

School of Communication Colloquium
Communication 7890
Spring 2026

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Format: In Person

Location: 3136 Derby Hall
Time: Monday 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 observation by the instructor or other members of the Graduate Studies Committee. 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 to 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.

More generally, students should NOT use laptops and other portable electronic devices during colloquium unless explicitly required as part of the colloquium topic (e.g., training using online resources). Notes may be taken with paper and pen.

Attendance Policy:

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.

Tentative Schedule

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

Date:	Topic/Speaker
1/12	Second year talk advice—enrolled students only
1/19	MLK—No classes
1/26	Cancelled (weather)
2/2	GSO: Counseling and Consultation Service Workshop on Mental Health
2/9	Second year talk—Alita Boyse-Pecor, PhD Candidate
2/16	Second Year Talk—Yuxin Li, PhD Candidate
2/23	Second Year Talk—Jingwei Liu, PhD Candidate
3/2	Stewart Lecture Series Speaker, Al Tompkins. <i>Newhouse School at Syracuse University</i>
3/9	Dr. Katy Pearce— <i>University of Washington, Department of Communication</i>
3/16	OSU Spring Break—No meeting today
3/23	Grad Visitation week—Presentation moved to Friday for those available to attend
3/30	Dr. Elisia Baek— <i>University of Southern California, Department of Psychology</i>
4/6	-TBD-
4/13	Dr. Srivi Ramasubramanian— <i>Syracuse University, Newhouse School of Public Communications</i>
4/20	Dr. Thorsten Fass— <i>Free University of Berlin, Department of Political Sociology,</i>
4/27	GSO Event: Faculty Research Opportunities

School of Communication Statement on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:

The School of Communication at The Ohio State University embraces and maintains an environment that respects diverse traditions, heritages, experiences, and people. Our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion moves beyond mere tolerance to recognizing, understanding, and welcoming the contributions of diverse groups and the value group members possess as individuals. In our School, the faculty, students, and staff are dedicated to building a tradition of diversity, equity, and inclusion with principles of equal opportunity, personal respect, and the intellectual interests of those who comprise diverse cultures.

Please Take Care of Yourself: Mental Health Statement

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 are or someone you know is 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 or calling 614--292--5766. 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.

If you are thinking of harming yourself or need a safe, non-judgmental place to talk, or if you are worried about someone else and need advice about what to do, 24 hour emergency help is also available through the Suicide Prevention Hotline (Columbus: 614-221-5445 / National: 800-273- 8255); or text (4hope to 741741); or at suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Student Accommodations:

"Students with disabilities that have been certified by the Office for Disability Services will be appropriately accommodated and should inform the instructor as soon as possible of their needs. The Office for Disability Services is located in 150 Pomerene Hall, 1760 Neil Avenue; telephone 292-3307, TDD 292-0901; <http://www.ods.ohio-state.edu/>."

