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EDUCATION

PhD	Pennsylvania State University, Communication Arts and Sciences	In Progress
MA	Syracuse University, Communication and Rhetorical Studies	May 2022
BA	University of Denver, Communication Studies and Psychology Minored in Marketing	June 2018

HONORS AND AWARDS

Kendall Capstone Award	2018
Received Award for Senior Capstone project from the University of Denver	
Outstanding Senior Award	2018
Recipient of an award from the University of Denver's Communication Studies Dept	
Outstanding Junior Award	2017
Recipient of an award from the University of Denver's Communication Studies Dept	

PRESENTATIONS

"The Hilarity in Campaign Finance: Stephen Colbert's Super Pac and the Revelatory Nature of Satire" November 18, 2021. National Communication Association. Seattle, Washington

"Blackness and Authenticity in Lovecraft Country" October 13, 2023. Northeast Popular Culture Conference. Virtual

"Lovecraft Country, Metamorphosis and The Mythos of Black Auteurship" November 17, 2023. National Communication Association. Baltimore, Maryland

"The 1980 Refugee Act and a New Type of National Apology" May 2024. Rhetoric Society of America. Denver, Colorado

"Discourses of Othered Violence: FGM and the film Desert Flower" July 2024. African Association of Rhetoric. Accra, Ghana

“The Eritrean Tegaldelti: Discourses of Gender and Eritrean Woman Guerilla Fighters”
December 2024. African Studies Association. [ACCEPTED]

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York Aug 2020 to June 2022
Teaching Assistant, Communication and Rhetorical Studies Dept

CRS 181 Foundations and Perspectives of Communication: Introduces students to various concepts in communication studies and rhetoric.

CRS 225 Public Advocacy: Surveys principles, practice, and criticism of informative, persuasive, and ceremonial speeches. Students are introduced to a variety of public speaking methods.

CRS 325 Presentation Speaking: Introduces students to the art of public speaking through a variety of speaking situations.

Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pennsylvania Aug 2023 to Present
Teaching Assistant, Communication Arts and Sciences Dept

CAS 100a Introduction to Public Speaking: Introduces students to foundational concepts of rhetoric and the art of public speaking.

CAS 210 Landmarks Speeches in Dissent and Democracy: Offers a survey of key speeches, debates, and controversies making up the rich tradition of U.S. civic life.

SERVICE

Syracuse University May 2021-August 2021
TA Mentor

GSO Workshop October 2021

CRS Newsletter Writer October 2020-May 2022

Professional Service

Panel Respondent, “Finding PLACE: Navigating Graduate School While Black”
November 2022. National Communication Association. New Orleans, LA

LANGUAGES

English: Native Language

Tigrinya: Native Listener, Intermediate Speaker