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EDUCATION

M.A., Communication Studies

University of Colorado, Boulder, CO

August 2018 - May 2020

B.A., Communication Studies

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

August 2010 - December 2014

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE

Speech Coach & Program Coordinator

University of Colorado, Josephine Jones Speaking Lab

August 2021 - Present (part-time)

- Design and facilitate interactive professional development workshops for undergraduates, graduates, and faculty across academic disciplines
- Customize workshop content for diverse audience projects, goals, and learning styles
- Lead workshops on: overcoming public speaking anxiety, conference presentations, client pitches, persuasive communication, interview preparation & career readiness, professional workplace communication, and imposter syndrome
- Provide specialized training on how to teach and assess presentation assignments
- Build and maintain strategic partnerships across departments to expand program reach and impact
- Provide one-on-one presentation and public speaking coaching to enhance student delivery, visual aid development, message structure, and audience engagement techniques

Education & Engagement Manager

Naropa Center for Psychedelic Studies

November 2023 - December 2025

- Managed comprehensive professional development training programs for 250+ participants
- Led development of interactive training curriculum across two learning management systems (Thinkific and Canvas)
- Created and coordinated 20 learning modules ensuring alignment with organizational goals

- Produced regular communications for program participants across multiple platforms
- Consulted with subject matter experts to enhance learning materials for both asynchronous and live instruction
- Supervised and mentored program coordinators, providing structured onboarding and performance feedback
- Implemented data-driven program improvements through analysis of participant feedback

Program and Enrollment Manager

Naropa University Extended Campus

July 2022 - November 2023

- Managed curriculum implementation for multiple professional development certificate programs within two learning management systems (Thinkific & Canvas)
- Supervised an instructional designer and over 20 subject matter experts
- Developed best practices for program collaborators including guest speakers
- Partnered with cross-functional teams to create curriculum for retreats and virtual events
- Tracked trainee progress and completion through LMS and engagement surveys
- Established efficient workflows between technical teams and presenters

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor of Communication

University of Colorado Boulder

August 2020 - May 2022

- Taught courses in Public Speaking, Professional & Business Communication, and Rhetorical Foundations
- Delivered engaging lectures connecting theoretical concepts to real-world applications
- Implemented interactive class activities to enhance student engagement and practical skill development
- Taught in multiple modalities: in-person, live-virtual, and asynchronous formats
- Utilized Canvas learning management system to deliver multimedia content and track student progress
- Created digital learning resources to support ongoing skill development
- Incorporated instructional technology to enhance pedagogical techniques
- Supervised an undergraduate Learning Assistant in asynchronous offering of Rhetorical Foundations

Graduate Part-Time Instructor of Public Speaking

University of Colorado Boulder

August 2019 - May 2020

- Designed and delivered curriculum for undergraduate public speaking courses
- Provided individualized coaching and feedback on presentation skills
- Assessed student learning and adapted teaching methods to meet diverse student needs

Graduate Student Facilitator of Interpersonal Communication Senior Seminar

University of Colorado Boulder

January 2020 - May 2020

- Served as a "facilitator-in-training" for an experiential, process-oriented interpersonal communication seminar
- Guided students in developing their own group practices and communication processes from the ground up
- Created a supportive learning environment where students could identify communication weaknesses and practice new, more effective behaviors

Teaching Assistant of Rhetorical Foundations

University of Colorado Boulder

August 2018 - May 2019

- Supported course instruction through grading, student consultations, and classroom activities
- Facilitated discussion sections and provided supplementary instruction

INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Professional and Business Communication, Course Co-developer

University of Colorado Boulder

June 2021 - August 2021

- Designed asynchronous digital course content for a new offering of Professional and Business Communication for the Continuing Education department
- Created comprehensive modules focusing on workplace communication, leadership, and teamwork
- Established training manuals for future instructors to ensure consistent course delivery
- Incorporated diverse business scenarios and case studies to enhance practical application

Public Speaking Digital Content Contributor

Ellement Collective

August 2021

- Developed engaging content for teen wellness digital platform focused on public speaking skills
- Created and filmed a succinct video series demonstrating effective public speaking techniques

CERTIFICATES

- "How to Design and Deliver Training Programs" LinkedIn Learning, May 2022
- "Instructional Design: Adult Learners" LinkedIn Learning, May 2022

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

TEDxCU, Speaker

April 2022

- Developed and presented TEDx talk titled "Environmental Interdependence is Our Climate Solution" at the 2022 TEDxCU Breaking Boundaries event

National Communication Association Convention, Baltimore

November 2019

- Presented "Average is not Inclusive: Deliberative Democracy's Environmental Conundrum"

Yale University Graduate Conference in Religion and Ecology

February 2020

- Presented "Reimagining Ways of Being"

Master's Thesis

- "An Eco-spiritual Approach to Solving Climate Change: An Applied, Ethnographic Study of Communication and Spirituality in an Environmental Organization"
- Thesis advisor: Dr. Larry Frey

SKILLS

- **Learning Management Systems:** Canvas, Thinkific
- **Teaching Modalities:** In-person, virtual synchronous, asynchronous
- **Course Development:** Curriculum design, assessment creation, instructional manuals
- **Communication Training:** Public speaking, professional communication, interview preparation, presentation skills, team dynamics
- **Technology Integration:** Digital learning tools, multimedia content creation
- **Diversity & Inclusion:** Experience creating inclusive learning environments and adapting materials for diverse learning styles