

Workshop Responsible Conduct of Research Conference (2011)

Texas Tech University

Workshop SPSS – I & SPSS – II (2011)

TTU Advanced Technology Learning Center

Workshop Grant Writing (2010)

TTU Teaching, Learning, and Professional Development Center

Workshop Teaching Philosophy (2010)

TTU Teaching, Learning, and Professional Development Center

#### **Professional Experience**

Researcher University of Nebraska at Omaha Office of University Communications

Omaha, NE (2014, 2016, 2018)

Provided survey instrument development, data collection, analysis,

presentation development, and report writing.

Researcher Native American Journalists Association

Norman, OK (2014 – 2015)

Provided survey instrument development, data collection, and analysis.

Researcher Native American Journalists Association

Norman, OK (2013 - 2014)

Development of content analysis coding key, data collection, analysis, and

creation of distributable results handout.

Consultant Native Health News Alliance - Non-Profit Multimedia News Organization

Omaha, NE (2013)

Provided expert opinion on research directions to aid grant funding.

Consultant Undisclosed Public Relations Client

Omaha, NE (2013)

Provided consultation on survey methodology and data analysis strategies.

Director Fundraisers Etc. Inc.

San Antonio, TX (2007)

Marketing director in control of advertising ventures and expenses.

# **Professional Affiliations**

2011 - Present	Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC)
2011 - Present	International Communication Association (ICA)
2009 - 2016	Broadcast Education Association (BEA)
2008 - 2010	Alpha Chi - National Honor Society
2008 - 2010	Magna Cum Laude - The National Scholars Honor Society
2007 - 2010	Omicron Delta Kappa - National Leadership Honor Society
2007 - 2010	Honors Alliance at the University of Texas at San Antonio