

# KELLI S. BURNS, Ph.D.

Associate Professor

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## SUMMARY

- Administrative positions within the Zimmerman School of Advertising and Mass Communications at USF and previously in the School of Communications at Elon University
- Tenured associate professor who teaches undergraduate public relations courses and graduate strategic communication courses; other courses include social media, advertising, and media writing
- Research focused on social media and public relations/advertising published in leading journals
- Author of two books on social media
- Numerous conference presentations at the national and international levels
- Frequent expert commentator for media stories (approximately 200 appearances) and speaker at industry and other meetings (over 40 public speaking engagements)
- Over 24 years of teaching experience with outstanding student evaluations
- Experience with teaching adult learners in the MBA program of USF's Muma College of Business (courses include Persuasion and Business Communication)
- PhDigital Bootcamp Fellow: Completed intensive online workshop in 2022 that prepares faculty to teach and lead curriculum in a digital world
- Certified as an online instructor through USF's Innovative Education department
- Participated in the Spring 2023 Inclusive and Equitable Pedagogy Learning Community through the Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning at USF
- Received an Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award from USF in 2017
- Member of the Summer 2010 class of the Visiting Professor Program through the Advertising Educational Foundation
- Ph.D. in mass communication with advertising concentration from the University of Florida
- Eight years of professional experience in Ad/PR research and marketing communications

## EDUCATION

### University of Florida, Ph.D.

Gainesville, FL

J. Hillis Miller Presidential Fellow

Mass Communication

Concentration: Advertising

Supporting Studies: Marketing and Statistics

Dissertation Title: "Attitude Toward the Online Advertising Format: A Reexamination of the Attitude Toward the Ad Model in an Online Advertising Context"  
Chair: Dr. John Sutherland, Co-chair: Dr. Richard J. Lutz

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## EDUCATION *continued*

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### **Middle Tennessee State University, M.S.**

Murfreesboro, TN  
Mass Communication  
Received Outstanding Graduate Student Award

### **Vanderbilt University, B.A.**

Nashville, TN  
Mathematics major  
Business Administration minor

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

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### **DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS**

2021-2025

Zimmerman School, University of South Florida

- Provided oversight for the undergraduate program in the Zimmerman School, which includes two majors with two concentrations each, and a mass communications minor.
- Served as a member of the Zimmerman School leadership team.
- Represented the Zimmerman School to internal and external audiences.
- Along with the director, launched the Zimmerman School Advisory Council and drafted bylaws.
- Assisted in the planning of biannual Advisory Council meetings and participated in meetings.
- Led Zimmerman faculty in the development of a core curriculum for the School and submitted proposals for the changes.
- Led IPRA faculty to the development of a new curriculum including two new concentrations in advertising and public relations and submitted 22 proposals for the changes. Worked with Mass Communications faculty to develop a new curriculum for the mass communications major.
- Led the School's annual undergraduate program assessment and chair the assessment committee, submitted a revised program assessment plan for 2024-2027.
- Served on a committee to develop the School's strategic plan.
- Launched a Teaching Talks program featuring guest speakers to discuss pedagogical challenges and opportunities with Zimmerman School faculty.
- Launched an annual Career Day event for undergraduate students that included an alumni panel, networking event, and sessions hosted by Career Services.
- Organized a Zimmerman School Homecoming Open House event for alumni.
- Made recommendations to advisors and others about course substitutions, exceptions, and other issues.
- Served as the chair of the undergraduate committee.
- Worked closely with the advising team and represented the Zimmerman School at Admissions events.
- Met with prospective Zimmerman School students, including student-athletes.
- Communicated with students about external programs and opportunities.
- Handled grade and class complaints from students.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE *continued*

### COORDINATOR FOR ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS

2021

Zimmerman School, University of South Florida

In this position, I worked closely with the School Director on the following initiatives:

- Helped to build relationships with corporate and other partners. In this role, I was part of the conversations related to crafting our ask for the Vu Studio, which resulted in a \$500k+ donation.
- Strengthened ties to professional and academic communities. In this role, I started building a list of professionals to invite to join the inaugural class of the Zimmerman School Advisory Council and drafted bylaws.
- Explored several strategic opportunities for the School, including an Executive Education program.
- Explored re-engaging the Zimmerman School Alumni Society through meetings with the Alumni Association and the former president and reaching out to alums.

### ASSOCIATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

2012-2014

Zimmerman School, University of South Florida

- Assisted in working toward the strategic goals for the School, guided curriculum reviews and changes, organized school events, and managed community relations.
- Coordinated the School's internship program, supervised internship students, met and communicated with internship sponsors, designed internship feedback forms, and launched a website to communicate opportunities to students.
- Organized and led an advisory event with local alumni and industry professionals.
- Made significant revisions to the Academic Learning Compact (assessment plan).
- Communicated with students and addressed student issues.
- Managed undergraduate scheduling to meet the needs of students and faculty and hired adjuncts.
- Coordinated the Waldo Proffitt Environmental Journalism Award for professional journalists covering environmental issues in Florida.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS SEQUENCE HEAD

2010-2012

Zimmerman School, University of South Florida

- Supervised public relations internships, advised director on class scheduling, selected scholarship recipients, performed graduation checks, and advised students.

### FELLOWS PROGRAM DIRECTOR

2004-2006

School of Communications, Elon University

- Selected and then led the top communications students through a four-year program to enhance their undergraduate experience and prepare them for jobs in communications.
- Planned and supervised an annual winter term trip to Atlanta to visit media and other organizations such as CNN, The Weather Channel, Ketchum, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Truist Park, among others.
- Served on the Fellows Committee with other program directors.

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA, Zimmerman School of Advertising and Mass Communications

Associate Professor

2011-present

Assistant Professor

2006-2011

Tampa, Florida

- Undergraduate courses include Advanced Public Relations (campaigns), Advertising Campaigns, Public Relations Research, Advertising Research, Public Relations Issues (cases), Public Relations Writing, Social Media Content Creation and Management, and Principles of Public Relations. (2/2 or 2/3 load)
- Graduate courses include Introduction to Strategic Communication Theory & Research, Strategic Communication Management, Social Media Data and Analytics, Strategic Communication Message Design, and Strategic Communication Media.
- Developed asynchronous online course for Principles of Public Relations (prior to the pandemic), which required completion of the Online Instructor Certification course. Developed asynchronous online course for Public Relations and Advertising Research.
- Taught Communication Skills for Managers and Management through Constructive Persuasion (MBA courses in the Muma College of Business). Developed asynchronous online course for Management through Constructive Persuasion.
- Redesigned Public Relations Issues so that it could be designated a Global Citizens Course for credit toward the USF Global Citizen Award.
- Recipient of a university Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award for 2017.

### ELON UNIVERSITY, School of Communications

Assistant Professor

2003-2006

Instructor

2002-2003

Elon, North Carolina

- Courses included Principles of Advertising, Communications Research, Organizational Communications, and Media Writing. (2/1/3 load of 4-credit hour courses)
- Taught a Winter Term Media Writing course that incorporated field trips to WFMY and the *Burlington Times-News*.

### MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY, College of Media and Entertainment

Instructor

2001-2002

Murfreesboro, Tennessee

- Courses included Media Writing and Public Relations Writing. (2/3 load)

### UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, College of Journalism and Communications

Instructor (Ph.D. Student)

1999-2000

Gainesville, Florida

- Taught two sections of Advertising Research.

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## BOOKS

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Burns, K. S. (2017). *Social media: A reference handbook*. ABC-CLIO.

Burns, K. S. (2009). *Celeb 2.0: How social media foster our fascination with popular culture*. Praeger.

## REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Kothari, A., Walker, K. K., & Burns, K. S. (2022). #Coronavirus and public health: The role of social media in sharing health information. *Online Information Review*, 46, 1293-1312. DOI: 10.1108/oir-03-2021-0143/v1/decision1

Lu, L., Liu, J., Yuan, Y., Burns, K. S., Lu, E., Li, D. (2021, online 2020). Source trust and COVID-19 information sharing: The mediating roles of emotions and beliefs about sharing. *Health Education and Behavior*, 48 (2). DOI: 10.1177/1090198120984760

Walker, K. K., & Burns, K. S. (2019). #13ReasonsWhy health professionals and educators are tweeting: A systematic analysis of uses and perceptions of show content and learning outcomes. *Health Communication*, 34 (10), 1085-1094. DOI: 10.1080/10410236.2018.1461171

Burns, K. S., & Walker, K. K. (2018). #13ReasonsWhy Twitter users are tweeting about a Netflix show about teen suicide. In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Social Media & Society*, Copenhagen, Denmark (SMSociety). DOI: 10.1145/3217804.3217925.

Sturgess, S., & Burns, K. S. (2018). Ending the silence of sexual assault victims: The #metoo campaign on Twitter. *Proceedings of the 21<sup>st</sup> International Public Relations Research Conference*.

Whytas, K. J., & Burns, K. S. (2016). Impact of a brand crisis on nation branding: An analysis of tweets about VW's emissions crisis. *Proceedings of the 19th International Relations Research Conference*, 586-603.

Burns, K. S. (2014). Embracing advocates and influencers: Practices of the top social media brands. *Proceedings of the 17th International Public Relations Research Conference*, 89-98.

Burns, K. S. (2012). Mommy bloggers speak out: Reactions to the FTC's guidelines concerning the use of endorsements and testimonials. *Journal of New Communications Research, 2011 Anthology*.

Burns, K. S. (2012). From @airline to @passenger: Applying network analysis to Twitter use. *Proceedings of the 15th International Public Relations Research Conference*, 44-62

Burns, K. S. (2010). Mommy bloggers and the FTC: Reactions to the guidelines concerning the use of endorsements and testimonials. *Proceedings of the 13th International Public Relations Research Conference*, 136-157.

Burns, K. S. (2008). The misuse of social media: Reactions to and important lessons from a blog fiasco. *Journal of New Communications Research*, 3(1), 41-54.

Burns, K. S., & Lutz, R. J. (2008). Web users' perceptions of and attitudes toward online advertising formats. *International Journal of Internet Marketing and Advertising*, 4(4), 281-301.

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## REFERRED JOURNAL ARTICLES AND PROCEEDINGS *continued*

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Kuhn, A., & Burns, K. S. (2008). From MySpace to BrandSpace: Elements of brand-sponsored MySpace profiles. In S. Rodgers (Ed.), *Proceedings of the 2008 Conference of the American Academy of Advertising*.

Burns, K. S., & Lutz, R. J. (2006). The function of format: Consumer responses to six online advertising formats. *Journal of Advertising*, 35(1), 53-64.

Burns, K. S. (2006). Problems found in reporting USA Today pre-election polls. *Newspaper Research Journal*, 27(4), 38-51.

Burns, K. S., & Lutz, R. J. (2004). Format matters: Examining the precursors to and effects of attitudes toward six online advertising formats. Abstract published in the *Proceedings of the 2004 Conference of the American Academy of Advertising*, 239-240.

Burns, K. S. (2000). Branding in cyberspace: Using the congruity of consumer and Web site personality to unravel online user satisfaction. *Proceedings of the 2000 Conference of the American Academy of Advertising*.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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Burns, K.S. (2025, accepted). Influencer campaigns in the United States: Building knowledge through research of distinctive considerations and concerns in a U.S. market. In Joyce Costello (Ed.), TBD.

Burns, K. S. (2025). Artificial intelligence: Helping or harming the creative spirit. In Sevil Yesiloglu & Joyce Costello (Eds.), *Influencer Marketing Building Brand Communities and Engagement* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). Routledge.

Burns, K. S. (2021). The science of social influencer marketing. In Brandi Watkins (Ed.), *Social media and the changing landscape of brand communication*. Lexington.

Burns, K. S. (2021). Lessons from the best: A review of community building, audience engagement, and influencer campaigns from the 2019 Cannes Lions Festival. In Amber Hutchins & Natalie Tindall (Eds.), *Public relations and online engagement: Audiences, fandom and influencers*. Routledge.

Burns, K. S. (2020). The history of social media influencers. In Brandi Watkins (Ed.), *Research perspectives on social media influencers and their followers*. Lexington.

Burns, K. S. (2016). How the top social media brands use influencer and brand advocacy campaigns to engage fans. In Amber Hutchins & Natalie Tindall (Eds.), *Public relations and participatory culture: Fandom, social media, and community engagement*. Routledge.

Burns, K. S. (2013). Checking-in or checking-out?: Self-presentation and privacy considerations of Foursquare users. In Kathleen M. Cumiskey & Larissa Hjorth (Eds.), *Mobile media practices, presence, and politics: The challenge of being seamlessly mobile*. Routledge.

Burns, K. S. (2011). Teaching research methods with social media. In Michael Thomas (Ed.), *Digital education: Opportunities for social collaboration*. Palgrave Macmillan.

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## BOOK CHAPTERS *continued*

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Burns, K. S. (2010). From consumers to producers: Engagement through user-generated advertising contests. In Neal Burns, Terry Daugherty, & Matthew S. Eastin (Eds.), *Handbook of research on digital media and advertising* (pp. 631-639). IGI Global.

## TEXTBOOK CHAPTERS

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Burns, K. S. (2017). Public relations. In Rick Wilber (Ed.), *Media matters* (pp. 177-218). Kendall-Hunt.

Burns, K. S. (2017). Social media. In Rick Wilber (Ed.), *Media matters* (pp. 239-270). Kendall-Hunt.

## ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

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Burns, K. S. (2013). "AT&T's Up All Night." In Sue Moskowitz (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of major marketing strategies*. Gale.

Burns, K. S. (2011). "Movie and TV series communities." In George Barnett (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of social networks*. Sage Reference.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

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Burns, K. S., & Freberg, K. "Navigating roles while promoting travel: An application of role theory to the study of travel social media influencers." Presented at the International Conference on Social Media & Society, London, U.K., July 2024.

Burns, K. S. "Innovating influence: How social media influencers harness artificial intelligence (AI) for content creation, audience engagement, and brand partnerships." Presented at the International Public Relations Research Conference, Orlando, FL, March 2024.

Werder, K. P., Burns, K. S., & Gonzalez, S. "Disney, DeSantis, and Don't Say Gay: The influence of corporate political advocacy on consumer digital engagement and political consumerism." Paper presented at the International Public Relations Research Conference, Orlando, FL, March 2023.

Burns, K. S. "The impacts of Instagram influencers on followers: Lifestyle envy, purchase behavior, and self-presentation." Paper presented at the 12th International Conference on Social Media and Society, Virtual conference. July 2022.

Kothari, A, Walker, K. K., & Burns, K. S. "#Coronavirus and public health: The role of social media in sharing health information." Paper presented at the International Communications Association Conference, Virtual, May 2021.

Burns, K. S. (moderator). "Embrace the pivot! Proactive strategies to prepare students for the 'new normal' in PR." PRSA Educators Academy Super Friday, Virtual conference, October 2021.

Burns, K. S. (panelist). "Women academic leaders during challenging times." PCA National Conference Panel, Virtual, June 2021.

Johnson, K., Austin, D., Burns, K., Owens, H., Wilson, R. & Zgibor, J. " 'I got to be like half way dead': A qualitative study of perceptions of health and pharmaceuticals in African- Americans in west central Florida." Roundtable presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Expo, Philadelphia, PA, November 2019.

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Johnson, K., Austin, D., Burns, K., Owens, H., Wilson, R. & Zgibor, J. "Making HealthyLIFE: Community-informed adaptation of an evidence-based prevention program." Roundtable presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Expo, Philadelphia, PA, November 2019.

Johnson, K., Austin, D., Burns, K., Owens, H., Wilson, R. & Zgibor, J. "A new perspective: Qualitative data as an asset to epidemiologic studies." Oral presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Expo, Philadelphia, PA, November 2019.

Johnson, K., Austin, D., Burns, K., Owens, H., Wilson, R. & Zgibor, J. "Making of HealthyLIFE: An iterative process of adaptation of an evidence-based chronic disease prevention program." Quick oral presentation at the Council for State and Territorial Epidemiologists Annual Conference, Raleigh, NC, June 2019.

Burns, K. S., & Walker, K. K. "#13ReasonsWhy Twitter users are tweeting about a Netflix show about teen suicide." Paper presented at the 9th International Conference on Social Media and Society, Copenhagen, Denmark, July 2018. (Also listed under proceedings.)

Sturgess, S., & Burns, K. S. "Ending the silence of sexual assault victims: The #metoo campaign on Twitter." Paper presented at the International Public Relations Research Conference, Orlando, March 2018. (Also listed under proceedings.)

Zgibor, J. C., Johnson, K. M., Wilson, R., Burns, K. S., & Austin, D. A. "Improving community-based health education through social media: A community and academic partnership." Poster presented at the ASPPH Annual Meeting, March 2018.

Burns, K. S. "Identifying the influencers who flooded Twitter during the #ALSicebucketchallenge." Paper presented at the International Conference on Social Media and Society, London, June 2016.

Whytas, K. J., & Burns, K. S. "Impact of a brand crisis on nation branding: An analysis of tweets about VW's emissions crisis." Paper presented at the International Relations Research Conference, Miami, March 2016. (Also listed under proceedings.)

Burns, K. S. "#FoodBabeArmy Strong: How the community of a popular food blog both supports and subverts the blog's mission." Paper presented at the Popular Culture Association National Conference, St. Louis, MO, April 2015.

Burns, K. S. "Flooding Twitter with the Ice Bucket Challenge: A social and semantic networks approach." Paper presented at the International Public Relations Research Conference, Miami, March 2015.

Burns, K. S. "Embracing advocates and influencers: Practices of the top social media brands." Paper presented at the International Public Relations Research Conference, Miami, March 2014. (Also listed under proceedings.)

Burns, K. S. "From @airline to @passenger: Applying network analysis to Twitter use." Paper presented at the International Public Relations Research Conference, Miami, March 2012. (Also listed under proceedings.)

Burns, K. S. "Checking-in or checking-out?: Self-presentation and privacy considerations of Foursquare users." Paper presented at the International Communication Association Conference, Boston, May 2011.

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Burns, K. S. "Brands among friends: An examination of brand friending and engagement on Facebook." Paper presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication National Convention, Denver, August 2010.

Burns, K. S. "Brand fans and followers: Exploring the motives and gratifications for engaging with brands on Facebook and Twitter." Paper presented at the Popular Culture Association National Conference, St. Louis, March 2010.

Burns, K. S. "Mommy bloggers and the FTC: Reactions to the guidelines concerning the use of endorsements and testimonials." Paper presented at the International Public Relations Research Conference, Miami, March 2010. (Also listed under proceedings.)

Burns, K. S. "My musician friend: Constructing a fan identity in MySpace." Paper presented at the Popular Culture Association National Conference, New Orleans, April 2009.

Burns, K. S. "A historical examination of the development of social media and its application to the public relations industry." Paper presented at the International Communication Association Conference, Montreal, Canada, May 2008.

Burns, K. S. "Creative consumers and beloved brands: Engaging consumers through user-generated advertising contests." Paper presented at the Popular Culture Association National Conference, San Francisco, March 2008.

Kuhn, A., & Burns, K. S. "From MySpace to BrandSpace: Elements of brand-sponsored MySpace profiles." Paper presented at the American Academy of Advertising Conference, San Mateo, California, March 2008.

Burns, K. S. "Reporting of pre-election polls in USA Today during the 2004 presidential campaign." Paper presented at the International Conference on Social Science Research, Orlando, Florida, December 2005.

Burns, K. S., & Lutz, R. J. "From fabulously entertaining to freakishly annoying: Consumer responses to six online advertising formats." Paper presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication National Convention, Advertising Division, Toronto, Ontario, August 2004.

Burns, K. S., & Lutz, R. J. "Format matters: Examining the precursors to and effects of attitudes toward six online advertising formats." Paper presented at the American Academy of Advertising Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 2004.

Burns, K. S. "Opinions online: The extension of computer-mediated communication for survey research in research organizations." Paper presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication National Convention, Phoenix, Arizona, August 2000.

Burns, K. S. "Branding in cyberspace: Using the congruity of consumer and Web site personality to unravel online user satisfaction." Paper presented at the American Academy of Advertising Conference, Newport, Rhode Island, April 2000.

Burns, K. S. "Cyberbrand development: A study of the impact of self concept and Web site personality congruity." Poster presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication National Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana, August 1999.

Burns, K. S. "The bookstore reading group: Members, support, and benefits." Poster presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication National Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana, August 1999.

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## OTHER RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

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Burns, K. S. "Influencers: Present & future of a social media phenomenon," Florida Public Relations Association, Tampa Bay Chapter, November 2020.

Burns, K. S. "Living the Instagram life: The culture impact of online influencers," USF College of Arts and Sciences, Trailblazers talk, February 2020.

Burns, K. S. "Opinions online: The use of online survey research in research organizations." Paper presented at the Graduate Student Forum, University of Florida, April 2000.

Burns, K. S. "Advertisers and their agencies: Satisfaction with the servicing of interactive accounts." Paper presented at the Graduate Student Forum, University of Florida, April 2000.

Burns, K. S. "Cyberbrand development: A study of the impact of self concept and Web site personality congruity." Paper presented and awarded second-place in division at the Graduate Student Forum, University of Florida, April 1999.

Burns, K. S. "The bookstore reading group: Members, support, and benefits." Paper presented and awarded third-place in division at the Graduate Student Forum, University of Florida, April 1999.

Burns, K. S. "Assessing member support of public television: A case study of Nashville's WDCN Channel 8." Paper presented at the Graduate Student Forum, University of Florida, April 1999.

Burns, K. S. "An examination of indications and motivations to contribute financially to a local symphony." Paper presented at the Graduate Student Forum, University of Florida, April 1999.

## GRANTS

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Bender, M. (PI), Tao, R. (Co-PI), & Burns, K. S. (Co-PI). "Restaurant Resiliency Through Digital Communication and Ordering Channels During COVID-19." USF Rapid Response Grant, Funded, 2020, \$25,000.

Zgibor, J. C., Burns, K. S., Wilson, R., Kip, K., & Dutta, K. USF College of Public Health Faculty Research Award. "A Healthy Lifestyle Intervention for women of childbearing age (HealthyLIFE)." Funded, 2018, \$25,000.

USF Global Citizens Project's Undergraduate Course Enhancement Funding: Summer 2016, \$1,400.

USF Online Course Development Grant: Summer 2015, \$5,500 (which included a stipend for completion of the online course Designing Courses for Significant Learning).

Texifter Data Grant, second place, 500,000 historical tweets from a five-day period and six months of enterprise access to DiscoverText, 2014.

Advertising Educational Foundation Visiting Professor Program: Participant, R/GA, New York City, Summer 2010.

USF Innovative Teaching Opportunities Grant, Center for 21st Century Teaching Excellence: Funds supported travel expenses for the NewComm Forum Conference, \$840, 2010.

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## GRANTS continued

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USF Innovative Learning-Centered Grant, Center for 21st Century Teaching Excellence: Funds supported applications of technology to the practice of research, \$4,000, 2009-2010.

Elon Summer Research Fellowship: Funds supported a summer research project on pre-election poll reporting, \$5,383, Summer 2005.

Alcohol Curriculum Infusion Committee: Funds supported a student research project on the topic of alcohol, \$200, Spring 2005.

Pedagogy and Program Enhancement Grant: Funds supported qualitative and quantitative research projects conducted by Communications Research students for five local non-profit organizations, \$2,000, 2003-2004.

## TEACHING WORKSHOPS

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Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning (CITL): Global Faculty Exchange Learning Community, Fall 2023-Spring 2024.

Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning (CITL): Peer Observation Program, Spring 2023.

Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning (CITL): Inclusive and Equitable Pedagogy Learning Community, Fall 2022-Spring 2023.

PhDigital Bootcamp Fellow: Completed intensive online workshop that helps to prepare faculty to teach and lead curriculum in a digital world, Summer 2022.

Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning (CITL): Professional Learning Community: Teaching Renewal, Fall 2021.

USF Summer Teaching Symposium: Two-day program focused on gamification, 2017.

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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University of South Florida, University Service

- CITL Faculty Liaison: 2018-present.
- Residential Life Faculty Fellow: 2015-present. Participated in the House Calls Program, provided an Exam Review session for my class, had lunch and coffee with students to interact with them outside the classroom, participated in moving in day by welcoming students in the Marshall Student Center, spoke to resident advisors about social media.
- USF Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi Faculty Member: 2019-present. Participated in Spring 2019 Induction Ceremony. Member of Scholarship Selection Committee, 2020.
- Homecoming Steering Committee: Faculty Representative, 2014-2022. Chaired the Homecoming Office Decorating Contest, 2015, 2017. Conducted Homecoming Court interviews, 2019.
- Digital Communities Task Force: 2020.
- Operation Global Action: Member of a faculty cohort to develop program, 2018-2019.
- Chairperson of Dissertation Defense: Leilani Paxton, Geosciences, October 2024; Charles Paxton, Geosciences, April 2014; Allison Weidhaas, Communications, March 2013.

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University of South Florida, University Service (continued)

- Search Committees: Member of the President's Search Advisory Committee to hire the Chief Marketing Officer, 2012-2013. Member of a committee to hire the strategic communications director for Academic Affairs, 2011.
- Discipline Committee for State Common Prerequisites: Member, 2013-present.
- Faculty Committee on Student Admissions: Member, 2008-2011.
- Designated Smoking Area Task Force: Communications Team Member, 2011-2012.

University of South Florida, College of Arts and Sciences Service

- Faculty Development Committee: Member, 2021-2023.
- CAS Strategic Committees, Strategic Communication of Value: Member, 2013-2014.
- Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: Member, 2013-2014; Chair, 2012-2013; Member, 2011-2012.
- Adviser Search Committee: 2014.

University of South Florida, Zimmerman School Service

- Kappa Tau Alpha National Honor Society in Journalism and Mass Communication: Adviser, 2009-present.
- Strategic Planning Committee: Member, 2022-2023.
- Assessment Committee: Chair, 2022-2025; Member, 2021-2022.
- Scholarship Committee: Member, 2021-present. Managed scholarship selection process for PR then IPRA students in all previous years.
- Executive Committee: Member, 2009-2014, 2017-2019, 2021-2025 (as undergrad director)
- Curriculum/Undergraduate Committee: Chair, 2021-2025; Member, 2010-2014, 2017-2019.
- Public Relations Sequence: Head, 2010-2012.
- Faculty Evaluation Committee: Member, 2022-2023; Chair, 2018-2019; Member, 2017-2019; Chair, 2014-2015; Member, 2013-2015; Member, 2010-2012; Alternate member, 2008-2009.
- Research Committee: Member, 2007-2011.
- Supervise numerous undergraduate honors, independent research, and directed reading projects.
- Search Committees:
  - Chair of a search committee to hire an assistant advertising professor, 2023-2024. Chair of a search committee to hire an endowed advertising professor, 2021-2022. Chair of a search committee to hire a public relations instructor, 2012-2013. Chair of a search committee to hire a public relations assistant professor, 2011-2012.
  - Member of a search committee to hire an Innovator-in-Residence, 2022. Member of a search committee to hire a director, 2019-2020. Member of a search committee to hire an advertising assistant professor, 2018-2019. Member of a search committee to hire a director, 2018-2019. Member of a search committee to hire an advertising assistant/associate professor, 2012-2013. Member of a search committee to hire an advertising instructor, 2010-2011. Member of a search committee to hire a public relations assistant professor, 2009-2010. Member of a search committee to hire an advertising instructor, 2008-2009. Member of a search committee to hire an advertising assistant professor, 2007-2008. Member of search committees to hire an advertising instructor and a public relations instructor, 2006-2007.

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### University of South Florida, Other University Service

- Muma College of Business: Member of a search committee to hire a faculty member for the Vinik Sport & Entertainment Program, 2022. Member of a search committee to hire an instructor, 2018.
- Her Campus Adviser, 2017-present.
- Gamma Phi Beta Sorority: Advisory Board, Public Relations Advisor, 2012-2015, Philanthropy Advisor, 2015-2018, Alumnae Relations Adviser. 2015-2019.
- PINK Nation Adviser, 2011-2012.

### Elon University, School of Communications and University Service

- Fellows Program Director: Selected and then led the top communications students through a four-year program to enhance their undergraduate experience and prepare them for jobs in communications, 2004-2006. Also served on Fellows Committee with other program directors. Previously served on selection committee.
- Communications Floor Faculty Adviser: Selected residents for floor and then developed and implemented programming, 2004-2006.
- Media Board: Voting member, 2003-2005.
- Admissions Committee: Member, 2004-2006.
- Academic Integrity Committee: Served on a committee to redesign the Honor Code and the system, Appointed member, 2003-2004.
- Alcohol Curriculum Infusion Committee: Received a \$200 grant from the university to implement an alcohol-awareness model in a course in Spring 2005.
- School of Communications Search Committees: Member of a search committee to hire two faculty members, 2003-2004. Member of search committee to hire a faculty member, 2005-2006.
- Academic adviser to 30 students.
- Student Undergraduate Research Forum: Adviser to three teams of students who presented research, Spring 2004, Spring 2005. Respondent for two student poster presentations, Spring 2003. Respondent for presenter, Spring 2006. Panel moderator, Spring 2005.
- Isabella Cannon Phase II Program: Faculty adviser to a leadership team, 2003-2004.
- Phi Mu Sorority: Faculty adviser, 2004-2006.
- Supervised undergraduate research projects for three students.

### Middle Tennessee State University, University Service

- Distinguished Lecture Series: Committee member, Responsible for disbursement of \$85,000 budget, 2001-2002.

### University of Florida, University Service

- Named Presidential Fellowship Committee: Committee co-chairperson and moderator for "Alternative Paths for Graduate Students," a seminar in the Graduate Student Professional Development Series, March 1999.
- Doctoral Student Colloquium: Coordinator and presenter for session on conference presentations, March 2000.
- Doctoral Student Colloquium: Coordinator and moderator for two panel discussions with faculty members, October 1998.

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## INDUSTRY SERVICE

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Kappa Tau Alpha Honor Society: Scholarship reviewer, 2024; Book Award reviewer, 2025

International Association on Public and Nonprofit Marketing (IAPNM): National Representative for USA, 2023-present

*Journal of Current Issues & Research in Advertising*: Reviewer, 2023, 2024

Cognella: Book Reviewer, 2022

*Public Relations Journal*: Reviewer, 2020, 2022, 2024

International Conference on Social Media and Society: Conference Paper Reviewer, 2022, 2024

*Journal of Communication in Healthcare: Strategies, Media and Engagement in Global Health*: Reviewer, 2021

Routledge: Book Reviewer, 2021

AEJMC, PR Division: Conference Paper Reviewer, 2019

AEJMC, PR Division: Communications Committee, 2016-2017

*Journal of Interactive Advertising*: Reviewer, 2014, 2017

*International Journal of Strategic Communication*: Reviewer, 2012, 2015

*Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly*: Reviewer, 2008, 2011, 2015

*Journal of Advertising*: Reviewer, 2007-2009, 2014

*PRism*: Reviewer, 2009, 2014

Tenure and Promotion Reviewer for Ithaca College, Loyola University Chicago, University of Kentucky, and Florida International University

Florida Scholastic Press Association: Judge for Teacher of the Year Competition, 2014

AEJMC Southeast Colloquium: Discussant, Tampa, Fla., February 2013

*Journal of Interactive Marketing*: Reviewer, 2009, 2011, 2013

*Participations*: Reviewer, 2012

*Journal of Public Relations Research*: Reviewer, 2009

## PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

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Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity, Cannes, France, June 2019

IRTS Faculty Seminar (competitive selection process), Las Vegas, Nev., January 2013

Edelman Academic Summit, Palo Alto, Calif., June 2012; Chicago, June 2014

Social Fresh, Tampa, Fla., February 2011, February 2012

NewComm Forum, San Mateo, Calif., April 2010

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## AWARDS

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Kappa Tau Alpha 16 Years of Service Award, 2025

USF Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, 2017

USF Global Faculty Fellow, 2016

*Tampa Bay Business Journal* Up & Comer Award, 2010

Kappa Tau Alpha Honor Society, Inducted Spring 2009

Recipient of Discretionary Base Salary Increase, University of South Florida, Fall 2008

University of Florida J. Hillis Miller Presidential Fellow, 1998-2001 (in 1998, the highest graduate fellowship awarded at the University of Florida)

AEJMC MC&S Division Promising Professor Award, 2000

Second and Third Place Awards in the Journalism and Communications Division of the Graduate Student Forum, University of Florida, 1999

Outstanding Graduate Student in Mass Communication (MTSU), 1998

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Inducted 1998

Albert L. and Ethel Carver Smith Graduate Scholarship Recipient, 1997

Nashville Advertising Federation Scholarship Recipient, 1996

Pacemaker, Silver Crown, and All American Award for college yearbook, 1992

## MASTER'S THESIS STUDENTS

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### Theses Chaired:

Shouheng Deng: Chair, Completed Summer 2025

Andressa De Ungaro Dos Santos: Chair, Completed Spring 2025

Lauren Parker: Chair, Completed Summer 2024

Kathy Malpica: Chair (project), Completed Fall 2023

Jessica Martinez: Chair, Completed Fall 2022

Jiajun Liu: Chair, Completed Summer 2022

Yishan Li: Chair, Completed Spring 2022

Aaron Nichols: Chair, Completed Summer 2021

Guerline Dagrin: Chair (project), Completed Fall 2020

Kelsey Baker: Chair, Completed Summer 2019

Yousuf Humaid Taib Al Yousufi: Chair, Completed Summer 2019

Jingjing Liu: Chair, Completed Fall 2018

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## MASTER'S THESIS STUDENTS *continued*

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### **Theses Chaired (continued)**

Shengfei Li: Chair, Completed Summer 2018  
Melissa Pelletier: Chair, Completed Fall 2017  
Kara Whytas: Chair, Completed Spring 2016  
Stephanie Fred: Chair, Completed Summer 2015  
Kevin Yurasek: Chair, Completed Spring 2014  
Matt Abbey: Chair, Completed Spring 2013  
Emily Shine: Chair, Completed Fall 2011  
Kamden Kuhn: Chair, Completed Fall 2011  
Kerrie Vnuk: Chair, Completed Spring 2008

### **Thesis Committees:**

Victoria Heath: Committee, In progress  
II Timothy Ervin: Committee, Completed Summer 2025  
Isabella Cuello Penalosa: Committee, Completed Fall 2024  
Selena Gonzalez: Committee, Completed Spring 2024  
Lauren Kierpa: Committee, Completed Fall 2023  
Jose-Andres Leon-Gil: Committee, Completed Fall 2023  
Hannah Sarmiento: Committee, Completed Fall 2023  
Valentina Ahumada Lopez: Committee, Completed Fall 2023  
Jihong Huo: Committee, Completed Spring 2023  
Cagdas Yuksel: Committee, Completed Summer 2022  
Wenminzi Wu: Committee, Completed Spring 2021  
Jianglin Huang: Committee, Completed Fall 2019  
Michelle Nunez: Committee, Completed Spring 2019  
Jiaxin Liu: Committee, Completed Fall 2018  
Murewa Olubela: Committee, Completed, Spring 2018  
Linqi Liu: Committee, Completed, Spring 2018  
Christina Cameron: Committee, Completed Fall 2013  
Lauren Webber: Committee, Completed Fall 2013  
Roland Massa: Committee, Completed Spring 2013  
Lorie Briggs: Committee, Completed Spring 2013  
Anna Peters: Committee, Completed Spring 2013

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### Thesis Committees (continued):

Daniel Beaulieu: Committee, Completed Fall 2012  
Jessica Brightman: Committee, Completed Fall 2012  
Ryan Morris: Committee, Completed Spring 2012  
Sabina Gaggioli: Committee, Completed Spring 2011  
Cherisse Forseca Rivera: Committee, Completed Spring 2011  
Jessica MacDonald: Committee, Completed Spring 2010  
Claire Selius: Committee, Completed Spring 2010  
Rhianna Lee Sing: Committee, Completed Fall 2009  
Christine Anghel: Committee, Completed Spring 2009  
Jessica Voss: Committee, Completed Spring 2009  
Lynda Pasteur: Committee, Completed Spring 2008  
Ashlea Hudak: Committee, Completed Spring 2008  
Rachel von Loveren: Committee, Completed Summer 2007  
Cristina Gonzales: Committee, Completed Spring 2007

## HONORS THESIS STUDENTS

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Bao Anh Khoa Hoang: Chair, Completed Spring 2024  
Melanie Margolese: Chair, Completed Spring 2021  
Melinda Starling: Chair, Completed Spring 2019  
Sara Sturgess: Chair, Completed Spring 2018  
Victoria Walker: Chair, Completed Spring 2016  
Aroushad Tahsini: Committee, Completed Spring 2015  
Brendan Collett: Chair, Completed Fall 2010  
William Cooper: Chair, Completed Fall 2009  
Rose Rezaei: Chair, Completed Spring 2009  
Tory Lynne: Chair, Completed Spring 2008

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### HARRIS INTERACTIVE

2000-2001

**Research Assistant (Grad student intern then freelance)**  
New York, NY

- Coordinated and conducted online research projects for Young & Rubicam.
- Developed surveys, analyzed data, and created client reports and presentations.
- Clients included KFC, Xenical, TwinLab, Homeland Security Commission, among others.

### PRINCE MARKET RESEARCH

Summer 1999

**Research Associate**  
Nashville, TN

- Designed and implemented a research study to determine how to effectively administer online surveys.
- Analyzed research findings and created client reports and presentations.
- Re-designed the company Web site.

### PRINCE MARKET RESEARCH

1996-1998

**Project Manager**  
Nashville, TN

- Conducted and coordinated all aspects of quantitative and qualitative research projects.
- Designed surveys, interview guides, and focus group discussion guides.
- Managed data collection and analyzed data using SPSS and SurveyPro.
- Prepared client reports and presentations.
- Interacted and consulted with clients and delivered client presentations.
- Supervised interviewing and data entry teams.
- Made arrangements for focus groups.
- Clients included Caterpillar Financial, Columbia/HCA, Union Planters Bank, Bridgestone/Firestone, Jimmy Dean Foods, TileCera, Nashville Symphony, David Weekley Homes, Globe Furniture, and WNPT.

### MANULIFE FINANCIAL

1992-1996

Marketing Consultant  
Nashville, TN

- Coordinated local marketing and advertising campaigns.
- Developed design for all internal and external publications, concept sales presentations, advertisements, promotional mailers, and brochures.
- Developed marketing plans and produced accompanying communication materials.
- Initiated and developed several national marketing programs.
- Received award in company-wide contest for creative sales idea.

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## OTHER EXPERIENCE

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### FLORIDA SCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION

1998-

2000  
Executive Assistant  
Gainesville, FL

- Assisted Executive Director in all areas of managing organization.
- Managed staff of two office assistants.
- Edited the FSPA newsletter.
- Handled communication and correspondence to district directors and advisers.
- Also served as a yearbook judge and evaluated high school yearbooks in terms of design, copy, and photography.

### COMMODORE YEARBOOK

1991-1992

Editor-In-Chief  
Nashville, TN

- Produced Vanderbilt's first desktop-published yearbook.
- Received Pacemaker Award, Silver Crown, and All American Award.

## CONSULTING

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The Poynter Institute for Media Studies: Illinois journalist research project, 2017

Hill Coniglio Polins & Associates: Various survey research projects, 2006, 2022

Pew Internet and American Life Project: Focus groups for "Teens and Technology" report, 2004

Burlodge U.S.A.: Customer satisfaction research, 2004

## PANEL PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

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Panel on social media restrictions for youth users, Office of Public Policy Events at the University of South Florida and the Institute for Public Policy and Leadership at USF Sarasota-Manatee, October 3, 2024.

"Purposeful Personal Branding for Academics," USF Research & Innovation program on Building your Academic Brand, September 20, 2024.

"The World of a Teen," Panel Discussion (representing social media), Steinbrenner High School, February 8, 2024.

"The Social Wasteland: Managing your Social Media Community and Your Mental Health," American Association of Airport Executives, Social Media Summit, December 12, 2023.

"Personal Branding and NIL Opportunities for Athletes," USF Women's Tennis Team, September 28, 2023.

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## PANEL PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC SPEAKING *continued*

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“Purposeful Personal Branding for Academics,” USF Research & Innovation program on Building your Academic Brand, September 22, 2023.

“Managing the Mental Health Harms of Social Media,” Hillsborough County Public School’s Mental Health Symposium, June 7, 2023.

“Teaching and Learning Discussion Panel,” USF’s Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning’s Celebration of Teaching, April 11, 2023.

“The World of a Teen,” Panel Discussion (representing social media), Steinbrenner High School, February 9, 2023.

“Personal Branding for College Athletes,” USF Athletics Boost Symposium, January 30, 2023.

“Purposeful Personal Branding for Academics,” USF Research & Innovation program on Building your Academic Brand, September 23, 2022.

“Name, Image, and Likeness,” Panel Discussion hosted by Stukent, virtual, February 11, 2022.

“The World of a Teen,” Panel Discussion (representing social media), Steinbrenner High School, February 9, 2022.

“Personal Branding for College Athletes,” USF Athletics Department, January 25, 2022.

“Influencers: Present & Future of a Social Media Phenomenon,” Florida Public Relations Association, Tampa Bay Chapter, November 19, 2020.

“Media Literacy,” Panel Discussion, USF Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement, Civic Conversation Series, October 8, 2020.

“Living the Instagram Life: The Culture Impact of Online Influencers,” USF College of Arts and Sciences, Trailblazers talk, February 20, 2020.

“Women’s Leadership Workshop,” Panel Discussion, USF Omega Phi Beta Sorority, February 10, 2020.

“Your Church Brand and Its Brand Persona,” Word Out Communications Training Day, Parrish, FL, January 21, 2020.

“Creating a Personal and Digital Brand,” Spring Student-Staff Residential Education Rejuvenation, January 10, 2020.

“PR Campaigns at Cannes Lions,” USF PRSSA, September 26, 2019.

“The World of a Teen,” Panel Discussion (representing social media), Hillsborough High School, February 21, 2019.

“The World of a Teen,” Panel Discussion (representing social media), Steinbrenner High School, January 30, 2019.

“Social Media Analytics,” USF PRSSA Chapter, November 8, 2018.

“Social Media: Branding and Privacy,” Women in Public Finance Florida Chapter, April 25, 2018.

“Receipts are Forever: Social Media and Academic Success,” USF Housing and Residential Education, February 12, 2018.

“The World of a Teen,” Panel Discussion (representing social media), Steinbrenner High School, February 6, 2018.

“PolitiFact: Fact Checking,” Panel Discussion with Ernest Hooper, Joshua Gillin, and Rob Lorei, Firehouse Cultural Center, October 24, 2017.

“Taking Care of Your Online Brand,” USF Internal Medicine Leadership Group, April 18, 2017.

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- “Social Media, Fake News, and Politics,” Florida Matters, Panel member for Leadership Tampa visit, WUSF, host Carson Cooper, Nov. 22, 2016.
- “Taking Care of Your Online Brand,” USF Internal Medicine Leadership Group, April 5, 2016.
- “Social Media for College Students,” USF Residential Life Resident Advisor Orientation, August 14, 2015.
- “Social Media for Sorority Branding,” Mu Sigma Upsilon National Conference, June 12, 2015.
- “Social Media for Women,” Gamma Phi Beta Tampa Alumnae Chapter, April 11, 2015.
- “Planting your Social Media Garden,” Digital Footprint seminar for USF Residential Life, January 27, 2015.
- “Creative Research Strategies,” USF CONNECT, September 23, 2014.
- “More than 100 Likes? How to Leverage your Firm’s Facebook Page,” Radius of Influence Conference, May 9, 2014.
- “Where to Start? How to Launch your Firm’s Facebook Page,” Radius of Influence Conference, May 9, 2014.
- “Be a social media butterfly,” Keynote speaker for BayCare Health System’s Mother and Daughter Saturday at Sea, Tampa, Fla., May 3, 2014.
- Alumni social media panel. Berkeley Preparatory School, Tampa, Fla., November 7, 2013.
- “Building your social media brand,” University Experience class guest lecture, October 21, 2013.
- “WIN in PR: Writing your Resume, Interviewing, and Networking,” USF PRSSA Walter E. Griscti chapter, September 18, 2013.
- “Fun jobs in social media,” USF Take Our Sons and Daughters to Work Day, April 25, 2013.
- “Becoming a social media rock star,” USF Lunch & Learn for Managers, sponsored by USF Human Resources, June 28, 2012.
- “Teaching conversation monitoring,” 2012 Edelman Academic Summit, Palo Alto, Calif., June 20, 2012.
- “Social media: How to build your brand online,” USF News Media Insight seminar, March 30, 2012.
- “Faculty panel: Experiencing the media firsthand,” USF News Media Insight seminar, March 30, 2012.
- “Social media: Your reputation, job search, and how not to go to jail,” USF Housing and Residential Education program, March 29, 2012.
- “Beyond Facebook profiles, YouTube channels, and Twitter accounts: Lessons from the best social media campaigns,” Speech presented at the IABC Tampa Chapter meeting, Tampa, Fla., March 2011.
- “Target your Codes of Ethics,” Panel sponsored by the USF Society of Professional Journalists at USF, November 12, 2009.
- “Top ten teaching goals.” Speech presented at the Promising Professors Workshop, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication National Convention, Phoenix, Arizona, August 2000.
- “Design trends for yearbooks.” Workshop presented at the District II Conference of the Florida Scholastic Press Association, September 1999.

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## MEDIA AND PODCAST INTERVIEWS

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### Social Media Stories

- “Kids and Social Media,” host Janelle Martinez, *Great Day Live*, July 20, 2025.
- “How social media is shifting the spread of hurricane information,” reporter Cassidy Delamarter, *USF News*, June 5, 2025.
- “Why was there so much disinformation after Hurricanes Helene and Milton,” reporter Megan McDonald, *Sarasota Magazine*, November-December 2024 Issue.
- “As extreme weather forecasts get better, warnings struggle to cut through,” reporters Alicia Victoria Lozano, Melissa Chan and David Ingram, *NBC News*, Oct. 1, 2024.
- “Hurricanes and Social Media,” host Ryan Gorman, live interview on *NewsRadio WFLA*, September 26, 2024.
- “Athletes look to cash in: NIL system allows players to profit off skills,” reporter Molly Lu McKellar, *The Equinox*, Student Newspaper of Keene State University, September 16, 2024.
- “Social media smarts during Hurricane Season,” meteorologist Brittany Lockley, *WeatherNation*, May 2, 2024.
- “Opinion: Florida isn’t doing enough to ban social media for minors,” correspondent Liv Baker, *The Oracle*, April 1, 2024.
- “Governor expected to sign HB3 into law,” anchor Jeff Butera, *Bay News 9*, March 25, 2024.
- “TikTok Divestiture,” anchor Erin Murray, *Bay News 9*, March 13, 2024.
- “Social media companies made \$11 billion in US ad revenue from minors,” *Scripps News Live*, December 28, 2023.
- “Goodbye traditional jobs, hello influencers!” reporter Ariana Friedman, *Medium*, December 4, 2023.
- “YouTube’s investment in AI could prove a win for digital content creators, generating more views and more revenue,” *MarketScale*, November 17, 2023.
- “Meta’s Threads app launch made frustrated users flee. Its privacy practices could steer more away,” reporter Alexandra Simon, *MarketScale*, July 21, 2023.
- “Cesar Pina, NJ real estate influencer, faces fraud lawsuits,” reporter Kaitlyn Kanzler *Bergen Record*, July 18, 2023.
- “Making a comeback: Younger generations are embracing flip phones and ditching social media,” reporter Julia Hazel, *Spectrum News*, June 7, 2023.
- “Conservative boycott could create a backlash,” reporter William Peters, *Morningstar*, April 14, 2023.
- “Potential TikTok ban sparks discussion: Is the app actually dangerous?” *ZCast* podcast, April 3, 2023.
- “USF faculty, students predict potential impact of emergency TikTok ban,” reporter Julia Saad, *USF Oracle*, April 3, 2023.
- “Big retail companies are paying influencers to help them with their TikTok presence,” reporter Jesus Alvarado, *Marketplace Tech* podcast, *Marketplace.org*, March 7, 2023.
- “Instagram influencer Jay Mazini: ‘I’m not what everybody portrays me as,’ ” reporter Hannan Adely, *NorthJersey.com/The Record* and *USA Today*, December 21, 2022.
- “Twitter users turn on Musk over Kanye West,” reporter Rob Lenihan, *TheStreet*, December 2, 2022.
- “Tampa Bay businesses hop onto TikTok as the social media app rises,” reporter Bernadette Berdychowski, *Tampa Bay Times*, November 30, 2022.
- “The young workers flocking to ‘career influencers,’ ” reporter Annie Midori Atherton, *BBC Worklife*, November 2, 2022.
- “Social media with Kelli S. Burns,” podcast host Robbie Robertson, *Out of the Blank*, November 2022.

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## MEDIA AND PODCAST INTERVIEWS *continued*

"Misinformation spreading on TikTok, experts say," reporter Joneé Lewis, Fox 13 Tampa, September 15, 2022.

"Gen Z and social media," live interview with anchor Lindsay Tuchman, Morning Rush, Newsy, July 25, 2022.

"Social media impulses," live interview with Melissa Wilson, Fox 26 Houston, July 13, 2022.

"Is TikTok reading my mind? Why it's so hard to avoid impulse purchases on social media," reporter Bailey Schulz, USA Today, July 12, 2022.

"Was your hidden vacation spot overexposed? Blame social media and pent-up demand," reporter Bailey Schulz, USA Today, June 27, 2022.

"Pinellas County teen jailed, accused of threatening student on Snapchat," reporter Chip Osowski, WFLA, June 10, 2022.

"1969 Tampa Pizza Hut ad featuring Grim Reaper one of many weird finds during USF Oracle digitization," reporter Evan Axelbank, Fox 13 Tampa, June 8, 2022.

"This thread has people revealing the moment they stopped admiring these 40 celebrities," reporters leva Gailiūtė and Denis Tymulis, *Bored Panda*, May 2022.

"Compassion and social media addiction," guest on Voice of Islam podcast, May 19, 2022.

"Can companies reposition themselves by changing their image?" by Susan Ladika, CQ Researcher, May 13, 2022.

"30 Times People Were Saddened and Disappointed By Celebrities, Shared In An Online Thread," reporters leva Gailiūtė and Mindaugas Balčiauskas, *Bored Panda*, April 2022.

"Tech Minute: Stir Dating App," *Great Day Live*, April 19, 2022.

"USF social media professor dives into online followers and influencers," profile by Philip Morgan, *Tampa Bay Times*, March 5, 2022.

"Pasco Sheriff's office will no longer allow comments on social media pages," reporter Chip Osowski, WFLA, January 10, 2022.

"Social media analytics," podcast hosted by Dr. Mitchell Marovitz, produced for graduate course at University of Maryland Global Campus, 2021.

"The influencer impact: A parent's guide to influencers," Children and Screens: Institute of Digital Media and Child Development, 2021.

"Students trash schools: Can TikTok be held accountable?" The Deeper Dive with Jenna Bourne, WTSP, October 7, 2021.

"Paris Hilton's business empire is getting a makeover," reporter Talal Ansari, *The Wall Street Journal*, October 7, 2021.

"Tampa Bay teens are depressed and anxious. Social media deserves blame," reporter Rose Wong, *Tampa Bay Times*, September 7, 2021.

"Targeted ads on social media," host Katherine Bang, Morning Wave in Busan (Korean radio talk show), May 18, 2021.

"Social media expert has a warning about attractive 'friend requests,'" reporter Patrick Nolan, WFTX Fort Myers, April 30, 2021.

"Trail of hate speech on social media led to violence at Capitol, researchers say," reporter Briona Arradondo, Fox 13 Tampa Bay, January 14, 2021.

"Social media sites target misinformation about Pfizer COVID vaccine," reporter Fallon Silcox, Bay News 9, December 9, 2020.

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## MEDIA AND PODCAST INTERVIEWS *continued*

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"False claims of a coronavirus 'cure' are spreading online. Can misinformation be stopped?" host Nik Zecevic, NBC LX, July 28, 2020.

"Security concerns on social media," host Katherine Bang, Morning Wave in Busan, July 16, 2020.

"A ways to go: Only sustained energy will create systemic change" reporter Ray Roa, Creative Loafing, June 11, 2020.

"IRL: How your actions on social media have serious consequences for the real world," reporter Phil Buck, WTSP, March 3, 2020.

"How to leverage social media for better career opportunities," by Emily Young, Career Charge, USF Corporate Training and Professional Education Blog, December 27, 2019.

"Let's get social," Of Mic and Men podcast, hosted by Carl Bernardo, November 4, 2019.

"Social media's influence on school fights," reporter Natalia Verdina, Fox 13 News, September 20, 2019.

"Hurricane Dorian: As storm approached, why did county officials stop talking?" reporter Jane Musgrave, *Palm Beach Post*, September 6, 2019.

"Social media shines strobe light on devastation in Bahamas," reporter Briona Arradondo, Fox 13 News, September 3, 2019.

"You see the numbers go up and you just think 'hey,'" reporter Elise Dybvig, *Morgenbladet* (weekly newspaper in Norway), August 16, 2019.

"What the heck is 8chan, and why are mass shooters using it?" reporter Phil Buck, WTSP, August 5, 2019.

"Screen time out?" by Dyllan Furness, *Tampa Magazine*.

"National bomb threats look like a new spin on an old bitcoin scam," reporter Emily Dreyfuss, *Wired*, December 13, 2018.

"Bomb threats across the country," reporter Jana Katsuyama, KTVU San Francisco (carried also on other Fox stations), December 13, 2018.

"Want to grow your LinkedIn network effectively follow these expert tips," staff writer Marr Reinstetle, *The Penny Hoarder*, September 27, 2018.

"Facebook and privacy," Morning Wave in Busan (South Korean radio program), April 9, 2018.

"Listen to USF professor: Be wary of social media," columnist Ernest Hooper, *Tampa Bay Times*, March 25, 2018.

"Romano: Here's a tip for fired Outback server," columnist John Romano, *Tampa Bay Times*, February 15, 2018.

"Responses to Trump's tweets," reporter Candice Aviles, WTSP, January 10, 2018.

"Facebook loses friends and big tech is under siege," reporter John Kehoe, *Australian Financial Review*, September 29, 2017.

"How Publix won the internet during Hurricane Irma," reporter Ashley Kritzer, *Tampa Bay Business Journal*, September 15, 2017.

"Hurricane Harvey shows benefits, risks of turning to social media in disaster," reporter Stephen Loiaconi, Sinclair Broadcast Group, August 28, 2017.

"Suicides on Facebook," appeared live on WTSP with anchor Courtney Robinson, April 26, 2017.

"People still think Facebook is eavesdropping through their phone's mic," reporter Andy Martino, *The Outline*, April 24, 2017.

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## MEDIA AND PODCAST INTERVIEWS *continued*

"Is Facebook responsible for suicides being broadcasted on its network?" reporter Allison Leslie, NewsTalk Florida, February 7, 2017.

"How Facebook determines what your feed shows," WTSP, January 30, 2017.

"QQ4U: How well do you know teen texting codes?" reporter Phil Buck, WTSP, December 14, 2016.

"Customer service with 140 characters instead of 1-800," reporter Allison Kropff, WTSP, November 28, 2016.

"Stalking case shows dangerous side of social media," reporter Kendra Conlon, WTSP, November 23, 2016.

"Social media, fake news, and politics," host Carson Cooper, Florida Matters, WUSF, November 22, 2016.

"Twitter helps users cut through bullying with new features," Fox 13 News, reporter Crystal Clark, November 16, 2016.

"In wake of Donald's Trump's comments on women, hashtag #NotOkay going viral after Twitter question," ABC Action News, reporter Sarina Fazan, October 11, 2016.

"Missing Jose Fernandez jersey returned to Alonso High," WFLA, reporter Chip Osowski, September 30, 2016.

"UNDEAD BOP: Bay area busker Max Pierre, very much alive," Creative Loafing, reporter Ray Roa, August 31, 2016.

"WhatsApp opens data to Facebook," Politico Morning Tech, reporter Li Zhou, August 26, 2016.

"Facebook eavesdropping: How a fake story became 'real,'" Tom's Guide, reporter Paul Wagenseil, June 6, 2016.

"No, Facebook doesn't eavesdrop on your phone. But it does spy on you," reporter Caitlin Dewey, *Washington Post*, June 6, 2016.

"Is Facebook Listening," Scared Sh!tless Podcast #17 by the Kim Komando Show, host Tim Hattrick, June 3, 2016.

"Facebook listening claim denied by professor," BBC, reporter Zoe Kleinman, June 3, 2016.

"Spying secrets: Is Facebook eavesdropping on your phone conversations?" WFLA, reporter Melanie Michael, May 20, 2016. (Story picked up by international media.)

"The right man? Should we care what the head of a popular film festival says online?," Creative Loafing, reporter Kate Bradshaw, April 28, 2016.

"Staged videos part of Internet life," WTSP, reporter Ian Reitz, April 19, 2016.

"Models: Tampa strip club stole our photos," Fox 13, reporter Evan Lambert, April 8, 2016.

"Super Bowl ads hope to inspire," WTSP, reporter Courtney Robinson, February 2, 2016.

"Facebook 'secret sister gift exchange' is a scam," WFLA, reporter Peter Bernard, November 5, 2015. (Also carried by many other news organizations, including Mashable and Good Housekeeping.)

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

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MADD Young Adult Roundtable: Provided insights to help organization target young adults, 2024

Gamma Phi Beta Tampa Bay Alumnae Chapter: Member, 2015-present; Alumnae-Collegiate Relations Chair, 2016-2019; Philanthropy Chair, 2016-2023

Girls on the Run: Advisory Board Member (Marketing and PR): 2016-2019; Race Committee Member, 2015-2019; Race Buddy 2014-2015

Oasis (Outreach Assisting Students in Schools): Clothes sorting volunteer, 2018-2020

Working Women of Tampa Bay: Member, 2014-2016

Berkeley Preparatory School: Class of 1988 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion Co-chair, 2018; Shades of Blue Publicity Committee, 2012-2013

Cub Scout Pack 21: Public Relations/Recruitment Chair, May 2010-2012

Youth Triathlon Series: Staff Member, 2010

Vanderbilt University: Member of Alumni CoRPs Interviewing Team, 2009-2017; Class promotions chair for reunion, October 2002; Class reunion volunteer, October 2017

Sawtooth Center for the Arts: Created promotional materials for photography exhibit called “A Thousand Words: Photographs by Vietnam Veterans,” June 2004

Town of Elon Festival of the Oaks: Liaison for the School of Communications, October 2003