Communication

Department Information

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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

### Faculty

**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

**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 Jyvaskyla, Finland, 2018
Research Interests: Organizational Communication

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Ann Burnett, Ph.D., Professor Emerita
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Paul E. Nelson, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus
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