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Summary & Highlight of Qualifications

An accomplished communication professional with over 20 years experience in public speaking, teaching, writing, research, and relationship building amongst students, colleagues, business professionals, and community groups.

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills across communication mediums
- Proven track record of teaching effectiveness (one on one, small group, public) evidenced by honors, awards, and student/peer evaluations
- Successful development of training seminars for students, business professionals, and nonprofit organizations
- Course & Curriculum Development
- Well-versed in Social Media
- Demonstrated record of Leadership, Conflict Management, and Small Group Facilitation
- Exemplary Civic Argumentation & Debate Skills
- Nonprofit Special Event Planning

Professional Experience & Relevant Skills

Teaching & Training

- Taught in Higher Education for 20 years. Courses Taught: Public Speaking, Effective Oral Communication, Argumentation, Pedagogy, Oral Interpretation of Literature, Interpersonal Communication, Intercultural Communication, Sustainability and Social Justice, Communication and Spirituality, Global Rhetoric & Human Rights, Persuasion, Interviewing, Survey of Communication Theory, Communication Research, Rhetorical Criticism, Foundations of Public Communication, The Rhetorical Tradition, Rhetoric of International Speakers, Principles of Human Communication
- Consistently ranked over 90% in student evaluations; earned multiple teaching awards
- Developed course curriculum, syllabi, lectures, tests, study guides, annual reports; wrote letters of recommendation; directed Master's theses
- Have taught/currently teaching Adult & Youth Sunday School and Children's Church at First Christian Church, Wadsworth, Ohio
- Seminar Leader, "Discontinuous Stories." Presented research and directed session for the Center for the Study of Ethics and Values, Annual Teach-In, Hiram College
- Facilitator/Presenter, "Women and Conflict in the Workplace." Training seminar for the student/faculty organization, Association for Women in Communications, University of Akron. Seminar focused on effective communication, assertiveness in the workplace, and conflict management
- Author/Presenter, "Keys to Effective Listening." Student Leadership Conference & Workshop, University of Akron.

Leadership & Management

- Care Ministry Leader at First Christian Church, Wadsworth, OH
- Board selected member of 12 member committee charged with creating and implementing a Visioning plan for the future of First Christian Church, Wadsworth, OH
- Chair, 21st Communication Team, First Christian Church, Wadsworth, Ohio. Developed and implemented plans for print, verbal, and social media for internal and external communications at FCC
- Member of Faculty Selection Committee for the Ranney Webster Fund for Experiential Learning, Hiram College
- Faculty Search Committee for Communication, Hiram College
- Committee member for the Center for the Study of Ethics and Values. Determined annual ethics theme for the College, interacted with student activist groups on campus, offered an annual “teach-in on the green” focusing on ethical issues for students, faculty, staff and the greater Hiram community
- Representative to the Legislative Assembly for the Spiritual Communication Division of the National Communication Association
- Nominating Committee, National Communication Association. Determined nominations for the major officers of the NCA and decided upon qualified applicants for said positions
- Chair, Spiritual Communication Division of the National Communication Association. Responsible for overseeing the division, recruited new members, helped vice-chair plan program for annual convention, acted as liaison to the National Office for the division, participated in the Legislative Assembly
- Vice-chair & Program Planner, Spiritual Communication Division of the National Communication Association. Responsible for creating and soliciting a call for papers, panels and innovative research formats for annual meeting of the National Communication Association. Sent papers to reviewers, accepted and/or reject papers and panels, notified participants, assigned chairs and respondents, organized the schedule and concomitant panels for convention
- Faculty advisor for NSCS (National Society of Collegiate Scholars), Purdue University Inducted 60 new members

Writing & Editing

- Conducted in-depth interviews, arranged, and edited Legacy stories for businesses and individuals for publication
- Researched and authored 22 academic papers for conference presentation and/or publication
- Reviewed and edited Communication textbooks in higher education for academic publishers
- Wrote board reports and correspondence as Chair of the 21st Century Communication Committee at First Christian Church, Wadsworth, Ohio
- Competitive paper and panel reviewer and respondent for various divisions of the National Communication Association and the Central States Communication Assoc.

Public Speaking & Civic Engagement

- Volunteer, Valley View Elementary School, Wadsworth, Ohio. Reading Literacy, Collaborative storytelling, Teacher support, WHYS/PTO events
- Panelist on “Right & Left,” a television program on WCTV, Wadsworth, Ohio. Right & Left, Inc. is committed to civility in politics and champions civil discourse pertaining to local, national, and global issues of contention and debate
- Chair of planning committee for Hiram College Alumni Weekend, Class of 1994, 20-year Reunion
- Member of planning committee for Wadsworth High School Class of 1990, 20-year reunion
- Presented academic research, led meetings, and participated in discussion forums at academic conferences for 10 years
- Discussion Leader: Careers in Communication, Education That Works Conference, Hiram College
- Invited Judge for *Life Matters* writing contest, sponsored by Hospice of Wadsworth-Rittman and the Wadsworth High School English department, Wadsworth, Ohio

Work History

University of Akron, Senior Lecturer, August 2016-Current

Living Through Legacies, a Division of Tec4Life, Associate Writer/Contractor, 2012-2014

University of Akron, Senior Lecturer, August 2010—December 2012

University of Akron, Associate Lecturer, August 2008—August 2010

Hiram College, Instructor, Tenure-Track, August 2006—May 2008

University of Akron, Associate Lecturer, August 2001—August 2006

Hiram College, Adjunct Faculty, January 2004—April 2004

Purdue University, Graduate Teaching Assistant, August 1998—August 2001

Ivy Tech State College, Adjunct Instructor, January 2001—May 2001

University of Akron, Assistant Lecturer, January 1997—Dec 1997

University of Akron, Graduate Teaching Assistant, August 1995—Dec 1996

Education

Ph.D. in Communication/Rhetoric, Purdue University, May 2010, G.P.A. 4.0

M.A. in Communication/Rhetorical Studies, University of Akron, May 1997, G.P.A. 3.99

B.A. in English, Hiram College, June 1994, G.P.A. 3.56

References Available Upon Request