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Education & Training

Expected graduation May 2023	PhD, School of Communication The Ohio State University Advisor: Dr. Shelly Hovick
2019	MA, School of Communication University of Nebraska-Omaha Thesis: Volunteertourism or global development? An autoethnography examining my roles as a leader and teacher
2016	Nursing Assistant Certification (expired) Metropolitan Community College
2015	BS, Health Sciences Western Kentucky University Capstone project: Investigation of asymmetric impacts on protective headgear

Publications

Medero, K. (under review). Volunteer tourism: An autoethnography examining my roles as a leader and teacher. *Tourism Planning & Development*

Hovick, S.R., Coduto, K., **Medero, K.**, Moyer-Guse, E., Senter-Jamieson, L. (in revision), Public engagement and response to an entertainment-based genetic testing narrative and the impact of misinformation on viewer knowledge. *To be resubmitted to the Journal of Health Communication.*

Medero, K., & Hovick, S. (preparing for submission). Dramatized Narratives and Mental Illness: Understanding the Factors that Impact Stigmatizing Attitudes and Behavioral Intentions. *To be submitted to the Journal of Health Communication.*

Freiberger, N., **Medero, K.**, Kludt, M., Kuczynski, E., & Hovick, S. (preparing for submission). Understanding Threat and Guilt Appeal Use to Motivate Mask-Wearing to Stop the Spread of Covid-19. *To be submitted to the Journal of Health Communication.*

Medero, K., Stranne, S., Charlton, J., Padamsee, T., Foulis, E., Pinillos Chavez, P., Martinez, G., Bishop, B., Hovick, S. (preparing for submission). Development of a Culture-centric Narrative: Understanding the Latine Experience of COVID-19 in Central Ohio. *To be submitted to the Health Promotion Practice.*

Medero, K., Merrill Jr, K., & Ross, M. Q. (2022). Modeling access across the digital divide for intersectional groups seeking web-based health information: National survey. *Journal of Medical Internet Research*, 24(3), e32678. <https://doi.org/10.2196/32678>

Nemeth, J. M., Padamsee, T. J., & **the Needs Assessment Writers' Team**. (2020). Ohio's COVID-19 Populations Needs Assessment: Minimizing the Disparate Impact of the Pandemic and Building Foundations for Health Equity. *The Ohio State University College of Public Health*. <https://go.osu.edu/inequitable-burdens-covid-19>.

Medero, K. (2016). Who's Afraid of Gun Facts? R.B. Adler (Ed), *Understanding Human Communication*. Oxford University Press

Work in Progress

Medero, K., & Moyer-Gusé, E. (data analysis). Vicarious mediated contact: Examining self-referencing and role model type influence changes in prejudice attitudes.

Medero, K., Stranne, S., Charlton, J., Padamsee, T., Foulis, E., Pinillos Chavez, P., Martinez, G., Moyer-Gusé, E., Bishop, B., Hovick, S. (data collection). Prevention and recovery of COVID-19 in the Latine community of central Ohio: Examining how culture-centric narratives and acculturation interact during narrative processing.

Conferences

Presenter at the International Communication Association Conference, 2022 Paris, France

Dramatized narratives and mental illness: Understanding the factors that impact stigmatizing attitudes and behavioral intentions (Panelist)

Understanding Threat and Guilt Appeal Use to Motivate Mask-Wearing to Stop the Spread of Covid-19 (Panelist)

Presenter at the Kentucky Conference on Health Communication, 2022 Lexington, KY
Effects of Direct-To-Consumer Genetic Testing Narratives on Attitudes and Behavioral Intentions (Poster)

Presenter at the National Communication Association Conference, 2021 Seattle, WA
Culture-centered storytelling: Narratives of COVID-19 in Latino communities (Roundtable)
Online health information seeking across the digital divide: Conceptualizing access for racial and ethnic disparities (Data Blitz)

Yours, mine, and ours: The critical negotiation of time, attention, and experience while coaching forensics and parenting (Panelist)

Presenter at the National Communication Association Conference, 2020, Virtual
Reducing Mental Health Stigma: Assessing the Mechanisms of Contact Theory in Media (Roundtable)

Presenter at the National Communication Association Conference, 2019, Baltimore, MD

Voluntourism or Global Development? An autoethnography examining my roles as a leader and teacher (Poster)

Presenter at Central State Communication Association Conference, 2019, Omaha, NE
Entertainment-education has a potential source for comprehensive sexuality education
Voluntourism: A Content Analysis of Advertisement to Volunteer in The Global South

Participant at the National Communication Association Conference, 2018, Salt Lake City, UT

Attendee at several panels on teacher effectiveness and student learning, including Great Ideas for Teaching Students roundtables

Accepted to present at Central State Communication Association Conference, 2018, Milwaukee, WI

Understanding how adolescents experience sex education

Presenter at Research Experiences and Creative Heights (REACH) week

FLAME virus and cyber warfare, 2013

Blissymbolics as a non-verbal communication system, 2014

Male pheromones effects on experiments with mice, 2015

Presenter at American Physics Association Conference, 2013.

Investigation of asymmetric impacts on protective headgear

Grants and Funding

Small Miller Grant **\$3,458.00**

Time-sharing Experiments for the School of Communication (TESoC) **\$4,400.00**

Teaching Experience

The Ohio State University

Graduate Teaching Assistant- COMM 3620 Introduction to Interpersonal Communication Spring 2022

Instructor of Record-COMM 2367 Persuasive Communication Fall 2021, Summer 2021

Graduate Teaching Assistant- COMM 3333 Crisis Communication Fall 2020, Spring 2021

University of Nebraska-Omaha

Adjunct- CMST 1110, Public Speaking Fall 2020, Fall 2021

Instructor of Record- CMST 2120, Argumentation and Debate August 2017- May 2019

Graduate Assistant Forensics Coach- Guide competitive collegiate students to be nationally successful in constructing, refining, and performing speeches. August 2017- May 2019

One Heart Source

May 2016 - May 2020

Health Programs Director -Design and implement health education intervention, using a social justice pedagogy to empower students interested in health-related careers.

Western Kentucky University

August 2012 - May 2015

Physics Tutor- Reinforce students' foundational understanding of physics theory and application

Teacher Assistant- PHYS 201, College Physics I

Lab Assistant- Assisted with experiments at the Non-destructive Analysis (NOVA) Center

Florida Forensic Institute

Summer of 2011- 2014

Speech Instructor- Introduce and guide high school students to create competitive forensics events by applying communication theories and concepts.

Summer Forensic Institute

Summer of 2012- 2015

Speech Instructor- Introduce and guide high school students to create competitive forensics events by applying communication theories and concepts.

Honors

Outstanding Graduate Scholar, University of Nebraska Omaha, 2019

Outstanding Graduate Assistant Nomination, University of Nebraska Omaha, 2019

Decorated coach of UNO MAVForensics, 2017 – 2019

4 National Finalists

5 State Champions

WKU President's List for academics, Fall 2011 – Spring 2015

Decorated member of WKU Forensics, 2011 – 2015

3 time International Finalist

5 time National Finalist

4 time State Finalist

WKU Forensics service award 2012, 2013

Faculty-Student Undergraduate Engagement Scholarship for research 2012

HBO featured slam poet and finalist performer for *Brave New Voices Festival* 2010, 2011

Silver Knight nomination for outstanding community service in English 2011

Community Engagement

International Communication Association Conference, reviewer 2021

National Communication Association Conference, volunteer 2021

National Communication Association Conference, reviewer 2020-2022

School of Communication Graduate Student Organization, Treasurer 2021-Present

Managed finances and secured funding for activities meant to develop the professionalism of fellow graduate students

Graduate Mentor, 2020-Present

Work one-on-one with first-year graduate student to assure well-being and acclimation to school and surrounding area

Graduate Representative for the Diversity Committee 2019-2020

Worked alongside faculty members to promote diversity efforts within the School of Communication at the Ohio State University

Constitution Day-Community Engagement, 2018

Organized and coached student presenters debating constitutional current issues.

Certified Nursing Assistant at Rose Blumkin Jewish Home, 2015-2017

Full-time caretaker of elderly residents to assist them in activities of daily living and increase their quality of life.

Volunteer coach of the UNO MavFornesics team, Fall 2015- Spring 2017

Guided competitive collegiate students to be nationally successful in constructing, refining, and performing speeches.

One Heart Source Health Innovation Program Volunteer in Cape Town, South Africa, May 2015-2016

Educated and mentored primary school students while focusing on math, literacy, and health topics.

WKU forensics canned food drive, 2013-2015

Organized performances to attract audience members admitted by donating canned food goods for local shelters.

Volunteer coach of the Nova High School forensics team, Fall 2011 – 2015

Guided competitive high school students to be nationally successful in constructing, refining, and performing speeches.

Volunteer coach of the WriteSide Poets, Fall 2011 – 2013

Guided competitive high school students to be nationally successful in constructing, refining, and performing original poetic pieces.