Communication Studies
Graduate Student Theses

Family Communication
- Conflict and relational dialectics in television couples
- Flirting, relational maintenance and marital satisfaction
- Relational dialectics and spousal alcohol abuse

Instructional Communication
- The effects of education on student-inmates
- Coaching techniques on athlete motivation and learning
- Teacher/student interactions and student learning outcomes
- Student response systems in a large-lecture classroom The Daily Show with Jon Stewart using social judgment theory

Media Communication
- The rhetoric of the cases of Caster Semenya and Johnny Weir
- The media framing of the Juarez femicides
- A critical rhetorical analysis of the TV series Lost
- The Rhetoric of the National Alliance website
- African-American identity and Chappelle's show
- Oprah Winfrey's discourse during the James Frey controversy
- A feminist analysis of the television series New Girl and Girls
- A cluster analysis of the “HIV Stops With Me” campaign
- A study of the effects of structure on video game communities

Intercultural Communication
- Experience of Danish business expatriates in Russia
- An auto-ethnographic study of international students

Interpersonal Communication
- Verbally aggressive messages on women's self-concepts
- Deception and deception detection in a poker game
- The “coming out” process for transgendered individuals
- Competency evaluations based on gendered messages
- Reintroducing taboo topics in romantic dating relationships

Organizational Communication
- Power relationships in non-hierarchical work environments
- Listening and gender on leader-member exchange relationships
- Physician-nurse dyads in the healthcare setting
- The discursive construction of workplace diversity
- Bona fide group perspective in a news organization
- The communication of stress within construction crews
- The communicative practices of women senior/solo pastors
- The worldview and culture in business incubation narratives
- Female Lutheran pastors’ sermons and the use of persuasion

Political Communication
- Domestic crisis rhetoric genre across presidencies
- John McCain's 2008 presidential concession address
- Hillary Clinton's performance of gender in Time
- A critical rhetoric of environmental debate
- Rhetoric of the Posse Comitatus and the Republic of Texas