

**Karen Boynton**  
Curriculum Vitae

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**Education**

**Master of Arts, The Pennsylvania State University**  
Communication Arts and Sciences

**Anticipated: 2022**

**Bachelor of Arts, University of Minnesota Duluth**

**2020**

Communication  
College of Liberal Arts  
Minor: History  
*Department Honors*

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**Publications**

Harvey, J., & Boynton, K. (revise and resubmit). *Self-disclosure and psychological resilience: The mediating roles of self-esteem and self-compassion*. Submitted to *Current Psychology*.

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**Conference Papers**

Harvey, J., & Boynton, K. (November, 2020). *Self-disclosure and psychological resilience: The mediating roles of self-esteem and self-compassion*. National Communication Association Convention: Indianapolis, IN.

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**Manuscripts in Preparation**

Downs, E., Willemsen, P., Leff, D., Adigun, C., Kothapalli, S.S., Miller, L., & Boynton, K. (2020). *Examining the effects of navigation type and spatial contiguity on learning outcomes and spatial awareness in a virtual environment*.

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## Research Assistantships

Dr. Edward Downs

2019-2020

Lead participants through social scientific aspects of a study, including informed consent, demographic questionnaires, directions on equipment use, and procedural instruction for the duration of the experimental portion of the study. Assisted lead researchers in correcting and adjusting aspects of the study related to technical difficulties and participant misunderstanding.

Dr. Jacquelyn Harvey

2019-2020

Collaboratively analyzed data and current literature to compose *Self-disclosure and psychological resilience: The mediating roles of self-esteem and self-compassion*. Organized data from additional studies in preparation for future analyses.

2020

Assisted with literature review compilation for an edited book chapter on caregiver health and well-being.

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## Teaching Experience

### Communication Inquiry: Rhetorical and Historical Methods (UTA)

2019

Dr. Michael Pfau

Assisted students (n=39) in two classes in crafting group and individual papers on historical artifacts, as well as group presentations on rhetorically based academic articles.

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## Relevant Coursework

Human Communication Theory

Communication Inquiry: Social Scientific Methods

Communication Inquiry: Rhetorical and Historical Methods

Public Speaking

Interpersonal Communication

Interpersonal Communication Theory

Interpersonal Communication and Health

Communication and Creativity

Communication Technology in the Information Age

Technology for Teaching and Learning

Diversity and Education

Intercultural Communication

Advanced Writing: Social Sciences

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## **Awards and Achievements**

### **Department Honors** **2020**

Awarded to students who write a quality literature review or develop a study. The thesis must be accepted by two faculty readers and the department head

### **Dean's List** **2016-2020**

8 of 8 semesters

Awarded to students who earned a GPA of 3.5 or above

### **Chancellor's Scholarship for Academic Excellence** **2016-2020**

Renewable scholarship awarded to students demonstrating high academic ability

Total award amount: \$12,000

### **Hauge Scholarship** **2016-2020**

Renewable scholarship awarded to students who demonstrate strong work ethic

Total award amount: \$12,000

### **Patricia S. Gustafson Scholarship** **2016; 2020**

Total award amount: \$1,600

### **Communication Department Textbook Award** **2019**

Students are selected by a faculty member of the Department of Communication in recognition of student achievement

### **Highest GPA award** **2019**

Awarded to a student in the communication department with senior standing who possesses the highest cumulative GPA

### **John Hoffbauer Scholarship** **2016**

Total award amount: \$1,000