**Education**

**Ph.D.** Communication Studies with Graduate Certificate in Qualitative Research Methods / University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri

Expected May 2027 / *Emphasis:* Organizational Communication

*Committee:* Dr. Rebecca Meisenbach (Chair), Dr. Debbie Dougherty, Dr. Astrid Villamil, and Dr. Wayne Brekhus

**M.S.** Communication Studies / Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas

May 2023 / *Emphasis:* Organizational Communication

*Thesis:* “Biblical Womanhood: That’s triggering for me”: An examination of identity negotiation in Baptist women in church leadership

*Committee*: Dr. Amorette Hinderaker (Chair), Dr. Paul Schrodt, & Dr. Johny Garner

**B.S.** Communication Studies / **B.S.** Strategic and Organizational Communication

**Minor** in Marketing / Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Missouri

December 2020/ Cum Laude / Phi Eta Sigma / Delta Mu Delta / Dutile Honors Progam

*Senior Thesis:* “Go Home”: Beth Moore‘s Rhetorical Backlash in the Evangelical Community

*Advisor:* Dr. David Bailey

**Academic Appointments**

**University of Missouri** / Columbia, Missouri

Instructor August 2023 - Present

**Texas Christian University /** Fort Worth, Texas

Adjunct Instructor May 2023 - Present

Speech & Debate Graduate Assistant August 2021 - May 2023

Graduate Teaching Assistant August 2021 - May 2023

**Manuscripts in Preparation**

**Prater, B.** (Under Review). “I think they just pile stuff up on teachers,” a found poem about

the teacher attrition crisis. Submitted to *Qualitative Research Reports in*

*Communication*.

**Prater, B.** (Under Review). “Relying on women to be the bulk of the work:” A ‘found’ poem

about Baptist women leaders' lived experiences and gendered sensemaking

strategies while serving in the church. Submitted to *The Qualitative Report.*

**Prater, B.** & Hinderaker, A. (in process). “Obviously, I wouldn’t be a pastor:” Baptist

women leaders nested identity construction, performance, and reconciliation.

In preparation for submission to the *Journal of Communication and Religion*.

Colaner, C., Deatherage, S., Lyssy, K., **Prater, B.**, Ramirez Paguay, E., L., and Yue, J. (in

process). Family Privilege in Online Representations of Tradwife Lifestyle. In

preparation for submission to the *Family Communication Journal.*

**Prater, B.,** Brown, Q., Mogadam, L. & Schmidt, S. (in process). “The manager said we

can wear bikini tops to work in the summer:” An ethnography of gendered identity

performance in a bar. In preparation for submission to *Women & Language*.

**Prater, B.** & Hinderaker, A. (in process). “Everything got swept under the rug – then

the rug got full:” Baptist women leader’s organizational sensemaking and resistance.

In preparation for submission to the *Southern Journal of Communication*.

**Prater, B.** (in process). “It's very like high risk, and there's not much reward:” A

‘found poem’ about college women’s experiences with party culture. In preparation

for submission to *Women & Language.*

**Prater, B.** (in process). “You do everything right, and still….”: A grounded theory

approach to college-aged women’s organizational sensemaking in unsafe situations.

In preparation for submission to *Women's Studies in Communication*.

**Prater, B.** (in process). *Holy Taint:* Toward a Communicative Understanding of Religious

Stigma in the United States. In preparation for submission to the *Journal of*

*Communication and Religion*.

**Prater, B.** (in data analysis). “We're scared too,” An autoethnographic poem about grocery

store workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meisenbach, R., **Prater, B.,** & O’Connor, A. (in data analysis). “Every mom is a working

Mom:” The lived experiences of working moms returning to paid work after

maternity leave.

**Conference Presentations** *\* = competitively selected*

**Competitively Selected Papers**

**Prater, B.** & Hinderaker, A. (2024). “Obviously, I wouldn’t be a pastor:” Baptist women

leaders nested identity construction, performance, and reconciliation. *NCA 110th*

*Annual Convention: Communicating for Greater Regard*, New Orleans, LA. \*

**\*Student Paper of the Year in the Religious Communication Division**

Colaner, C., Deatherage, S., Lyssy, K., **Prater, B.**, Ramirez Paguay, E., L., and Yue, J. (2024).

Family Privilege in Online Representations of Tradwife Lifestyle. *NCA 110th*

*Annual Convention: Communicating for Greater Regard*, New Orleans, LA. \*

**Prater, B**. (2024). “Everything got swept under the rug – then the rug got full:” Baptist

women leader’s organizational sensemaking, identity bleed, and resistance. *NCA*

*110th Annual Convention: Communicating for Greater Regard*, New Orleans, LA. \*

Starnes, K., **Prater, B.,** & Kirksey, E. (2024). The Chair: Pain and Control the Price of

Efficiency in Women's Bodies. *OSCLG 47th Annual Conference: The Feminist*

*Frontier*, Kansas City, MO. \*

**Prater B.**, Brown, Q., Mogadam, L., & Schmidt, S. (2024). Gendering Space: Communicative

Construction and Performance of Identity in a Bar. *OSCLG 47th Annual Conference:*

*The Feminist Frontier*, Kansas City, MO. \*

**Prater, B.** (2024). “You do everything right, and still….”: College-aged women retroactively

narrate their organizational sensemaking regarding party culture. *40th Annual*

*Research & Creative Activities Forum (RCAF)*. Graduate Professional Council (GPC),

University of Missouri, Columbia, MO. \*

**Prater, B.** (2024). Baptist women leaders nested identity construction and reconciliation.

*2024 Show Me Research Week*, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.

**Prater, B.** (2023). Teacher Shortages: The role of communicated resilience in the

Education crisis. *NCA 109th Annual Convention: Freedom,* National Harbor, MD. \*

**Prater, B.** (2023). A Bartender’s Perspective on Performing Facework. *Organizational*

*Communication Mini-Conference* at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. \*

**Prater, B.** (2023). “‘Biblical Womanhood,’ That’s triggering for me:” Identity Negotiation in

Southern Baptist Women Who Serve in Positions of Church Leadership. College of

*Communication 2023 Research Festival*, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX.

**Prater, B.** (2022). Graduate Social Support: Mental Health Crisis, Resiliency, and Coping

Strategies Amidst Graduate Students During and After COVID-19. *NCA 108th*

*Annual Convention: Honoring PLACE*, New Orleans, LA. \*

**Prater, B.** (2022).“I can’t remember the first time”: How College Women Negotiate Their

Experiences Surrounding Party Culture. *Organizational Communication*

*Mini-Conference* at the University of Texas, Austin, TX. \*

**Prater, B.** (2022). An Examination of How College Women Negotiate Their Experiences

Surrounding Parties and Rape Culture. *College of Communication 2022 Research*

*and Creative Festival*, Texas Christian University, Forth Worth, TX.

**Prater, B.** (2021). “Go Home”: Beth Moore‘s Rhetorical Backlash in the Evangelical

Community. *Dutile Honors Program Senior Thesis Showcase*, virtual.

**Prater, B.** (2020). Divisive dynamics between feminism and patriarchy in religious

expression. *GPHC Honors Conference*, virtual. \*

**Prater, B.** (2019). Creativity: The Lost Virtue in University Education? *OCT Honors*

*Conference*, Springfield, MO. \*

**Competitively Selected Panels**

**Prater, B.** (2025). Respondent. Undergraduate Honors Research Conference Session 7:

Research Roundtables. *Central States Communication Association*, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Respondent.

**Prater, B.** (2024). Communicating for Greater Regard: The Complexities of Abuse, Grief,

and Trauma in Religious Spaces. *NCA 110th Annual Convention: Communicating for*

*Greater Reguard*, New Orleans, LA. Chair. \*

**Prater, B.** (2024). Nonverbal Communication, Culture, and Worship. *NCA 110th Annual*

*Convention: Communicating for Greater Reguard*, New Orleans, LA. Chair.\*

**Prater, B.**, Kirksey, E., & Brownen, T. (2022). Expanding Advocacy Beyond the Competition

Room: Advocating for Applicable Practice. *NCA 108th Annual Convention: Honoring*

*PLACE*, New Orleans, LA. Presenter.\*

**Teaching Experience**

**University of Missouri**

COMM 1200: Public Speaking

**Texas Christian University**

COMM 10123: Communicating Effectively in Your Community

**Teaching Certifications**

Fall 2024 / **PAWS (preparing adults for work and society) Certified Instructor** / University of Missouri

Spring 2024 / **Online Teaching Certificate** / University of Missouri

Spring 2024 / **EFaculty 2.0 Teaching Certificate** / Texas Christian University

Spring 2021 / **Professional Kansas Substitute Teaching License** / ID: 498993761

**Professional Development**

**Workshop on AI in Classrooms and Research (Fall 2024)**/ Amy Schumacher Rutherford

workshop for the University of Missouri Communication Department

Sessions Goals: Learn how various Generative AI programs employ them to achieve student learning outcomes in communication classes.

**Communication Department Teaching Renewal (Fall 2024)**/ University of Missouri

Sessions Attended: Strategies for Active Learning and Student Engagement; Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity; Navigating the Compassion/Rigor Dialectic; Graduate Students Teaching Strategies; Navigating Students in Crisis

**Online Teaching Certification Seminar (Spring 2024)** / University of Missouri

Workshops Completed: Preparing to Teach Online; Teaching Strategies for a Quality Online Course; Shaping Your Online Instructor Presence; Motivation within the Online Learning Community; Crafting Your Teaching Online Experience

**EFaculty 2.0 Online Instructors Training (Spring 2024)**/ Texas Christian University

Workshops Completed: Instructor Presence; Student Engagement at TCU; Active and Authentic Learning; Feedback and Community Building; Continuous Improvement

**Communication Department Teaching Renewal (Fall 2023)**/ University of Missouri

Sessions Attended: Active Learning Strategies; Mental Health & Self Care for Instructors; Navigating the Compassion-Rigor Dialectic; Classroom IDEA; Managing Students in Crisis

**Communication Department GTA Training (Fall 2022)**/ Texas Christian University

Sessions Attended: SAGE Vantage Training; Student Onboarding; Course Shell Design; Microteaching Sessions; Activity-Based Teaching

**Communication Department GTA Training (Fall 2021)**/ Texas Christian University

Sessions Attended: Introduction to Teaching; Teaching the Basic Course; SAGE Vantage Training; Teaching with a Flipped Classroom; Activity-Based Teaching

**Travel Grants and Research Funding**

Fall 2024 / **2024 Student Caucus Travel Grant** / National Communication Association / Awarded $200

Fall 2024 / **GPC Research Development Award Fall 2024** / University of Missouri Graduate Professional Council / Awarded $500

Fall 2024/ **GPC Conference Presentation Travel Award** / University of Missouri Graduate Professional Council / Awarded $500

Fall 2024/ **GPC Professional Development Award**/ University of Missouri Graduate Professional Council / Awarded $300

Fall 2024 / **Graduate Student Travel Grant** / University of Missouri Department of Communication / Awarded $500

Fall 2023/ **GPC Conference Presentation Travel Award** / University of Missouri Graduate Professional Council / Awarded $500

Fall 2023 / **Graduate Student Travel Grant** / University of Missouri Department of Communication / Awarded $500

Fall 2022 / **Travel Grant** / Texas Christian University Bob Schieffer College of Communication / Awarded $400

Fall 2022 / **Conference Grant** / Texas Christian University Department of Communication / Awarded $400

**Nominations, Honors, and Awards**

November 2024 / **Top Student Paper Panel; Religious Communication Division** / National Communication Association / NCA 110th Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA.

April 2023 / **Awarded the Adeline Hoffman Fellowship** / University of Missouri Graduate College / Awarded $11,000 annually for four years.

April 2023 / **Awarded the Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award** / Schieffer College, Texas Christian University

April 2023 / **Best Graduate Communication Studies Research Presentation Award** / Schieffer Showcase, Texas Christian University

April 2022 / **Best Graduate Communication Studies Research Presentation Award** / Schieffer Research and Creative Festival, Texas Christian University

March 2021 / **All-American (top 10 in the nation)** / Pi Kappa Delta NCT Nationals

**University Service**

**Committee Memberships**

Colloquium Committee, Graduate Student Representative August 2024 - Present

Public Speaking Course Design Committee, Member October 2023 - Present

ACGS Policy & Procedures Committee, Member August 2023 - Present

ACGS Finance Committee, Member August 2023 - May 2024

**Workshops Led**

Public Speaking Workshop for the College of Business September 2024

Day 1: Communication Anxiety & Engaging Audiences

Day 2: Preparing, Audience Analysis, & Asking Good Questions

Public Speaking Workshop for the MU Peer Navigators June 2024

**Affiliations and Memberships**

Association of Communication Graduate Students (ACGS) August 2023 - Present

National Communication Association May 2022 - Present

Organizational Communication Division

Religious Communication Division

Applied Communication Division

Women’s Caucus

Student Caucus

Pi Kappa Delta TX Zeta Chapter August 2021 - May 2023

Pi Kappa Delta MO Sigma Chapter August 2017 - May 2021

**Other Work Experience**

**Texas Christian University** / Fort Worth, Texas

Testing Center Proctor January 2022 - May 2023

**Abilene Public School District** / Abilene, Kansas

Summer School Aid Summer 2021 / 2022

Substitute Teacher January - May 2021

**Woods Supermarket** / Bolivar, Missouri

Grocery and Retail Management Internship January - December 2020

**417 Magazine** / Springfield, Missouri

Editorial Internship June - August 2019

**Maurices** / Bolivar, Missouri

Assistant Manager January - December 2019

**Southwest Missouri Speech & Theater Association** / Springfield, Missouri

Workshop Instructor August 2018

**Great Plains Christian Radio** / Abilene, Kansas

Radio Broadcasting Internship May 2016 - January 2019

**Speech and Debate Service**

**Hired Judge,** Simpson College August 2023 - Present

**Forensics Graduate Assistant,** Texas Christian University August 2021 - May 2023

**Team Co-President,** Southwest Baptist University August 2020 - May 2021

**L.P. Events Chair,** Southwest Baptist University August 2018 - May 2020