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*Associate Lecturer in Communication Studies
Kent State University at Ashtabula*

EDUCATION

- 1996 **Master of Arts in Communication Studies.**
Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.
Thesis Topic: *An Examination of Gender Roles Communicated in Children's Award
Winning Picture Books 1985 – 1995.*
- 1992 **Bachelor of Arts in Communication.**
Departmental Honors.
Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Associate Lecturer in Communication Studies; Kent State University at Ashtabula;
Ashtabula, Ohio; 2002 – Present. Promoted from Instructor to Lecturer in 2005; Promoted from Lecturer to
Assistant Professor in 2008; Promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Lecturer in 2014.*

Existing Courses Taught: *Introduction to Human Communication (COMM 15000), Interpersonal
Communication (COMM 20001), Criticism of Public Discourse (COMM 26000), Small Group
Communication (35550), Intercultural Communication (COMM 35852), Gender and Communication
(COMM 35912), Practicum in Applied Communication (COMM 46092), Relational Communication
(COMM 46601), High Impact Professional Speaking (46807), and Media, Power, and Culture (JMC
20001).*

Special Topics Course Developed: *Gender, Culture and the Media (JMC 40095).*

*Adjunct Instructor in Communication; The Weekend College at Hiram College; Hiram,
Ohio; 1996 – 2014.*

Existing Courses Taught: *Foundations of Public Communication (COMM 101), Interpersonal
Communication (COMM 220), and Gender Communication (COMM 260).*

Special Topics Workshops Developed: *Media, Culture, and Gender: The Shaping of Gendered
Identities; Membership in the Group: Collaborating with Others; Nonverbal Communication: Messages
Without Words; Listening: More Than Meets the Ear; and Teamwork in the Organization.*

*Adjunct Instructor in Communication Studies; Kent State University (Ashtabula and Geauga
campuses), 1996 – 2002.*

Courses Taught: *Theory and Practice of Oral Discourse (COMM 15000) and Criticism of Public
Discourse (COMM 26000).*

Adjunct Instructor in Communication; Lakeland Community College; Kirtland, Ohio; 1996 – 2002.

Courses Taught: *Effective Public Speaking, Fundamentals of Public Speaking, Effective Interpersonal Communication, and Fundamentals of Interpersonal Communication.*

Graduate Assistant in Communication Studies; Kent State University at Kent; Kent, Ohio; 1994 – 1996.

Course Taught: *Theory and Practice of Oral Discourse (COMM 15000).*

PRESENTATIONS and LECTURES

- November 2017 *Brainstorming and Refining Ideas for TEDTalks.* Youth LEADERSHIP Ashtabula County Senior Year Program; Invited by Kesha Conway, Program Director.
- April 2016 *An Interdisciplinary Conversation About Performative Gender.* Member, Panel Discussion. Sponsored by Northeast Ohio Protégé Project.
- February, 2016 *Critical Thinking in Public Speaking.* Youth LEADERSHIP Ashtabula County's *Critical Thinking Day.* Invited by Samantha Borkovic, Program Coordinator.
- October 2015 Faculty Representative, Panel Discussion; *Supporting Student Success: Tips and Advice for a Smart Start to College;* Discovery Day, Kent State University at Ashtabula.
- June, 2015 *The Impact of Gender and Self-concept on Communication.* Sheldon Calvary Camp Counselor Retreat. Invited by Samantha Borkovic, Assistant Director, Sheldon Calvary Camp.
- March, 2015 *The Mask You Live In,* Member, Panel Discussion. Sponsored by Northeast Ohio Protégé Project
- November 2014 *Audience Analysis and Public Speaking.* Youth LEADERSHIP Ashtabula County's *Critical Thinking Day.* Invited by Debbi Waring, Program Coordinator.
- November 2013 *Hidden Assumptions: Existing and Evolving Views on Gender.* Kent State University at Ashtabula *Faculty Lecture Series.*
- December 2013 *Public Speaking Basics.* Youth LEADERSHIP Ashtabula County's *Critical Thinking Day.* Invited by Debbi Waring, Program Coordinator.
- February 2012 Guest Lecturer on *Communication in the Workplace and Gender,* Business and Professional Writing class. Invited by Dr. R. Terry White, Associate Professor of English at Kent State University at Ashtabula.
- November 2012 *Gender and Communication.* Youth LEADERSHIP Ashtabula County's *Communication Day.* Invited by Debbi Waring, Program Coordinator.

- November 2011 *Silent Communication*. Youth LEADERship Ashtabula County's *Communication Day*. Invited by Debbi Waring, Program Coordinator.
- April 2011 *What is Creativity?* Kent State University at Ashtabula Lecture and Discussion Series *Socrates Café*. Invited by Dr. David Perusek and Dr. Payman Nasr, Event Coordinators.
- January 2011 *Gender and Communication*. LEADERship Ashtabula County's Midyear Retreat. Invited by Laura E. Jones, Executive Director.
- October 2010 *What is Socratic Dialogue?* (with Dr. Payman Nasr, Dr. David Perusek, and Joseph Zingaro). Kent State University Ashtabula Lecture and Discussion Series *Socrates Café*. Invited by Dr. David Perusek and Dr. Payman Nasr, Series Coordinators.
- November 2010 *Gendered Verbal and Nonverbal Communication*. Youth LEADERship Ashtabula County's *Communication Day*. Invited by Bert Drennan, Community Volunteer.
- November 2007 *Differences in Masculine and Feminine Verbal and Nonverbal Communication*. Youth LEADERship Ashtabula County's *Communication Day*. Invited by Dr. Mel May, Assistant Dean, Kent State University Ashtabula.
- November 2007 *What Matters?* (with Joseph Zingaro). Pymatuning Valley High School Socrates Café Series. Invited by Brad Baranowski, Coordinator of PVHS series.
- November 2006 *What is Enough?* (with Joseph Zingaro). Kent State University at Ashtabula Lecture and Discussion Series *Socrates Café*.
- March 2005 Guest Lecturer on *Classroom Expectations*, University Orientation class. Invited by Allison West, Coordinator of Academic Services at Kent State University at Ashtabula.
- March 2005 *Backstory: The Effect of Field of Experience and Perception on Listening*. Hiram College Leadership Program. Invited by Amy Wilson, Director of Campus Involvement.
- May 2005 *Optimistic or Self-Indulgent: The Language of 'Spin' in Politics and Popular Culture*. Kent State University at Ashtabula *Senior Scholar Afternoons*.
- November 2004 *Fear and Loathing in the Land of the Obese and the Home of the Fast-Food Franchise; or, Gluttony Rides Again*. (with Dr. R. Terry White). Kent State University at Ashtabula Lecture and Discussion Series on the *Seven Deadly Sins*.
- December 2004 Faculty Representative, Panel Discussion, *Kent Connection Women*, sponsored by the Diversity Advisory Council.
- June 2004 Invited Keynote Speaker, President's and Dean's Reception, Kent State University at Ashtabula.
- April 2003 *Survival Kit For Front Line Workers*. Leadership Portage County's Fourth Annual Leadership Conference 2003 *Personal and Professional Leadership Development Conference*. Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, Rootstown, Ohio.

June 2003 *He Said/She Said: Communication and the Sexes*. Hiram College Alumni College. Invited by Heather Meeker, Director of Alumni Relations.

June 2002 *Personal and Professional Team Work: Keys to Building Positive Relationships*. Hiram College Alumni College. Invited by Heather Meeker, Director of Alumni Relations.

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND SYMPOSIA

April 2018 North East Ohio Protégé Project, Organizer, *Mentoring Symposium*, Kent State University at Ashtabula.

October 2016 North East Ohio Protégé Project Representative and Contributor; *Break The Silence About Violence*, Panel Discussion.

October 2016 North East Ohio Protégé Project Representative; *The Hunting Ground*, Screening and Panel Discussion, Kent State University at Ashtabula.

September 2016 *Best of Enemies: Buckley v. Vidal with Grammy Award Winning Director Robert Gordon and Historian, Biographer, and New York Times Journalist Sam Tanenhaus*. The Howard Seymour Bissell and Robert Kenyon Bissell Symposium, Hiram College.

October 2013 North East Ohio Protégé Project, Organizer, *Mentoring Symposium*, Kent State University at Ashtabula.

October 2013 *Celebrating College Teaching, 20th Anniversary Conference*. Kent State University.

September 2010 *Family and Self, Class and Society: A Conference on Social Justice*. Kent State University at Ashtabula.

October 2007 *The New Agenda Setters: How Do Media Adapt When Consumers Call The Shots?* Second Annual Media Mindsets Conference. Kent State University.

September 2006 *Between Jihad and McWorld: Voices of Social Justice*. International Conference on Social Justice. Kent State University at Ashtabula.

AWARDS and HONORS

2013 Faculty Recognition Award, Kent State University.

2009 Performance Based Teaching Award, Kent State University.

2008 Outstanding Teaching Award Nomination, Kent State University.

2005 Performance Based Teaching Award, Kent State University.

UNIVERSITY CITIZENSHIP

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY at KENT CAMPUS COMMITTEES

2018	Member, Non-Tenure Track Promotion Advisory Board.
2017	Member, CCI Literacies Review Committee.
2017	Member, Non-Tenure Track Promotion Advisory Board.
2016	Member, Non-Tenure Track Promotion Advisory Board.
2015	Member, Non-Tenure Track Promotion Advisory Board.
2012	Member, Non-Tenure Track Promotion Advisory Board.

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY at ASHTABULA CAMPUS COMMITTEES

2009 – 2013	Member, Retention Committee.
2005 - 2008	Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Student Excellence.
2004 - Present	Chair, Committee to choose Student Graduation Speaker.
2004	Interim Member, Grievance Committee.
2003	Member, Committee to choose Student Graduation Speaker.
2003 - 2007	Member, Diversity Committee.
2002 - 2008	Member, Library Committee.
2002 - 2009	Member, Committee for Evaluations of Part-Time Faculty.
2002-2004	Member, Research and Creative Activity Committee.

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY at ASHTABULA SEARCH COMMITTEES

2009	Member/Acting Chair, Search Committee for Non Tenure Track Librarian.
2007	Member, Search Committee for Non Tenure Track English Instructor.
2007	Chair, Search Committee for Non Tenure Track Applied Communication Instructor.
2006	Member, Search Committee for Director of Communications (Search II).
2006	Member, Search Committee for Director of Communications (Search I).

- 2005 Member, Search Committee for Assistant Dean.
- 2005 Chair, Search Committee for Non Tenure Track Entertainment Arts and Technology Instructor.
- 2004 Member, Search Committee for Non Tenure Track Nursing Instructor.
- 2002 Member, Search Committee for Central Office Receptionist.
- 2002 Member, Search Committee for Non Tenure Track English Professor.
- 2002 Member, Search Committee for Tenure Track Sociology Professor.

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY at ASHTABULA ADVISORY POSITIONS AND VOLUNTEERISM

- 2017 Faculty Representative, *Reality Check*, Kent State University at Ashtabula.
- 2017 Volunteer, Kent State University at Ashtabula English Festival.
- 2016 Volunteer, Kent State University at Ashtabula English Festival.
- 2015 Volunteer, Kent State University at Ashtabula English Festival.
- 2014 Volunteer, Kent State University at Ashtabula English Festival.
- 2014 Voiceover, *Supplemental Instruction – The Movie*. Presented by the Office of Academic Services.
- 2013 Founder and Developer, Northeast Ohio Protégé Project.
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- 2008 Mentor to adjunct faculty member Scott Wludyga.
- 2007 Mentor to adjunct faculty member Ed Looman.
- 2007 - Present Program Coordinator, Applied Communication, KSUA Campus.
- 2007- 2009 Academic Advisor, Applied Communication, KSUA Campus.
- 2005 - 2010 Co-founder and Co-developer (with Joseph Zingaro), Kent State University Ashtabula Lecture and Discussion Series *Socrates Café*.
- 2005 Mentor to new faculty member Eric Brewer.
- 2003 Advisor, 2004 Mock Presidential Debates.

- 2004 Co-founder and Co-developer (with Joseph Zingaro), Kent State University Ashtabula Lecture and Discussion Series *The Seven Deadly Sins*.
- 2004 Member, Campus Cable Advisory Committee.
- 2005 Mentor to new faculty member Natalie Huya.
- 2003 - 2005 Developer and Coordinator, *Speakers' Corner*.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 2009 Judge for *Skills USA Tech Prep Showcase*. Invited by Scott Wludyga, Multimedia Instructor, Pymatuning Valley High School.
- 2009 Interviewed by Craig L. Hofius for *Ashtabula County Recorder* article "Kent State University Ashtabula's Socrates Café Gets People Thinking Outside the Box."
- 2008 Interviewed by political analyst Kymberli Hagelberg for WCPN Ideastream discussion of *Gendered Communication Styles of Hillary Clinton and Barrack Obama During the Democratic Debate*. (interview also broadcast for Ohio Public Radio).
- 2006 Interviewed by John Broom for WFUN radio discussion of *Political Correctness in Language*.
- 2005 Interviewed by Rebekah Mosora for *Daily Kent Stater* article "Socrates Café Leaves Ashtabula Campus with Questions."
- 2005 Interviewed by Stefanie Scarlett for *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* article "Struggling With Sin."
- 2005 Interviewed by Erin Hopkins for *Daily Kent Stater* article "Deadly Sins Series Discusses Their Meaning in Today's World."
- 2004 Interviewed by Roger McCoy for WFUN radio discussion on the *Seven Deadly Sins*.

