# Curriculum Vita

Communication Arts
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#### **EDUCATION**

Doctorate of Philosophy, Communication In Process

University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

August 2106-Present Milwaukee, WI

Master of Arts, Communication Studies

May 2010

Minnesota State University

Mankato, MN

Performance Thesis: From Her to Me to You: An Exploration of Identity Portrayal in Performance

Advisor: Dr. Leah White

Bachelor of Arts May 2005

North Central College Naperville, IL

Major: Speech Communication/Theater Arts

Minor: English

Courses Taught:

#### ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

<u>University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee</u> Graduate Teaching Assistant 2106-Present Milwaukee, WI

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Department of Communication

COMMUN 402: Gender and Communication

COMMUN 103: Public Speaking

Instructor/Mentor 2017-2018

Veterans Entrepreneurship Program

<u>Carthage College</u> 2018- Present

Adjunct Instructor Kenosha, WI

Department of Communication and Digital Media Courses Taught: CDM 1200: Public Speaking

Valley City State University

**Instructor** 2015-2016

Department of Communication Arts

Valley City, ND

Courses Taught: COMM 110: Fundamentals of Public Speaking

COMM 112: Understanding Media and Social Change

COMM 212: Interpersonal Communication (both online and in-class)

COMM 216: Intercultural Communication

**COMM 314: Public Relations** 

COMM 360: Group Dynamics (both online and in-class)

Concordia College

Instructor/Assistant Director of Forensics 2010-2015

Department of Communication Studies and Theatre Art

Moorhead, MN

Courses Taught: IOC 100: Inquiry: Oral Communication

INQ 100: Inquiry: Gendered Performance In Everyday Life

COM 205: Advanced Public Speaking

COM 207: Oral Interpretation

COM 324: Gender and Communication

COM 380: Performing Identity

May Semester Study Abroad Co-mentor

#### Forensics Program:

Co-supervise individual events competitive speech squad. Recruit prospective students, arrange travel schedule, manage budget, coach individuals and groups, travel with competitors, judge and host on-campus tournaments and showcases.

#### Forensic Program Competitive Success:

America Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament Team Placements:

19<sup>th</sup> (2014); 15<sup>th</sup> (2013); 15<sup>th</sup> (2012); 14<sup>th</sup> (2011)

MN State Tournament Team Placement: 3st (2014); 2st (2013); 2st (2012); 1st (2011)

### Minnesota State University-Mankato

## Graduate Teaching Assistant & Forensics Coach

2008-2010

Department of Communication Studies

Mankato, MN

Courses Taught: CMST 100: Introduction to Communication (recitation)

CMST 102: Public Speaking

CMST 310: Performance of Literature (assisted)

#### Assistant Forensics Coach

2005-2008

Wheaton Warrenville South High School

Wheaton, IL

# Adjunct Forensics Coach

2005-2008

North Central College

Naperville, IL

## **Acting Teacher**

2007

Act One Studios

Chicago, IL

## **Assistant Forensics Coach**

2004-2005

Naperville Central High School

Naperville, IL

#### **SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Publications**

Rasmussen Lenox, T. & Orcholski, M. (2018) Transgressively tWERQing. Women and Language Online, 40(1), 145-159. https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/6c9b47\_22716d48db4f46848cdf16ae2c06d1ee.pdf

Orcholski, M (2017) Delivery: A Recipe for Great Speaking *Stand up, Speak out,* Edited Open Educational Resource, Creative Commons Attribution.

Orcholski, M. & Cronn-Mills, D. (2011). They know what they're doing, but don't know why: A theoretical exploration of intertextuality in interpretation events. *National Forensics Journal*, 29(2), 174-182.

Orcholski, M. (2009). Emotions, chaos, & commotion: A family narrative. *Philament*, 15, 91-97.

#### Paper Presentations (\*indicates competitive papers)

\*Orcholski, M. (2018, November). Black Women, Beal and the Shifting of Enemyship. National Communication Association Convention, Salt Lake City, UT

- Orcholski, M. & Jagiello, K. (2018, November). Playing with Labels: LBGTQ+ Visibility in Relationship to the Acronym. National Communication Association Convention, Salt Lake City, UT.
- \*Orcholski, M. (2018, March). White Feminism and the Ego-Function of Constituting Social Movements. Central States Communication Association, Milwaukee, WI.
- \*Orcholski, M. (2018, March). Wondering Woman: Withholding Information as a Plot Device in Female Movie Relationships. Central States Communication Association, Milwaukee, WI.
- \*Orcholski, M. & Langston, D.V. (2018, March). Why Cry?: Exploring the Performance of Crying in Relationship to Communication, Emotion and Identity. Central States Communication Association, Milwaukee, WI. (Top Competitive Papers in Performance Studies and Autoethnography)
- Orcholski, M. (2012, November). Why are you calling her a prostitute?: The Blunt Amendment, Vaginas, and the need for a Feminist Civility. National Communication Association Convention, Orlando, FL.
- \*Orcholski, M. (2011 November). Women Lack Penises: The Powerful Gap Between the Penis and the Phallus. National Communication Association Convention, New Orleans, LA.
- Orcholski, M. & Wakefield, B. (2010 November). Queering to common: A critical analysis of Lady Gaga. National Communication Association Convention, San Francisco, CA.
- Orcholski, M. (2010 April). Being a "Karaoke King" (or Queen): Aesthetic communication in karaoke performance. Graduate Research Conference, Minnesota State University, Mankato.
- \*Orcholski, M. (2009 November.) Writing the self: An exploration of feminine voice in *Oranges Are Not The Only Fruit*. National Communication Association Convention, Chicago, IL.
- Cronn-Mills, D. & Orcholski, M. (2009 November.) They know what they are doing but they don't know why: A theoretical exploration of intertextuality in interpretation events." National Communication Association Convention, Chicago, IL.
- Orcholski, M. (2009 April). A discussion of power? Graduate Research Conference, Minnesota State University, Mankato.

#### **Panel Presentations**

- Orcholski, M. (2018, November). Intercultural Pedagogy: Bridging the Gap for International Students in the Public Speaking Course. National Communication Association Convention, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Orcholski, M. (2018, November). Mindfulness Matters: A Collaboratory Dialogue. National Communication Association Convention, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Orcholski, M. (2018, March). "Queer," Difference, and Shared Identity: Who (and What) Counts as Queer? Central States Communication Association, Milwaukee, WI.
- Orcholski, M. (2018, March). Judging When Triggered: "Because Judges Have Experienced Trauma Too." Central States Communication Association, Milwaukee, WI.
- Orcholski, M. (2018, March). Difference, Entitlement, and Power: Deconstructing the Privilege of Being a Communication Instructor. Central States Communication Association, Milwaukee, WI.
- Orcholski, M. (2018, March). Inclusive Communication Strategies in the Classroom. Central States Communication Association, Milwaukee, WI.
- Orcholski, M. (2018, March). Great Ideas for Teaching Speech: The Forensics Edition. Central States Communication Association, Milwaukee, WI.
- Orcholski, M (2015 November). Wait, You Don't Have a Syllabus Yet? Engaging and Critiquing Critical Pedagogy Practices in the Communication Classroom from Teacher and Student Perspectives. National Communication Association, Las Vegas, NV.
- Orcholski, M (2015 November). Fostering Advocacy among Hegemonic Students. National Communication Association, Las Vegas, NV.
- Orcholski, M. (2014 November). The Presence of the Transgender Competitor: Multiple Pasts—Multiple Futures. National Communication Association Convention, Chicago, IL.
- Orcholski, M. (2014 November). Pulling from our Past while Building for the Future: Training Resources and Techniques in the Individual Events. National Communication Association Convention, Chicago, IL.
- Orcholski, M. (2013 November). Building a Legacy: Leaving a Forensics Footprint. National Communication Association Convention, Washington, DC.
- Orcholski, M. (2013 November). Re-examining the Qualification Process: Better Connecting Students to the AFA-

- NIET. National Communication Association Convention, Washington, DC.
- Orcholski, M. (2012 November). Creating COMMunity through Empowerment: Examining Methods of Creating Student Engagement in the Basic Course. National Communication Association Convention, Orlando, FL.
- Orcholski, M (2011 September). Approaching Interp: Examining Why We Do What We Do in Forensics Interp Categories. Communication & Theater Association of Minnesota, St. Cloud, MN
- Orcholski, M (2011 September). Forensics as Art: Exploring Social Impact Through Forensics Performance. Communication & Theater Association of Minnesota, St. Cloud, MN
- Orcholski, M., Reid, A. & Lumberg, S. (2010 June). From reader (spectator) to author (spect-actor): Learning to fragment and reconstitute texts." Workshop Panel at the Annual Pedagogy of the Oppressed/Theater of the Oppressed Conference, Austin Texas.
- Orcholski, M. (2009 November). From talking change to enacting change: Seeking an action centered model of critical (communication) pedagogy. National Communication Association Convention, Chicago, IL.
- Orcholski, M. (2009 November). A question of merit: A discourse on our understanding of 'literary merit.'" National Communication Association, Chicago, IL.
- Orcholski, M. (2009, September). A graduate student research panel: Rhetoric of protest and dissent. Communication & Theater Association of Minnesota, Rochester, MN.
- White, L. & Orcholski, M. (2009, May). "Great ideas of teaching: Activism, community, and transformation. (GIFT-ACT). Pedagogy of the Oppressed/Theater of the Oppressed Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

## **Performance Presentations**

- Orcholski, M. (2010 June). From me to you: An exploration of identity portrayal. Performance at the Annual Pedagogy of the Oppressed/Theater of the Oppressed Conference, Austin, TX.
- Orcholski, M. (2010 April). Bridging identities: An exploration of identity portrayal in performance. Graduate Research Conference, Minnesota State University, Mankato.
- Dimock, J. P. & Orcholski, M. (2009 May). One o'clock at the Hong Kong Noodle. Performance at the Annual Pedagogy of the Oppressed/Theater of the Oppressed Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- Orcholski, M. (2009 April). Seamless intertextuality: I Kissed a Girl. Graduate Research Conference, Minnesota State University, Mankato.

## **Poster Sessions**

Orcholski, M. (2009 April). Interpersonal Communication: Am I Just a Number. Graduate Research Conference, Minnesota State University, Mankato

#### Teaching and Learning Symposium Sessions

- Orcholski, M. (2019). The Power of (A) Reflection. Birds-of-a-Feather Session, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
- Woodward, K., Harris, L., Orcholski, M. (2018). Books for All Students: Open Educational Resources (OER) as Initiatives for Student Success. Interactive Presentation, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
- Orcholski, M. (2019). Basically Boring-Birds-of-a-Feather Session, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

#### **HONORS**

**International Communication Association Teaching Award-** Department of Communication Awards University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee 2018

## John Paul Jones Memorial Trust

2017 & 2018

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

2018 Would You Say You Had Sex If You Were Queer? Exploring Sex Constitution and Discourse in Sexual Minority Communities University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Namesake of "The Megan Orcholski Spirit Award"- A new award created by the seniors of the forensics team to allow students to honor exceptional peers

2015

| Larry Schnoor District IV Distinguished Service Award- For outstanding service to the forensics community in District IV  | 2015           |  |
|---|----------------|--|
| Writing Retreat- Selected to attend week-long, off-site workshop, Concordia College   | 2013           |  |
| Grace Walsh Award- Grace Walsh Invitational Recognizes contributions in the community of forensics  | 2012           |  |
| <b>Research and Professional Development Grant-</b> President's Commission on the Status of Women \$500 award from MSUM to attend the 16th Annual Pedagogy and Theatre of the Oppressed Conference  | 2010           |  |
| Andreas Graduate Scholar Recipient- Minnesota State University, Mankato<br>Scholarship from the College of Arts and Humanities for excellence in performance  | 2009           |  |
| Outstanding Research Presentation- Graduate Research Conference at MSUM Award received for presentation of Seamless Intertextuality: I Kissed a Girl  | 2009           |  |
| Graduate Student Project of the Year Award-President's Commission on the Status of Women, MSUM Research award received for Writing the Self: An Exploration of Feminine Voice in Oranges Are Not The Only Fruit   | 2009           |  |
| Outstanding Senior Woman- Honors Convocation, North Central College<br>Awarded to one female each year  | 2005           |  |
| Outstanding Major in Forensics- Honors Convocation, North Central College<br>Awarded to one forensics student each year   | 2005           |  |
| All American, American Forensics Association-NIET- 1 of 11 selected nationally Recognizes excellence in forensics participation, academics and service  | 2005           |  |
| Illinois State Prose Champion- Illinois State Forensics Tournament  | 2005           |  |
| Quarter Finalist in Poetry Interpretation- National Forensics Association Individual Events Tournament  | 2005           |  |
| Presidential Scholarship Recipient- North Central College 2001  | 1-2005         |  |
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| \$1,000 Honorarium University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menominee, WI  F. Richard Beyer Fund for Campus Conversations on LGBTQ Issues Speaker \$1,500 Honorarium St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY  | h 2019<br>2018 |  |
| Andreas Visiting Scholar \$1,500 Honorarium October   | 2015           |  |
| Minnesota State University-Mankato, Mankato, MN   | 2013           |  |
| Concordia College Chapel  January   | 2015           |  |
| Concordia College, Moorhead, MN <b>TEDxFargo "No Apology Living"</b> July   | 2015           |  |
| Fargo, ND   | 2013           |  |
| Invited Class Lectures 2009   | 0-2015         |  |
| "Learning In and Out of the Classroom" Concordia College, Moorhead, MN "Finding your fit" Concordia College, Moorhead, MN "Gender Boxes" Interactive gender lectures for residence life events, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN "My Queer Story" Safe Space Training, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN "Character Work" Lecture, North Central College, Naperville, IL "Ethos, Logos and Pathos" Lecture, Lewis University, Romeoville, IL |                |  |

# **SERVICE**

| <u>SERVICE</u>  |                  |
|---|------------------|
| <u>University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee</u>  |                  |
| Public Speaking Showcase Co-coordinator   | 2016-Present     |
| Graduate Orientation Session Leader   | 2017-2018        |
| Summer Reading Leader   | 2017             |
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| Concordia College Consordia Poetry Society Montes, Coordinate students, plan and host noetry ones, miss | 2010 2015        |
| Concordia Poetry Society Mentor- Coordinate students, plan and host poetry open mics                    | 2010-2015        |
| Orientation Faculty Advisor- Participate in orientation activities as a faculty leader                  | 2011- 2015       |
| Planning Sub-Committee Member for <i>Celebration of Student Scholarship</i> (on-campus conference)      | 2012-2015        |
| Summer Registration Advisor - Advise incoming students  | 2012-2015        |
| Lead Now Mentor- Meet with and mentor students in the "Lead Now" program                                | 2012-2015        |
| Department Assessment Workshop  | 2012, 2013, 2014 |
| Admissions Panelist- Answer questions to perspective students   | 2011, 2013, 2014 |
| Faculty Learning Community- Preparing Students to Take Intellectual Risk                                | 2014-2015        |
| Presidential Scholarship Evaluator- Evaluate incoming students for scholarships                         | 2014             |
| MLK Week Open mic performance coordinator   | 2014             |
| Tunnel of Oppression Faculty sub-group coordinator  | 2013             |
| Centennial Scholar Mentor for Britt Aasmundstad   | 2012-2013        |
| Centennial Scholar Mentor for Amber Morgan  | 2012-2013        |
| Member of the Buildings Sub-group- Sustainability Committee   | 2011-2013        |
| Embracing the Q- Proposed and ran faculty workshop on queer pedagogy                                    | 2012             |
| Department Liaison for Cobber Celebration Recruitment Day   | 2010             |
| Minnesota State University, Mankato   |                  |
| Graduate Advisory Council- Department of Communication Studies  | 2008-2010        |
| Minnesota State University, Mankato   | 2000-2010        |
| Willinesota State Offiversity, Walikato   |                  |
| Community and Disciplinary Service  |                  |
| Panel Respondent- National Communication Conference, Washington, DC                                     | 2013             |
| "Social Networking Cites" Summit Center, Mankato, MN  | 2009- 2010       |
| Presentation teaching older adults how to effectively navigate social networks                          |                  |
| Mankato Farmer's Market-volunteer worker  | 2009             |
| Day Care Centers-London, England  | 2003             |
| Volunteered taking care of children in impoverished neighborhoods                                       |                  |
| Spring Service Day Co-chair, North Central College  | 2003             |
| Community Service Event raising money for a local special needs child care center                       |                  |
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| PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  | 2045             |
| Devise it Your Way  | 2015             |
| Two-week devised theater training by Chelsea Pace   | 2015             |
| Powers, Masculinities and Sexual Violence   | 2015             |
| Sumer Workshop, Concordia College   | 2014             |
| Women's Studies, Gender Studies, Women and Gender Studies?  | 2014             |
| Summer Workshop, Concordia College  | 2014             |
| Scholarship of Teaching and Learning  | 2014             |
| Summer Workshop, Concordia College Nuts and Bolts of Advising   | 2012 2014        |
| Nuts and Bolts of Advising Support Workshop, Congordia College  | 2013, 2014       |
| Summer Workshop, Concordia College Touching for Critical Thinking                                       | 2012             |
| Teaching for Critical Thinking Support Workshop, Congordia College                                      | 2013             |
| Summer Workshop, Concordia College Embodying Interfaith Cooperation                                     | 2013             |
| Embodying Interfaith Cooperation Summer Workshop, Concordin College                                     | 2013             |
| Summer Workshop, Concordia College  |                  |

| Equipping Students to Succeed  | 2013      |
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| Summer Workshop, Concordia College   |           |
| Faculty Mentor Faith and Learning Program  | 2012-2013 |
| Concordia College  |           |
| Writing in the Inquiry Seminar   | 2010      |
| Summer Workshop, Concordia College   |           |
| Faculty Teaching Certificate Program- Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning | 2008-2010 |
| Minnesota State University, Mankato  |           |
| Rainbow of Desire, One-Day Workshop with Julian Boal                                 | 2008      |
| Pedagogy and Theatre of the Oppressed Conference                                     |           |
| Interpreter Training Program- American Sign Language                                 | 2005-2007 |
| Waubonsee Community College, Sugar Grove, IL   |           |
| Study Abroad Program- Theater, Performance, Film                                     | 2003      |
| Imperial College, London, England  |           |

## PERFORMANCE AND DIRECTING EXPERIENCE

## Written and Assembled

The Practicing' Professor (2013)

Author and Performer

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59CmPO7DCzU

People Speak (2013, 2104)

Script creator, faculty coordinator and host

From Me to You: An Exploration of Identity Portrayal (2010)

Devised the script and performed (Thesis Performance)

Confession of a Drunk Mother by Kristen Treinen (2012)

Script creator and editor

The Air That I Breathe by Leah White (2009)

Editor and assistant director

## **Directing Experience**

Roommates (2018)

One Act Festival

Cooperative Performance

4.48 Psychosis (2010)

Directing Scene

Minnesota State University, Mankato

Quake (2010)

Directing Scene

Minnesota State University, Mankato

Bad Year for Tomatoes (2010)

Directing Scene

Minnesota State University, Mankato

Living Death (2005)

Author & Director North Central College

The Wizard of Oz & Peter Pan (2004) Director, Children's Theater approx. 70 children Stepping Stones Theater Company

The Princess Plays (2003)
Director, Children's Theater approx. 40 children
Stepping Stones Theater Company

## **Acting Experience**

As You Like It (2018) Celia Original Practices MKE

Alls Well That Ends Well (2017) Old Widow, Soldier Original Practices MKE

The Sweet New (2016) Vivian Theater B

Judgment at Nuremburg (2014) Elsa Lindnow Tin Roof Theater Company