

KURTIS D. MILLER

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2017 Ph.D. Interpersonal Influence and Communication. Brian Lamb School of Communication, Purdue University
- 2009 M.A. Communication. Department of Communication, College of Charleston
- 2005 B.A. Communication: Speech/Theatre. Department of Communication, Anderson University (SC)

Professional Employment

- 2016–Pres. Tusculum University, College of Civic and Liberal Arts, Associate Professor of Communication and Chair of Communication & Fine Arts

Publications

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2019 Debs, L., **Miller, K. D.**, Ashby, I. & Exter, M. (2018) Students' perspectives on different teaching methods: Comparing innovative and traditional courses in a technology program. *Research in Science & Technological Education*, 37, 297–323. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02635143.2018.1551199>

Book Chapters

- 2018 **Miller, K. D.** & Lendaro, M. (2018) Skunkworks!: Using unconventional paper airplanes to teach the communication of technical information and procedural instructions. In J. S. Seiter, J. Peebles, and M. L. Sanders (Eds.), *Communication in the classroom: A collection of GIFTS* (pp. 306–308). Boston, MA: Bedford/St. Martins.
- 2017 **Miller, K. D.** (2017). “Working the crowd:” How political figures use introduction structures. In R. X. Browning (Ed.), *Advances in research using the C-SPAN archives*. (pp. 203–234) West Lafayette, IN: Purdue University Press. <https://doi.org/10.2307/j.ctt1wf4dqz.15>

Grants and Fellowships

- 2015 \$2,500 one-time grant from the C-SPAN Education Foundation to support research using the C-SPAN Video Library
- 2012 \$350 one-time grant from the Purdue Office of the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education to support the 2012 Purdue Communication Graduate Student Association Conference

Conference Activity

Papers Presented

- 2019 **Miller, K. D.**, Ross, K. A., Trom, K., & Emmett, L. M. (2019, September). *When the communication department deploys: Lessons learned from the short-notice deployment of faculty at a small liberal arts college*. Paper presented at the Joint Meeting of the Kentucky Communication Association and the Tennessee Communication Association, Cadiz, KY.
- 2018 **Miller, K. D.**, & Pruiem, D. E. (2018, April). *Slides against humanity*. Teaching activity presented at the 88th Annual Meeting of the Southern States Communication Association, Nashville, TN.
- 2017 **Miller, K. D.**, & Patterson, H. (2017, September). *Placing our sources (literally) in dialogue: Embodying the annotated bibliography*. Teaching activity presented at the Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Communication Association, Gallatin, TN.
- 2015 Debs, L., **Miller, K. D.**, & Exter, M. (2015, November). *Students' perspectives on different teaching methods*. Research in progress presented at the 38th Annual Meeting of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology Convention, Indianapolis, IN.
- 2015 **Miller, K. D.** (2015, October). "Working the crowd:" *How political figures use introduction structures*. Paper presented at the C-SPAN Research Conference, West Lafayette, IN.
- 2015 **Miller, K. D.** (2015, April). *Converging in class with examples of fallacies and logical booby-traps from real life persuasive messages*. Teaching activity presented at the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Central States Communication Association, Madison, WI.
- 2014 **Miller, K. D.**, & Lendaro, M. (2014, April). *Skunkworks!* Teaching activity presented at the 81st Annual Meeting of the Central States Communication Association, Minneapolis, MN.

- 2012 Owlett, J. S., Richards, K. A., Defreese, J. D., Wilson, S. R., Roberts, F. D. & **Miller, K. D.** (2012, November). *Extending communication privacy management theory: Topic avoidance and privacy rules in military adolescents' experiences of deployment*. Paper presented at the 98th Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, Orlando, FL.
- 2012 Wilson, S. R. Chernichky, S. M., Wilkum, K., Owlett, J. S., & **Miller, K. D.** (2012, November). *Do family communication patterns buffer children from difficulties associated with a parent's military deployment? Examining deployed and non-deployed parents' perspectives*. Paper presented at the 98th Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, Orlando, FL.
- 2012 Wilson, S. R., Collins, C. L., Owlett, J. S., Richards, K. A., Defreese, J. D., Roberts, F. D. & **Miller, K. D.** (2012, July). *My friends don't understand how it feels: Exploring perceptions of feeling understood among adolescents who have experienced the deployment of a military parent*. Paper presented at the International Association for Relationship Research Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2010 **Miller, K. D.**, Kopfman, J., & Ferrara, M. H. (2010, November). *The effects of outward communicator traits on complaint perception*. Poster presented at the 96th Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2009 **Miller, K. D.** & Ferrara, M. H. (2009, November). *The speech act of complaining: Preliminary quantitative research*. Poster presented at the 95th Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, Chicago, IL.

Discussant

- 2020 Groven, R. (Chair) (2020, September). *Online equity at a crossroads: Is synchronous or asynchronous instruction more effective, inclusive, and equitable?* Symposium conducted at the 106th Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, Indianapolis, IN [Conference conducted virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic].
- 2019 Merrit, R. (Chair) (2019, September). *Roundtable discussion: Debate as a civic duty*. Symposium conducted at the Joint Meeting of the Kentucky Communication Association and the Tennessee Communication Association, Cadiz, KY.
- 2018 Bailey, S. B. (Chair) (2018, April). *Musings on "free community college" programs: Faculty from both 2-year and 4-year institutions in the state of Tennessee muse on the positive, negative, and unintended consequences of the Tennessee Promise*. Symposium conducted at the 88th Annual Meeting of the Southern States Communication Association, Nashville, TN.

2018 ¹**Miller, K. D.** (2018, April). Hashtag feedback: Using text expansion to streamline the process of providing detailed effective feedback. In M. Callaway (Chair), *Musings on instructor feedback: Improving the process and quality of feedback*. Symposium conducted at the 88th Annual Meeting of the Southern States Communication Association, Nashville, TN.

Teaching Experience

Tusculum University

Argumentation and Debate	2 Semesters
Debate Team Practicum	3 Semesters
History of Mass Communication	1 Semester
Individually Directed Research	2 Semesters
Interpersonal Communication	4 Semesters
Senior Seminar	2 Semesters
Team and Small Group Communication	2 Semesters
Persuasion	1 Semester
Public Speaking	10 Semesters

Purdue University

Advanced Presentational Speaking	1 Semester
Interpersonal Communication	4 Semesters
Interviewing	1 Semester
Presentational Speaking	8 Semesters
Small Group Communication	4 Semesters

Research Experience

2015–2016 Purdue Polytechnic Educational Research and Development Team

2010–2011 RA for Steven R. Wilson in collaboration with the Military Family Research Institute at Purdue University

Service to Profession

2018 Nominating Committee, Instructional Development Division, Southern States Communication Association

2017–2018 Secretary, State Association Interest Group, Southern States Communication Association

2017–2018 Chair, Bylaws Revision Committee, Tennessee Communication Association

¹Indicates panels organized

Departmental and University Service

Tusculum University

2021–Pres. Chair, Department of Communication & Fine Arts

2016–Pres. Communication Program Director

2016–Pres. Faculty Parliamentarian

2019–2020 Developed Communication BA and AA program

2017–2018 Developed Communication and Public Relations Concentration

2017–2018 Programs and Policies Committee

Purdue University

2012 Communication Graduate Student Association Conference Planning Committee

2011–2012 Approaches to Interpersonal Communication Advisory Committee

2011–2012 Communication Graduate Student Association Vice-President for
Fundraising and Research

Extracurricular University Service

2017–Pres. Coach, Tusculum University Debate Team

Community Outreach

Parliamentary Procedure Training and Consulting

2022 Sullivan County Public Libraries, February 28, Blountville, TN

2020 Ruritan National Convention, January 9–12, Kingsport, TN

Professional Memberships

- National Communication Association
- Southern States Communication Association
- Tennessee Communication Association
- National Association of Parliamentarians
- Tennessee Association of Parliamentarians