

# Communication

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## Department Information

- **Department Chair:**  
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- **Application Deadline:**  
Ph.D - March 1; M.A. - March 15, October 15
- **Credential Offered:**  
Ph.D., M.A.
- **Test Requirement:**  
GRE
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**  
TOEFL ibT 100, IELTS 7 for admission; TOEFL ibT 100, IELTS 7 for teaching assistantship; Duolingo 125

### **Stephenson J. Beck, Ph.D.**

University of Kansas, 2008

Research Interests: Group and Organizational Communication, Interaction Analysis, Communication Strategy

### **Ross F. Collins, Ph.D.**

University of Cambridge, 1992

Research Interests: Media History, International Media

### **Elizabeth Crisp Crawford, Ph.D.**

University of Tennessee, 2007

Research Interests: Visual Storytelling, Advertising Message Strategy, Advertising Education

### **Shuning Lu, Ph.D.**

University of Texas at Austin, 2019

Research Interests: Mass Communication, Digital Journalism

### **Zoltan Majdik, Ph.D.**

University of Southern California, 2008

Research Interests: Rhetoric, Computational Study of Language, Digital Humanities

### **Robert Mejia, Ph.D.**

University of Illinois, 2012

Research Interests: Media and Cultural Studies, Political Economy of the Media, Technology Studies, Game Studies, Rhetoric of Health and Disease

### **Carrie Anne Platt, Ph.D.**

University of Southern California, 2008

Research Interests: Rhetoric of Cultural Politics, Gender and Technology, Media in Society

### **Melissa A. Vosen Callens, Ph.D.**

North Dakota State University, 2010

Research Interests: Online Pedagogy, Emerging Media and Classroom Technology, Representations of Race and Gender in Popular Culture

### **Justin A. Walden, Ph.D.**

Pennsylvania State University, 2013

Research Interests: Organizational Communication, Organizational and Individual Technology Adoption, Employee/Brand Advocacy

### **Catherine Kingsley Westerman, Ph.D.**

Michigan State University, 2008

Research Interests: Organizational Communication, Workplace Friendships

**David Westerman, Ph.D.**

Michigan State University, 2007

Research Interests: Computer Mediated Communication, Interpersonal Communication

**Cheng Zeng, Ph.D.**

University of Jyväskylä, Finland, 2018

Research Interests: Organizational Communication

## **Emeritus**

**Robert S. Littlefield, Ph.D.**

University of Minnesota

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