

## School of Communication Colloquium

### Communication 7890

### Autumn 2025

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**Format:** In Person

**Location:** Journalism Building 106  
**Time:** Friday 12:40pm-1:35pm

#### Course Goals

- To provide a forum for the presentation of the types of research conducted in the School of Communication by its faculty and students, as well as by those in allied fields at The Ohio State University.
- To provide a forum for the presentation of communication research conducted by scholars from outside The Ohio State University, which will be invited presentations, job talks, etc.
- To provide a forum for second-year doctoral students to present their research ideas and findings and obtain feedback from fellow students and faculty, as required by the School of Communication doctoral program.
- To provide opportunities for academic and professional socialization of School of Communication graduate students through panel discussions with faculty, graduate students, and invited speakers from related departments (e.g., teaching, research and career related).

#### Expectations for COMM 7890 Students

The School's colloquium series is open to all students and faculty in the School of Communication and beyond, regardless of formal enrollment status. However, it is a required component of the School of Communication MA (2 semesters) and PhD programs (4 semesters). Therefore, any student formally enrolled in COMM 7890 for credit is expected to attend colloquium as if it were any other course. Because there are no tests or papers required for COMM 7890, there is a single criterion on which the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grade assignments will be made at the end of each semester: *engaged attendance*.

*Engaged attendance* will be tracked through a sign-up sheet at each colloquium and observation by the instructor or other members of the Graduate Studies Committee. If you are there and do not see the sign up sheet, please ask for it at the end of colloquium. Students who miss a given colloquium session need to notify the instructor in advance and provide suitable documentation for why colloquium was missed. If a student fails to attend *at least* 75% of the scheduled colloquium sessions without sufficient documentation (and completion of an appropriate make-up assignment), this may lead to a "U" (Unsatisfactory) grade for the course. For those required to enroll in colloquium, semesters with a "U" grade cannot be counted toward the requirement.

In addition to your physical presence, your mental presence is also required as part of the "engaged attendance" requirement. What this means is that you should not be devoting your mental effort

matters unrelated to the colloquium talk. Writing or reading papers, analyzing data, going online, emailing, texting, talking, sleeping, and other distracting and disrespectful behavior should be avoided during colloquium. Students observed being engaged in these behaviors will not receive credit for engaged attendance for that session.

### Tentative Schedule

Please note that changes are likely due to schedule changes, speaker availability, scholars visiting the School, or other circumstances.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Topic/Speaker</b>
8/29	Meet SoC Faculty Panel 1: Bonus, Bushman, Campbell, Fox, Meng, Wang
9/5	Meet SoC Faculty Panel 2: Dixon, Grady, Lynch, Matthews, Potter
9/12	Alumni Event—No Meeting today
9/19	-TBD-
9/26	Jesse Fox: IRB presentation
10/3	PhD Candidate presentation: Jessica Ryu
10/10	-TBD-
10/17	OSU Fall Break—No meeting today
10/24	-TBD-
10/31	-TBD-
11/7	Job Talk
11/14	Job Talk
11/21	--NCA--
11/28	Thanksgiving Break—No meeting today
12/5	-TBD-

## Course Policies

### Email & Carmen

You are responsible for checking your OSU email account and the Carmen course page regularly. Grades and course materials will be posted on Carmen throughout the semester.

### Attendance

You are expected to attend every class. However, **students should not attend class if they are feeling sick**. You do not need to provide a physician's document of illness, but you should advise me via email as soon as you are safely able to do so.

### Intellectual Diversity

Ohio State is committed to fostering a culture of open inquiry and intellectual diversity within the classroom. This course will cover a range of information and may include discussions or debates about controversial issues, beliefs, or policies. Any such discussions and debates are intended to support understanding of the approved curriculum and relevant course objectives rather than promote any specific point of view. Students will be assessed on principles applicable to the field of study and the content covered in the course. Preparing students for citizenship includes helping them develop critical thinking skills that will allow them to reach their own conclusions regarding complex or controversial matters

### Academic integrity policy

Academic integrity is essential to maintaining an environment that fosters excellence in teaching, research, and other educational and scholarly activities. Thus, The Ohio State University and the [Committee on Academic Misconduct](#) (COAM) expect that all students have read and understand the University's [Code of Student Conduct](#), and that all students will complete all academic and scholarly assignments with fairness and honesty. Students must recognize that failure to follow the rules and guidelines established in the University's Code of Student Conduct and this syllabus may constitute Academic Misconduct.

The Ohio State University's Code of Student Conduct (Section 3335-23-04) defines academic misconduct as: Any activity that tends to compromise the academic integrity of the University or subvert the educational process. Examples of academic misconduct include (but are not limited to) plagiarism, collusion (unauthorized collaboration), copying the work of another student, and possession of unauthorized materials during an examination. Ignorance of the University's Code of Student Conduct is never considered an excuse for academic misconduct, so please review the Code of Student Conduct and, specifically, the sections dealing with academic misconduct.

If an instructor suspects that a student has committed academic misconduct in this course, the instructor is obligated by University Rules to report those suspicions to the Committee on Academic Misconduct. If COAM determines that a student violated the University's Code of Student Conduct (i.e., committed academic misconduct), the sanctions for the misconduct could include a failing grade in the course and suspension or dismissal from the University.

If students have questions about the above policy or what constitutes academic misconduct in this course, they should contact the instructor.

## **Disability statement (with accommodations for illness)**

The university strives to maintain a healthy and accessible environment to support student learning in and out of the classroom. If students anticipate or experience academic barriers based on a disability (including mental health and medical conditions, whether chronic or temporary), they should let their instructor know immediately so that they can privately discuss options. Students do not need to disclose specific information about a disability to faculty. To establish reasonable accommodations, students may be asked to register with Student Life Disability Services (see below for campus-specific contact information). After registration, students should make arrangements with their instructors as soon as possible to discuss your accommodations so that accommodations may be implemented in a timely fashion.

If students are ill and need to miss class, including if they are staying home and away from others while experiencing symptoms of viral infection or fever, they should let their instructor know immediately. In cases where illness interacts with an underlying medical condition, please consult with Student Life Disability Services to request reasonable accommodations.

([slds@osu.edu](mailto:slds@osu.edu); <https://slds.osu.edu/>; 614-292-3307)

## **Mental Health:**

As a student you may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to learning, such as strained relationships, increased anxiety, alcohol/drug problems, feeling down, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. These mental health concerns or stressful events may lead to diminished academic performance or reduce a student's ability to participate in daily activities. The Ohio State University offers services to assist you with addressing these and other concerns you may be experiencing. If you or someone you know are suffering from any of the aforementioned conditions, you can learn more about the broad range of confidential mental health services available on campus via the Office of Student Life's Counseling and Consultation Service (CCS) by visiting [ccs.osu.edu](https://ccs.osu.edu) or calling [614--292--5766](tel:6142925766). CCS is located on the 4th Floor of the Younkin Success Center and 10th Floor of Lincoln Tower. You can reach an on call counselor when CCS is closed at [614--292--5766](tel:6142925766) and 24-hour emergency help is also available 24/7 by dialing 988 to reach the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

## **Religious Accommodations:**

Ohio State has had a longstanding practice of making reasonable academic accommodations for students' religious beliefs and practices in accordance with applicable law. In 2023, Ohio State

updated its practice to align with new state legislation. Under this new provision, students must be in early communication with their instructors regarding any known accommodation requests for religious beliefs and practices, providing notice of specific dates for which they request alternative accommodations within 14 days after the first instructional day of the course. Instructors in turn shall not question the sincerity of a student's religious or spiritual belief system in reviewing such requests and shall keep requests for accommodations confidential.

With sufficient notice, instructors will provide students with reasonable alternative accommodations with regard to examinations and other academic requirements with respect to students' sincerely held religious beliefs and practices by allowing up to three absences each semester for the student to attend or participate in religious activities. Examples of religious accommodations can include, but are not limited to, rescheduling an exam, altering the time of a student's presentation, allowing make-up assignments to substitute for missed class work, or flexibility in due dates or research responsibilities. If concerns arise about a requested accommodation, instructors are to consult their tenure initiating unit head for assistance.

A student's request for time off shall be provided if the student's sincerely held religious belief or practice severely affects the student's ability to take an exam or meet an academic requirement **and** the student has notified their instructor, in writing during the first 14 days after the course begins, of the date of each absence. Although students are required to provide notice within the first 14 days after a course begins, instructors are strongly encouraged to work with the student to provide a reasonable accommodation if a request is made outside the notice period. A student may not be penalized for an absence approved under this policy.

If students have questions or disputes related to academic accommodations, they should contact their course instructor, and then their department or college office. For questions or to report discrimination or harassment based on religion, individuals should contact the [Civil Rights Compliance Office](#).

## **Creating an Environment Free from Harassment, Discrimination, and Sexual Misconduct**

The Ohio State University is committed to building and maintaining a welcoming community. All Buckeyes have the right to be free from harassment, discrimination, and sexual misconduct. Ohio State does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, pregnancy (childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or recovery therefrom), race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, academic programs, admission, and employment. Members of the university community also have the right to be free from all forms of sexual misconduct: sexual harassment, sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking, and sexual exploitation.

To report harassment, discrimination, sexual misconduct, or retaliation and/or seek confidential and non-confidential resources and supportive measures, contact the Civil Rights Compliance Office (CRCO):

Online reporting form: <http://civilrights.osu.edu/>

Call 614-247-5838 or TTY 614-688-8605

[civilrights@osu.edu](mailto:civilrights@osu.edu)

The university is committed to stopping sexual misconduct, preventing its recurrence, eliminating

any hostile environment, and remedying its discriminatory effects. All university employees have reporting responsibilities to the Civil Rights Compliance Office to ensure the university can take appropriate action: All university employees, except those exempted by legal privilege of confidentiality or expressly identified as a confidential reporter, have an obligation to report incidents of sexual assault immediately.

The following employees have an obligation to report all other forms of sexual misconduct as soon as practicable but at most within five workdays of becoming aware of such information:

1. Any human resource professional (HRP)
2. Anyone who supervises faculty, staff, students, or volunteers
3. Chair/director
4. Faculty member