

Karen Boynton
Curriculum Vitae

The Pennsylvania State University
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Education

Master of Arts, The Pennsylvania State University

Anticipated: 2023

Communication Arts and Sciences
Advisor: Dr. Brian Manata

Bachelor of Arts, University of Minnesota Duluth

2020

Major: Communication
Minor: History
Advisor: Dr. Jacquelyn Harvey
Department Honors

Publications

Downs, E., Willemsen, P., Leff, D., Adigun, C., Kothapalli, S. S., Miller, L., **Boynton, K.**, & Berndt, M. M. (2022). Grave errors: Exploring the influence of motion mechanics on learning outcomes in a virtual cemetery. *Technology, Mind, and Behavior*, 3(2). DOI: 10.1037/tmb0000073

Harvey, J. & **Boynton, K.** (2021). Self-disclosure and psychological resilience: The mediating roles of self-esteem and self-compassion. *Interpersona: An International Journal on Personal Relationships*, 15(1), 90-104. <https://doi.org/10.5964/ijpr.4533>

Bishop, R. E. & **Boynton, K.** (under review). A meta-analytic review of the association between self-disclosure and posttraumatic growth. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*

Conference Papers

Boynton, K. (November, 2022). Neat, Novel Narratives: Using TikTok to teach effective storytelling. GIFTS Presentation. National Communication Association Annual Conference: New Orleans, LA.

Bishop, R. E. & **Boynton, K.** (November, 2022). A Meta-Analytic Review of the Association Between Self-Disclosure and Posttraumatic Growth. National Communication Association Annual Conference: New Orleans, LA.

Medd, L. & **Boynton, K.** (November, 2022). r/support: Using Reddit to teach social support and groups in computer-mediated communication. GIFTS Presentation. National Communication Association Annual Conference: New Orleans, LA.

Boynton, K. & Medd, L. (May, 2022). *Teaching Uncertainty Reduction and Information Seeking using the affordances of communication channels*. GIFTS Presentation. International Communication Association Annual Conference: Paris, France.

Boynton, K. (November, 2021). *Tik Tok Testimony*. GIFTS Presentation. National Communication Association Annual Conference: Seattle, WA.

Downs, E., Willemsen, P., Leff, D., Adigun, C., Kothapalli, S.S., Miller, L., **Boynton, K.**, & Berndt, M. (May, 2021). *Examining the effects of navigation type and spatial contiguity on learning outcomes and spatial awareness in a virtual environment*. International Communication Association Annual Conference: Denver, CO.

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

Research Assistantships

Dr. Brian Manata **2022**

Led the literature search for an extensive meta-analysis studying the relationships between conflict, cohesion, and performance.

Headed the literature review for a paper on department norms and interdisciplinary collaborations in academic settings.

Dr. Edward Downs **2019-2020**

Guided 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 literature to write *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.

Harvey, J., Faw, M. H., & Parks, E. S. (2022). Health and relational outcomes for informal caregivers and care recipients. In Thompson, T. L. & Harrington, N. G. (Eds.) *Routledge handbook of health communication*. (pp. 91-104.) Taylor & Francis.

Teaching Experience The Pennsylvania State University

Organizational Communication Theory and Research (GTA) 2023

Communication Theory (GTA) 2022

Communication and Information Technology (GTA) 2022

Ashley Peterson, M.A., A.B.D.

Effective Speech (Instructor of Record) 2021-2022

Effective Speech (GTA) 2020

Vanessa McLaughlin, Esq.

Teaching Experience University of Minnesota Duluth

Communication Inquiry: Rhetorical and Historical Methods (UTA) 2019

Dr. Michael Pfau

Awards and Achievements

James B. and Viola M. Bartoo Graduate Fellowship 2021

Awarded to students who demonstrate academic excellence

Total award amount: \$1000

Lynn Sebulsky Award -- Department Nominee 2021

Applicants for this award must be in their second year of graduate work and have done particularly well in their first year, including high academic achievement and engagement. Academic departments may nominate one student for the award

University of Minnesota Duluth Communication 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 earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher

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