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EDUCATION: Master of Science in Communication Studies & Journalism
South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD, May, 2002.

Bachelor of Science, Communication and Speech Education
University of Mary, Bismarck, ND, April, 2000.

COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH:

- Fundamentals of Public Speaking
- Critical Thinking & Argument
- Public Discourse
- Oral Interpretation
- Persuasion
- Advanced Public Speaking
- Directing Forensics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2016-Present **On-line Instructor**
Communication Studies & Theater, *South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD*
Course Taught: (3-4 per semester/90-120 students)

- SPCM 101 Fundamentals of Speech

Introduced students to the study of speech fundamentals and critical thinking through public speaking practice, including setting, purpose, audience and subject. The delivery for this course utilized Desire2Learn.

2015-Present

Co-Founder & President

SPEAK2compete, St. Peter, MN

Designed and developed communication curriculum, facilitated workshops and summer intensive experiences for students and teachers in grades 6-12, assisted students with finding their college fit, and advocated for speech and debate by providing advocacy materials.

2011-2015

Director of Summer Academic Programs

Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN

Developed and launched 12 summer academic camps for 3rd-12th grade students, managed program staff, assisted with development of marketing materials, and managed a large budget.

2002-2011

Instructor

Communication Studies, *Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN*
Course Taught: (2 per semester/44 students + forensics)

- COM 110 Public Speaking

An introductory course in public speaking, introducing materials and methods of developing ideas, organization, and delivery. An emphasis was placed on the role of discourse in society, and the importance of becoming civically engaged through participating in public dialogue.

- COM 120 Public Discourse

An introduction to the ways in which individuals discuss and make communal decisions. This course emphasized the creation and analysis of deliberative discourse as a significant mode of civic engagement. Students applied their knowledge through speeches, debates, and written analyses.

- COM 230 Critical Thinking and Argument

An introduction to the forms, roles, and practice of critical thinking and reason-giving discourse. Emphasis was on the role of argument in society, and composition of arguments. Students applied their knowledge of argument through debates on socially significant topics.

2007-2015

Director of Forensics

Individual Events and Parliamentary Debate

Communication Studies, *Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN*

2005-2007

Co-Director of Forensics

Individual Events and Parliamentary Debate

2003-2005

Director of Forensics

Individual Events and Parliamentary Debate

2002-2003

Assistant Director of Forensics

Individual Events and Parliamentary Debate

Coaching and administrating of a nationally competitive team, traveling to local, state, regional, and national tournaments, organizing collaborative efforts with other college offices, recruiting high school students, developing outreach programs for the high school speech community, leading fundraising efforts, and organizing and hosting collegiate tournaments.

- Team grew from six to twenty five members as a result of recruitment efforts.
- 6th place at the 2014 American Forensic Association National Individual Events Tournament.
- National Champions President's DI at the 2014 National Forensic Association National Championship
- 7th place at the 2014 National Forensics Association National Championship.
- 8th place at the 2013 American Forensic Association National Individual Events Tournament.
- 9th place at the 2012 American Forensic Association National Individual Events Tournament.
- 9th place at the 2012 National Forensic Association National Championship
- National Champions President's DII at the 2012 and 2011 National Forensic Association National Championships
- Top 10 at the AFA-NIET 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014
- Top 20 at the AFA-NIET 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007
- Coached 72 AFA-NIET out-round participants, and 11 finalists in oral interpretation, limited preparation, and public address.
- Coached the 2015 Interstate Oratorical Association National Champion.
- Coached the 2012 AFA-NIET National Champion in After Dinner Speaking.

- Coached 2011 AFA-NIET National Champion in Prose
- 2010 Pi Kappa Delta National Comprehensive Tournament National Champions.
- Coached a 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015 Interstate Oratorical Association National Contest qualifier, including seven semifinalists and two finalists.
- Placed second in Team Sweepstakes at the 2005 and 2007 Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament and Convention.
- Placed a student on the Pi Kappa Delta National Council as a student representative 2005 and 2007.
- Coached five American Forensic Association National Individual Events Tournament and two Pi Kappa Delta All-Americans.
- Minnesota State Parliamentary Debate Champions in 2003, 2004 2005, 2007, and 2010.
- 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2010, 2009, and 2008 Minnesota Collegiate Forensics Association State Champions.
- Year-end Sweepstake Champions for the 2003 and 2005 Parliamentary Debate League of the Upper Midwest.
- Coached a National Champion in Impromptu Speaking at the 2003 Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament and Convention.

Tournament Management:

- Hosted the 2014 National Individual Events Tournament of Champions National Tournament.
- Hosted the 2010 and 2009 Minnesota State High School League State Speech Tournament.
- Hosted the 2010 Pi Kappa Delta National Comprehensive Tournament.
- Hosted the 2009 American Forensic Association District IV National Qualifying Tournament.
- Hosted the 2006 and 2007 Pi Kappa Delta Province of the Northern Lights Provincial Tournament.
- Hosted the 2014, 2008 and 2003 Minnesota Collegiate Forensics Association State Championships.
- Hosted an annual swing with Minnesota State University, Mankato.
- Hosted tournaments for the Mid America Forensic League.

2000-2002

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Communication Studies & Theater, *South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD*

Course Taught: (2 per semester/ 48 students + forensics)

- SPCM 101 Fundamentals of Public Speaking
Taught a mass lecture once a week to primarily freshmen students stressing the fundamentals of public speaking. Conducted two labs twice a week critiquing student speeches and reinforcing the material taught in lecture through facilitation of class discussion.

Assistant Director of Forensics

Individual Events & Parliamentary Debate
Communication Studies and Theater, *South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD*

Coaching and administrating of a nationally competitive team, traveling to local, state, regional, and national tournaments.

- Team grew from 15 to 50 members as a result of recruitment efforts.
- Qualified two students in Dramatic Interpretation and Program Oral Interpretation for the 2001 American Forensic Association National Individual Events Tournament.
- Team ranked 5th in Large School Division at the 2001 Novice National Tournament, including two students in final rounds.
- Parliamentary Debate Quarter finalist at the 2001 Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament.
- Two Superior ratings in Individual Debate Speaking at the 2001 Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament.
- Excellent rating in Readers Theater at the 2001 Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament.
- Excellent rating in Dramatic Interpretation at the 2001 Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament.
- Excellent rating in Program Oral Interpretation at the 2001 Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament.
- Qualified a student for the Interstate Oratorical Association National Contest in 2001 and 2002.

Tournament Management:

- Managed two collegiate and one high school speech and debate tournament each year.
- Tournament manager and host for the 2002 Interstate Oratorical Association National Contest held in Rapid City, SD.

1997 & 1999

Assistant for High School Speech Workshop
University of Mary, Bismarck, ND

Assisted with the development, planning, and scheduling of the workshop. Presented workshops on Persuasive, Radio, Informative, and Impromptu Speaking.

1998-2000

Student Communication Intern in Corporate Video
Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bismarck, ND

This job entailed shooting video footage, designing video sets, producing radio advertisements, establishing satellite up and down links, assisting employees with power point/projector set up, and presenting the *Touchstone Energy* branding program, *Electrotechnologies* program, and the Electric Car.

Presentations:

- Informed company managers and employees about the *Touchstone Energy* branding program.
- Demonstrated *Electrotechnologies* program to grade school and high school students in North Dakota. The presentation is centered on electrical safety, electromagnetic fields, and the process of generating electricity.
- Demonstrated Electric Car to grade school and high school students in North Dakota and Colorado.

Video Production and Set up:

- Shot and edited video for North Dakota Congressional Representatives, Basin Electric managers, employees, and subsidiaries. The videos were used for presentations, campaign commercials, and for sharing cooperative news with BEPC's 375 employees, 119 cooperatives, and 16 Generating and Transmission Cooperatives covering nine states.
- Assisted with production of the *Professional Walleye Trail National Fishing Tournament*.
- Assisted with production for Tom Peters during *Leadership ND*.

Radio Production:

- Produced a 30 second spot for electric water heaters
- Produced and acted as talent for a 30 second spot for electric air conditioners . These ads consisted of finding talent to record a pre-

written script, recording the script, adding music and sound effects to the voices.

Satellite Down Link:

- Established satellite down links for ND Senators Byron Dorgan and Kent Conrad and ND Representative Earl Pomeroy
- Assisted with set up and production of a satellite up link to sites around the country regarding a panel of Global Warming experts at the *BEPC Annual Meeting*.

AWARDS AND HONORS:

- Awarded the 2011 AFA-NIET District IV Larry Schnoor Distinguished Service Award
- Awarded the 2010 Swenson-Bunn Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence, awarded by the Gustavus student body
- Awarded the 2009 Pi Kappa Delta Brightest Star Coaching Award
- Awarded the Dr. Bob Derryberry Award for Outstanding Young Forensics Educator presented at the 2006 National Communication Association National Convention
- Awarded the 2000 Father Richard Wilhelmi Communications Department Leadership Award
- Semi-finalist at the 2000 Interstate Oratorical Association National Contest
- Quarterfinalist in Persuasive Speaking at the 2000 AFA-NIET
- Showcase participant in Persuasive Speaking at the 1999 PKD National Tournament
- Superior rating in Persuasive Speaking at the 1999 PKD National Tournament
- Excellent rating in Informative Speaking at the 1999 PKD National Tournament
- First Place in Individual Sweepstakes at the 1998 North Dakota Intercollegiate Speech League State Tournament
- Superior rating in After Dinner Speaking at the 1997 PKD National Tournament
- Excellent rating in Poetry Interpretation at the 1997 PKD National Tournament
- Excellent rating in Duo Interpretation at the 1997 PKD National Tournament
- 1999 Award of Merit for Best *Touchstone Energy Partners* Program by the Council of Rural Electric Communicators

- 1999 recipient of the North Dakota Speech & Theater Association Ellie Gibson Scholarship for a Communications or English Educator
- Awarded University of Mary Leadership Award 1999

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

- National Communication Association
- American Forensic Association
- Pi Kappa Delta (National Forensics Honorary)
- Phi Kappa Phi (National Academic Honorary)
- North Dakota Speech and Theater Association
- Speech Communication Association of South Dakota
- Communication and Theater Association of Minnesota
- Minnesota Speech Coaches Association

COLLEGE & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Gustavus Adolphus College

- President Communication and Theater Association of Minnesota
- Communication and Theater Association of Minnesota Conference Planner
- Communication and Theater Association of Minnesota Board of Governors
- Communication and Theater Associate of Minnesota Executive Committee
- Executive Director of the Valley Forensic League
- Selected to serve in the AFA-NIET tournament staff 2006-2013
- Elected to Mid America Forensic League Executive Committee in 2008-09
- Elected Governor of the Pi Kappa Delta Province of the Northern Lights 2006
- Elected to the Valley Forensic League Executive Committee 2005-2010
- Elected to the Minnesota Collegiate Forensics Association Executive Committee 2004-2009
- Elected to the American Forensics Association District IV Executive Committee 2004 and 2005
- Elected Lt. Governor of the Pi Kappa Delta Province of the Northern Lights 2004
- Advisor to a Gustie Greeter

- Academic Advisor to 23 students
- Advisor to the Gustavus Men's Christian Fellowship
- Commencement Speaker Committee
- MAYDAY! Peace Conference Committee
- Created Gustavus Friends of Forensics, a group of alumni and friends committed to making Gustavus forensics the paradigm for competitive forensics
- Keynote Speaker at Gustavus Alumni Breakfast
- Keynote Speaker at Gustavus Heritage Partners Donor Recognition Luncheon
- Keynote Speaker at the Alumni Class Agent Luncheon.
- Summer Registration Advisor
- Created and developed the Gustavus Adolphus College Summer Speech and Coaching Institutes

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

Kracht, K., Knutson, B. (2014, November) *Challenging norms and respecting origins*. A C.R.A.F.T.S session presented at the 2014 National Communication Association National Conference, Chicago, IL.

Kracht, K., Wilds, S. (2013, November) *Forensics and communicating with administration*. A C.R.A.F.T.S session presented at the 2013 National Communication Association National Conference, Washington, D.C.

Kracht, K. & Kadlecek, C. (2012, November) *Who writes the most educational ballots?: A content analysis of ballots from the 2012 AFA-NIET concerning pedagogical and competitive results*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Orlando, FL.

Kracht, K. (2012, November) *Skype coaching as a community*. A C.R.A.F.T.S session presented at the 2012 National Communication Association National Conference, Orlando, FL.

Kracht, K., Kadlecek, C., Janke, R., Wieser-Mattews, S. & Abele, K. (2012, September) *Starting young: junior high involvement in speech*. Junior high speech camp plans and league presented as part of Panel at the Communication and Theater Association of Minnesota Annual Conference, St. Cloud, MN.

Kracht, K., Kadlecek, C., Lofald, J., Purrington, R., & Wilson, D. (2012, September) *National Individual Events Tournament of Champions*. National tournament preparation and experiences presented as part of Panel at the Communication and Theater Association of Minnesota Annual Conference, St. Cloud, MN.

Kracht, K., Kadlecek, C., Perlich, J., White, L., & Schnoor, L. (2011, November) *Giving voice: Critical pedagogy and performance*. Panel discussion presented at the National Communication Association Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Kracht, K. (2011, November) *Character speed dating*. A C.R.A.F.T.S session presented at the 2011 National Communication Association National Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Kracht, K., Brammer, L., Wolter, S. (2009, November) *Civic engagement as transformative education: A semester-long practicum in citizenship*. A short course presented at the 2009 National Communication Association National Conference, Chicago, IL.

Kracht, K. (2009, November) *Interns with benefits*. A C.R.A.F.T.S session presented at the 2009 National Communication Association National Conference, Chicago, IL.

Kracht, K., Holm, T., Imbody, B. West, D., Lux, J. Wunn, S. Lowry, D. (2009, November) *Bridging the gap between high school and college forensics programs: Brining stability through change*. A panel presentation at the 2009 National Communication Association National Conference, Chicago, IL.

Kracht, K. (2009, September) *The value of summer speech institutes*. A presentation at the 2009 Speech Association of South Dakota State Conference, Chamberlain, SD.

Kracht, K. (2009, September) *How to coach championship oratory*. A presentation at the 2009 Speech Association of South Dakota State Conference, Chamberlain, SD.

Kracht, K., Brammer, L., Wolter, S. (2008, November) *Civic engagement in the foundational course: An unconventional, experiential approach*. A panel discussion presented at the 2008 National Communication Association National Conference, San Diego, CA.

Kracht, K., Holm, T., Pober, P. (2008, November) *Hosting summer speech institutes*. A short course presented at the 2008 National Communication Association National Conference, San Diego, CA.

Kracht, K. (2008, November) *Practical ideas for connecting with and utilizing forensics alumni*. A C.R.A.F.T.S session presented at the 2008 National Communication Association National Conference, San Diego, CA.

- Kracht, K., Holm, T., West D., Klosa, B., Imbody, R. (2007, November) *Forensic program development and administrations: A systems theory approach*. A panel discussion presented at the 2007 National Communication Association National Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Kracht, K. (2007, December) *Research! Why?* Guest lecturer at Mankato Loyola High School, Mankato, MN.
- Kracht, K., Holm, T., White, L., Purrington, R., (2007, September) *Minnesota summer speech institutes for high school competitors*. A panel discussion presented at the 2007 Communication and Theater Association of Minnesota Conference, Rochester, MN.
- Kracht, K., Holm, T., White, L. (2007, September) *Working together: High school and college forensic coaches open forum*. A panel discussion presented at the 2007 Communication and Theater Association of Minnesota Conference, Rochester, MN.
- Kracht, K., Holm, T., Lindvall, C., Purrington, R. (2006, September) *Making connections to get things done: A coming together of Minnesota high school and college speech programs*. A panel discussion presented at the 2006 Communication and Theater Association of Minnesota Conference, St. Cloud, MN.
- Kracht, K. (2005, December) *Research! Why?* Guest lecturer at Mankato Loyola High School, Mankato, MN.
- Kracht, K. (2004, December) *Research! Why?* Guest lecturer at Mankato Loyola High School, Mankato, MN.
- Kracht, K. (2004, November) *Peer coaching and team success. Is there a correlation?* A panel discussion presented at the 2004 National Communication Association National Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Kracht, K., Meyer, J. (2003, September). *Developing a context for your speech team*. A panel discussion presented at the annual convention of the North Dakota Speech and Theater Association, Bismarck, ND.
- Kracht, K. (2001, September). *The impact of athletic coaches communicator style on team cohesion*. Thesis topic presented at the annual convention of the Speech Communication Association of South Dakota, Sioux Falls, SD.
- Kracht, K. (2000, December). *The role of video in corporate America*. Guest lecturer Introduction to Radio, Television, Film class at South Dakota State University.

Kracht, K., Huschka, B.A. (2000, August). *Linking communication to your life*. A communication-consulting program presented to Master's degree nursing students at Jamestown College, Jamestown, ND.

Kracht, K., Steiner, T. (2000, May). *Effective attitude adjustment*. A motivational presentation presented at the International Association of Business Communicators.

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES:

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