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EDUCATION

- 2015 Ph.D., Communication Studies
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT
Areas of Concentration: Organizational communication, environmental communication, qualitative research methods
Dissertation: “The Structuration of Environmental Organizing: Identity, Power, and Knowledge Negotiation in an International ENGO.”
Chair: Dr. Heather Canary
- 2011 M.A., Communication Studies
University of Colorado - Boulder, Boulder, CO
Areas of Concentration: Rhetoric, environmental communication, critical/cultural studies.
Chair: Dr. Marlia Banning
- 2009 B.A., Communication Studies
University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX.
Magna cum laude (GPA: 3.8/4.0)
Special Honors: Top Communication Studies Student (May, 2009)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2015-Present Visiting Assistant Professor & Assistant Director of Forensics
Department of Communication, University of Texas at El Paso
- 2013-2015 Graduate Teaching Fellow & Assistant Forensics Coach
Department of Communication, University of Utah
- Fall 2013 Graduate Research Assistant (Dr. Heather Canary, NSF/NIH Projects)
Department of Communication, University of Utah
- 2011-2013 CLEAR Communication Specialist
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Utah
- 2009-2011 Graduate Teaching Assistant
Department of Communication, University of Colorado - Boulder

2008-2009 Undergraduate Research and Teaching Assistant
 Department of Communication, University of Texas at El Paso

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Publications

- Tarin, C.A.**, Upton, S.D., Sowards, S.K. (Forthcoming/Accepted). Environmental Nepantlisma: Theorizing Borderland Ecological Identities. In T. Milstein & J. Castro-Sotomayor (Eds.) *The Handbook of Ecocultural Identity*. New York: Routledge.
- Tarin, C.A.** (Forthcoming/Accepted). Buen Vivir: Indigeneity, environmental organizing, and the limits of culture. In L.H. Hernandez, D.I. Bowen, A.R. Martinez, & S.D. Upton (Eds.) *Latina/o Communication Studies: Theories, Methods, and Practice*. Lexington Books.
- Tarin, C.A.** (Forthcoming/Accepted). Fronteras tóxicas: Toward a borderland ecological consciousness. In L.H. Hernandez & R. Gutierrez-Perez (Eds.) *This Bridge We Call Communication: Anzaldúan Approaches to Theory, Method, and Praxis*. Lexington Books.
- Upton, S.D., **Tarin, C.A.**, Sowards, S.K., Yang, K.C.C. (Forthcoming/Accepted). Rare's conservation campaigns: Community decision making and public participation in global contexts. In S. Depoe, G. Walker, & K. Hunt (Eds.) *Breaking Boundaries: Innovative Practices in Communication and Public Participation in Environmental Decision Making*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.
- Sowards, S.K., **Tarin, C.A.**, Upton, S.D. (2017). Place-based dialogics: Adaptive cultural and interpersonal approaches to environmental conservation. *Frontiers in Communication | Science and Environmental Communication*, 2(3). doi: 10.3389/fcomm.2017.00009
- Tarin, C.A.**, Upton, S.D., & Sowards, S.K., Yang, K.C.C. (2017). Cultivating Pride: Transformative leadership and capacity building in the Rare-UTEP partnership. In T. Milstein, M. Pileggi, and E. Morgan (Eds.) *Environmental Communication Pedagogy and Practice* (pp. 195-206). New York: Routledge.
- Canary, H. E. & **Tarin, C. A.** (2017). Structuration theory. In C.R. Scott and L. Lewis (Eds.) *The International Encyclopedia of Organizational Communication*. New York: Wiley.
- Upton, S.D., **Tarin, C.A.**, Sowards, S.K., Yang, K.C.C. (2016). Rare's conservation campaigns: Community decision making and public participation for behavioral change in Indonesia, China, and Latin America. In J. Goodwin (Ed.) *Confronting the Challenges of Public Participation: Issues in Environmental, Planning, and Health Decision-Making* (pp. 251-266). Charlseton, SC: Createspace.
- Canary, H. E., Taylor, J. L., Herkert, J. R., Ellison, K., Wetmore, J.M., **Tarin, C. A.** (2014). Engaging students in integrated ethics education: A communication in the disciplines study of pedagogy and students' roles in society. *Communication Education*, 63 (2), 83-104. **(Lead Article)**.
- *Translation article: Canary, H. E., Taylor, J. L., Herkert, J. R., Ellison, K., Wetmore, J.M., **Tarin, C. A.** (April, 2014). Instructor's corner #3: Engaging students in "big picture" ethics. *Communication Currents*, 9 (2), available at: <http://www.natcom.org/CommCurrentsArticle.aspx?id=4911>

Tarin, C.A. (2012). Rare: Organizational identity and localized conservation. In S. K. Sowards (Ed.) *Across borders and environments: Communication and environmental justice in international contexts* (pp. 171-183). Cincinnati, OH: International Environmental Communication Association.

Tarin, C.A., & Sowards, S.K. (2011). Strangers in a strange land: Rhetorically evading environmental apocalypse through human choice in *Lost*. In R. Laist (Ed.) *Looking for Lost: Critical essays on the enigmatic series* (pp. 202-215). Jefferson, NC: McFarland.

Essays In Progress

Tarin, C.A. & Canary, H.E. Chronotopic distancing: A conceptual framework and practical application. Manuscript being prepared for submission to *Management Communication Quarterly*.

Tarin, C.A. “We are committed to the mission, but...”: An SAT approach to organizational identity. Manuscript being prepared for submission to *Organization Studies*.

Tarin, C.A. Perceptions of difference and identity in competitive collegiate speech and debate organizations. Proposal being prepared for IRB approval.

Competitively Selected Conference Papers

Tarin, C.A. (November 2017). Prismatic imaginaries: Theorizing queer of color approaches to organizational identity. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Dallas, TX.

Tarin, C.A. (June 2017). Reconciling organizational identity tensions through environmental praxis. Paper presented at the Conference on Communication and the Environment, Leicester, UK.

Tarin, C.A. (November 2016). “We are committed to the mission, but...”: Growth, contradiction, and the structuration of organizational identity. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Upton, S.M., **Tarin, C.A.**, Sowards, S.K., Yang, K.C.C. (June 2016). Rare’s conservation campaigns: Community decision making and public participation for behavior change in Indonesia, China, and Latin America. Paper presented at the 5th Iowa State University Summer Symposium on Science Communication, Ames, IA.

Tarin, C.A., & Canary, H.E. (February 2016). Chronotopic distancing: A conceptual framework. Paper presented at the Western States Communication Association Conference, San Diego, CA. (**Top Paper Panel, Organizational Communication Interest Group**)

Tarin, C.A. (February 2016). Putting it all on the line: Exploring the theoretical potential of judge paradigms in individual events competition. Paper presented at the Western States Communication Association Conference, San Diego, CA.

Tarin, C. A. (November 2014). “We live this work”: Organizational identity and the structuration of values, meanings, and practices. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

Tarin, C. A. (November 2014). Pachamama: Deterritorializing the nature-culture dualism. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

Canary, H. E., Taylor, J. L., Herkert, J. R., Ellison, K., Wetmore, J.M., **Tarin, C. A** (October

- 2014). Engaging students in integrated ethics education: A study of pedagogy and students' roles in society. Paper presented at the Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum Conference, Scottsdale, AZ
- Tarin, C. A.** (February 2014). Hard to follow: An assessment of ENGO readability barriers. Paper presented at the Western States Communication Association Conference, Anaheim, CA. (**Top Student Paper, Environmental Communication Division**)
- Tarin, C. A.** (November 2013). Performing self in nature: Tourism, subjectivity, and environmental engagement. Paper presented at the National Communication Association conference, Washington, DC.
- Tarin, C.A.** (February 2013). "Our art has absolutely no purpose:" Problematizing nature representations in the work of Christo & Jeanne-Claude. Paper presented at the Western States Communication Association Conference, Reno, NV. (**Top Paper, Environmental Communication Division**)
- Tarin, C. A.** (November 2012). Interrogating the infected: Zombies, AIDS, and contagion paranoia. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Orlando, FL.
- Tarin, C.A. & Fortney, J.M.** (February 2012). Born this way?: A critical interpretation of race and Lady Gaga. Paper presented at the Western States Communication Association Conference, Albuquerque, NM.
- Tarin, C.A.** (June 2011). Rare Conservation: Organization for environmental change. Paper presented at the biennial Conference on Communication and the Environment, El Paso, TX.
- Tarin, C. A.** (November 2010). Out and positive: Interpreting queer and HIV+ narratives. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Tarin, C.A.** (November 2009). On identity: Shame, normativity, and performative ethics. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Tarin, C.A.** (November 2009). The Virunga gorilla murders: Identification, image events, and eco-rhetoric. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

Conference Panels (Competitively Selected)

- Panel Organizer and Panelist. (February 2018). Silence is complicity: Mindful pedagogy in a world gone mad. Panel to be presented at the Western States Communication Association Conference, Santa Clara, CA.
- Panel Organizer and Panelist. (November 2017). Our legacy and relevance: A conversation about POC mentorship in forensics. Panel presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Dallas, TX.
- Panelist and Facilitator. (November 2017). Meet-and-greet Latinx mentorship initiative. Panel presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Dallas, TX.
- Panelist. (November 2017). The legacy of Texas and the (Ir)relevance of walls: Understanding cultural borderlands. Panel presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Dallas, TX.
- Panelist. (June 2017). Slowing down to engage what matters. Panel presented at the Conference on Communication and the Environment, Leicester, UK.
- Panel Organizer and Panelist. (February 2017). Decolonizing environmental communication and

- practice: A roundtable discussion. Panel presented at the Western States Communication Association Conference, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Panelist. (November 2016). Mentorship as a civic calling: A formal initiative for Latinx communication studies scholars. Panel presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Panelist. (November 2016). Construyendo puentes/Building bridges: Communicating environmental justice and Latinx community engagement. Panel presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Panel Organizer and Panelist. (February 2015). Empowering environmental engagements: Accentuating the positive in environmental organizations, organizing, and collaboration. Panel at the Western States Communication Association Conference, Spokane, WA.
- Panelist. (November 2013). Connections throughout the year: A forum on voice, pedagogy, and critical love within communication studies. Panel at the National Communication Association Conference, Washington, DC.
- Panelist. (November 2011). Voicing community: Confronting race and sexual orientation in communication studies. Panel at the National Communication Association Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Panelist. (November 2010). Tiny team communication: Creating a bridge between principles of small group communication and small forensics teams. Panel at the National Communication Association Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Research Awards and Honors

- Nominated, American Forensics Association Outstanding New Coach Award, September 2017
- Top Paper Panel, Organizational Communication Interest Group, Western States Communication Association, February 2016
- Texas Speech Communication Association Top New Collegiate Faculty Registration Award, October 2015 (approx. \$500 award value)
- University of Texas at El Paso Forensics Distinguished Alumnus Award, November 2014
- National Communication Association Doctoral Honors Seminar, Invited Participant, July 2014
- Top Student Paper, Environmental Communication Division, Western States Communication Association, February 2014
- Top Paper, Environmental Communication Division, Western States Communication Association, February 2013
- Graduate Student Research Travel Award, University of Utah Graduate School, November 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 (\$500).
- Graduate Student Travel Grant, University of Colorado Graduate School, November 2009, 2010 (\$500)
- Department of Communication Diversity Fellowship, University of Colorado - Boulder, 2009 (\$5000)
- Supplementary Travel Grant, Office of Study Abroad, University of Texas at El Paso, July 2009 (\$500)
- Top Communication Studies Graduate, University of Texas at El Paso, May 2009.
- National Finalist, Impromptu Speaking, American Forensic Association, April 2009.
- Member, Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society. Inducted January 2009.
- Member, Lambda Pi Eta National Communication Honor Society. Inducted January 2009.
- Member, Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society. Inducted January 2009.

Billie W. Etheridge Debate Scholarship and Service Award, University of Texas at El Paso, AY 2005-2009 (\$1000/semester)

Presidential Excellence Scholarship, University of Texas at El Paso, AY 2004-2008 (\$5000/year)

Coca-Cola Challenge/UTEP Alumni Scholarship, University of Texas at El Paso, AY 2004-2008 (\$5000/year)

Dean's List for Exceptional Academic Standing, University of Texas at El Paso, AY 2004-2009.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught: University of Texas at El Paso

COMM 5398/5399 – Thesis Supervision (Spring 2017)

COMM 3325 – Communication and Organizational Leadership (Fall 2016, Fall 2017)

COMM 3344 – Organizational Communication (Summer 2016, Summer 2017, Spring 2018)

COMM 4352 – Contemporary Rhetoric (Fall 2015- Spring 2016)

COMM 2201 – Forensic Practicum: Individual Events (Fall 2015-Present)

COMM 2202 – Forensic Practicum: Debate (Fall 2015 – Present)

COMM 1301 – Public Speaking (Course Supervisor, Fall 2015-Present)

Courses Taught: University of Utah

COMM 3170 – Introduction to Organizational Communication (Developed hybrid course, Spring, 2015)

COMM 4270 – Forensics Practicum (Fall 2013, Fall 2014)

COMM 3330 – Negotiation and Interviewing (Developed online course, Spring 2014-Fall 2015)

CVEEN 4910* – Professional Practice and Design (Fall 2011- Spring 2013)

CVEEN 3100* – Technical Communication (Fall 2011- Spring 2013)

CVEEN 1000* – Introduction to Civil Engineering (Fall 2011- Spring 2013)

Courses Taught: University of Colorado - Boulder

COMM 1000 – Introduction to Public Speaking (Fall 2009- Spring 2011)

Courses Assisted: University of Texas at El Paso

COMM 4350 – Gender and Communication (Spring, 2007). Instructor: Dr. Stacey K. Sowards.

SERVICE

Disciplinary Service

Speech Activities Coordinator (Appointed). Western States Communication Association. February 2018-Present.

Manuscript Reviewer. *Frontiers in Communication / Science and Environmental Communication*. August 2017.

* CLEAR (Communication, Leadership, Ethics, and Research) is a multidisciplinary program between the Department of Communication and the College of Engineering. Communication instructors partner with engineering faculty to co-teach oral and written communication skills, teamwork, and collaboration.

District Chair (Elected). American Forensics Association – District IX Committee. April 2017-Present.

At-Large Delegate (Elected). Legislative Assembly of the Western States Communication Association, February 2017-Present.

Manuscript Reviewer. Undergraduate Scholars Research Conference, Western States Communication Association, 2016-2017.

Manuscript Reviewer. Western States Communication Association – Environmental Communication Division, 2015-2017

Manuscript Reviewer. Western States Communication Association – Forensics and Argumentation Division, 2015-2017

Ad Hoc Committee Member. Latinx Mentorship Initiative for the Latina/o Studies Division and La Raza Caucus of NCA, November 2015-Present.

Manuscript Reviewer, Western States Communication Association – Organizational Communication Interest Group, 2014-2017

Participant. (June 2014). National Tourism Development Workshop for Kutai National Park. Bontang, East Kalimantan, Indonesia.

Ad-hoc Reviewer, Kaleidoscope: A Graduate Journal of Qualitative Communication Research, 2014

Parliamentarian (Elected), Latino/a Communication Studies Division/La Raza Caucus of the National Communication Association, 2012-Present

Manuscript Reviewer, National Communication Association - Environmental Communication Division, 2012, 2014-2015

Manuscript Reviewer, National Communication Association - Latina/o Communication Division, 2012-2016

Student Representative (Elected), Organization for Research on Women and Communication, 2012-2014.

Steering Committee Member, Conference on Communication and the Environment, 2010-2011.

Student Representative (Elected), Environmental Communication Division of the National Communication Association, 2009-2011.

Conference Service

Respondent. (February 2018). Energy democracy, community, and political engagement. Panel at the Western States Communication Association Conference, Santa Clara, CA.

Chair. (February 2018). The vulnerable and the visceral in organizations. Panel presented at Western States Communication Association, Santa Clara, CA.

Chair. (February 2018). Indigenous voices across time and space. Panel at the Western States Communication Association Conference, Santa Clara, CA.

Respondent and Chair. (February 2018). Is the customer always right? An examination of consumer communication. Panel at the Undergraduate Scholars Research Conference at the Western States Communication Association Conference, Santa Clara, CA.

Respondent. (February 2017). Critical perspectives on policy, place, and practice in environmental communication. Panel at the Western States Communication Association Conference, Salt Lake City, UT.

Respondent. (February 2017). Top papers in Western Forensics and Argumentation Association. Panel at the Western States Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT.

Chair. (February 2017). Communicating the relationship between organization and society:

- Organizing legitimacy, democracy, empowerment, and collective action. Panel at the Western States Communication Association Conference, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Respondent and Chair. (February 2017). Organizational influence and socialization. Panel at the Undergraduate Scholars Research Conference of the Western States Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Chair. (February 2016). Innovative explorations of organizational assimilation, socialization, and dissent. Panel at the Western States Communication Association, San Diego, CA.
- Chair. (February 2015). Health, human services, and government: Theoretical approaches to public sector issues. Panel at the Western States Communication Association, Spokane, WA.
- Respondent and Chair. (November 2014). The Presence of Our Scholarship and New Paths: Latinos as Professors, Scholars, and Participants. Panel at the National Communication Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Chair. (November 2014). Socialization isn't the same for everyone: Issues of class, context, and community. Panel at the National Communication Association Conference. Chicago, IL.
- Chair. (February 2014). Representing the feminine in film and television. Panel at the Western States Communication Association Conference, Anaheim, CA.
- Chair. (February 2013). Bodily control and embodied representation. Panel at the Western States Communication Association Conference. Reno, NV.
- Chair. (June 2011). Tourism, border issues, and nuclear controversy. Panel at the biennial Conference on Communication and the Environment, El Paso, TX.

Departmental and University Service

- Guest Lecturer, UTEP Department of Geology Graduate Summer Program, "Science Communication and Public Speaking." August 22, 2017.
- Guest Lecturer, UTEP Department of Geology Undergraduate Summer Program, "Science Communication: An Introduction." August 16, 2017.
- Guest Lecturer, Universidad Autónoma de Chihuahua Summer Program, "Communication and Audience Adaptation." August 9, 2017
- Guest Lecturer, UNIV 1301 (Instructor, DeAnna Varela), "Environmental Activism and Engagement." November 1, 2016
- Faculty Supervisor, Lambda Pi Eta Communication Honor Society, University of Texas at El Paso, Fall 2016-Present.
- Member, Events Planning Committee, Department of Communication, University of Texas at El Paso, Fall 2016-Present.
- Member, Bylaws Committee, Department of Communication, University of Texas at El Paso, Fall 2016-Spring 2017.
- Instructor, 2016 "Talk of Texas" High School Speech and Debate Workshop, University of Texas at El Paso, July 2016.
- Guest Lecturer, UNIV 1301 (Instructor: DeAnna Varela), Lecture Title: "Environmental Activism, Engagement, and Practice." November 5, 2015.
- Co-Director and Instructor, 2015 "Talk of Texas" High School Speech and Debate Workshop, University of Texas at El Paso, July 2015
- Planning Committee Member, Big Data, Big Questions: Partnering Methodological Approaches to Utilize Large Data Sets. Fall 2013-Spring 2014
- Representative (Elected), Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC), Department of

Communication, University of Utah, Fall 2013-Spring 2014.
Content Contributor, CLEAR Communication Newsletter, University of Utah, 2011-2013.
Faculty Supervisor, Eta Phi Communication Honor Society, University of Colorado - Boulder, 2010-2011.
Social/Outreach Chair, Communication Graduate Student Association, University of Colorado - Boulder, 2010-2011.
President (Elected), Lambda Pi Eta Communication Honor Society, University of Texas at El Paso, 2008-2009.
Captain, UTEP Forensics Team, University of Texas at El Paso, 2006-2009.

Community Service

Canvasser, Move to Amend Initiative, Salt Lake City, UT, 2011.
Outreach Specialist, Boulder County AIDS Project, Boulder, CO, 2010-2011.
Education and Prevention Specialist, Atlas HIV/AIDS Prevention, Boulder, CO, 2010-2011.
Assistant Forensics Instructor, Bel Air High School, El Paso, TX, 2006-2009.
Assistant Director of Forensics, Eastwood High School, El Paso, TX, 2004-2006.

MEMBERSHIPS

International Environmental Communication Association (Founding Member)
National Communication Association
Western States Communication Association
Organization for Research on Women and Communication
Texas Speech Communication Association