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College of Humanities & Social Sciences

Fall 2022

Department of Communication

Commencement Ceremony

Talley Stuart Theater

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1:00 PM

North Carolina State University

Raleigh, North Carolina

Greetings from Dr. Jessica Jameson, Head, Department of Communication:

Commencement is my favorite time of the semester. The history of the regalia, the sounds of pomp and circumstance, the sight of faculty, staff, and students marching together. The students here today have encountered many unusual obstacles during their time at NC State, and they have demonstrated great grit and resilience in achieving their goals. I know everyone gathered here is proud of these students who have achieved their Bachelor of Arts in Communication, Master of Science in Communication, or Ph.D. in Communication, Rhetoric, and Digital Media (CRDM).

NC State graduates of the Department of Communication do great things. Our alumni work in education, government, healthcare, industry, media, nonprofit agencies, public relations firms – just to name a few. Communication is needed *everywhere* to help individuals, groups and organizations achieve their goals. We have no doubt that you will continue this legacy as you pave the way for the students who follow you. There are many ways you can help future students achieve their dreams of graduation. You can follow us on social media to learn about the latest Department innovations and achievements. You can return to Winston Hall to speak with our students. You can contact us to share your ideas about how to enrich the academic experience for our students.

Finally, your connection with our department may take the form of a financial contribution. The Department of Communication Enhancement Fund allows us to meet many departmental needs where state funding does not exist or is unavailable for use. For example, you may consider supporting one of our department scholarships (listed within this program), you may want to sponsor a student's study abroad experience, or you may wish to create a new scholarship recognizing one of today's graduates. Please go online for more information about donations by using the QRC or address below.

Thank you to the families and friends of our graduates for supporting them in their journey and as we celebrate their graduation together here today.

Very warm and sincere congratulations to our Fall Class of 2022!  
Go out there and continue to THINK AND DO!



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# Order of Ceremony

## **Opening Remarks**

Dr. Jessica Jameson  
*Department Head*

## **Recognition of Graduate Achievement and Presentation of MS Candidates**

Dr. Elizabeth A. Craig  
*Director of Graduate Programs*

## **Recognition of Undergraduate Achievement**

Dr. Ryan J. Hurley  
*Associate Department Head / Director of Undergraduate Programs*

## **Presentation of Graduating Seniors' Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching**

Kemmia Ghodrat  
*Vice President, Lambda Pi Eta*

## **Commencement Address**

Margaret June Haynes  
*BA - Interpersonal, Organizational and Rhetorical Concentration*

## **Presentation of BA Graduates**

Ms. Cynthia Zuckerman-Hyman  
*Director of Undergraduate Advising*

## **Closing Remarks**

Dr. Jessica Jameson

PhD Graduate  
Communication, Rhetoric, and Digital Media

Aaron Dial

Master of Science in Communication Candidates

Alana Keegan

Amneris Solano

Bachelor of Arts Candidates

Communication Media Concentration

Elizabeth Alene Anthony	Mary Lee Howell
Jonathan A. Barber	Zoe Renée Howerton
Mitchell Kenneth Barnett	Byron LDell Johnson
McKenzie Rae Blackwelder •	Mikayla Kenny
Emily Ann Byrd +**	Griffin Parker Lafayette *
Andrew Bytnar	Michelle Emma Lantz **
William Edward Clark *** •	Madeleine Clare Presutti *
Jenna Nicole Cook **	Bryan Houston Pyrtle
Trinh Dinh **	Morgan Lillian Risko *** ♦
Rebecca Starling Douthart +**	Anna E. Rose *** ■
Jackson Byrns Dumas •	Kyle Robert Schmidt *** •
Kyler Jeffery Eckert	Brandon Smith
Kendall Kristopher Edwards **	Skylar MacLeod Smith * ■
James Hayden Fancher ■	Jalynn Delance Strickland
Rebekah Ann Fowlkes **	Rachel Michele Umbach**
Suzanne F. Hopkins ■	Kai Vosberg**

## Public Relations Concentration

Cameron Scott Arnold *	Sydney Olivia Kerchner
Ethan D. Britton ***	McKenzie Long + ■
Jacqueline Rachel Cherry	Taylor Shea Murray ** •
Joyce Cho *	Erin Dollie Ostendarp ■
Alexandra Grace Elliott * ■	Karla Nichol Ramos-Lebron +**
Christina Noelle Grube +*** •	Gabrielle Georgette Ray
Austin J. Hickman	Nani Yuliana Suarez Ventura
Andrew Scott Jackson	Christopher Preston Toudle
Hannah Jones	Addison Amos Young ■
Taylor Elizabeth Jones	Xinyi Zhang***
Mary Grace Kearney	

## Interpersonal, Organizational, and Rhetorical Concentration

Meredith Jean Davis +**	Robert Nathaniel Lyon
Jalen Frazier	Christopher Joseph Martinho
Olivia Haga **	Piper Finley Mumpasi
Margaret June Haynes ***	Hannah Grace O'Kelley ** •
Monica Herrera ** •	Elizabeth Anne Pickering ■
Hayden Tyler Kirby ■	Emma Kate Self ■
Jayden Taylor Light **	Emma Slabach *
Brooke Sullivan Lord •	

• Summer 1 Graduate

■ Summer 2 Graduate

\* Cum Laude

+ Co-Major

\*\* Magna Cum Laude

◆ Department Honors Program

\*\*\* Summa Cum Laude

## Department of Communication Staff

### Faculty Administrators

Dr. Jessica Jameson	Department Head
Dr. Ryan J. Hurley	Associate Department Head / Director of Undergraduate Programs
Dr. Elizabeth A. Craig	Director of Graduate Programs
Ms. Cynthia Zuckerman-Hyman	Director of Undergraduate Advising
Dr. Elizabeth A. Jones	Director of Public Speaking Program

### Department Staff

Robert Bell	Multi-Media Technician
Donise T. Benton	Undergraduate Services Coordinator
Krystal Johnson	Undergraduate Advisor
Laura Kelly	Business Services Coordinator
Reginald Ross-Weaks	Administrative Assistant
Maya L. Stephenson	Graduate Services Coordinator



*“These accomplishments – and so many others – came in spite of what everyone calls an unprecedented time. But taking on the unknown and unprecedented is what we do best. That’s how we think and do.”*

Randy Woodson, NC State Chancellor, (2021 - Present)

## Scholarships

The Department of Communication thanks our generous donors for providing the following scholarships for our undergraduate students:

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Chelsea Creech, COM Alumna Class of 2015

*"You just don't know how magnificent you might be. Think big. Think big about your possibilities in this world"*

John Caldwell, NC State Chancellor (1959-1975)

## Department of Communication Faculty

### Professors

Dr. David Berube; Dr. Victoria Gallagher<sup>♦</sup>; Dr. Jean Goodwin;  
Dr. Jessica Jameson<sup>♠</sup>; Dr. Adriana de Souza e Silva; Dr. Kenneth Zagacki

### Associate Professors

Dr. Andrew Binder; Dr. Grant Bollmer; Dr. Yang (Alice) Cheng; Dr. Elizabeth A. Craig; Dr. Ryan J. Hurley; Dr. Kami Kosenko; Dr. Lynsey Romo;  
Dr. Stephen B. Crofts Wiley

### Assistant Professors

Dr. Kalyca Bechtel; Dr. Fernanda da Costa Portugal Duarte;  
Dr. Tugce Ertem-Eray

### Teaching Associate Professor

Dr. Elizabeth A. Jones

### Lecturers

Melissa Brandon; Mike Charbonneau; Anita Croasmun<sup>†</sup>;  
Dr. Ed Funkhouser; Chris Kampe; Robert Larson<sup>†</sup>;  
Dr. Clodagh Lyons-Bastian; Julie Mayberry<sup>†</sup>; Hal Meeks; Jim Pierpoint;  
Mindy Sopher; Dr. Kathy Sturgis; Jodi Wahba<sup>†</sup>;  
Cynthia Zuckerman-Hyman<sup>†</sup>

### Emeriti Faculty

*Professors Emeritus:* Dr. William Jordan; Dr. Joann Keyton;  
Dr. William Kinsella; Dr. Robert Schrag<sup>♠</sup>; Dr. Craig Smith

*Associate Professors Emeritus:* Dr. Patricia Caple; Dr. Daniel DeJoy<sup>♠</sup>;  
Dr. Edward Funkhouser; Dr. Becky Leonard; Dr. Sarah Stein

*Assistant Professor Emerita:* Dr. Nancy Snow

*Lecturers Emeritus:* Jim Alchediak<sup>†</sup>; Charlotte Ann Elleman; Dean Phillips<sup>†</sup>

*Advisor Emerita:* Sandra Stallings

♠ Alumni Distinguished Undergraduate Professor  
† Senior Lecturer ♦ Holladay Medal Recipient

### PhD Graduate Assistants

Margaret Baker, Carrie Clower, Gayas Eapen, Jack Fennimore, Susie Hedley, Robyn Hope, Matthew Howard, Luke LeGrand, Malcolm Ogden, Folasewa Olatunde, Cindy Rosenfeld, Mar Scardua, Emma Stanley, Bryce Stout, Alex Sutter, Doris Wesley, Brittany Young

### Master of Science Graduate Assistants

Syeda Helmi Afrah; Naudia Baker; Callie Burnette; Haleigh Eubanks; Alex Haire; Claire Heins; Tasnim Jannat; Stanley Miller; Juniper Nie; Christian Otchere; Gracie Phillips; Julia Poole; Sugantha Ramachandran; Emily Raser; Liz Risko; Gabby Rodgers; Sophia Torres; Anna Wisniewski; Michelle Zhao