

CURRICULUM VITA
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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (2025)

- Texas A&M University, Department of Communication & Journalism
- Focus: Organizational Communication
- Graduate Certificate in Film and Media Studies

Dissertation: *The Resilient Church: A Case Study of First Baptist Church, Calvert, Texas*

- Full-length documentary film production and written dissertation
- Film received eight awards and screened in twelve festivals
- Committee: Anna Wolfe (Advisor), Jennifer Mercieca, Lu Tang, David Bierling, Donnalee Dox

Bachelor of Arts (1998)

- Austin College
 - Communication Arts
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ACADEMIC TEACHING POSITIONS

Lecturer (2026 - present)

- Bush School of Government and Public Service, U.S. Space Force Captain's Leadership Course

Visiting Lecturer (2025 - present)

- Texas A&M University, Department of Communication & Journalism

Instructor (2023 - present)

- Texas A&M University, School of Military Science, Hollingsworth Center for Ethical Leadership

Graduate Instructor (2020 - 2025)

- Texas A&M University, Department of Communication & Journalism

Teacher (2010 - 2017)

- Coppell High School, Coppell, Texas

Instructor (2005 - 2007)

- Grayson County College, Haz-co Fire Training Academy, Denison, Texas

TEACHING

Teaching Awards

- Tiffany Hunnicutt Outstanding Teaching Award, Department of Communication & Journalism, Texas A&M University, (2023-24)
- Teacher of the Year Nominee, Coppell High School (2016-17)
- Teacher of the Month, Coppell High School (March 2016)
- Super Teacher, Coppell Independent School District (2013)
- Outstanding New Hire, Coppell High School (2012)

Teaching Areas

Organizational communication, leadership, public speaking, technical communication, film production, film analysis, narrative storytelling

Undergraduate Courses Taught

- ARSC 101: Hullabaloo U First Year Seminar
- COMM 203: Public Speaking
- COMM 205: Communication for Technical Professions
- COMM 215: Interviewing Principles and Practices
- COMM 243: Argumentation and Debate
- COMM 324: Communication Leadership and Conflict Management
- SOMS 181: Developing and Instructing Others
- SOMS 281: Fundamentals of Intentional Leadership
- SOMS 380: Workshop in Leadership Education

Master's Level Courses Taught

- U.S. Space Force Captain's Leadership Course, Space Delta 13 Detachment 2

RESEARCH

Research Interests

I am an Organizational Communication scholar with a focus on resilience for individuals, organizations, and communities through empirical research strategies and the production of heroic narratives. Using hermeneutic phenomenology, my findings offer tangible techniques to reinvigorate churches in the traditional rural and suburban settings where populations and resources may be limited. These practical findings extend to additional organizations with varied levels of resources outside of a church background who seek to bolster their own resilience.

Research Awards and Fellowships

- *Summer Time for the Advancement of Research* (2023). Grant funded by the Department of Communication & Journalism at Texas A&M University (\$6,666.66)
- *College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Student Research, Travel, and Professional Development Award* (2023). Grant funded by Texas A&M University (\$3,000)
- *Research Enhancement Grant* (2023). Grant funded by the Department of Communication &

PUBLICATIONS

Feature Films

- **Christjoy, A.** (Director). (2024). *The Resilient Church*. United States.
- **Christjoy, A.** (Director). (2016). *Prepper*. United States: Global Digital Releasing.
- **Christjoy, A.** (Director). (2014). *Let There Be Zombies*. United States: Gravitas Ventures.
- **Christjoy, A.** (Director). (2005). *Subtle Voices: Cries from Colombia*. United States.

Film Awards

- Best Documentary Feature, *The Resilient Church*, New York Tri-State Film Festival (2026)
- Best Documentary Feature, *The Resilient Church*, Viva Texas Film Festival (2025)
- Top 10 Nomination, *The Resilient Church*, Faith, Hope, & Love Festival (2025)
- Honorable Mention, *The Resilient Church*, Texas Indie Filmmaker Awards (2025)
- Best Family Documentary, *The Resilient Church*, Cowpokes International Film Festival (2025)
- Best Faith Documentary, Best Family Documentary, *The Resilient Church*, Cowpokes International Film Festival (2025)
- Director's Choice Documentary Feature, *The Resilient Church*, Cowpokes International Film Festival (2025)
- Award of Merit, *The Resilient Church*, The Impact DOCS Film Festival, (2025)
- Top Film, *Vlogging to Enhance Community Engagement*, National Communication Association, Theater, Film and New Media Division (2020)
- Best Picture, *Prepper*, Hollywood Independent Film Festival, Los Angeles, California (2016)
- Best Domestic Feature, *Prepper*, Fort Worth Indie Film Showcase, Texas (2016)
- Best Feature, *Prepper*, Boomtown Film and Music Festival, Beaumont, Texas (2016)
- Honorable Mention, *Prepper*, Lionshead Film Festival, Dallas, Texas (2016)
- People's Choice Award, *Let There Be Zombies*, Interurban Film Festival, Sherman, Texas (2014)
- Award of Merit, *Let There Be Zombies*, Indie Fest, Los Angeles, California (2014)

Book Chapters

Trefz, B. A., D. Bierling, **A. Christjoy**, J. Barbour. (2022). *LEPCs as Risk Communication Infrastructure: Building Risk Communication Infrastructure by Bolstering Emergency Managers' Formal and Informal Communication Networks*. In H.D. O'Hair & M.J. O'Hair (Eds.), *Communication and catastrophic events: Strategic risk and crisis management*. Wiley Blackwell.

Academic Journal Publications

Warner, J.E., D. Lee, A.B. Trueblood, J.C. Cline, Jr., N.A. Johnson, and **A. Christjoy**. 2022. *Strategies for Deterring Trespassing on Rail Transit and Commuter Rail Rights-of-Way, Volume 1: Guidebook*. Pre-publication draft of TCRP Research Report 233. Transportation Research Board, Washington D.C.

Warner, J.E., D. Lee, A.B. Trueblood, J.C. Cline, Jr., N.A. Johnson, and **A. Christjoy**. 2022. *Strategies for Deterring Trespassing on Rail Transit and Commuter Rail Rights-of-Way, Volume*

2: *Research Overview*. Pre-publication draft of TCRP Research Report 233. Transportation Research Board, Washington D.C.

Trefz, B. A., Bierling, D. H., and **Christjoy, A.** (2021). Hazardous Materials and Train Derailment Emergency Planning Guide for School Districts and Community Colleges: Summary for Planning Leaders. Produced by Texas A&M Transportation Institute for Texas Division of Emergency Management.

Trefz, B. A., Bierling, D. H., and **Christjoy, A.** (2021). Hazardous Materials and Train Derailment Emergency Planning Guide for School Districts and Community Colleges, Volume 1: The Planning Framework and Process. Produced by Texas A&M Transportation Institute for Texas Division of Emergency Management.

Trefz, B. A., Bierling, D. H., and **Christjoy, A.** (2021). Hazardous Materials and Train Derailment Emergency Planning Guide for School Districts and Community Colleges, Volume 2: Project Ideas for All Phases of Emergency Management. Produced by Texas A&M Transportation Institute for Texas Division of Emergency Management.

Trefz, B. A., Bierling, D. H., and **Christjoy, A.** (2021). Hazardous Materials and Train Derailment Emergency Planning Guide for School Districts and Community Colleges, Volume 3: Threat and Hazard Assessments. Produced by Texas A&M Transportation Institute for Texas Division of Emergency Management.

Trefz, B. A., Bierling, D. H., and **Christjoy, A.** (2021). Hazardous Materials and Train Derailment Emergency Planning Guide for School Districts and Community Colleges, Volume 4: Emergency Plan Templates. Produced by Texas A&M Transportation Institute for Texas Division of Emergency Management.

Conference Presentations

Christjoy, A. (2023, May). *Baseball United Us: Our Story of Community Collaboration on the Field of Dreams*. Presented at the 19th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana, IL.

Christjoy, A. (2023, May). *From Brian to Bull: A Hero's Journey to Find Resilience Using the Movie Backdraft*. Presented at the 19th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana, IL.

Christjoy, A. (2022, May). *For Love of the Game: The Natural Way to Strike Out Negative Self-Dialogue as an Aging Baseball Pitcher*. Presented at 18th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana, IL.

Christjoy, A. (2021, November). *Empowered by the Emasculated Male: Feminine Agency in the Gun Crazy Films*. Presented at National Communication Association Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.

Christjoy, A. (2021, November). *Ebola in Dallas: Examining the Crisis Communication Response by Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital*. Presented at National Communication

Association Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.

Christjoy, A. and Trefz, B.A. (2021, January). *Enhancing School Emergency Operations Plans and Engaging the Local Community*. Presented at the Transportation Research Board Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

Christjoy, A. (2020, November). *Lights, Camera, Action! Enhancing Visual Connection to the Public Through Vlogging*. Presented at the National Communication Association Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN.

Christjoy, A. (2020, November). *Bridging the Gap: Vlogging to Connect Academia to the Public*. Presented at the National Communication Association Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN.

Christjoy, A. (2014, November). *Blended Learning in Education*. Presented at the Association of American Geographers Conference, Chicago, IL.

Non-Academic Publications

Christjoy, A. (2021, June). *Resilience in the Time of COVID-19*. The Guidon. 38(2), 24-25.

Invited Lectures

Christjoy, A. (Four sessions, Spring 2026). *Aggie Core Values as a Toolkit for Enhancing Your Resilience*. Invited Lecture. Aggie Lyceum, Texas A&M University.

Christjoy, A. (Four sessions, Fall 2025). *Aggie Core Values as a Toolkit for Enhancing Your Resilience*. Invited Lecture. Aggie Lyceum, Texas A&M University.

Christjoy, A. (September 5, 2024). *Decoding the Language of Film: The Epic Rescue Mission Theme in Taylor Swift's I Can See You and Christopher Nolan's Interstellar*. Invited Lecture. Department of Performance and Visual Studies, Film Studies Program, Texas A&M University.

Christjoy, A. (February 2022). *Resilience for First Responders*. Invited Lecture. Texas A&M University Emergency Care Team, Texas A&M University.

Christjoy, A. (December 2021) *Choosing a Career Path for Emerging College Baseball Athletes*. Invited Lecture. Young Men's Service League. College Station, Texas.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Job History

- Lecturer, Bush School of Government and Public Service, U.S. Space Force Captain's Leadership Course (2026 - present)
- Visiting Lecturer, Texas A&M University, Department of Communication & Journalism, 2025 - present
- Instructor, Texas A&M University, School of Military Science, 2023 - present
- Graduate Instructor, Texas A&M University, Department of Communication, 2020 - 2025

- Research Associate, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, College Station, TX, 2019-2021
 - Graduate Assistantship Teacher, Texas A&M University, Interdisciplinary Studies, Film Studies Program, Summer 2020
 - Warrant Officer, Texas State Guard, Austin Headquarters, 2019-2021
 - Research Specialist, Texas A&M University, College of Education and Human Development, 2018-19
 - Undergraduate Researcher, Texas A&M University, Geography Department, Spring 2018
 - Teacher, Coppell High School, Coppell, TX, 2010 - 2017
 - Managing Director, Beyond, Dallas, TX, 2007-2010
 - Firefighter/Paramedic, Sherman Fire Department, Sherman, TX, 1999-2007
 - Creative Services Editor, KTEN Television, Denison, TX, 1998
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RECOGNITION

Additional Awards

- Academic Excellence Award, Texas A&M University, Association of Former Students (2019-20)
 - Most Optimistic Individual, Robertson County Best of the Best (2018, 2019)
 - Best Entertainment, Tenderheart Film Festival, Robertson County Best of the Best (2018)
 - Employee of the Month, City of Sherman (December 2005)
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COMMUNITY

Service

- Thrive (Student Organization), Advisor, Texas A&M University (2026 - present)
- Lads (Student Organization), Advisor, Texas A&M University (2026 - present)
- Aggie Lyceum, Workshop Wednesdays, Facilitator, Texas A&M University (2025 - present)
- Hollingsworth Center for Ethical Leadership, Mentor, Texas A&M University (2025 - present)
- FLASH (Student Organization), Advisor, Texas A&M University (2025 - present)
- Media Director, First Baptist Church, Calvert Texas (2024 - present)

Professional Associations

- National Communication Association
- Christianity & Communication Studies Network