

# TRANS FORMA TIVE STUDY

“CSU FACULTY EXCEL AT TRANSFORMING BODIES  
AROUND A TABLE INTO SCHOLARS DEBATING  
TOUGH IDEAS . . . THE REMARKABLE CONSISTENCY,  
RIGOR, AND INDIVIDUALIZED ATTENTION MAKES  
RECOMMENDING CSU AN EASY CHOICE.”

— GEORGE MCHENDRY, JR., M.A., '08



## LIVING IN THE FORT

Located on Colorado's Front Range, the city of Fort Collins has a population of 155,000 and is regularly listed as one of the top places to live in the United States. Old Town Fort Collins boasts a thriving cultural scene featuring music, art, independent film, great local cuisine, and some of the best microbreweries in the nation. Its 315+ miles of bike routes and trails make navigating the city a breeze, and outdoor enthusiasts can hike, mountain bike, ski, kayak, and rock climb in the beautiful Rocky Mountains. With the Poudre Canyon right next door and Denver an hour's drive away, you will never be lacking for ways to unwind.



## QUESTIONS?

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## COMMUNICATION STUDIES

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COMMUNICATION STUDIES

# GRADUATE STUDIES IN COMMUNICATION

## GRADUATE PROGRAM

### Ph.D. in Communication

Our doctoral program offers a rigorous scholarly experience with maximum flexibility.

- Candidates develop programs of study tailored to their unique professional goals, choosing courses from our three departmental specializations.
- Doctoral students teach a variety of undergraduate courses, and they are mentored by acclaimed scholars engaged in leading edge research.
- We train students as scholars, practitioners, and professionals who are well-prepared for the academic job market and skilled at translating their research for diverse civic and professional audiences.

### M.A. in Communication Studies

Our M.A. degree offers an introduction to the field of Communication Studies, with core courses in our three areas of study and instruction in critical and social scientific research methods.

- Students augment our M.A. core with electives of their choosing, and they complete a master's thesis under the advisement of a faculty committee.
- M.A. students with Graduate Teaching Assistantships are the instructors of record in their own sections of public speaking and may assist faculty in other courses.
- Our award-winning instructor training prepares graduate students to succeed as teachers. Employers value students' professional experience gained in the classroom.

### M.A. in Communication Studies with a Deliberative Practices Specialization

The Deliberative Practices Specialization augments our regular M.A. core and elective curriculum with coursework and research in public deliberation.

- Working with our nationally recognized Center for Public Deliberation, students are trained as impartial facilitators and gain experience designing and running deliberative processes in the local community.
- Students in the Deliberative Practices Specialization complete an applied research project that supports the mission of the CPD and/or relates to public deliberation. They are also eligible for Graduate Teaching Assistantships.



## FACULTY

Our faculty is comprised of award-winning scholars and teachers who enthusiastically mentor our graduate students. Their list of their groundbreaking and transformative research and practices is extensive. View faculty bios, CVs, and recent publications on our website.

### Outstanding Master's Degree Program Award

Master's Education Section, National Communication Association, 2014

## AREAS OF STUDY

Our curriculum allows maximum flexibility. We offer core and elective courses in three areas of study. Your overall plan of study is based on your unique professional goals.

### Rhetoric and Civic Engagement

- Rhetorical criticism and theory, public address, feminist and queer theory, public memory, place and space, and public deliberation.

### Relational and Organizational Communication

- Communication theory, interpersonal, organizational, international, and intercultural communication, and qualitative and quantitative research methods.

### Media and Visual Culture

- Film and television theory and criticism, media history, media industries, media texts, global media, and international film and television.

### Program of Distinction Award, Basic Course

National Communication Association, 2015

## DEVELOPING SCHOLARS, TEACHERS, AND PROFESSIONALS

Earning a graduate degree in Communication from Colorado State University is transformative.



### Mentoring and Instructor Training

Individualized mentoring from faculty in both teaching and research. Graduate course in Communication Pedagogy. Opportunity to earn a graduate teaching certification.



### Research Assistant Stipends

Supplemental stipend available for serving as a faculty member's summer research assistant.

### Conference Travel Support



Travel grants available for graduate students presenting research at regional, national, and international conferences.

### ACT Human Rights Film Festival



Attend and help run this weeklong film festival - the only one in Colorado dedicated to human rights film.

### Communication Research Lab

Dedicated space to conduct interviews, focus groups, and experimental research.



### Center for Public Deliberation

Design and run deliberative processes on campus and in the community, working with nationally recognized deliberation scholars.



## DEPARTMENT, FACULTY, AND STUDENT AWARDS Since 2011



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