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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Senior lecturer with strong interest in engaging students in inclusion awareness, civic responsibility, and environmental accountability, and how communication creates and relates messages to elicit response and action.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Senior Lecturer – Department of Communication Studies

2003 - PRESENT

GCH 102H: HONORS SECTION OF GRAND CHALLENGES IN LETTERS

Study of important global challenges (Topics may include: poverty, racism and diversity, global health, global economic or environmental problems, etc.), their representation in the humanities, and the role of the humanities in addressing these problems. Grand Challenges in Letters. (Lec 3-4) Taken concurrently with URI 101 and a 100-level general education course in (EC) or (ECw). Interdisciplinary general education course for freshmen only. Pre: 3.30 overalll GPA.

GCH 104H: HONORS SECTION OF GRAND CHALLENGES IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

Study of important global challenges (Topics may include: poverty, racism and diversity, global health, global economic or environmental problems, etc.), and the role of the social sciences in addressing these problems. Honors Section of GCH 104: Grand Challenges in the Social Sciences. (Lec. 3-4). Taken concurrently with URI 100 and a 100-level general education course in (EC) or (ECw). Interdisciplinary general education course for freshmen only. Pre: 3.30 overall GPA.

PRS 100: INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC RELATIONS

Examine and explore public relations principles, concepts and emerging trends associated with the role of the PR practitioner. Explore career paths, such as investor relations, community relations, public affairs, and event management. (Lec. 3) For freshmen and sophomores only.

URI 101: Planning for Academic Success

An introductory seminar for incoming students, intended to assist in the transition to college, from academic planning to use of resources and programs for academic success. Required of all new freshmen and new transfer students with less than 24 credits.

COM 100: COMMUNICATION FUNDAMENTALS

Integrates basic theory and experience in a variety of communication contexts including public speaking, small groups, and interpersonal communication. Examines human differences in order to develop more effective communicationskills.

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COM 202: PUBLIC SPEAKING

Theory, attitudes and skills essential to effective and ethical public communication. Focus on research, selection and use of evidence, construction of arguments, organization, audience analysis and presentational skills.

COM 210: PERSUASION: THE RHETORIC OF INFLUENCE

Analysis of communication influencing beliefs, attitudes, and/or behavior. Investigation of rhetorical elements of logical, emotional, and ethical appeals. Study of elements critical for effective producers and

COM 251 (SMALL GROUP COMMUNICATION)

The study of communicative functions in the small group setting. Includes group dynamics, leadership, problem solving, and decision making. Emphasis on theory and application.

COM 291: Communication Teaching Practicum

Supervised participation in instructional practice for students in communication. Provides exposure to pragmatic classroom issues and experience in various aspects of teaching at a college level. (Practicum) Pre: permission of instructor. May be repeated for a maximum of 2 credits.

COM 302: Advanced Public Speaking

Advanced study of public speaking and speech writing. Speaking in television and business settings. Speaking with a manuscript, writing speeches for others, and speech criticism.

NEW ENGLAND INSTITUE OF TECHNOLOGY

Adjunct, Department of English

2003-2006

EN101: Introduction to Writing

Practice in topic development, research techniques, documentation and attribution, and process-based writing. Focuses on thesis statements, topic sentences, paragraphing, coherence, and syntax

EN102: Persuasion- Everything's and Argument

Concepts, methods, and ethics of argumentative and persuasive writing and speaking. Writing argumentatively to examine complex issue, define values, resist coercion and seek common ground among diverse publics and then giving a speech using a formal outline on that topic.

EN 211: Oral Communication

Focus on research, selection and use of evidence, construction of arguments, organization, audience analysis and presentational skills.

HARRINGTON SCHOOL ACADEMIC ADVISING

Department Academic Advisor/Public Relations:

Advise and assist University College freshman and sophomore Public Relations students in navigating the uncertainties which come with being new college students. Advise and review internship opportunities, curriculum planning, post and pre graduation planning and audits to juniors and seniors in the PR program.

Department Academic Advisor/Communication Studies:

Advise freshman and sophomores regarding organizations, clubs and Greek life, and eligibility to transfer to a degree granting college. Assist juniors and seniors on curriculum planning, internship opportunities, and completing graduation planning and audit paperwork.

University College: Department Academic Advisor for Communication Studies

Advise and assist University College freshman and sophomore Communication Studies student majors in navigating the uncertainties which come with being new college students. Tasks include exploring courses and career choices, curriculum planning, general education class enrollment and selection, second grade option, transfer credit, internship advising, and campus involvement.

2004 - Present

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2016-2017

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND GRADUATE STUDENT TEACHER 2001-2003

COM 101: Public Speaking, COM 103: Interpersonal Communication

COURSE DEVELOPMENT

COM 2XX Rhetoric of the Environment and Public Sphere COM 2XX Communication of the Environment and Health in the Mass Media PRS 2XX Public Relations in Natural Resources	2018 2018 2018	
EDUCATION		
University of Rhode Island, Communication Studies, M.A.	2003	
University of Rhode Island, Communication Studies, B.A.	1999	
University or Rhode Island, Environmental Studies, B.S.	1999	

HONORS AND AWARDS

University of Rhode Island, 2003 Graduate Student Teaching Award University of Rhode Island, 2003 Outstanding Graduate Student Award Civil Rights Memorial Center Wall of Tolerance, Alabama, Permanent name inclusion

PUBLICATIONS: ACADEMIC JOURNALS AND MASTERS THESIS

Comprehensive Plan for Jamestown, RI	2001	
Arguing Communication and Culture	2001	
Self-Concept, Self-Monitoring and the Relationship of Human Social Interaction	2003	
Individual Differences and Cross-Situational Consistency of Dyadic Social Behavior	2005	
(Journal of Personality and Social Psychology)		

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

Panelist. (2005). Com 100: Transitioning from the Maiden Voyage Presentation, ECA

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Online Teaching Fellows (2012) Camp Harrington: Session I and II (2012)	
Instructional Development Program's:	Understanding Today's Students
	Presenting and Explaining
	Getting Students Involved
	Testing and Grading
	Meeting the First Class
	Dealing With Difficult Students
	Learning E Campus Advising

UNIVERSITY INVOLVEMENT: ACADEMIC

University of Rhode Island

Department of Communication Studies: *Bylaws Committee (2015-2016);* Ad-hoc committee member charged to research, review, edit, and rewrite the bylaws of the Communication Studies Department.

Department of Communication Studies: *Policies and Procedures for Online and Blended Course Development (2011;)* Member, ad-hoc committee; developed and established foundation of best practices and standards for quality online, and blended course instruction.

Department of Communication Studies: *Textbook Selection Committee (2004, 2007, 2016, 2017, 2018);* Ad-hoc committee member to review and select textbook for COM 100.

Department of Communication Studies: *Test bank Revision Committee (2004, 2007);* Ad-hoc committee member to review and select textbook for COM 100.

UNIVERSITY INVOLVEMENT: NON-ACADEMIC

Phone-a-Thon/Chat Room Representative, Admissions Faculty (2003-2015) Organizer/Presenter: WebCT: University Wide Faculty Training Sessions (2006-2007) WebCT Faculty Liaison: URI (2006-2007)

Research Assistant

Gregory Leatham, Ph.D., Professor, University of Rhode Island: *Distributing environmental mitigation surveys and conducting telephone interviews* Thomas E. Malloy, Ph.D., Professor, Rhode Island College: *Coding social interaction*

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Barbara M. Tufts Cooperative Preschool: *Fundraising Coordinator* LaLeche League Leader Rhode Island Soaringwords: *Zumba Instructor (Volunteer)* West Greenwich Boy Scouts (Pack 7): *Pack Committee Member* Exeter-West Greenwich Elementary School: *Parent-Teacher's Association*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Environmental Communication Association: *Founding Member* The National Communication Association The Association for Women in Communication The Association for Educational Communication and Teaching