**TEXAS STATE VITA**
**(with Fine Arts components)**

## I. Academic/Professional Background

A. Name: Jordan Garner Title: Adjunct Professor of Instruction

B. Educational Background

| *Degree* | *Year* | *University* | *Major* |
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| Master of Arts | 2025 | Texas State University | Communication Studies |
| Bachelor of Arts | 2023 | Texas State University | Public Relations |
| Associate of Science | 2020 | Cedar Valley Community College | General Studies |

C. University Experience

***Orientation Leader***
Department of Undergraduate Admissions, New Student Orientation
Texas State University
Spring 2021 – Summer 2021

Additional Comments: As an Orientation Leader I worked to support the transition of 6,000 incoming first year, transfer, and internation students to Texas State University. Working alongside a team of approximately 50 Orientation Leaders, showcasing strong interpersonal leadership skills amongst large and small group interactions.

***Student Coordinator***
Department of Undergraduate Admissions, New Student Orientation
Texas State University
Fall 2021 – Fall 2022

Additional Comments: As a Student Coordinator I worked alongside a co-coordinator and a professional coordinator to facilitate an 8-week intensive spring training of topics ranging from customer service, team dynamics, collaboration and more. Whilst co-supervising a team of approximately 36 Orientation Leaders, mediating conflict amongst staff members when navigating difficult situations acting as a liaison between Orientation Leaders and Professional Coordinator.

***Senior Student Coordinator***
Department of Undergraduate Admissions, New Student Orientation
Texas State University

Fall 2022 – Fall 2023

Additional Comments: As a Senior Student Coordinator, I was responsible for selecting, recruiting, and training a team of approximately 55 Orientation Staff members through and in-depth application process. Whilst establishing a communication/ resolution strategy to ensure effective dissemination of information whilst presenting to approximately 450 students nightly over the course of approximately 13 weeks.

***Graduate Assistant***
Department of New Student and Family Experiences, New Student Orientation
Texas State University
Fall 2023 – Summer 2024

Additional Comments: As a Graduate Assistant, my responsibilities included monitoring the New Student Orientation communication channels and virtual databases, such as Canvas and Slate. Whilst assisting in the planning and execution of both large-scale orientation programs and smaller student-focused events for approximately 7,500 students. Here I also cultivated and maintained partnerships with off-campus vendors to provide engaging evening programming that enhanced student community connection. Collaborated in the development and refinement of small group curriculum to fosture student belonging.

***Graduate Instructional Assistant***
Department of Communication Studies
Texas State University
Fall 2024 – Spring 2025

Additional Comments: As a Graduate Instructional Assistant I deliver instruction alongside the large lecture for approximately 180 students in the Fundamentals of Human Communication Introductory Course. During this time, I was also responsible for conducting weekly office hours to provide academic support and mentorship to students, whilst operating complex software and content on the large learning platform, Canvas. During this time, I maintained the course logistics such as grading, attendance tracking, and exam proctoring.

***Communications and Outreach Intern***
Department of Communication Studies, TEDx
Texas State University
Fall 2024 – Spring 2025

Additional Comments: As the Communications and Outreach Intern, I was responsible for developing a social media campaign to disseminate information to approximately 1,100 followers to inform about the theme “Legacy”. In this role I also collaborated with the TEDx team to organize day of events, projects, and partnerships whilst representing the organization at university tabling events and campus-based presentations. Here I also was responsible for organizing volunteer schedules, responsibilities, and tasks for the day of event.

***Adjunct Professor***
Department of Communication Studies
Texas State University
Fall 2025 – Present

Additional Comments: As an Adjunct Professor, I am responsible for designing and implanting course materials that are aligned with the Communication Studies departmental goals and outcomes for approximately 120 students. Whilst also developing engaging and vibrant presentations to enhance student engagement and understanding of the five core communication principles. This can be done through fostering a supportive and inclusive classroom environment that encourages belonging and confidence through in-class workshops for public speaking, interpersonal communication, listening, and more.

D. Relevant Professional Experience

***Human Resources Intern Supervisor***
Schlitterbahn Waterpark & Resorts, Six Flags Entertainment Corporation
December 2025 – August 2026

Additional Comments: As an Human Resource Intern Supervisor, I was responsible for conducting high volume phone interviews to screen and evaluate candidates to support the seasonal hiring efforts of approximately 3,000 associates park wide. This included ensuring precise data entry for payroll and compliance standards, whilst upholding federal hiring regulations and internal compliance across onboarding processes. Additionally, I was responsible for the daily auditing of hiring documentation to ensure compliance with I-9 employment eligibility, as well as working alongside the Area and Recruiting Managers to support orientation, training, and extensive recruiting initiatives. Whilst co-supervising a team of approximately 30 Human Resources Interns, providing training, support, and performance feedback.

## II. TEACHING

A. Courses Taught:

***COMM 1310 Fundamental of Human Communication***
Department of Communication Studies | Texas State University
Graduate Instructional Assistant and Adjunct Professor
Fall 2024 – Spring 2025 ; Fall 2025 – Present

Additional Comments: This course examines the five core principles of communication that employ the techniques that shape our day-to-day interactions and interpersonal relationships. This course allows for students to further strengthen their verbal and nonverbal communication skills whilst understanding the communicative behaviors that impact our interpersonal and intrapersonal relationships, as well as small group dynamics, and public speaking.

## III. SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE

A. Works Not In Print
1. Invited Talks, Lectures, and Presentations

a. Refereed Conference Proceedings
***National Orientation Directors Association Conference***
March 17 -19. 2023, San Antonio, TX, USA
Breakout Session Presentation – True Colors 2.0: A Road to Self DiSCovery

***National Orientation Directors Association Conference***
March 2024, Columbia, MO, USA
Breakout Session Presentation – The Future is You: Expanding Your Professional Horizons

B. Scholarly / Creative Professional Development Activities Attended:

***Training and Development, Teaching & Learning Academy, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX, United States. (August 2024)***

***Conference Presenter, Conference Attendance, "Discover Your Way: Grow, Connect Reflect," National Orientation Directors Association Regional Conference (NODA), San Antonio, TX, United States. (March 17 – 19, 2023).***

***Conference Attendance & Graduate Symposium Attendee, "It Starts Here!", National Orientation Directors Association Annual Conference (NODAC), Minneapolis, MN, United States. (October 15 -18, 2023).***

***Conference Presenter, Conference Attendance, "The Future is You", National Orientation Directors Association Regional Conference (NODA), Columbia, MO, United States. (March 22 – 24, 2024)***

***Conference Attendance, "Communication for Greater Regard," National Communication Association (NCA), New Orleans, LA, United States. (November 21-24, 2024).***

***Conference Attendance, "Communicate to Elevate," National Communication Association (NCA), Denver, CO, United States. (November 20-22, 2025).***

## IV. SERVICE

A. Organization Memberships:

***Public Relations Student Society of America***
Member (Fall 2021 – Spring 2023)

Additional Comments: As a member of this organization, I attended monthly meetings gaining valuable insight and knowledge from well-known Public Relations Professionals and networked with other colleagues.

***Marketing and Technology Committee***
Volunteer (Fall 2023 – Spring 2024)
Additional Comments: As a volunteer I collaborated with other graduates across Region IV (TX, OK, MO, KS, AR) to incorporate social media trends to boost engagement and assisted with day-of conference social media presence.

***Volunteer Coordination and Awards Committee***
Volunteer (Fall 2023 – Spring 2024)

Additional Comments: As a volunteer I collaborated with other Graduate Students across Region IV (TX, OK, MO, KS, AR) to coordinate day-of event volunteer coordination to ensure effective conference attendance and participation. Also assisted in te selection of award recipients to highlight outstanding work within Orientation, Transition, and Retention Programs across the region.

***Communication Studies Graduate Association***
Member (Spring 2023 – Spring 2025)

Additional Comments: As a member of this organization I served as a part of the executive board that aimed to create and develop events that would foster a sense of belonging, connection, and communication amongst Communication Studies Graduate Students.

***TEDx @ Texas State University***
Volunteer (Spring 2026)

Additional Comments: As a volunteer I aided in the smooth flow of day of event protocol and processes to ensure a positive experience for speakers, guests, and leadership team members.