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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Communication

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

Expected May 2029

M.A., Communication Studies

University of North Texas, Denton, TX

GPA: 4.0 (Fall 2023 – Spring 2025)

Master's Thesis: Becoming Dallas: Tracing Local Queer Memory at the Intersections of Time, Place, and Publics (Directed by Dr. Suzanne Enck; Committee: Dr. Brian Lain and Dr. Megan Morrissey)

May 2025

B.A., Communication Studies and Psychology

Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN

GPA: 4.0 (President's List Fall 2019 – Spring 2023)

May 2023

TEACHING & TRAINING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Colorado State University; Department of Communication Studies

Fall 2025 - Present

- Course instructor for SPCM 200 (Public Speaking) responsible for developing weekly course content and classroom assessments (quizzes, activities, and assignments)

Graduate Teaching Assistant & Instructor

University of North Texas; Department of Communication Studies

Fall 2023 – Spring 2025

- Recitation Leader for COMM 2060 (Performance of Literature), COMM 1010 (Introduction to Communication Studies), COMM 2020 (Interpersonal Communication), COMM 2140 (Advocating in Public) and COMM 3010 (Communication Perspectives).
- Developed and Presented a Guest Lecture over Research as Community Building in COMM 3010 Large Lecture (Communication Perspectives)
- Developed and Presented a Guest Lecture over Social Scientific Research Perspectives in COMM 3010 Large Lecture (Communication Perspectives)
- Expanded Research Proposal in Social Scientific Undergraduate Research Project with Methods and Methodology Proposal in COMM 3010 (Communication Perspectives)
- Collaboratively co-created the Personal Advocacy Speech and Escape Room Activity in COMM 2140 (Advocating in Public)

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Bemidji State University; Department of Sociology & Communication Studies

Fall 2022

- Worked closely with faculty member in providing ongoing mentoring for undergraduate students in COMM 2000 (Applied Communication Theory)

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Bemidji State University; Department of Psychology

Spring 2021; Fall 2021; Fall 2022

- Recitation leader for PSY 3237 (Lifespan Development), with weekly small group discussion leadership, exam review sessions, and one-on-one mentoring with undergraduate students.

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Fall 2020

Bemidji State University; Department of Psychology

- Facilitated frequent online discussion and mentoring groups for students in PSY 2227 (Learning & Cognition).

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public Memory; Embodied Rhetorics; Queer Theory; Rhetorics of Place & Space; Feminist Criticism; Queer Christianity; Mentorship & Pedagogy.

PUBLICATION

Klement, K. & **Burnap, C.** (2023). "Analyze the Claim, Writing Assignments" in Gilovich, Keltner, Chen, & Nisbett's (2023) *Social Psychology* (6th ed.), WW Norton.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Burnap, C. "The Wandering Body/ies in Public Memory: Queer Inklings Between Space, Objects, and Bodies" Competitively selected paper to be presented at the 111th National Communication Association Conference, GLBTQ Studies Division; Denver, CO, November 2025.

Burnap, C. "Mobilizing a Series of Beginnings: Queer Justice, Homonormativity, and Queer Potentials in Space, Time, and Publics" Competitively selected paper to be presented at the 111th National Communication Association Conference, Public Address Division; Denver, CO, November 2025.

Burnap, C. "A Greater Regard for Fandom and Performance" Competitively selected panel discussion presented at the 110th National Communication Association Conference, Performance Studies Division; New Orleans, LA, November 2024.

Burnap, C. "Lambda Pi Eta Mentorship for Greater Regard" Competitively selected panel discussion presented at the 110th National Communication Association Conference, Lambda Pi Eta Division; New Orleans, LA, November 2024.

Burnap, C. "Health Communication, Competent Providers, and Activism: An Analysis of Transgender Healthcare Inequities." Competitively selected paper presented at the Southern States Communication Association 94th Annual Conference, Health Communication Division; Frisco, TX, April 2024.

Burnap, C. "The Body, the Blood, and the Place: Performances of LGBTQIA+ Belonging, Christianity, and the U.S. South." Competitively selected panel presented at the Southern States Communication Association 94th Annual Conference, Performance Studies Division; Frisco, TX, April 2024.

Burnap, C. "Lambda Pi Eta Undergraduate Top Paper Session" Chair at the 109th National Communication Association Conference, Lambda Pi Eta Division; National Harbor, MD, November 2023.

Burnap, C. "Lambda Pi Eta Mentor and Mentee." Competitively selected panel discussion presented at the 109th National Communication Association Conference, Lambda Pi Eta Division; National Harbor, MD, November 2023.

Burnap, C. "Suicide & Psychological Distress Amongst LGB Christians in Interpersonal Contexts: An Autoethnographic Application of Communication Privacy Management." Competitively selected paper

presented at the 108th National Communication Association Conference, Lambda Pi Eta Division; New Orleans, LA, November 2022.

Burnap, C. “‘Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin’: The Effect of Homophobic Messages on the Psychological Distress Levels and Sense of Belonging Amongst LGB Individuals in Christian Contexts.” Competitively selected paper presented at the Midwest Eco Conference; Virtual Conference due to COVID; September 2022.

Burnap, C. “Suicide & Psychological Distress Amongst LGB Christians in Interpersonal Contexts: An Autoethnographic Application of Communication Privacy Management.” Competitively selected paper presentation at the Bemidji State University Student Achievement Conference; Bemidji, MN, April 2022.

INVITED RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Burnap, C. “Remembering Dallas’s Queer Past: Temporality, Publics, and Navigating Place/Space” presented at the University of North Texas 3rd Annual COMM Day Conference; Denton, TX, April 2025.

Burnap, C. “(Re)Collaging Queer Justice: Rhetorics of Collage & Dallas Queer Public Memory” presented at the University of North Texas 3rd Annual COMM Day Conference; Denton, TX, April 2025.

Burnap, C. “A Living Tribute: An Interactive, Virtual Reality Exhibit” presented at the University of North Texas 2nd Annual COMM Day Conference; Denton, TX, April 2024

Burnap, C. “The Rainbow Culture War: The Contestation of the Rainbow Flag and Public/Private Territory” presented at the University of North Texas 2nd Annual COMM Day Conference; Denton, TX, April 2024.

Burnap, C. “Lambda Pi Eta, Graduate Student-Mentorship, and Supporting Undergraduate Aspirations” Presented at University of North Texas’ Spotlight on Student Research; Denton, TX, November 2024.

Burnap, C. “*Tale as Old as Time*: Critiquing and Reframing (Heteronormative) Love in *Disney* through Fanart” Presented at University of North Texas’ Spotlight on Student Research; Denton, TX, November 2024.

Burnap, C. “Embracing and Expanding Lambda Pi Eta Mentorship for Student Growth” Presented at University of North Texas’ Spotlight on Student Research; Denton, TX, November 2023.

HONORS & AWARDS

Master’s Thesis of the Year Award Spring 2025
University of North Texas, Department of Communication Studies
Competitively selected award, based on selection by Communication Studies Awards Committee

Outstanding Service by a Communication Studies Graduate Student Award Spring 2025
University of North Texas, Department of Communication Studies
Competitively selected award, based on selection by Communication Studies Awards Committee

Outstanding Graduate Scholar of the Year Spring 2024
University of North Texas, Department of Communication Studies
Competitively selected award, based on selection by Communication Studies Awards Committee

Tuition Benefit Program Fall 2023 – Spring 2025

University of North Texas, Department of Communication Studies
Competitively selected tuition waiver, based on selection by Graduate Standards Committee.

Academic Achievement Award (\$1000/year) Fall 2023 – Spring 2025
University of North Texas, Toulouse Graduate School
Competitively selected scholarship based on academic excellence and recommendation from faculty in the Department of Communication Studies.

Outstanding Scholar of the Year Spring 2022 & Spring 2023
Bemidji State University, Communication Scholars Society

Dr. James Raffety Scholarship (\$2700) Fall 2022
Bemidji State University, Department of Psychology
Scholarship competitively selected by the Psychology Department based on GPA, research activities and interest in the field of psychology, and endorsements from faculty.

Nationally Recognized Rookie Chapter of the Year Fall 2022
National Communication Association, Lambda Pi Eta-Alfa Zeta Chi

Dyrhaug Scholarship (\$300) Fall 2021
Bemidji State University, Department of Psychology
Scholarship competitively selected by the Psychology Department based on GPA, research activities, and endorsements from faculty.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & MEMBERSHIPS

UNT Tenure-Track Digital Storytelling Search Fall 2024 – Spring 2025
Search Committee Member

GLBTQ+ Communication Division Spring 2024 – Spring 2025
NCA Conference Reviewer

UNT Communication Organization of Graduate Students Spring 2024 – Spring 2025
Co-Social Chair

Lambda Pi Eta – Mu Alpha Chapter Fall 2023 – Spring 2025
Graduate Student Officer/Co-Advisor

Southern States Communication Association Spring 2024 – Spring 2025
Member

National Communication Association – Lambda Pi Eta Fall 2022 – Fall 2023
National Student Representative

National Communication Association Fall 2022 - Present
Member

Bemidji State University Lambda Pi Eta Spring 2022 - Spring 2023
Co-President