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Curriculum Vitae
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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

EDUCATIONAL

Post-Secondary Education

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| 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 |

RESEARCH

Publications

- “They spoke in defense of Roy Moy Moore: Networked apologia and media ecosystems,” *Rhetoric & Public Affairs*, 25.1 (2022). With Jacob Justice.
- “Identifying and challenging greenwashing through Conciliatio,” *Western Journal of Communication*, 86.4 (2022). With Jacob Justice.
- “When ‘I’m Sorry’ cannot be said: The evolution of political apology,” *Philosophy & Rhetoric*, 5.1 (2022). With Jacob Justice.
- “Brett Kavanaugh’s self-defense: A case study in hyper-partisan apologia,” *Journal for the History of Rhetoric*, (2020). With Jacob Justice.
- “Hacked: Defining the 2016 Presidential election in the liberal media,” *Rhetoric & Public Affairs*, (2019). With Jacob Justice.
- “Recovering rational argument: A case study of MMR vaccine skeptics,” *Alta Selected Works Volume*, (2019). Routledge. Washington: National Communication Association.
- “The Postmodern medical paradigm: A case study of anti-MMR vaccine arguments,” *Western Journal of Communication*, (2019). With Jacob Justice.

- “The New Hampshire Debate,” in *Debating the Donald* (2017).
- “Scientific counterpublics: In defense of the environmental scientist as public intellectual,” *TOPOI*, 38, (2014).
- “Scientific counterpublics: In defense of the environmental scientist as public intellectual,” *Alta Selected Works Volume*, (2014). Washington: National Communication Association.
- “Feigning environmentalism: Anti-environmental organizations, strategic naming and definitional argument.” *Western Journal of Communication*, 78.5, (2014).
- “Positional competition: More than just a plan text.” *National Journal of Speech and Debate*, 2.1, (2013).
- “Climategate: A case study in the intersection of facticity and conspiracy theory.” *Communication Studies*, 64.2, (2013).
- “Salience over sustainability: Environmental rhetoric of President Barack Obama.” *Argumentation and Advocacy*. 48.3 (2012).
- “Salience over sustainability: Economic environmentalism of Barack Obama.” *Alta Selected Works Volume*. (2011). Washington: National Communication Association.
- “Supplying a well-rounded education: A case for mandatory topic rotation.” *Contemporary Argumentation and Debate*. (2010). With Sarah Topp.

Book reviews

Hyperobjects: Philosophy and Ecology after the End of the World, Timothy Morton.
Published in *Philosophy and Rhetoric*, 48.3 (2015): 359-365.

Presentations

- “Advanced counterplan competition,” Kansas Speech Coaches Association. August, 2022.
- “Who is on the other side of the computer? Online learners and how to best support them,” KU Teaching Summit: Teaching the Whole Student, August, 2018.
- “Environmental rhetoric in the age of Trump,” Oregon State University, May, 2018.
- “Recovering rational argument: A case study of MMR vaccine skeptics,” presentation at the American Forensic Association summer conference on argumentation, Alta, UT, July 2015.
- “Cannibusiness” debate moderator for the Student Activities Association in a debate between Dr. Kevin Sabet and Aaron Houston, Lawrence KS, 2015
- “Feigning environmentalism: Anti-environmental organizations, strategic naming and definitional argument” presentation at the University of Kansas colloquium series, Lawrence, KS, 2014.
- “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.

Press and media coverage regarding the COVID-19 Vaccine

- “Coronavirus media briefing Monday 12-14-2020,”
<https://www.medicalnewsnetwork.org/newsnetwork/doctalk/c/coronavirus%20media%20briefing%20monday%2012-14-20>
- “Winning over the ‘vaccine hesitant’: Kansas and Missouri prepare for questions, fears,”
<https://www.kansascity.com/news/coronavirus/article247615130.html>
- “Kansas, Missouri officials quickly changing positions on virus as health advice
evolves,”[https://www.kansas.com/news/politics-
government/article241245071.html](https://www.kansas.com/news/politics-government/article241245071.html)
- “If COVID-19 vaccine arrives in Kansas, public confidence is key,”
[https://www.cjonline.com/news/20201031/if-covid-19-vaccine-arrives-in-kansas-
public-confidence-is-key](https://www.cjonline.com/news/20201031/if-covid-19-vaccine-arrives-in-kansas-public-confidence-is-key)
- “The CDC wants data on those getting COVID-19 vaccine. Kansas officials are wary,”
[https://www.cjonline.com/news/20201210/cdc-wants-data-on-those-getting-
covid-19-vaccine-kansas-officials-are-wary](https://www.cjonline.com/news/20201210/cdc-wants-data-on-those-getting-covid-19-vaccine-kansas-officials-are-wary)
- “Doctors are already confronting skeptics about COVID-19 vaccine,”
[https://www.kmbc.com/article/doctors-already-confronting-skeptics-about-covid-
19-vaccine/34840971](https://www.kmbc.com/article/doctors-already-confronting-skeptics-about-covid-19-vaccine/34840971)
- “Confidence is key to COVID-19 vaccine arrives soon in Kansas
[https://www.pratttribune.com/story/news/2020/11/16/confidence-key-covid-19-
vaccine-arrives-soon-kansas/6321411002/](https://www.pratttribune.com/story/news/2020/11/16/confidence-key-covid-19-vaccine-arrives-soon-kansas/6321411002/)

Honors

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| 2020 | Top paper in political communication at Central States
Communication Association |
| 2018 | Lambda Pi Eta honorary inductee |
| 2018 | American Debate Association Judge of the Year |
| 2013 | American Forensic Association top dissertation award |
| 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 high school debate
coach by St. Mark’s School of Texas |

2012 Top paper in Argumentation at National Communication Association
 2012 Awarded honors for comprehensive exams
 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

INSTRUCTIONAL

Professional Experience

2021-Present Associate Specialist, Communication Studies, University of Kansas
 2013-2021 Assistant Specialist, Communication Studies, University of Kansas
 2013-Present Assistant Director of Debate, University of Kansas
 2009-2013 Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Kansas
 2009-2013 Assistant Debate Coach, University of Kansas
 2009-Present Debate Coach at Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart

Courses taught

2022 Honors Public Speaking
 2018, 2021 Environmental rhetoric (Graduate seminar)
 2014-present Argumentation (Bridge course)
 2015 Argumentation (Graduate seminar)
 2011-present Fundamentals of Debate
 2011 Rhetoric of Immigration
 2010-2013 Persuasion
 2009-2010 Speaker-Audience Communication

Professional Service

2022 Director of the Wealth Inequality paper submitted to the National Federation of High Schools topic committee
 2022 Director of the climate change paper submitted to the National Federation of High Schools topic committee
 2021-present Member of the University Athletic Committee
 2021-present Member of the Communication Studies graduate committee
 2021 Consultant for Kansas Leadership Center vaccine messaging team
 2020 Reviewer for Rhetoric Society Quarterly
 2019 Director of the State Recognition topic paper submitted to the Cross-examination Debate Association
 2018 Member of the Communication Studies awards committee
 2018 Director of the Crimmigration topic paper submitted to the Cross-examination Debate Association
 2018 Contributor to the Executive Authority topic paper submitted to the Cross-examination Debate Association

2017-present Member of the Editorial Board for the Western Journal of Communication, *Taylor & Francis*

2017-2018 Member of the Communication Studies planning committee

2017-2019 Member of the Communication Studies grievance committee

2017 Director of the Israel topic paper submitted to the Cross-examination Debate Association

2017 Contributor to the Wealth Inequality topic paper submitted to the Cross-examination Debate Association

2016-present Reviewer for Communication Quarterly

2016-2017 Member of the Linkugel award evaluation committee

2015 Director of the Israel topic paper submitted to the Cross-examination Debate Association

2015-present Member of the Parson award evaluation committee

2014-2016 Member of the Alta Editorial Board, *Taylor & Francis*

2014 Member of the political communication faculty search committee

2013-2018 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

2007-2009 President of the University of Kansas Forensics Union

2006-present Contributor to the West Coast Debate Handbook

Committee work

Josh Smith, PhD (member)

Talya Slaw, PhD (member)

Jordan Christiansen, PhD (member)

Michael Eisenstadt, PhD (member)

Chelsea Graham, PhD (member)

Justin Kirk, PhD (member)

John Price, PhD (member)

Jacob Justice, MA (co-chair)

Will Katz, MA (co-chair)

Talya Slaw, MA (member)

Chris Stone, MA (member)

Chris Hines, MA (member)

Dan Merwin, MA (member)

Katie Barrett, BA (chair)

Liam Murphy, BA (member)

INSTRUCTIONAL DEBATE BACKGROUND

College Coaching at the University of Kansas

NDT top speaker, 2019, 2021

Copeland champion, 2018
NDT champion, 2018
Ten first round at-large bids to the National Debate Tournament, 2010, 2011, 2012 (x2),
2014, 2015, 2017 (x2), 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
NDT finalist, 2016
NDT semi-finalist, 2019, 2021, 2022
CEDA finalist, 2015, 2019
CEDA semi-finalist, 2010, 2011, 2021
Georgia State Champion, 2017
University of Kentucky Champion, 2017
Wake Forest University Champion, 2017
Harvard Champion, 2019
Gonzaga Champion, 2016
Wake Forest University Champion, 2010
Binghamton Champion, 2021
Berkeley Champion, 2020, 2021
Texas two step Champion, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022
Rutgers Champion, 2022
Minnesota Champion, 2021, 2022
UCO Champion, 2018, 2020
Indiana Champion, 2020
Emporia champion, 2019
Wayne State Champion, 2019
UT finalist, 2018
USC Finalist, 2012, 2015
CSU-Fullerton Semi-finalist, 2018
Pittsburgh Round Robin finalist, 2015, 2020
Pittsburgh Round Robin champion, 2017
Rutgers Round Robin finalist, 2022
Northwestern University finalist, 2021
ADA semifinalist, 2018, 2020
Junior Varsity National Champion, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018,
2019, 2020

High School Coaching

Senate Foreign Relations Committee China debates, 2017
Federal House Judiciary Committee surveillance debates, 2016
National Debate Coaches Association Finalist, 2018
National Debate Coaches Association Semi-Finalist, 2013, 2014
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

Carrollton Sacred Heart debate camp, 4-week Institute, 2015-Present
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
Relationship: Emeritus Professor and Advisor
dwpanson@ku.edu

Dr. Robin Rowland
Relationship: Professor
rrowland@ku.edu

Dr. Scott Harris
Relationship: Director of Debate at KU, direct supervisor
sharris@ku.edu