

Kristopher Copeland

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Education

- Ph.D. University of Arkansas, 2013
Public Policy
- MA University of Arkansas, 2003
Communication
- BA Northeastern State University, 2001
Secondary Education-Speech Communication
- AA Carl Albert State College, 1999
Theater

Areas of Interest

Interpersonal Communication, Instructional Communication, & Public Policy

Administrative Experience

July 2017-Present **Executive Dean of Liberal Arts, North Lake College**

North Lake College is an urban/suburban comprehensive community college comprised of four campuses in Irving, Texas. The college is a member of the Dallas County Community College District and serves over 11,000 students annually.

Responsibilities

- Provide oversight and direction for the Liberal Arts division, which is responsible for transfer and career academic programs.
- Supervise 44 full-time faculty members, managing annual and extended-contract reviews, classroom observations, and individualized unit plans.
- Lead 12 academic programs and 1 workforce program.
- Assist the Vice President of Academic Affairs in developing and implementing North Lake College goals and policies.
- Supervise the Academic Success Center, which provides academic support for the disciplines within the college.
- Make recommendations on employment of personnel and on extended-contract promotions.
- Develop and manage a 4.25 million dollar budget.
- Serve as a liaison for curriculum and instruction as it relates to Liberal Arts.

- Develop, maintain, and implement the academic schedule.
- Serve on leadership councils, at the college and community, to develop and cast the vision for the Liberal Arts division.
- SACS accreditation Faculty Credentialing Coordinator for North Lake College.

Selected Accomplishments

- Implemented diverse hires in both faculty and administrative ranks (Associate Dean and English Hires: African American; Office Assistant I: 2 Hispanic females)
- Collaborated with District colleagues on Marketable Skills links to degrees.
- Developed a Creative Writing Continuing Education Skills Award (CESA) in Fall 18.
- Developed a new academic program, Criminal Justice, for implementation in Fall 18.
- Collaborated with the co-requisite remedial education team for Fall 18 implementation.
- Developed partnerships with local ISD's for expansion of dual credit programs.
- Established partnerships with local business partners to create and promote employee educational programs (Hollman Industries).
- Established faculty driven collaborations to uncover obstacles and develop solutions for division.

Faculty Appointment Experience

August 2008-July 2017 **Assistant Professor of Communication Studies, Northeastern State University**

- Director of Speech Forensics
- General Education Course Coordinator
- Communication Program Coordinator
- Teach sections of Fundamentals of Communication, Public Speaking, Voice and Diction, Business and Professional Speaking, Family Communication, Research Design, Instructional Communication, and Oral Interpretation. Additionally, I organize, schedule, and assess multiple sections of Fundamentals of Communication, Public Speaking, and Business and Professional speaking.

August 2005-July 2008 **Professor of Communication, Florida Community College at Jacksonville**

- Director of Speech Forensics
- Taught sections of Introduction to Speech Communication, Fundamentals of Public Speaking, Reader's Theater Activity, Oral Interpretation and Voice and Diction.

Jan. 2004-May 2005 **Adjunct Instructor, Carl Albert State College**

- Taught sections of Introduction to Speech Communication and Composition 2. Taught in traditional and distance learning formats.

Aug. 2002-May 2003

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Arkansas

- Debate Assistant Coach: specialized in individual events.
- Teaching Assistant: taught two sections/semester of multi-sectioned 1st year, basic course in communication.

Academic Service

North Lake College

- Facilitator, Guided Pathways Dean Convening, 2018
- Achieving the Dream Team Member, 2018-Present
- Transfer Articulation Dean Liaison, 2017-Present
- SACS Administrative Team Member, 2017-Present
- Enrollment Management Committee Member, 2017-Present
- Chair, Common Book Committee, 2017-Present

Northeastern State University

- Academic Research Presentation-Muskogee High School, Nov. 29, 2016
- Common Read Committee, 2016-17
- Student Learning and Assessment Committee, 2016-17.
- General Education Curriculum Committee Member, 2015-17.
- Faculty Search Committee Member, English Language Department, March 2015
- Faculty Search Committee Chair for assistant professor of communication studies, March-Nov. 2014
- “New Faculty Orientation.” Moderator for panel, Center for Teaching and Learning, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, OK: August 2013, 2014, 2015.
- NSU HLC Assurance and Documentation Committee. Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, OK: April, 2014-Present
- “Leadership and Communication.” Guest speaker for the inaugural Leadership NSU class, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, OK: October 15, 2013.
- Student Learning & Assessment, NSU, September 2016-2017
Communication Studies Program Review Coordinator, Fall 2016
General Education Committee Member, NSU October 2015-2017
Delicious Dialogues Guest Speaker, NSU Faculty Council, April 2015
Champagne Bingo Emcee-NSU Homecoming, October, 2014
- Freshman Scholars Dinner Table Facilitator, NSU August, 2014.
- Riverhawk Expo Recruitment, NSU, August 2014
Search Committee Chair for assistant professor of communication studies, NSU, March-Nov. 2014
General Education Coordinator, Department of Communication Studies, NSU, 2011-2017
- Co-Chair Miss NSU, 2009-Present

- NSU Speech & Debate Coach, 2009-2017
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Honors

Outstanding Service to Central States Communication Association Annual Convention, April 2018.

Tiffany Maher Legacy Award Top 10 Faculty Member, Northeastern State University, April 2016.

D.J. Nabors Outstanding College Forensics Coach, Oklahoma Speech Theater Communication Association, 2010.

Distinguished Alumni Award, Carl Albert State College, 2010.

Director of Speech Forensics at NSU, leading the team to win over 100 awards.

Graduated Summa Cum Laude from Northeastern State University (GPA of 3.97).

Member, Lambda Pi Eta, initiated May 2002.

International Communication Association Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award 2003.

Publications and Scholarly Activities

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Copeland, K., & Lasater, L. B. (In Press). An Examination of Parental Disclosure in Context of a Spina Bifida Diagnosis. *Disability and Society*. doi:10.1080/09687599.2018.1498321

Copeland, K. (2018). Forensics as an application of small group interaction. In K. Copeland, & G. L. Castleberry (Eds.) *Competition, Community, and Educational Growth: Contemporary Perspectives on Competitive Speech and Debate*. (153-163). New York: NY. Peter Lang.

Copeland, K., & Lasater, L. B. (2017). An examination of physician-patient communication in context of a spina bifida diagnosis. *Ohio Communication Journal*, 55, 117-128.

Copeland, K., & Mamiseishvili, K. (2017). The Arkansas Lottery Scholarship Act: An examination of the policy design process. *Educational Policy*, 31(1), 108-136.
doi:10.1177/0895904815586854

Copeland, K. (2016). An examination of the narratives of lottery scholarship legislation. *Discourse: The Journal of the Speech Communication Association of South Dakota*, 3, 51-62.

Copeland, K., & James, K. (2016). "My college education has come from my forensics experience": Discussing the educational benefits of forensics. *Speaker and Gavel*. 53(2), 20-38.

Copeland, K. (2015). "We are pimping off the people": Designing Oklahoma lottery legislation. *Oklahoma Politics*, 25, 89-116.

Yueh, S., & **Copeland, K.** (2015). The embodiment of intercultural communication through course syllabi. *Intercultural Communication Studies*. 24(2), 135-154.

Copeland, K., Stutzman, J., & Collins, S. (2015). Connecting forensics and assessment in the 21st century. *Communication Studies*, 66(4), 478-490,
doi:10.1080/10510974.2015.1057606

Book Editor

Copeland, K., & Castleberry, G. L. (2018). Competition, community, and educational growth: Contemporary perspectives on competitive speech and debate. New York, NY: Peter Lang.

Book Chapters

Copeland, K., & Sanford, A. A. (2017). Beyond the classroom walls: Sharing institutional problems and proposed solutions at public symposia. In C. K. Rudick, K. Cheesewright, & K. Golsan (Eds.) *Teaching from the Heart, Learning to Make a Difference: Transforming the Introductory Communication Course through Critical Communication Pedagogy*. (140-145). San Diego: CA. Cognella Academic Publishing.

Sanford, A. A., **Copeland, K., & Wallace, B.** (2013). Presenting Oral Arguments (2nd Ed.). Engaging self in critical inquiry and analysis: A rhetoric and reader for argument. Southlake, TX: Fountainhead Press.

Publication Reviewer

The Forensic, 2017-Present. Journal Editor: Scott Jensen

Conference Papers: Competitive Acceptance

2016 **Copeland, K.**, Lasater, B. L., James, K., Curry, P., & Webb, E. *Parental disability-disclosure of spina bifida*. Competitive Paper Presenter. National Communication Association. Philadelphia, PA: November 2016.

Ross, E., & **Copeland, K.** "Sometimes I Have to Announce My Feminism and I Don't Mind Doing That": Instructor Self-Disclosure of Feminism in the Classroom. Competitive Paper Presenter. Central States Communication Association. Grand Rapids, MI: April 2016.

2015 **Copeland, K.**, & James, K. "*My Education Has Come From My Forensics Experience*": Discussing the educational benefits of forensics. Top Competitive Paper (Argumentation and Forensics Division) Presenter. National Communication Association. Las Vegas, NV: November 2015.

2014 **Copeland, K.** "*Ours Was Always Aimed at Higher Education*": *Discussions of the Lottery Design Process*. Competitive Paper Presenter. National Communication Association. Chicago, IL: November, 2014.

Copeland, K. "*There Were High Hopes and High Projections*": *Assessing the Discussion of the Arkansas Lottery*. Competitive Paper Presenter. Central States Communication Association. Minneapolis, MN: April, 2014.

Selected Conference Presentations: Panels:

2018 **Copeland, K.** *Making a difference: Traveling with and mentoring student conference presenters and participants*. Panel Presenter. Central States Communication Association. Milwaukee, WI: April 2018.

Copeland, K. *Coaching through difference: Exploring the benefits of various coaching styles*. Panel Presenter. Central States Communication Association. Milwaukee, WI: April 2018.

2013 **Copeland, K.** *You Don't Have to Own a Prius to Teach a Hybrid Course*. Panel Presenter. Central States Communication Association. Kansas City, MO: April 2013.

Copeland, K. *Qualitative Possibilities: Overcoming the Challenges of Research*. Panel Presenter. Central States Communication Association. Kansas City, MO: April 2013.

Copeland, K. *Public Pedagogy*. Panel Presenter. Central States Communication Association. Kansas City, MO: April 2013.

Poster Presentation

2015 Ross, E., & **Copeland, K.** “Sometimes I Have to Announce my Feminism and I Don’t Mind Doing That”: Instructor Self-Disclosure of Feminism in the Classroom. Poster Presentation. Oklahoma Research Day. Tahlequah, OK: March 15.

2014 **Copeland, K.**, Eversole, D., & Boren Boer, D. “City of Muskogee Project” Poster Presentation. Oklahoma Research Day. Edmond, OK: March, 2014.

Dissertation

“There Were High Hopes and High Projections”: Examining the Social Construction of Target Populations in the Policy Design of the Arkansas Lottery Legislation. Proposal approved by committee, January 2-13. Data collection completed June 2013. Defended September 2013.

Thesis

“The Interpersonal Relationship Between Teachers and Students in a Distance Learning Class: The Impact of Motivation and Learning” Proposal approved by committee, Oct. 2002. Pretest completed Sep. 2002. Posttest completed Dec. 2002. Data analysis Feb.-Mar. 2003. Defended April 2003.

Seminar and Workshop Attendance

North Lake College

- Live 2 Lead Leadership Simulcast, November 2017
- NextGen 2.0 Leadership Coaching, North Lake College, 2017-2018.
- Educators’ Leadership Academy, 2017-2018.

Community Service

Singley High School Academy Law/Paralegal Advisory Board, Member, 2018
Irving Independent School District’s Education Advisory Board, Co-Chair/Member, Dec. 2017-Present

Professional Organizational Membership & Service

National Communication Association, 2003-Present

Central States Communication Association, 2010-Present

- Chair, Federation Prize, 2018-2019
- Assistant Conference Planner, 2018
- Vice Chair Federation Research Prize Committee, 2017-19
- Argumentation and Forensics Division Chair, 2016-17
- Argumentation and Forensics Reviewer, 2015
- Panel Reviewer for Basic Course Interest Group, 2012, 2014, 2015
- Paper Reviewer for Instructional Comm Interest Group, 2012

Oklahoma Speech and Theater Communication Association, 2008-Present

- President, 2015-16
- Program Planner for 2015 Conference
- Vice President, 2014-15
- First Vice President, 2013-14
- Forensics Chair, 2012-14
- Recorder, 2008-2010
- Awards Committee, 2008-2011

References

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