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## **EDUCATION**

**Master of Arts, Communication**, May 2021

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, VA

**Graduate Certificate, Preparing the Future Professoriate**, December 2020

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, VA

**Bachelor of Arts, Communication and Digital Studies**, May 2019

University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, VA

## **THESIS**

“Depictions of Donation: A Thematic Analysis of Organ Donation in Television Medical Dramas”

Thesis committee: Dr. Adrienne Holz Ivory (Chair), Dr. John Tedesco, Dr. Carlos Evia

## **PANEL PRESENTATIONS**

“Establishing Work-Life Balance as a Graduate Teaching Assistant in Communication.” Accepted March 2020. Panel presentation at the Virginia Association of Communication Arts and Sciences (VACAS), Fairfax, Virginia. Postponed due to COVID-19.

“The Digital Communication of Gender: Exploring Pressing Issues and New Platforms of Communicating Gender Research.” March 2019. Panel presentation at the Virginia Association of Communication Arts and Sciences (VACAS), Radford, Virginia.

## **GRANTS**

**4-VA** - Jan. 2020 - March 2020, Jan. 2021 – May 2021

## **RELATED EXPERIENCE**

### *Teaching*

**Graduate Teaching Assistant** - Virginia Tech - Fall 2019 - Spring 2021

- Led Public Speaking lectures to two sections of 40 undergraduate students three times a week via both in-person and online modalities
- Advised students during office hours to improve speech delivery and organization skills
- Graded and communicated constructive feedback on speeches and class assignments to increase students' understanding of course material
- March 2020 – May 2021 – adapted teaching style to an exclusively online format due to COVID-19

**Instructor** - Virginia Tech - Winter 2020-2021

- Taught online Public Speaking to 20 students during winter and summer sessions
- Led weekly asynchronous lectures to aid in students' understanding of course material
- Graded and communicated feedback on all speeches and homework assignments
- Held live, synchronous Zoom meetings for speech days

***Professional Work***

**Project Assistant** - School of Communication, Virginia Tech - Summer 2020 - Spring 2021

- Aided in the conversion of course material from in-person to an online format
- Edited lesson plans to be distributed among all VT Public Speaking Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs)
- Updated Canvas test bank to match curriculum from updated textbook for online quizzes
- Created Canvas template sites to be implemented by all GTAs during Fall/Spring Semesters
- Provided supplemental teaching materials to aid in online learning
- Categorized sample speeches to be used as examples for future instruction

**e-Textbook Assistant** - School of Communication, Virginia Tech, "A Speaker's Guidebook" - Summer 2020

- Aided in the conversion of the textbook from paperback to electronic
- Updated textbook content for the upcoming semesters
- Created supplemental materials to be included in the custom e-textbook
- Edited and proofread both the e-textbook and its online test bank