

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Educational Qualifications

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PH.D. IN COMMUNICATION, 2005, THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, OH.  
Major areas: Political Communication; Public Opinion; Mass Communication/Media Effects;  
Survey Research; Communication Theory; and Research Methods.  
Dissertation Title: Framing the 2004 Presidential Election: The Role of Media, Political  
Discussion, and Opinion Leaders.

M.A. IN JOURNALISM & COMMUNICATION, 2002, THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY,  
COLUMBUS, OH.  
Thesis Title: Evaluations of President George W. Bush and the Energy Crisis: A Priming Study.

B.A. IN COMMUNICATION ARTS, 1999, CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY, CEDARVILLE, OH.  
Major areas: Comprehensive Communication  
Minor areas: Bible, Creative Writing, English, Psychology

## Employment History

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August 2008-present	Assistant Professor Director of Forensics Communication	Department of Communication Wheaton College 501 College Ave., Wheaton, IL 60187
August 2003-May 2008	Assistant Professor Director of Debate Communication Arts	Department of Communication Arts Cedarville University 251 N. Main Street, Cedarville, OH 45314
March 2003-June 2003	Research Assistant	School of Communication The Ohio State University 3016 Derby Hall, 154 N. Oval Mall Columbus, OH 43210
September 2000-March 2003	Teaching Assistant	School of Communication The Ohio State University 3016 Derby Hall, 154 N. Oval Mall Columbus, OH 43210
July 1999-April 2002	Legal Assistant	Nancy A. Roberson, Co. L.P.A. 2390 S. Dixie Hwy., Kettering, OH 45409
May 1998-May 1999	Editor-in-Chief	<i>Cedars</i> Cedarville University 251 N. Main Street, Cedarville, OH 45314
May 1997-May 1998	Copy Editor	<i>Cedars</i> Cedarville University 251 N. Main Street, Cedarville, OH 45314
June 1990-1997	Private English Teacher	Takaoka 6 Chome, 4-1 Akashi-Shi, Japan 674

## **Experience**

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### **Administrative**

Director of Forensics  
Department of Communication  
Wheaton College (August 2008-present)

Tournament Director  
Hollatz Debates  
Wheaton College (August 2008-present)

NPTE Board of Trustees (July 2015-present)

Tournament Director  
NCCFA National Tournament  
Azusa Pacific University (March 2011)

Debate Tabulation  
NCCFA National Tournament  
Cedarville University (March 2010)

Director of Debate  
Department of Communication Arts  
Cedarville University (August 2003-May 2008)

Debate Camp Coordinator  
Department of Communication Arts  
Cedarville University (August 2004-May 2008)

Debate Tabulation  
NPDA National Tournament  
Colorado College (March 2007)

### **Teaching**

Courses:                   Advanced Argument  
                                  Argumentation and Debate  
                                  Fundamentals of Oral Communication  
                                  Fundamentals of Speech  
                                  Human Communication Research  
                                  Persuasive Communication  
                                  Public Opinion and Polling  
                                  Public Speaking

Independent studies:   Framing in Debate (Spring 2005)  
                                  Argumentation in Law (Spring 2007)  
                                  Communication and Infertility (Fall 2014)  
                                  Women in the Workplace (Spring 2015)  
                                  Megachurch Communication (Fall 2015)  
                                  Sexual Education in the Church (Summer 2017)

### **Research**

Current:                 Infertility and the Spiral of Silence; Implications of Political Discussion for  
                                  Academic Debate and Learning; Short Term and Long Term Gains in Oral  
                                  Communication

### **Publications**

Cooper, L. O., & Sietman, R. (2016). Assessment of student learning gains in oral competency. In J. M. Valenzano III (Ed.) *Basic Communication Course Annual 28*, 166-205.

Sisk, D. (2011). *Zerubbabel: God's chosen signet*. Sietman, R.B. (Ed.). Fort Pierce, FL: FBC Publications & Printing.

Hoffman, L. H., Glynn, C. J., Huges, M. E., Sietman, R. B., & Thomson, T. (2007). The role of communication in public opinion processes: Understanding the impacts of intrapersonal, media, and social filters. *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, doi: 10.1093/ijpor/edm014.

### **Articles Under Review**

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Sietman, R. B. (2017). A call to heterogeneity: The implications of political discussion for parliamentary debate. Paper submitted to *Parliamentary Debate: The Journal of the National Parliamentary Debate Association*.

### **Conference Papers**

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Sietman, R. B., & Chappell, D. (2014). New lessons in ethos: The role of speaker credibility in learning at liberal arts symposia. Paper presented at the 2014 meeting of the National Communication Association, Chicago, IL.

Cooper, L. O., Sietman, R. B., Kim, Y., Liang, J., & Bowles, K. (2012). Under the influence: Creating community through an honor code. Paper presented to the Ethics division at the 2012 meeting of the National Communication Association, Orlando, Florida.

Sietman, R. B. (2012). The implications of political discussion for NPDA debate. Paper accepted for the 2012-2013 meeting of the National Parliamentary Debate Association, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sietman, D. R., & Sietman, R. B. (2007). Antifundamentalism and vote choice: Public opinion in rural Ohio. Paper submitted to the Political Communication division for the 2008 meeting of the International Communication Association, Montreal, Canada.

Sietman, R. B., Thomson, T., Glynn, C. J., & Reineke, J. (2005). Discussion and selective attention: An overlooked explanation for learning from the news. Paper presented to the Political Communication division at the 2005 meeting of the National Communication Association, Boston, MA.

Hoffman, L. H., Glynn, C. J., Huges, M. E., Sietman, R. B., & Thomson, T. (2005). The process of public opinion: Understanding psychological, social, and political filters. Paper presented to the Political Communication division at the 2005 meeting of the International Communication Association, New York, NY.

Eveland, W. P., Jr., Seo, M., Cortese, J., Cai, L., Wang, Z., Thomson, T., Sietman, R. B., & Sipos, I. (2004). News use, discussion, and knowledge of local public affairs: An experimental and observational study. Paper presented to the Political Communication division at the 2004 meeting of the International Communication Association, New Orleans, LA.

McDonald, D. G., Sietman, R. B., & Li, Z. (2004). The law of news consumption and news media effects. Paper presented to the Political Communication division at the 2004 meeting of the International Communication Association, New Orleans, LA.

### **Academic Awards**

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School of Journalism and Communication Teaching Award, 2003, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.

Graduate Student Teaching Award, 2003, International Communication Association, Washington DC.

## **Professional Memberships**

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National Christian College Forensics Association  
National Communication Association  
National Parliamentary Debate Association  
Pi Kappa Delta  
US Universities Debating Association

## **Coaching Success**

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Coached the Cedarville University Debate Team to a #72 national ranking for its first competitive season (2003-2004) within the National Parliamentary Debate Association (NPDA) and to a #40 national ranking the next year (2004-2005).

Coached the Cedarville Debate Team to 1<sup>st</sup> place team sweepstakes awards at Western Kentucky University, Berea College, Hillsdale College, and University of Notre Dame, resulting in a 14<sup>th</sup> place finish for the NPDA Regular Season Sweepstakes (2005-2006).

Coached the Cedarville Debate Team to 1<sup>st</sup> place team sweepstakes awards at Western Kentucky University, Berea College, and Wheaton College, resulting in an 11<sup>th</sup> place finish for the NPDA Regular Season Sweepstakes (2006-2007).

Coached the Cedarville Debate Team to an 18<sup>th</sup> place finish for the Tournament Sweepstakes at the NPDA Championship Tournament (2007).

Coached the Cedarville Debate Team to 1<sup>st</sup> place team sweepstakes awards at Berea College and Belmont University, resulting in an 8<sup>th</sup> place finish for the NPDA Regular Season Sweepstakes (2007-2008).

Coached the Cedarville Debate Team to 1<sup>st</sup> place in debate, 1<sup>st</sup> place overall, and 1<sup>st</sup> place quality award at the National Christian College Forensics Invitational, earning the title National Champions (2008).

Coached Cedarville teams to National Champions in Open Parliamentary Debate (2008) and National Champions in Junior Parliamentary Debate (2008) finishes at the National Christian College Forensics Invitational.

Coached Cedarville teams to Quadra Octofinal (2006), Triple Octofinal (2005, 2007), Double Octofinal (2007) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Novice (2008) finishes at the NPDA Championship Tournament.

Coached Wheaton College teams (ranking 37<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> in the nation) to qualify for the 2009 National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence.

Coached Wheaton teams to Quadra Octofinal (2009) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Novice (2010) finishes at the NPDA Championship Tournament.

Coached the Wheaton Debate Team to 1<sup>st</sup> place quality award at the National Christian College Forensics Invitational, earning the title National Champions (2011).

Coached Wheaton teams to National Champions in Novice Parliamentary Debate (2011), Semifinal in Junior Parliamentary Debate (2011), and Octofinal in Open Parliamentary Debate (2011) finishes at the National Christian College Forensics Invitational.

Coached Wheaton teams to Quarterfinal in Junior Parliamentary Debate (2012), Quarterfinal and Octofinal in Open Parliamentary Debate (2012) finishes at the National Christian College Forensics Invitational.

Coached the Wheaton Debate Team to 1<sup>st</sup> place quality award at the National Christian College Forensics Invitational, earning the title National Champions (2013).

Coached Wheaton teams to Quarterfinal in Open Parliamentary Debate (2013) finishes at the National Christian College Forensics Invitational.

Coached Wheaton College team (ranking #42 in the nation) to qualify for the 2014 National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence.

Coached Wheaton College teams (ranking #23 and #46 in the nation) to qualify for the 2015 National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence.

Coached Wheaton teams to Triple Octofinal (2015) finishes at the NPDA Championship Tournament.

Coached Wheaton College team (ranking #24 in the nation) to qualify for the 2016 National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence.

Coached Wheaton team to an Octofinal (2016) finish at the NPDA Championship Tournament.

Coached Wheaton College team (ranking #12 in the nation) to qualify for the 2017 National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence and to receive a 20<sup>th</sup> place finish.

Coached Wheaton team to a Triple Octofinal (2017) finish at the NPDA Championship Tournament.

## **Service to the Church and Community**

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True Light Lutheran Christian Church (July 2014-May 2017)

- Worship coordinator and leader
- Adult Bible study
- Children's ministry
- Youth ministry
- Multiple outreach ministries

Tree of Hope Dedication Ceremony (April 26, 2017)

Memorial Service for Baby Hope (September 15, 2016)

Faith Fellowship Church (June 2010-July 2014)

- Worship leader
- Children's ministry
- Small group ministry

Harvest Bible Chapel: Naperville (July 2008-June 2010)

- Worship team
- Small group Bible study