



North Carolina State University

*Department of Communication*

**SPRING 2024  
COMMENCEMENT**

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Talley Student Center Ballroom

May 5, 2024

2:00 pm

*Class of 2024*

**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 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.*

*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 Spring Class of 2024! Go out there and continue to Think and Do!*



## Order of Ceremony

OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Jessica Jameson  
*Department Head*

RECOGNITION OF CRDM ACHIEVEMENT &  
PRESENTATION OF PH.D. GRADUATES

Dr. Adriana de Souza e Silva  
*Associate Director, CRDM*

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATE  
ACHIEVEMENT & PRESENTATION OF M.S.  
CANDIDATES

Dr. Andrew Binder  
*Director of Graduate Program*

RECOGNITION OF UNDERGRADUATE  
ACHEIVEMENT

Cynthia Zuckerman Hyman  
*Assistant Department Head*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATING SENIORS'  
AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING  
UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

Katie Gray  
*President, Lambda Pi Eta*

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Kevin Cabral  
*B.A. - Public Relations*

PRESENTATION OF B.A. GRADUATES

Cynthia Zuckerman Hyman  
*Assistant Department Head*

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Jessica Jameson

**Ph.D. Graduates**  
**Communication, Rhetoric, and Digital Media**

Malcolm Ogden

**Master of Science in Communication**  
**Graduates**

Syeda Helmi Afrah

Haleigh Eubanks

Demetrius Trevon Ford

Amber Faith Merklinger

Stanley Denero Miller, III

Emily Celine Raser

Anna Kathleen Wisniewski

# Bachelor of Arts Candidates

Allan Mauro Alvarez.....	Communication Media
Isabel Jean Amezcua.....	General Communication
Isabella Kristin Anderson.....	Public Relations
Owen Paul Anderson.....	Public Relations
Dahlia Kristina Bagley .....	Public Relations
Abigail Grace Baker.....	IOR
Aryn Noelle Morgan Baker.....	Communication Media
Katherine Jane Barrows.....	Public Relations
Annabella Kate Battaglia-Moran.....	Public Relations
Avery Grace Bemis.....	Public Relations
Madison Jade Benson.....	Public Relations
Lara Bernal Moreno.....	IOR
Emma Sage Bowman.....	Public Relations
Sarah Kathryn Brewer.....	Public Relations
Gracie Jae Brittain.....	Communication Media
Mary Alison Brown.....	Communication Media
Mekonde Toure Brown.....	Communication Media
Wyatt Ray Brown.....	Communication Media
Georgia Anne Brumfield.....	Public Relations
Kevin Robert Cabral.....	Public Relations

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# Bachelor of Arts Candidates, cont.

Austin Taylor Campbell.....	Communication Media
Lily Catherine Campbell.....	Public Relations
Jordan Claire Campos.....	Public Relations
Nathan Carlson.....	IOR
Olivia Alexandra Carvalho.....	Public Relations
Courtney Cavanaugh.....	Public Relations
Eilee Skye Centeno.....	Communication Media
Madison Leigh Chalmers.....	Public Relations
Sarah Elise Colebank.....	IOR
Carmen Bridgette Corpus.....	IOR
Lauren Elaine Crossley.....	Communication Media
Allison Claire Curtis.....	Public Relations
Grace Katherine DeBoer.....	Communication Media
Ella MacKenzie Deaton.....	Public Relations
Emma Kate DiLello.....	Communication Media
Lindsey Noelle Dickens.....	Communication Media
Ansley Elizabeth Disher.....	Public Relations
John Michael Kay Dorman.....	Communication Media
Elizabeth Claire Dull.....	Public Relations
Audra Elizabeth Edwards.....	Public Relations

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Zoe Hui Xing Edwards.....	Public Relations
Carl David Essa, Jr.....	Public Relations
Isabelle Charlotte Farina.....	IOR
Gianna Marie Forbis.....	Public Relations
Sofia Reeves Fox.....	Communication Media
Peyton Lane Gardner.....	Public Relations
Kayleigh Ann Gay.....	Communication Media
Charlotte Bee Gillman.....	Communication Media
Ella Rebecca Glasgow.....	Public Relations
Natalie Faith Gore.....	Communication Media
Allison Blythe Granai.....	Communication Media
Kate Marie Gray.....	Public Relations
Kelly Elizabeth Griffin.....	Communication Media
Brayden Joyner Hackney.....	Public Relations
Milan Brandi Hall.....	Communication Media
Madison Aleigha Hayes.....	Communication Media
Henry Grier Hazzard.....	IOR
Elizabeth Caroline Holland.....	Communication Media
Gracie Michelle Hudson.....	IOR

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Isabel Grace Huffman.....	Communication Media
Zachary Blake Hylan.....	Public Relations
Jeanine Anjolaoluwa Ikekhua.....	Communication Media
Felix Sebastian Jarvis-Earle.....	Public Relations
Grayson Hayes Johnson.....	Public Relations
Kelsie Chase Johnson.....	IOR
Carly Olivia Jones.....	Communication Media
Jade Felicity Kautzsch.....	Communication Media
Katelyn Hannah Kitching.....	Public Relations
Kendall Joyce Knight.....	Public Relations
Katlyn Rose Koran.....	Communication Media
Devin Christopher Lackey.....	Communication Media
Elizabeth Holt Langston.....	Communication Media
Owen J. Larson.....	Public Relations
Daniel Vincent Lash.....	Communication Media
Gabrielle Latzy.....	Public Relations
Olivia Grace Leeson.....	Communication Media
Katelyn Ann Lewicki.....	Public Relations
Rachel Marie Lima.....	Communication Media
Maria Gabrielle Lord.....	IOR

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Jesse Elijah Maitland.....	Public Relations
Hannah Marie Makarewicz.....	Public Relations
Julia Faith Martin.....	IOR
Brooke Elizabeth Masi.....	Public Relations
Lola Norris McBride.....	Public Relations
Terrence Edward McCallen.....	Public Relations
Carter Andrew McDermott.....	Public Relations
Lagan Joan McGinnis.....	Communication Media
Amelia Allende Mendes.....	Communication Media
Kathryn Mae Milberg.....	Public Relations
Lauren Grace Moore.....	IOR
Meredith Grace Murphy.....	Public Relations
Madison Nicole Nance.....	IOR
Laura Allyson Nienaber.....	Communication Media
Emma Kate Norwood.....	Communication Media
Katherine Elizabeth Noyes.....	Public Relations
Mary Everett Obiol.....	Communication Media
John Edward Page.....	Communication Media

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Allison Payton.....	IOR
Emma Ann Elise Persson.....	IOR
Catherine Wynn Pickett.....	Public Relations
Benjamin Propst.....	Communication Media
Kylie Elizabeth Puetzer.....	Public Relations
Ashley Elisabeth Pulley.....	Communication Media
Genesis Rubi Ramirez Diaz.....	Public Relations
Taylor Grace Randolph.....	Public Relations
Lindsey Katherine Rittenmeyer.....	Public Relations
Tyler Scott Roy.....	Communication Media
Lila LaRocque Russell.....	Public Relations
Daniel E. Santiago.....	Communication Media
Sydney Jena Scher.....	IOR
Mary Amelia Schneider.....	Communication Media
Riley Ann Shaak.....	Communication Media
Patrick Daniel Shannon.....	Communication Media
Liam Stribling Shaver.....	Communication Media
Madeline Kate Shearer.....	Communication Media
Alexis McCoy Short.....	Communication Media

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Madison Eva Shutt.....	Public Relations
Catherine DeMars Siegling.....	Public Relations
Nina Sikora.....	Public Relations
Amber Faith Silver.....	Public Relations
Lande Elizabeth Simpson.....	Communication Media
Olivia Greene Slatton.....	Public Relations
Kiran V. Soma.....	Communication Media
Halle Parker Speight.....	Communication Media
Olivia Rae Steare.....	Public Relations
Kacper Aleksander Stokowski.....	Public Relations
Lily Cole Suber.....	IOR
Taylor McKensey Swaim.....	Public Relations
Neile Tahssili.....	Public Relations
Isabelle Claire Temple.....	IOR
Kimberly Ngan Tran.....	Communication Media
Brooke Travis.....	IOR
Selina Urieta-Garcia.....	Public Relations
Michael Craig Utt.....	Communication Media
Mary Sofia Vargas.....	Public Relations
Jennifer Vera Soto.....	Public Relations

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Stephanie Michelle Walser.....	Public Relations
Emma Caroline Walters.....	IOR
Claire Mackenzie Walthall.....	IOR
Alandya Simone Warren.....	Communication Media
Katherine Anne Warren.....	IOR
Emma Grace Watts.....	Public Relations
Morgan Anne Weintraub.....	Public Relations
James Avery Werner.....	IOR
Karsyn Rae Westerbeek.....	Public Relations
Alexis Ann Whittenberg.....	IOR
Clair Margaret Wholean.....	Communication Media
Jana Saree Wildy.....	Communication Media
Alexandra Cassidy Yeno.....	Public Relations
Natalie Joyce Yeung.....	Public Relations
Sarah M. Yu.....	Communication Media
Rawan Zendah.....	Public Relations
Bogdana Stancheva Zhelezova.....	Communication Media
Samantha Elizabeth Zito.....	Communication Media

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# Scholarships

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

- \* General Hugh Shelton / Kimberly M. Jessup Memorial Scholarship
- \* C.A. Dillon, Jr. Endowed Scholarship in Speech Communication
- \* Charlotte Ann and Thomas S. Elleman Scholarship Endowment
- \* Long, Javidi, Prospects and PRSSA Scholarship Endowment
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*Chelsea Creech, COM Alumna, Class of 2015*

# Department of Communication Administration and Staff

## Faculty Administrators

Dr. Jessica Jameson	Department Head
Dr. Adriana de Souza e Silva	Associate Director CRDM
Dr. Andrew R. Binder	Director of Graduate Programs
Cynthia Zuckerman Hyman	Assistant Department Head
Dr. Cindy Rosenfeld	Director of Public Speaking Program
Dr. Joshua Smicker	Director of Public Speaking Program

## Department Staff

Alan Alleyne	Undergraduate Advisor
Robert Bell	Multi-Media Technician
Donise T. Benton	Undergraduate Services Coordinator
Jennifer Cole	Undergraduate Advisor
Reginald Ross-Weeks	Administrative Assistant
Maya L. Stephenson	Graduate Services Coordinator
Candy Terrell-Galke	Business Officer

# Department of Communication Faculty

## Professors

Dr. David Berube; Dr. Victoria Gallagher\*; Dr. Jean Goodwin; Dr. Jessica Jameson;  
Dr. Lynsey Romo; Dr. Roy Schwartzman; Dr. Adriana de Souza e Silva;  
Dr. Kenneth Zagacki

## Associate Professors

Dr. Andrew Binder; Dr. Yang (Alice) Cheng; Dr. Ryan Hurley; Dr. Kami Kosenko;  
Dr. Stephen Wiley

## Assistant Professors

Dr. Kalyca Bechtel; Dr. Fernanda Duarte; Dr. Tugce Ertem-Eray;  
Dr. Ariel Seay-Howard; Dr. Rico Self

## Assistant Teaching Professors:

Dr. Cindy Rosenfeld; Dr. Joshua Smicker

## Lecturers

Mike Charbonneau; Kimberly Holmes-Iverson; Chris Kampe; Clodagh Lyons-Bastian;  
Chandra Maldonado; Julia Matthews; Julie Mayberry †; Hal Meeks; Jim Pierpoint;  
Caitlin Reagan; Mindy Sopher; Jodi Wahba †; Cynthia Zuckerman Hyman †

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*Professors Emeritus:* Dr. Charlotte Elleman; Dr. Melissa Johnson;  
Dr. William Jordan; Dr. Joann Keyton; Dr. William Kinsella;  
Dr. James Kiwanuka-Tondo\*; Dr. Robert Schrag; Dr. Craig Smith

*Associate Professors Emeritus:* Dr. Patricia Caple; Dr. Daniel DeJoy;  
Dr. Edward Funkhouser; Dr. Becky Leonard; Dr. Sarah Stein

*Assistant Professor Emerita:* Dr. Nancy Snow

*Lecturers Emeritus:* Jim Alchediak †; Dean Phillips †

*Advisor Emerita:* Sandra Stallings

† Senior Lecturer \*Holladay Medal Recipient

## PhD Graduate Assistants

Margaret Baker; Carrie Clower; Gayas Eapen; Jack Fennimore; Susie Hedley;  
Robyn Hope; Chance Lachowitz; Jaekuk Lee; Luke LeGrand;  
Travis Merchant-Knudsen; Malcolm Ogden; Folasewa Olatunde; Jinzie Qiao;  
Mar Scardua; Nolan Speicher; Emma Stanley; Bryce Stout; Alex Sutter; Doris Wesley;  
Brittany Young

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Richard Abiona; Syeda Helmi Afrah; Ernestine Akorli; Haleigh Eubanks; Yezi He;  
Iris Howell; Stanley Miller; Katelin Mueller; Kirsten Murphy; David Bao Nguyen;  
Emily Raser; Morgan Risko; Nicole Vincent; Anna Wisniewski; Kurtis Woods;  
Tory Worth