

# **Derek A. Stewart**

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## **Educational History**

- **Masters of Arts in Communication- Webster University**, St. Louis, MO – December 23, 2013
- **Bachelor of Science in Speech Communications- The University of Texas at Austin**- July 15, 1993

## **Professional Experience**

- Part-time Lecturer in Communications- **The University of Texas at Dallas-** Richardson, TX; March, 2014-present
- Communication Applications/Speech Teacher- Garland H.S. – Garland Independent School District- Garland, Texas; September, 2006-present (AVID III Teacher-2010-present, Speech and Debate Coach 2009-present and Head Varsity Soccer Coach 2008-2010)
- Speaker/Instructor- Quality Act Teacher Certification Program- Irving, TX; July, 2007-Present
- Regional Branch Manager/V.P. of Marketing, Southwest Funding (Mortgage Company), Dallas, TX; July 2000-June 2006
- Regional Branch Manager- Star Net Mortgage Corporation- Dallas, TX; September 1999 – July 2000
- Senior Loan Officer- Advantage Investors Mortgage Corporation- Dallas, TX; Feb. 1996-August 1999
- Senior Multi-Line Insurance Adjuster- Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, Dallas, TX; Sept. 1994-Feb. 1996
- Insurance Benefit Analyst- Cigna Group Insurance-Dallas, TX; - October 1993-September 1994
- Food Server- Chuy's- Austin, TX; September 1991- May 1993
- Food Server- Chili's- Dallas, Austin, TX; October, 1989- September 1991
- Printer/Typesetter- Eastfield College Print Shop- Mesquite, TX; September 1987-October 1989

## **Research Interests**

Rhetoric and Persuasion- as it relates to mass media and social media as well as organizational communication and public relations. I have a deep interest and fascination with rhetoric as it relates to interpersonal relationships and media.

## Professional Memberships and Certifications

- Member, TSCA (Texas Speech Communication Association) 2014
- Texas Teacher Certification for Speech 8-12, ELA and Social Studies 4-8
- Member, ATPE since 2006

## Honors, Awards and Recognition

- Honors Graduate, Webster University (4.0 cumulative G.P.A.)
- Degree of Excellence from the National Forensic League
- AVID Most Valuable Teacher – Garland High School- 2012-2013
- Completion of the AVID Summer Institute (2011 and 2012)
- Completion of the Championship Debate Group Teacher Institute August, 2008
- Awarded the 2011 and 2012 Garland High School PTSA Teacher Scholarship
- United Way Fundraiser Coordinator, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, Dallas, TX- 1996
- Cigna Diversity Panel, Dallas, TX- 1994