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Education

- Ph.D. Texas A&M University, Doctor of Philosophy in Communication, Anticipated
May 2027
Recipient of Avilés -Johnson graduate fellowship
- B.S. Abilene Christian University, Bachelor of Science in Communication, May 2022
Cumulative GPA: 4.0, *Summa Cum Laude*
University Scholar

Professional Experience

May 2024 to present – **Instructor of Record at Texas A&M University**, Public Speaking

- Plan and prepare lecture material for a 25-student self-contained class
- Lead class/group discussions and activities
- Provide constructive evaluations and feedback on students' work

Feb. 2023 to August 2024 – **Graduate Research Assistant at Texas A&M University**, Dr. Lu Tang & Dr. Yunkang Yang

- Listened and observed the audio of conservative political talk radio regarding the 2020 presidential election
- Determined voter fraud claims and their boundaries within conversation
- Recorded voter fraud claims and used these codes to train machine learning model

August 2023 to May 2024 – **Graduate Teaching Assistant at Texas A&M University**, Public Speaking

- Led recitation class/group discussions and activities for a 25-student class
- Assisted in designing and implementing engaging lesson plans
- Provided constructive evaluations and feedback on students' work

May 2022 to May 2023 – **Communications Specialist at the Tennessee Sports Wagering Advisory Council**

- Researched and created extensive list of ineligible bettors in the state of Tennessee
- Designed first department logo that was voted upon by council staff
- Researched sports betting news in the media and emailed relevant news to our staff three times a week
- Managed website design development
- Managed social media posts on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook
- Researched on proposed worldwide sporting events by TN Operators to determine if they fall within the SWAC's jurisdiction

August 2020 to May 2022 – **Student Receptionist at Abilene Christian University**, Office of International Students and Visiting Scholars

- Managed a database of over 100 international students
- Followed office tasks requested by supervisor
- Analyzed and checked Excel sheets
- Created informational posters and documents containing legal information/procedures
- Scanned and filed important legal documents

May 2021 to June 2021 – **Marketing Intern at the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council**

- Assisted in the preparation of the 2021 Children's Art and Literacy Festival (CALF) held in downtown Abilene
- Created and designed multiple graphics used in social media posts, website icons, marionette tickets, and trifold poster boards using Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator
- Managed the CALF's social media pages by posting pictures and videos of the festival

July 2020 to May 2021 – **General Tutor at Abilene Christian University**

- Tutored students in Speech and Rhetoric and Introduction to Communication
- Cultivated study habits with the student
- Documented each session

Publications

Ottinger, S. (Accepted). “*Extremely Online* book review.” *Kairos: A Journal of Rhetoric, Technology, and Pedagogy*.

Ottinger, S. (In review). “Gaining compliance through propaganda: Framing within China’s One-Child Policy propaganda.”

Conference Presentations

2024 National Communication Association Convention – Paper presentations: "When I Say ‘I’m a Banana’: Expressions that Show Racial and Ethnic Sensemaking Among Chinese Transracial Adoptees" and (Top Student Paper) “Rethinking Socialization for International Transracial Adoptees: Are Parents Doing More Harm Than Good?" Texas A&M University, November 21 & 22, 2024

2024 Southern States Communication Association Convention – Paper presentation: “The Bearers of Life Bearing Unimaginable Burdens: A Rhetorical Criticism on China’s One-Child Policy Propaganda” Texas A&M University, April 7, 2024

2022 Eastern Communication Association Conference – Paper presentation: “Rhetoric on Perseverance: At What Cost?” Abilene Christian University, April 8, 2022

Honors & Awards

August 2023 to present – Dr. Dionel Avilés ’53 and Dr. James Johnson ’67 fellow, Texas A&M University
November 2024 – Top Student Paper at National Communication Association’s 110th Annual Convention
May 2022 – University Scholar Award, Abilene Christian University

Current as of 10/6/24

May 2022 – *Summa Cum Laude*, Abilene Christian University

May 2022 – Service Award in the Department of Communication & Sociology, Abilene Christian University

May 2022 – Highest GPA Award in the Department of Communication & Sociology, Abilene Christian University

Activities and Volunteer Service

August 2024 to present – **Communication Graduate Student Association Treasurer**, Texas A&M University

- Oversee and manage CGSA's finances and financial activity
- Collect, document, and deposit member dues at the TAMU Student Organization Finance Center
- Attend CGSA events and meetings

August 2018 to May 2022 – **Reach**

- Played with the lower-income children of Abilene at their apartment complex playground
- Assisted the children with their homework if needed
- Led small group bible lessons