

Texas Speech Communication Association

2023 Nominee: Vice President Elect

Jeremy Hutchins

Candidate Statement

It is an honor to be considered for the position of TSCA Vice President Elect and I want to thank the nominating committee for their hard work and for the opportunity to share a brief statement about my candidacy.

As a graduate student at Southwest Texas State University, I participated in my first academic conference – the 1996 TSCA convention. It was an amazing event that opened my mind to what's possible when smart and dedicated people with shared goals and interests come together to celebrate and grow their discipline. It was also the first time I presented an academic paper. I remember being extremely anxious as I sat reviewing a heavily edited version of work that began its life in one of my favorite rhetoric classes. Like most in our organization, I was no stranger to public performances. Theater and forensics had given me enough presentational experience to be dangerous, but talking about *my* scholarship in front of an audience filled with distinguished researchers and educators who wanted to hear what I had to say was completely new. I remember there being a lot of self-doubt. More importantly, though, I remember there being a lot of excitement! That was my first TSCA. I think it's fair to say that it made an impression on me.

After 27 years, I remain impressed.

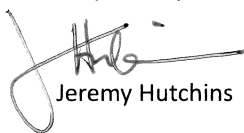
TSCA continues to attract extremely smart researchers and educators who serve as dedicated leaders and mentors. Based on the expertise and commitment of this membership, TSCA continues to expand the reach and resilience of our discipline while shaping the study of communication to positively impact our students and, by extension, the world beyond the classroom. Moreover, TSCA continues to serve its membership as a big tent where affiliated groups and interests are promoted and supported. As President of TIFA, I have been extremely thankful for this partnership and what I have learned from my service as an interest group chair.

If elected, I would strive to build on all these efforts. For example, I am interested in utilizing our organizational strengths to:

- increase the presence of communication curriculum in primary, secondary, and higher education,
- grow *student* organizational membership and convention participation,
- investigate solutions to classroom challenges brought on by rapidly developing technology,
- create additional programs and/or modalities for professional development,
- promote speech and debate activities as critical components across the curriculum,
- and cultivate opportunities for interdisciplinary organizational coalition building.

If elected, I would have a lot to learn about our organization and its operations. Of course, I would also have the best teachers available, and I would work diligently, collaboratively, and (hopefully) efficiently to get up to speed and fulfill the duties of my service. I look forward to seeing you all in Houston and I appreciate your support!

Respectfully,


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Service to TSCA and the Field of Speech Communication

Papers Presented at Professional Meetings

- Hutchins, J. P., Keep it Simple: TSCA Convention 2022, "Back it Up: Making Sound Arguments in Extemporaneous Debate Formats," Texas Speech Communication Association, Rockwall, TX, United States. (October 2022).
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- Burnette, A. E., Fox, R. L., Hutchins, J. P., Mandziuk, R. M., NCA Summer Conference on Teaching Rhetorical Criticism & Critical Inquiry, GIFTS for Teaching Rhetorical Criticism, "Short and suite: Making rhetorical criticism accessible," Tacoma, WA, United States. (July 2010).
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- Hutchins, J. P., Texas Speech Communication Association Convention, "An Agenda of His Own: A Rhetorical Analysis of Jesse Jackson's Speech at the 1992 Democratic National Convention," Texas Speech Communication Association, El Paso, TX, United States. (October 1996).

Invited Talks, Lectures, and Presentations

- Hutchins, J. P., Tiffée, S., The Literary Speaker's Series, "Academic Argumentation in Theory and Practice," University of Louisiana Monroe, University of Louisiana Monroe, Monroe, LA, United States. (September 2011).
- Hutchins, J. P., Tiffée, S., The Rambin Public Debate Forum, "What is the Future of Higher Education?," University of Louisiana Monroe, University of Louisiana Monroe, Monroe, LA, United States. (September 2011).
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- Hutchins, J. P., Communication Week, "Beyond the Academy: Argumentation Applications Outside of the Classroom," Texas State University, San Marcos, TX, United States. (February 1997).

Professional Service

- President, Texas Intercollegiate Forensic Association. (2020 - Present).
- Chair, TIFA Interest Group, Texas Speech Communication Association. (2019 - Present).
- Webmaster, Texas Intercollegiate Forensics Association. (2019 - Present).
- Committee to Nominate the Nominating Committee, Texas Speech Communication Association. (2022 - Present).
- Co-Director, Region 4-AA Lincoln Douglas Debate Contest, UIL. (2009 - 2019).
- Asst. Tournament Manager, State Lincoln Douglas Debate Contest, UIL. (2010 - 2018).
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Director, Kansas City Debate Cooperative. (2002).
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Coordinator / Organizer, MidSouth Debate Institute. (1999).

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Senior Lecturer, Undergraduate Program Director, and Associate Director of Forensics
Department of Communication Studies, Texas State University

Educational Background

Degree	Year	University	Major
MA	1997	Texas State University	Speech Communication
BA	1994	McNeese State University	Speech
AA	1991	Wharton County Jr. College	Speech Communication

University Experience

Position	University	Dates
Undergraduate Program Director, Communication Studies	Texas State University	2020 - Present
Associate Director of Forensics	Texas State University	2008 - Present
Senior Lecturer, Communication Studies	Texas State University	2007 - Present
Instructor, Communication Studies	Univ. of Texas at Brownsville	2005 - 2007
Associate Professor, Speech	Johnson County Comm. College	1999 - 2005
Director of Forensics	Johnson County Comm. College	1999 - 2005
Instructor, Speech	Wharton County Jr. College	1998 - 1999
Director of Forensics	Wharton County Jr. College	1998 - 1999

Teaching

Honors and Awards

Recipient: Presidential Distinction for Excellence in Service, Texas State University.
2023

Recipient: Educator of the Year, Texas Intercollegiate Forensics Association.
2018

Recipient: Golden Apple Award, Department of Communication Studies, Texas State University.
2015
2013

Recipient: College Achievement Award for Excellence in Teaching, College of Fine Arts and Communication, Texas State University.

2012

2011

2010

2009

2008

Courses Taught

Texas State University

COMM 1310 - Fundamentals of Human Communication

COMM 2326 - Interpretive Reading

COMM 2330 - Small Group Communication

COMM 2338 - Public Speaking

COMM 3302 - Rhetorical Research Methods

COMM 3345 - Argument and Debate

COMM 4315 - Directed Research in Communication Studies

COMM 4338 - Advanced Public Speaking

Courses Taught

University at Texas at Brownsville
Applied Communication
Interpersonal Communication
Johnson County Community College
Advanced Debate
Elementary Debate
Intermediate Debate
Interpersonal Communication
Public Speaking
Wharton County Junior College
Argumentation and Debate
Fundamentals of Speech

Directed Student Learning

Supervisor, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, "Revolutionary Mode: An Analysis of Communist Rhetoric Surrounding the Disney Corporation", Status: Completed. (2012). Honors College, Texas State University.
Student(s): Nicole Fisher, Undergraduate.

Teaching Professional Development

Conference, "National Developmental Conference on Individual Events," American Forensic Association / National Forensic Association. (June 19, 2020 - June 20, 2020).
Workshop, "Foundations of Online Course Design," Texas State University, San Marcos, TX. (2016).
Conference, "NCA Summer Conference on Teaching Rhetorical Criticism & Critical Inquiry," National Communication Association, Tacoma, WA, United States. (July 22, 2010 - July 25, 2010).

Scholarly/Creative

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Service

Institutional

University

Liaison, Nontenture Line Faculty Committee. Texas State University (2018 - 2019).

Mentor, College Assistance Migrant Program, University of Texas At Brownsville. (2006).

Student Handbook Committee, University of Texas At Brownsville. (2006).

Associate Director, Southwest Center for Forensics Studies, Texas State University. (1995 - 2005).

College

Curriculum Committee, College of Fine Arts and Communication, Texas State University. (2019 - Present).

CoSearch Presentation Coach, Center for Communication, Collaboration and Creativity, Texas State University. (2018 - 2020).

College of Liberal Arts Scholarship Committee, University of Texas At Brownsville. (2006 - 2007).

Department

Director, Undergraduate Program, Dept. of Communication Studies, Texas State University. (2020 - Present).

Chair, Undergraduate Program Advisory Committee, Dept. of Communication Studies, Texas State University. (2020 - Present).

Scholarship Committee, Dept. of Communication Studies, Texas State University. (2015 - 2021).

Evaluation and Assessment Committee, Dept. of Communication Studies, Texas State University. (2012 - Present).

Associate Director of Forensics, Dept. of Communication Studies, Texas State University. (2008 - Present).

Advisor, Lambda Pi Eta, Dept. of Communication Studies, Texas State University. (2007 - 2021).

Publicity Team, Dept. of Communication Studies, Texas State University. (2017 - 2020).

Submission Reviewer, TedX Texas State, Dept. of Communication Studies, Texas State University. (2017 - 2020).

Teaching Effectiveness Committee, Dept. of Communication Studies, Texas State University. (2015 - 2020).

Organizer, Celebrating Diversity Through Performance Event, Dept. of Communication Studies, Texas State University. (December 2, 2020).

Undergraduate Curriculum Task Force, Dept. of Communication Studies, Texas State University. (2017 - 2019).

Communication Week Committee, Dept. of Communication Studies, Texas State University. (2016 - 2018).

Organizer, Love Public Speaking Festival, Dept. of Communication Studies, Texas State University. (2008 - 2018).

Advisor, The Communication Council, University of Texas at Brownsville. (2005 - 2007).

Advisor, Skills USA, University of Texas at Brownsville. (2006).

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Organization Memberships

Southern States Communication Association (SSCA). (2016 - Present).
Texas Speech Communication Association (TSCA). (2018 - Present).