

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

Western Governor's University <i>Masters of Business Administration</i>	July 2016
Texas A&M University <i>M.A., Communication Studies</i>	August 2014
University of Houston – Downtown <i>B.A., Communication Studies</i>	December 2012

## LANGUAGES

Conversational Spanish

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Adjunct Professor – Communication*  
Houston Community College  
September 2015 – Present

Facilitates discussion of project humanities course which analyzes communication theory and mass media in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Courses survey history, operation and structure of the American communication system. Identifies major legal, ethical and socio-cultural issues, studies basic communication theory, and the interrelations between media and the individual, media and society, and media and the future. Examines career potential and job prospects in today's and tomorrow's electronic culture.

*Instructor – Public Speaking*  
Texas A&M University  
September 2013 – May 2014

Instruction in undergraduate public speaking including integration of Monroe's Motivated sequence for use in persuasive speech. Course includes research and organizational design methods. Responsibilities include assessment of skill development, lab design, and implementation.

*Instructor – Fundamentals of Human Communication*  
Texas State University, San Marcos  
January 2013 – May 2013

This course is an undergraduate communication requirement which includes basic organizational, family, interpersonal, and group communication theory. Fundamentals of Human Communication include identification of elements surrounding oral communication for integration into interpersonal, small group, and presentational speaking contexts.

## PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

Duck dynasty: The future of tradition, value, and extremist belief in modern media. April 2014.  
Southern States Communication Association, New Orleans, LA.

## RESEARCH INTEREST

Interests surround Organizational Communication and hierarchical structure.. Topics of interest include power relationships evident within organizations. In addition, identifying superior-subordinate exchanges, and effects surrounding these relationships, remains a primary concentration.

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

National Communication Association  
Southern States Communication Association