

Communication Studies Graduate Faculty Bios

Note: Graduate Faculty are listed according to their primary areas of focus, but may teach across different areas of the curriculum.

Click on one of the subjects below to jump to that area:

- **Intercultural Communication**
- **Interpersonal & Instructional Communication**
- **Mass Communication & Mediated Communication**
- **Organizational Communication**
- **Public Relations & Political Communication**
- **Rhetoric**

Intercultural Communication

Edith LeFebvre, Professor Emeritus*



B.A., Central Michigan University
M.A., University of Oregon, Psychology
Ph.D., University of Oregon, Rhetoric and Communication

Research Areas:

- Ethnographic studies of intercultural communication
- Conflict management in the global community
- Political Discourse

Teaching Areas:

- Conflict Resolution
- Persuasion and Attitude Change
- Interpersonal Communication'
- Organizational Communication
- Nonverbal Communication
- Political Communication
- Small Group Communication
- Public Speaking
- Intercultural Communication

Kikuko Omori, Assistant Professor



B.A., Senshu University (Japan), Business Administration
M.A., University of Kansas, Communication Studies
Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee,
Communication

Research Areas:

- Intercultural Communication
- Japanese/Japanese Americans
- Media influence across cultures
- Health communication across cultures
- Online education across cultures

Teaching Areas:

- Intercultural Communication
- Quantitative Research Methods

David Zuckerman, Professor, Fulbright Scholar, 2013



B.A., California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
M.A., California State University, Los Angeles
Ph.D., University of Oklahoma

Research Areas:

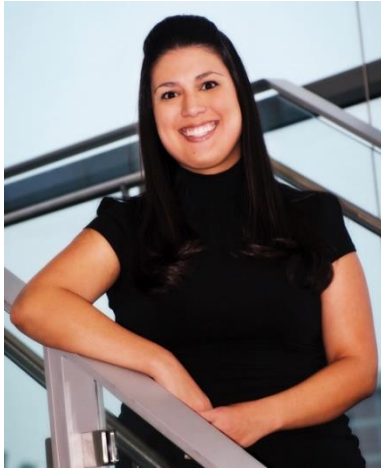
- Terrorist recruitment strategies
- International and intercultural communications
- Mass media
- Language and social interaction

Teaching Areas:

- Intercultural & International Communication
- Dual focus on communication in zones of war and terrorism and cultural imperialism in the mass media

Interpersonal & Instructional Communication

Kimberly Aguilar, Assistant Professor



B.A., California State University, San Bernardino
M.A., California State University, San Bernardino
Ph.D., The University of Utah

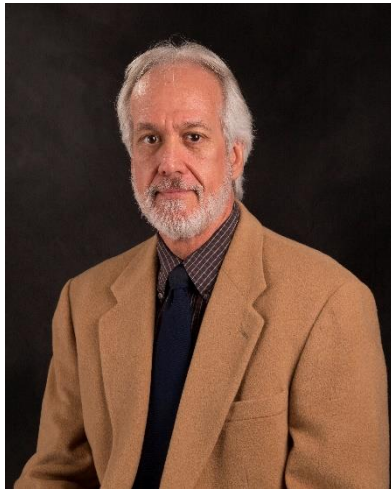
Research Areas:

- Instructional Communication
- Cyberpedagogy
- Interpersonal Communication

Teaching Areas:

- Instructional Communication
- Interpersonal Communication
- Communication Research Methods

Mark Stoner, Professor Emeritus*



B.S., Pennsylvania State University
M.A., Ohio State University, Communication Theory
Ph.D., Ohio State University, Rhetorical Criticism

Research Areas:

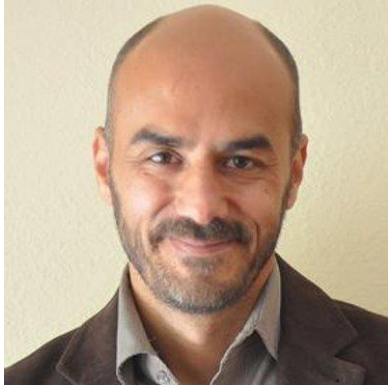
- Principles of Instructional Communication

Teaching Areas:

- Criticism
- Instructional Communication

Mass Communication & Mediated Communication

Diego Bonilla, Professor



B.A., ITAM (Mexico City), Business Administration
M.S., Syracuse University, Media Management
Ph.D., Syracuse University, Mass Communication
(Doctoral Prize 2003)

Research Areas:

- Development of hypermedia storytelling
- Human communication on the Internet
- Information Literacy in Higher Education and Workforce Effects of new media in society

Teaching Areas:

- New Media Theory
- Computer-Mediated Communications Theory
- Digital Media Authoring (Basic and Advanced)

Carmen Stitt, Professor



B.S., University of Pittsburgh
M.S., California State University, Sacramento
M.A., University of Arizona
Ph.D., University of Arizona

Research Areas:

- Social influence
- Persuasion
- Health communication
- Learning health information from media
- Cognitive and affective processing of TV narratives

Teaching Areas:

- Media Communication and Society
- Mass Media Theory and Effects
- Media History
- Introduction to Research Methods
- Health Communication

Organizational Communication

Elaine Gale, Associate Professor



B.A., Boston University
M.F.A., Antioch University
Ph.D., University of Denver

Research Areas:

- In-law triads in marital relationships
- First date scripts
- Engagement narratives
- Newsroom budget meetings
- Functions of the cc and bc in email communication

Teaching Areas:

- Organizational Communication
- Interpersonal Communication
- Training and Development

Shawna Malvini Redden, Associate Professor



B.A., Walla Walla University
M.A., California State University, Sacramento
Ph.D., Arizona State University

Research Areas:

- Identity and Emotion in Organizations
- Workplace Relationships
- Organizational Sensemaking
- Social Media and Teen Online Identity
- Online Sexual Harassment

Teaching Areas:

- Organizational Communication
- Interpersonal Communication
- Critical, Discursive and Qualitative Methods

Gerri Smith, Professor Emeritus*



B.A., Michigan State University
M.A., United States International University
Ph.D., Ohio University

Research Areas:

- Examining organizations from a cultural perspective
- Critically understanding gender roles in organizations
- Studying mentoring relationships in academic settings

Teaching Areas:

- Organizational Communication
- Small Group Communication

Public Relations & Political Communication

Andrew E. Stoner, Associate Professor



B.A., Franklin College of Indiana
M.A., Ball State University
Ph.D., Colorado State University

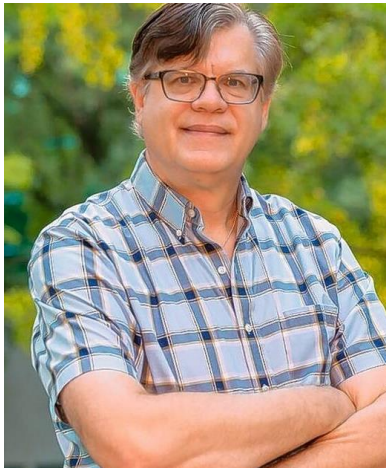
Research Areas:

- Public Relations Crisis Communication
- Public Relations Social Media Integration
- LGBTQ Media History

Teaching Areas:

- Public Relations

Mark Ludwig, Professor, Department Chair



B.S., University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Journalism
M.A., California State University, Fullerton,
Communications
Ph.D., Claremont Graduate University, Political Science

Research/Interest Areas:

- Editing
- Journalism Ethics
- Political communication

Teaching Areas:

- Political communication
- Journalism

Rhetoric

Carlos Flores, Assistant Professor



B.A., California State University, Northridge
M.A., California State University, Northridge
Ph.D., Arizona State University

Research Areas:

- Publics and Counterpublics
- Participatory Critical Rhetoric
- Digital Rhetoric; Rhetorical Field Methods
- First Generation Education

Teaching Areas:

- Rhetorical Theory and Criticism
- Qualitative Research Methods
- Communication and Popular Culture

Michele Foss-Snowden, Professor



B.A., Stanford University
M.A., University of California, Davis
Ph.D., University of Florida

Research Areas:

- Film and Television
- Representations of Race and Ethnicity
- Women in Education
- Education Technology

Teaching Areas:

- Rhetorical Criticism
- Media Aesthetics
- Communication Theory

Jacqueline A. Irwin, Professor



B.F.A., University of Kansas
M.A., University of Kansas
Ph.D., University of Kansas

Research Areas:

- Rhetorical Criticism
- Social Movements
- The Rhetoric of War/Peace
- Public Address
- Crisis Communication

Teaching Areas:

- Rhetorical Criticism
- Persuasion
- Gender Ideology
- Speech Writing

Christine Miller, Professor, Interim Vice Provost*



B.S., University of Oregon, Speech Communication
M.S., Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
Ph.D., Pennsylvania State University

Research Areas:

- Critical analyses of visual rhetoric
- Rhetorical critical research methodologies
- Health communication

Teaching Areas:

- Rhetorical Criticism
- Visual Rhetoric
- Argumentation



Andrea Terry, Assistant Professor

B.A., Cal Poly SLO

M.A., Sacramento State University

Ph.D., Texas A&M University

Research Areas:

- Presidential & Political Discourse
- Religious Rhetoric & Gender
- Public Address
- Visual Rhetoric

Teaching Areas:

- Rhetorical Criticism
- Gender & Communication
- Political Rhetoric

Mark A. E. Williams, Professor



B.A., Oral Roberts University

M.A., Louisiana State University

Ph.D., Louisiana State University

Research Areas

- History of Rhetoric
- Rhetoric and Religion
- Ethics and Informal logics

Teaching Areas

- Systems and Theories of Rhetoric
- History of Rhetoric
- Communications and Religion
- Rhetorical Criticism
- Argumentation
- Public Speaking

** These faculty are eligible to serve on graduate committees, but cannot be the committee chair*

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In Memoriam



Nicholas F. Burnett, Professor Emeritus

B.A., University of Massachusetts, Amherst

M.A., University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh

Research Areas :

- Technology and Freedom of Speech
- The Rhetoric of Holocaust Denial
- September 11th: Denial and Revisionism

Teaching Areas:

- Business and Professional Speaking
- Freedom of Speech
- Rhetorical Criticism
- Television Criticism