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Curriculum Vitae  
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## **ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

### **EDUCATIONAL**

#### ***Post-Secondary Education***

- 2012            Doctor of Philosophy in Communication Studies, University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas
- 2010            Master of Arts in Communication Studies, University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas
- 2009            Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics, University of Kansas, Lawrence,  
Kansas

#### ***Honors***

- 2013            Donn W. Parson award for top paper in Argumentation at the University  
of Kansas
- 2012            Awarded honors for dissertation
- 2012            Acolyte award winner – presented to the top assistant coach by St. Mark's  
school of Texas
- 2012            Top paper in Argumentation at NCA
- 2012            Preferred critic award at Blue Devil debate tournament
- 2012            Awarded honors for comprehensive exams
- 2012            University of Kansas nominee for the Cooper Award at the Central States  
Communication Association
- 2010            Awarded honors for thesis
- 2009            Most debate victories in the history of the University of Kansas program
- 2009            Phi Beta Kappa, University of Kansas Chapter
- 2009            National Debate Tournament Champion

## RESEARCH

### *Peer Reviewed Publications*

- “Scientific counterpublics: In defense of the environmental scientist as public intellectual,” *Alta Selected Works Volume*, (Forthcoming). Washington: National Communication Association.
- “Feigning environmentalism: Anti-environmental organizations, strategic naming and definitional argument.” *Western Journal of Communication*, (Forthcoming).
- “Positional competition: More than just a plan text.” *National Journal of Speech and Debate*, 2.1, (2013): 3-12.
- “Climategate: A case study in the intersection of facticity and conspiracy theory.” *Communication Studies*, 64.2, (2013): 218-239.
- “Salience over sustainability: Environmental rhetoric of President Barack Obama.” *Argumentation and Advocacy*. 48.3 (2012): 159-173
- “Salience over sustainability: Economic environmentalism of Barack Obama.” *Alta Select Conference Proceedings*. (2011). Washington: National Communication Association.
- “Supplying a well-rounded education: A case for mandatory topic rotation.” *Contemporary Argumentation and Debate*. (2010). With Sarah Topp
- “Against intrinsicness: A return to the logical.” *The Last Word*. 1, (2010): 38-43.

### *Under Review*

- “Scientific counterpublics: Rhetorical translation of ozone science for public consumption.” *Western Journal of Communication*.
- “War for the environment: Militarized metaphor as rhetorical strategy.” *Journal of Eco-criticism*.
- “A rhetorical investigation of public disbelief in climate science.” Texas A&M University Press.

### *Presentations*

- “Scientific counterpublics: In defense of the environmental scientist as public intellectual” presentation at the American Forensic Association summer conference on argumentation, Alta, UT, August, 2013.
- “Climategate: A case study in the intersection of facticity and conspiracy theory,” presentation at the National Communication Association, Orlando, FL, November 2012.
- “Salience over sustainability: Economic environmentalism of Barack Obama,” presentation at the American Forensic Association summer conference on argumentation, Alta, UT, July 2011.

“Bridging the gap: Improving ties between high school and college debate in Kansas,”  
presentation at the Kansas Speech Communication Association, Topeka, KS,  
September 2011.

“Enemyship adjudicated,” presentation at the National Communication Association, San  
Francisco, CA, November 2010.

“Intrinsicness: A return to the logical,” presentation at the National  
Communication Association, San Francisco, CA, November 2010.

## **INSTRUCTIONAL**

### ***Professional Experience***

2013-Present Assistant Specialist, Communication Studies, University of Kansas  
2013-Present Associate Director of Debate, University of Kansas  
2009-2013 Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Kansas  
2009-2013 Assistant Debate Coach, University of Kansas  
2009-2013 Debate Coach at Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart  
2005-2008 Assistant Debate Coach at Shawnee Mission East High School

### ***Courses Taught***

2011-Present Fundamentals of Debate  
2010-Present Persuasion  
2011 Topics in: Rhetoric of Immigration  
2009-2010 Speaker Audience Communication

### ***Professional Service***

2013-present Member of Undergraduate Committee  
2012-present Book reviewer for Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy  
2011-present Reviewer for Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy  
2010 Contributor to the Treaties Topic Paper submitted to the Cross-  
examination Debate Association  
2010 Guest Speaker, Phi Beta Kappa Induction Ceremony  
2007-2009 President of the University of Kansas Forensics Union  
2006-Present Contributor to the West Coast Debate Handbook

## **INSTRUCTIONAL DEBATE BACKGROUND**

### ***College Coaching at the University of Kansas***

Four first round at-large bids to the National Debate Tournament, 2010, 2011, 2012 (x2)  
CEDA semi-finalist, 2010, 2011  
Wake Forest University Champion, 2010

USC Finalist, 2012  
Junior Varsity National Champion, 2010, 2011, 2012

### ***High School Coaching***

National Debate Coaches Association Semi-Finalist, 2013  
Tournament of Champions Octa-Finalist, 2013  
Tournament of Champions Second Speaker, 2013  
Tournament of Champions Octa-Finalist, 2011  
Tournament of Champions Semi-Finalist, 2010  
Tournament of Champions Top Speaker, 2010  
Tournament of Champions Finalist, 2009  
National Forensics League Top Speaker, 2009  
Tournament of Champions Third Speaker, 2009  
Tournament of Champions Finalist, 2008

### ***Debate Institutes***

Lab leader at the University of Michigan 7-week Seniors Institute, 2011-Present  
Lab leader at the Jayhawk Debate Institute, 2006, 2008, 2009  
Lab leader at the Spartan Debate Institute, 2007-2010  
Director of the Institute for incoming debaters at the University of Kansas, 2007, 2010  
Fellow at the Arizona Debate Institute, 2007, 2008

## **REFERENCES BY PERMISSION**

Dr. Donn Parson  
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Dr. Robin Rowland  
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