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## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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| 2020-present | Professor, Department of Communication<br>North Dakota State University  |
| 2017-present | Chair, Department of Communication<br>North Dakota State University  |
| 2020-2021    | Interim Chair, Department of English<br>North Dakota State University  |
| 2014-2020    | Associate Professor, Department of Communication<br>North Dakota State University                              |
| 2014-2017    | Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Communication<br>North Dakota State University                     |
| 2008–2014    | Assistant Professor, Department of Communication<br>North Dakota State University                              |
| 2005-2008    | Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Communication<br>Studies, University of Kansas                      |
| 2003-2005    | Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Speech<br>Communication, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign |

## **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D.      Communication Studies (with honors)  
University of Kansas, Lawrence.  
Dissertation: The Communicative Creation of Meetings: An  
Interaction Analysis of Meeting Thought Units and Meeting Activities  
in Three Natural Meeting Contexts.  
**\* Recipient of the 2009 Laura Crowell Dissertation Award, NCA  
Group Communication Division**  
Advisor: Joann Keyton  
Degree awarded: 2008

- M.A.           Speech Communication  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Advisor: Andrea B. Hollingshead  
Degree awarded: 2005
- B.A.           Broadcast Journalism; Minor: Business Administration  
Brigham Young University, Provo, UT  
Degree awarded: 2002

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### Peer Reviewed Journal articles

- Beck, S. J., & DeSutter, K. (2021). Special education Meetings: The role of the facilitator in districts serving rural communities. *Rural Special Education Quarterly*, 40, xxx-xxx. <https://doi.org/10.1177/875687052097266>
- Paskewitz, E. A., & Beck, S. J. (2021). "Put the phone away!": Does text message content influence perceptions of group member texting? *Computers in Human Behavior*, 115, xxx-xxx. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chb.2020.106591>
- Beck, S. J., & DeSutter, K. (2020). An examination of group facilitator challenges and problem-solving techniques during IEP team meetings. *Teacher Education and Special Education*, 43(2), 127-143. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0888406419839766>
- Paskewitz, E. A., & Beck, S. J. (2019). Exploring perceptions of multicomunicator texting during meetings. *Computers in Human Behavior*, 101, 238-247. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chb.2019.07.032>
- Beck, S. J. (2019). Majority and minority subgroup argumentation messages. *Communication Reports*, 32(2), 69-81. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08934215.2019.1603317>
- Paskewitz, E. A., & Beck, S. J. (2018). Exploring member-leader behaviors and interaction in an online support group. *Small Group Research*, 49(4), 452-474. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1046496418763889>  
**\*Winner of the 2019 Dennis Gouran Research Award, NCA Group Communication Division**
- Paskewitz, E., & Beck, S. J. (2017). When work and family merge: Understanding intragroup conflict experiences in family farm businesses. *Journal of Family*

*Communication*, 17(4), 386-400.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/15267431.2017.1363757>

Beck, S. J., Meinecke, A., Lee, J., & Matsuyama, Y. (2017). Initiating and maintaining collaborations and facilitating understanding in interdisciplinary group research. *Small Group Research*, 48(5) 532-543.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/1046496417721746>

Beck, S. J., Paskewitz, E., Anderson, W., Bourdeaux, R., & Currie, J. (2017). The task and relational dimensions of online social support. *Health Communication*, 32(3), 347-355. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10410236.2016.1138383>

Beck, S. J., Bourdeaux, R., DiTunnariello, N, & Paskewitz, E. A. (2016). A review and technological consideration of the bona fide group perspective. *Small Group Research*, 47(6), 665-691.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/1046496416665703>

Lehmann-Willenbrock, N., Beck, S. J., & Kauffeld, S. (2016). Emergent discussion roles: Identifying patterns of meeting behavior via cluster analysis. *Communication Studies*, 67(1), 37-57.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/10510974.2015.1074087>

**\*Winner of the 2014 Stanley L. Saxton Applied Research Award**

**\*Honorary Mention of the 2017 Article of the Year, *Communication Studies***

Ledbetter, A. M., & Beck, S. J. (2014). A theoretical comparison of relational maintenance and closeness as mediators of family communication patterns in parent-child relationships. *Journal of Family Communication*, 14, 230-252. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15267431.2014.908196>

**\*Winner of the 2014 Article of the Year, *Journal of Family Communication***

Beck, S. J., & Keyton, J. (2014). Facilitating social support: Member-leader communication in a breast cancer support group. *Cancer Nursing*, 37, E36-43. <https://doi.org/10.1097/NCC.0b013e3182813829>

**\*Winner of the 2010 Stanley L. Saxton Applied Research Award**

Beck, S. J., & Ledbetter, A. M. (2013). The influence of parent conflict style on children. *Personal Relationships*, 20(3), 495-510.

<https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1475-6811.2012.01420.x>

Beck, S. (2013). Moving beyond disciplinary differences in group research. *Small Group Research*, 44(2), 158-161. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1046496412471862>

- Beck, S. J., Gronewold, K., & Western, K. (2012). Intergroup argumentation in city government decision making: The Wal-Mart dilemma. *Small Group Research*, 43(5), 587-612. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1046496412455435>
- Beck, S. J., Littlefield, R. S., & Weber, A. J. (2012). Public meeting facilitation: A naïve theory analysis of crisis meeting interaction. *Small Group Research*, 43(2), 211-235. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1046496411430531>
- Fandrich, A. M., & Beck, S. J. (2012). Powerless language in health media: The influence of biological sex and media type on health language. *Communication Studies*, 63(1), 36-53. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10510974.2011.598600>
- Beck, S. J., Miller, A., & Frahm, W. (2011). An alternative approach to family communication: Studying the family from a group communication perspective. *Communication Yearbook*, 35, 93-119.
- Keyton, J., & Beck, S. J. (2010). Examining laughter functionality in jury deliberations. *Small Group Research*, 41(4), 386-407. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1046496410366311>  
**\* 2011 Distinguished Award for a Special Journal Issue, Applied Communication Division, NCA.**
- Keyton, J., Beck, S. J., Messersmith, A., & Bisel, R. (2010). Ensuring communication research makes a difference: Thermometers, maps, and duct tape of communication practice. *Journal of Applied Communication Research*, 38(3), 306-309. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00909882.2010.490844>
- Keyton, J., Beck, S. J., & Asbury, M. B. (2010). Macrocognition: A communicative perspective. *Theoretical Issues in Ergonomics Science*, 11(4), 272-286. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14639221003729136>
- Beck, S. J., & Keyton, J. (2009). Perceiving strategic meeting interaction. *Small Group Research*, 40(2), 223-246. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1046496408330084>
- Keyton, J., & Beck, S. J. (2009). The influential role of relational messages in group interaction. *Group Dynamics: Theory, Research and Practice*, 13(1), 14-30. <https://doi.org/10.1037/a0013495>
- Keyton, J., & Beck, S. J. (2008). Team components, processes, and values: A pedagogical matrix. *Business Communication Quarterly*, 71(4), 488-504. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1080569908325863>

Beck, S. J., Clabaugh, S. E., Clark, R. A., Connelly Kosovski, M., Daar, R., Heffner, V., Kmetz, T., McDaniel, S., Miller, L. E., Moriarty, C., Qian, Z., Raja, S., Ramey, M., & Suri, R. (2007). Teasing among college men and women. *Communication Studies, 58*(2), 157-172.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10510970701341105>

#### Books and Book Chapters

Keyton, J., & Beck, S. J. (2018). *Communicating in groups and team: Strategic interactions*. San Diego, CA: Cognella Publishing.

Beck, S. J., Paskewitz, E. A., & Keyton, J. (2015). Toward a theory of strategic meeting interaction. In J. Allen, N. Lehmann-Willenbrock, & S. Rogelberg's *The Cambridge Handbook of Meeting Science* (pp. 305-324). Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

Asbury, M. B., & Beck, S. J. (2012). The "reality" of working in small groups. In F. Mullen & W. Mullen (Eds.), *Teaching communication creatively: Practical ideas to enhance student learning*. Lynchburg, VA: Liberty University Press.

Beck, S. J., & Keyton, J. (2012). Team cognition, communication, and message interdependence. In E. Salas, S. Fiore, & M. Letsky (Eds.) *Theories of team cognition: Cross-disciplinary perspectives* (pp. 471-494). New York, NY: Taylor & Francis.

Beck, S. J., & Keyton, J. (2010). Differing viewpoints: decision making in a non profit meeting. In L. Black (Ed.) *Cases in group communication* (pp. 11-16). Dubuque, IA: Kendall-Hunt.

Hollingshead, A. B., Jacobsohn, G. C., & Beck, S. J. (2007). Motives and goals in context: A strategic analysis of information-sharing groups. In K. Fiedler (Ed.), *Social communication* (p. 257-280). New York: Psychology Press.

#### Minor or Invited Publications

Beck, S. J., & Paskewitz, E. A. (2017). Meetings. In C. R. Scott & L. Lewis' (Gen Eds.), J. Barker, J. Keyton, T. Kuhn, & P. Turner (Assoc. Eds). *International Encyclopedia of Organizational Communication*. Chichester, UK: Wiley Blackwell.

Beck, S. J. (2016). The future of small group research. *Small Group Research, 47*, 139. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1046496416629276>

Fowler, M., Pearson, J. C, & Beck, S. J. (2011). The influence of family communication patterns on adult children's perceptions of romantic behaviors. *Journal of the Communication, Speech & Theatre Association of North Dakota*, 23, 1-12.

Keyton, J., & Beck, S. J. (2010). Examining communication as macrocognition in STS. *Human Factors*, 52, 335-339.

Beck, S. J. (2007). Book Review: Risk, Communication and Health Psychology, by Dianne Berry. *Health Communication*, 21, 97-99.

### **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

Beck, S. J., Bonito, J., & Keyton, J. (under review). Establishing meeting interaction as the creative mechanism of group context.

Beck, S. J., Poole, M. S., & Keyton, J. (Eds.) (forthcoming). *The Handbook of Group and Team Communication Research*. Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing.

Beck, S. J., & Goke, R. (forthcoming). Group context: What outside forces influence group interaction. In S. J. Beck, J. Keyton, & M. S. Poole's (Eds.) *The Handbook of Group and Team Communication Research*. Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing.

Beck, S. J. (forthcoming). Introduction. In S. J. Beck, J. Keyton, & M. S. Poole's (Eds.) *The Handbook of Group and Team Communication Research*. Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing.

Keyton, J., Poole, M. S., Beck, S. J, & Gouran, D. (forthcoming). Group communication: A continued evolution. In S. J. Beck, J. Keyton, & M. S. Poole's (Eds.) *The Handbook of Group and Team Communication Research*. Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing

### **FUNDING**

National Science Foundation, Directorate of Decision, Risk and Management Sciences, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, SES-0717643, \$6,250, co-PI with advisor Joann Keyton.

NDSU Developmental Foundation, Gundlogson Fund grant, \$750, North Dakota State University.

NDSU – Research and Creative Activity, Research Support Funds, \$1,000

### **CONFERENCE INVOLVEMENT AND PRESENTATIONS**

- Paskewitz, E. A., & Beck, S. J. (2020). "Put the phone away!": Does text message content influence perceptions of group member texting? Group Communication Division, National Communication Association, Indianapolis, IN.
- Keyton, J., Reutlinger, C., Kirschner, J., Kim, Y. Y., Paskewitz, E. A., Bonito, J. A., & Beck, S. J. (2020). Let's talk about context. Panelist, Group Communication Division, National Communication Association, Indianapolis, IN.
- Beck, S. J. (2019). Retrospective interviewing following group interaction: Using communication as evidence for interpretation. Panelist, Group Communication Division, National Communication Association, Baltimore, MD.
- Beck, S. J., Bonito, J., Keyton, J., & Hirokawa, R. (2019). A contextual exploration of meeting orientation and formality. Interdisciplinary Network for Group Researchers, Lisbon, Portugal.
- Paskewitz, E. A., & Beck, S. J. (2019). How rude? Perceptions of multicomunicators in meetings. Interdisciplinary Network for Group Researchers, Lisbon, Portugal.
- Beck, S. J., & DeSutter, K. (2019). Common challenges and related problem-solving techniques for facilitating IEP meetings. Council for Exceptional Children, Indianapolis, IN.
- Beck, S. J., & DeSutter, K. (2018). An examination of group facilitator challenges and problem-solving techniques during special education team meetings. Group Communication Division, National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Keyton, J., & Beck, S. J. (2018). Short course: Communicating in groups and teams. National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Beck, S. J., & Paskewitz, E. A. (2017). An analysis of initial posts and first responses in online depression social support groups. Health Communication Division, National Communication Association, Dallas, TX.

- Paskewitz, E. A., & Beck, S. J. (2017). How community leaders help facilitate social support in online depression support groups. Group Communication Division, National Communication Association, Dallas, TX.
- Beck, S. J., Bonito, J., & Keyton, J. (2016). A sequential analysis of data across structured and unstructured groups. Group Communication Division, National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- Paskewitz, E., & Beck, S. J. (2016). Analyzing the antecedents and outcomes of intragroup conflict in farm families. Group Communication Division, National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA. **\*Top 4 Paper Award**
- Beck, S. J., & Paskewitz, E. A. (2016). Who is facilitating this group? An exploratory sequential investigation of social support in online support groups. Interdisciplinary Network for Group Researchers, Helsinki, Finland.
- Keyton, J., Bonito, J., Beck, S. J., & Apker, J. (2015). Collaborative interaction. Group Communication Division, National Communication Association, Las Vegas, NV.
- Beck, S. J. (2015). Argumentation differences in majority and minority subgroups during city commission meetings. Organizational and Professional Communication Division, Central States Communication Association, Madison, WI.
- Beck, S. J., Bourdeaux, R., Ditunnariello, N. (2014). Bona fide groups 2.0: Revisiting communication in natural groups. Group Communication Division, National Communication Association, Chicago, IL.
- Beck, S. J., Paskewitz, E. A., & Keyton, J. (2014). Toward a theory of strategic meeting interaction. Interdisciplinary Network for Group Researchers, Raleigh, NC.
- Beck, S. J., & Paskewitz, E. A. (2013). Investigating conflict type, identification, emergent states, and team outcomes: A double mediation analysis. Group Communication Division, National Communication Association, Washington D. C.
- Anderson, W., & Beck, S. J. (2013). Keeping a connection: Exploring mediated communication and uncertainty management within long-distance romantic relationships. Interpersonal Communication Division, National Communication Association, Washington D. C.



- Beck, S. (2013). A pedagogical approach to the inclusion and dependency stage of group development. Interpersonal and Small Group Division, Central States Communication Association, Kansas City, MO. **\*Top Panel Award.**
- Beck, S. J., & Raile, A. (2012) Conflict, identity, and team outcomes. An analysis of special education teams. Group Communication Division, National Communication Association, Orlando, FL.
- Beck, S., Waller, M., Meyer, B., & Keyton, J. (2012). Moving beyond methodological differences panel. Interdisciplinary Network for Group Researchers, Chicago, IL.
- Ledbetter, A. M., & Beck, S. J. (2012) Does cognition or communication mediate family communication patterns?: Extending family communication theory to parent-child relational maintenance. Interpersonal and Small Group Division, Central States Communication Association, Cleveland, OH. **\*Top Paper Award.**
- Beck, S. J., & Ledbetter, A. M. (2011). The relationship of family communication patterns and shared family identity: Considering parent conflict style as a mediating variable. Family Communication Division, National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Keyton, J., & Beck, S. J. (2011). The use of questions to create shared meaning. Interdisciplinary Network for Group Researchers, Minneapolis, MN.
- Beck, S. J., Littlefield, R., & Weber, A. (2011). Investigating crisis communication in pre-meetings and public meetings: A dramatic analysis of naïve theories during the 2009 Fargo flood. Organizational and Professional Communication Division, Central States Communication Association, Milwaukee, WI. **\*Top Paper Award.**
- Beck, S. J., Gronewold, K., & Western, K. (2010). Considering argumentation, role, and context in city commission decision making: The Wal-Mart dilemma. Group Communication Division, National Communication Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Beck, S. J., Miller, A., Frahm, W., & Farrell, L. (2010). An alternative approach: Analyzing family as group. Interdisciplinary Network for Group Researchers, Washington D.C.

- Beck, S. J. (2009). The use of task and relational messages to accomplish task and relational meeting activities in three natural meeting contexts. Group Communication Division, National Communication Association, Chicago, IL.
- Keyton, J., Meyers, R., & Beck, S. J. (2009). Interaction analysis short course. National Communication Association, Chicago, IL.
- Fowler, M. R., Pearson, J., & Beck, S. J. (2009). Effects of family communication patterns on adult children's enactment of romantic rituals and relational maintenance. Interpersonal Communication Division, National Communication Association, Chicago, IL.
- Beck, S. J. (2009). Predispositional influence on the interpretation of meeting conflict interaction. Communication and Social Cognition Division, National Communication Association, Chicago, IL.
- Keyton, J., & Beck, S. J. (2009). The influence of group interaction on shared understanding and strategy in decision making groups. Interdisciplinary Network for Group Researchers, Colorado Springs, CO.
- Beck, S. J. (2009). A group interaction analysis based on group characteristics and values. Interpersonal and Small Group Division, Central States Communication Association, St. Louis, MO.
- Beck, S. J. (2009). A communicative approach to defining group activities in meetings. Interpersonal and Small Group Division, Central States Communication Association, St. Louis, MO.
- Keyton, J., & Beck, S. J. (2008). Team components, processes, and values: A pedagogical matrix. Instructional Communication Division, National Communication Association, San Diego, CA.
- Asbury, M. E., & Beck, S. J. (2008). The 'reality' of working in small groups. G.I.F.T Division, National Communication Association, San Diego, CA.
- Beck, S. J., & Keyton, J. (2008). Defining meeting activities communicatively: An interaction analysis of city commissioner meetings. Interdisciplinary Network for Group Research convention, Kansas City, MO.
- Keyton, J., Asbury, M. B., Beck, S. J., Carver, L., Jones, G., Khakimova, L., & Spain, A. (2008). A group communication perspective. Communication Theory Division, Southern States Communication Association, Savannah, GA.

- Beck, S. J., & Keyton, J. (2007). The use and perception of communication strategy in meetings. Group Communication Division, National Communication Association, Chicago, IL.
- Russo, T. A., Beck, S. J., Asbury, M. E., Faimon, S., Beach, S. K., Carver, L., Mank, R., Markward, L., Spain, A., Villamil, A., & Osborn, K. (2007). Organizational attachment: A multi-disciplinary comparison of operationalizations. Organizational Communication Division, National Communication Association, Chicago, IL.
- Keyton, J., & Beck, S. J. (2007). The use of humor in jury deliberations of a murder trial. Group Communication Division, National Communication Association, Chicago, IL.
- Keyton, J., & Beck, S. J. (2007). The influential role of socioemotional messages in group interaction. Interdisciplinary Network for Group Research, East Lansing, MI.
- Jacobsohn, G. C., Beck, S. J., & Hollingshead, A. H. (2007). But can I trust you? Expertise, trustworthiness, and information sharing in first responder groups during emergencies. Interdisciplinary Network for Group Research, East Lansing, MI.
- Beck, S. J. (2007). The dark side of parent communication: The parental role in child development. Interpersonal and Small Group Communication Interest Group, Central States Communication Association, Minneapolis, MN.
- Beck, S. J. (2006). Framing in Crisis: A discourse analysis of news coverage following Hurricane Katrina. Language and Social Interaction Division, National Communication Association, San Antonio, TX.
- Keyton, J., Beck, S. J., Dennis, M. S., & Kunkel, A. (2006). Double duty in a breast cancer support group: Enacting social support and managing group process. Interdisciplinary Network for Group Research, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Beck, S. J., Clark, R. A., Connelly, M., Daar, R. B., Heffner, V., Kmetz, T., McDaniel, S., Miller, L. E., Moriarty, C., Qian, Z., Raja, S., Ramey, M., Suri, R., & Wilson, S. (2004). Teasing Among College Students. Interpersonal Communication Division, National Communication Association, Chicago, IL.

Beck, S. J. (2002). The ways of Heavenly Father and Satan: A comparison between the trial of Jesus Christ and the trial of Abinadi. 2002 Sydney B. Sperry Symposium, Provo, UT.

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

Beck, S. J. (2020, January). The problem with teamwork. ARM 475 course.

Beck, S. J. (2019, November). Why can't we get along? The problem with teamwork. NDSU Phi Kappa Phi Faculty Lectureship.

Beck, S. J., & DeSutter, K. (2019, August). Meeting participation and facilitation in special education meetings. Fargo Public School District.

Beck, S. J., & DeSutter, K. (2019, February). Meeting participation in special education meetings. Moorhead Public School District.

Beck, S. J., & DeSutter, K. (2019, January). Facilitation training for special education facilitators. Moorhead Public School District.

Beck, S. J. (2016, January). Becoming a professor. Horizon Middle School.

Beck, S. J. (2014, November). Investigating the family from a group communication perspective. NDSU Human Development and Family Science Colloquium.

Beck, S. J. (2013, December). The dysfunction of teams. NDSU Communication Colloquium.

Beck, S. J. (2010, October). Humor in meeting interaction: A look at fighting a flood and deciding life or death. Minnesota State at Moorhead, Campus Development Day.

Beck, S. J. (2010, October). Analyzing meeting interaction: A look at building a Wal-Mart, fighting a flood, and deciding life or death. NDSU Psychology Colloquium.

### **TEACHING**

Comm 793: Content and Interaction Analysis	North Dakota State U
Comm 750: Seminar in Conflict Communication	North Dakota State U
Comm 715: Seminar in Small Group Communication	North Dakota State U
Comm 700: Seminar in Research Methods	North Dakota State U

Comm 482: Organizational Communication Capstone	North Dakota State U
Comm 383: Organizational Communication I	North Dakota State U
Comm 320: Communication Analysis	North Dakota State U
Comm 316: Conflict	North Dakota State U
Comm 315: Small Group Communication	North Dakota State U
Comm 212: Interpersonal Communication	North Dakota State U
Comm 114: Human Communication	North Dakota State U
Coms 342: Problem Solving in Teams and Groups	University of Kansas
Coms 310: Introduction to Organizational Comm.	University of Kansas
Coms 130: Speaker-Audience Communication	University of Kansas
SpCom 321: Persuasive Speaking	University of Illinois
SpCom 101: Introduction to Public Speaking	University of Illinois

### **MEMBERSHIP**

National Communication Association  
Interdisciplinary Network of Group Researchers  
Central States Communication Association

### **SERVICE**

Editorial Boards, Journals: *Small Group Research*; *Communication Studies*; *Group Dynamics*

Editorial Boards, Edited books: *The Cambridge Handbook of Meeting Science*

Special issue Editorial Board: *Small Group Research's* special issue on Meetings

Ad hoc reviewer: *Communication Monographs*, *Communication Theory*, *Journal of Applied Communication Research*, *Management Communication Quarterly*, *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, *Small Group Research*, *Group Processes and Intergroup Relations*, *Communication Methods and Measures*, *Journal of Organization Behavior*, *Journal of Family Communication*, *International Journal of Conflict Management*, *Communication Studies*, *Group and Organization Management*, *Communication Reports*, *European Review of Applied Psychology*, *Annals of the Interactional Communication Association*, *Communication Quarterly*, *Journal of Health Communication*, *Cancer Nursing*, NCA Group Communication Division, INGRoup, CSCA Organizational and Professional Communication Division, NCA Student Section, NDJoCST

Program Chair: 2013 Interdisciplinary Network of Group Researchers Conference (INGRoup)

Board of Directors: 2012-2013 Interdisciplinary Network of Group Researchers  
Conference (INGRoup)

Ph. D. Committee (Advisor): Emily Paskewitz, Communication; Whitney  
Anderson, Communication

Ph. D. Committee (Member): Kimberly Weismann, Education; Anna Carmon,  
Communication; Laura Farrell, Communication; Sarah Bundy, Emergency  
Management; Nancy DiTunnariello, Communication; Julie Fudge,  
Communication; Shweta Sharma, Communication; Muhabbat Yakabova,  
Communication; Seseer Mou, Communication;

Master's Committee (Advisor): Whitney Frahm, Interpersonal Communication;  
Kathryn Hedberg, Strategic Communication; Laura Farrell, Interpersonal  
Communication; Ashley Fandrich, Strategic Communication; Miwa Ito,  
Organizational Communication; Marney Mathiasen, Journalism; Melissa  
Gillette, Organizational Communication, Bethany Lutovsky, Interpersonal  
Communication; Amanda Breen, Organizational Communication; Larissa  
Kunde, Organizational Communication; Noel Adcock, Organizational  
Communication; Amber Richter, Rhetoric; Kallie Eberling, Organizational  
Communication; Casey Bartlett, Group Communication

Master's Committee (Member): Michael Fowler, Communication; Kevin Betts,  
Social Psychology; Beth Pladson, Communication; Neil Schloesser,  
Communication; Amber Rasche, Communication; Anne Zmyslinski,  
Communication; Erin Stack, Communication (Online); Andrea Weber,  
Communication; Gladys Namuganga, Communication; Ryan Boyd, Social  
Psychology; Elizabeth Sand, Clinical Psychology; Shweta Sharma,  
Communication; Hailey Adkisson, Communication; Jared Fougner,  
Communication; Margaret Shepard, Communication; Jared Hall,  
Computer Science; Samantha Myhre, Psychology; Jennifer Hanson,  
Communication; Joyce Eisenbaum, Communication; Rachel Iverson,  
Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences; Ann Brooks, Communication;

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Communication: 2014-2017

Chair, AHSS Strategic Planning Committee: 2015-2016

Member, NDSU's Advisory Board for Student Affairs, 2017-2019

NCA Group Communication Division:  
Chair, 2016; Vice Chair, 2015; Vice Chair-Elect, 2014

Curriculum Vita  
(Last updated: January 11, 2021)

Beck - 15/19

Session Chair, 2010, 2011, 2015  
Session Respondent, 2013, 2014, 2019

INGRoup Session Chair, 2010

Richard Hackman Dissertation Award committee, Interdisciplinary Network for Group Researchers, 2018, 2019

Policy and Planning Committee, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Chair, 2013-2015 Member, 2012-2013

Graduate Committee, Department of Communication, Chair 2010-2011, 2014-2017; Member 2009-2010, 2011-2014

Assessment Committee, Department of Communication, Chair 2017-present

Awards Committee, Department of Communication, Member 2013-2014

Department of Communication Colloquium Series: Chair, 2011-2016

Communication Undergraduate Research Pool Supervisor, 2008-present

NDSU Tuition Waiver Task Force, 2016

Board of Student Publications/Student Media Board, 2008-2011, 2018-present

Promotion Reviewer: University of Oklahoma 3<sup>rd</sup> year review, tenure case

Faculty Search Committees: Chair, Architecture Chair Search Committee, 2019-2020; Chair, African Diaspora AHSS Assistant Professor, 2014; Dean, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, 2010-2011; Chair, Organizational Communication Associate Professor, 2012-2013; Member, Broadcast Instructor, 2011; Member, Assistant Professor in Strategic Communication, 2008-2009;

Curriculum Committee, Department of Communication, 2010-2011

Chair, NDSU Graduate Student Methods Conference, 2012, 2013

Library Liaison, NDSU Department of Communication, 2008-2010

Board of College Radio, 2008-2009

College Assembly Student Representative, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences,  
University of Kansas, 2007-2008

Graduate Student Organization, Faculty Representative, University of Kansas,  
2006-2007

### **CONSULTING**

Consultant – North Dakota, Department of Emergency Services

Consultant – Lion's Organization, District 5-E, Beck Consulting

Consultant – Moorhead School District, Beck Consulting

Consultant – Meritcare Hospital, with Dr. Carrie Anne Platt, Beck Consulting

Consultant – Nilles Law Firm, with Dr. Ann Burnett, Burnett Legal Consulting  
Services

Facilitator – Fargo LDS Addiction Support Group

Moderator – Big 12 Innovation and Capital Formation Conference, Ewing M.  
Kauffman Foundation, Kansas City, MO

Consultant – State Farm Insurance, with Dr. Bob Husband, The Aslan Group

Business Consultant – Department of Workforce Service, State of Utah

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

2019 NDSU Phi Kappa Phi Faculty Lectureship

Recipient for the 2019 Dennis Gouran Research Award, NCA Group  
Communication Division for: Paskewitz, E. A., & Beck, S. J. (2018). Exploring  
member-leader behaviors and interaction in an online support group.  
*Small Group Research*, 49, 452-474. doi: 10.1177/1046496418763889

Amy Rupiper Taggart Award of Excellence in Program Assessment 2019,  
Department of Communication, Chair of Assessment Committee

Honorary Mention for the 2017 Article of the Year Award, *Communication  
Studies*



Lehmann-Willenbrock, N., Beck, S. J., & Kauffeld, S. (2016). Emergent discussion roles: Identifying patterns of meeting behavior via cluster analysis. *Communication Studies*, 67, 37-57. doi:10.1080/10510974.2015.1074087

**\*Winner of the 2014 Stanley L. Saxton Applied Research Award**

**\*Honorary Mention of the 2017 Article of the Year, *Communication Studies***

Top 4 Paper Award, National Communication Association, Group Communication Division, 2016

Honorable Mention – Dennis Gouran Research Award for Beck, S. J., & Keyton, J. (2014). Facilitating social support: Member-leader communication in a breast cancer support group. *Cancer Nursing*, 37, E36-43. doi:10.1097/NCC.0b013e3182813829

Dean's Fellow, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, 2015

Outstanding Educator Award, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, 2015

Recipient of the 2014 Article of the Year, Journal of Family Communication for: A theoretical comparison of relational maintenance and closeness as mediators of family communication patterns in parent-child relationships, with Andrew Ledbetter

Recipient of the 2014 Stanley L. Saxton Applied Research Award, with Nale Lehmann-Willenbrock and Simone Kauffeld

Outstanding Teacher Award, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, 2014

Friend of INGRoup award for service, 2013

Top Panel Award, Central States Communication Association, Interpersonal and Small Group Division, 2013

NDSU Department of Communication – 2013 Students' Choice Award - Undergraduate

NDSU Apple Polisher Award, 2010, 2011, 2013

Top Paper Award, Central States Communication Association, Interpersonal and Small Group Division, 2012

Top Paper Award, Central States Communication Association, Organizational and Professional Communication Division, 2011

NDSU Department of Communication – 2011 Students' Choice Award - Graduate

NDSU Department of Communication – 2011 Students' Choice Award - Undergraduate

Recipient of the 2011 Distinguished Award for a Special Journal Issue, National Communication Association, Applied Communication Division for Keyton & Beck, 2010

2010-2011 Best Reviewer Award – *Small Group Research*

Recipient of the 2010 Stanley L. Saxton Applied Research Award, with Joann Keyton

Recipient of the 2009 Laura Crowell Dissertation/Thesis Award, National Communication Association, Group Communication Division

Finalist for the 2009 Dissertation Award, American Psychological Association, Group Psychology and Group Psychotherapy Division

Recipient of the 2008 Kim Giffin Research Award, University of Kansas

University of Kansas, Department of Communication Studies travel grant, 2007.

University of Kansas, Graduate School travel grant, 2006.

University of Illinois, Department of Speech Communication summer fellowship, 2004.

On the University of Illinois Incomplete List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent for Fall 2003-Fall 2004.

BYU Dept. of Communication Half-tuition scholarship – May 2001-Aug. 2002

BYU KSL Earl J. Glade Award for Most Outstanding Journalism Student, 2001.

Donald C. Sloan Extemporaneous Speaking Contest, 2000 Speech winner

**MISC.**

TriCity Storm Soccer, Coach - 2009-2016

City of Fargo Baseball, Coach - 2011-2014

Managing Editor of magazine *Hometown Heroes*, during 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

Radio Producer, KOVO Sports 960 AM, April 2002-Aug. 2002. Produced a Monday-Friday early morning sports talk radio show called "The King and I."

Managing Editor – BYU Newsnet, Jan. 2002-Aug. 2002. In charge of BYU's television, newspaper, radio and online media newsroom.

Executive Director – National Student Partnership, Jan.2000-April 2001. Co-founder of the Utah chapter, non-profit service organization working one-on-one with families to overcome financial instability.

Two-year church mission to France, July 1997 – July 1999. Representative of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in southern France. Fluent in French.