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EDUCATION

- M.A.** **East Tennessee State University** **2020**
Communication & Storytelling Studies
Thesis: *“No One’s Gonna Say That at Church:” Women’s Experiences with Infertility within Christian Faith Communities*
- B.A.** **Cedarville University** **2003**
Communication Studies

ACADEMIC / TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2020-Present** **Lecturer**, ETSU Communication & Performance Department
East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN
- 2018-2020** **Graduate Assistant**, ETSU Speech & Debate Team
East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN
- 2012-2016** **Secondary Teacher**, Speech, History, and Bible
Southwest Covenant Schools, Yukon, OK
- 2007-2008** **Assistant Coach**, CU Forensics Team
Cedarville University, Cedarville, OH
- 2005-2006** **Adjunct Faculty**, CU Communication Department
Cedarville University, Cedarville OH

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION / WORKSHOPS

- Paulsen, D. (2020). 3MT Participant. Presented at the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools, Birmingham, AL.
- Paulsen, D. (2019). The Gift of Remembering: Dispelling the Memorization Myth. Presented at the National Biblical Storytellers International Festival Gathering, Dayton, OH.
- Paulsen, D. (2019). Staging Scripture: An Introduction to Writing and Directing Multi-Player Biblical Storytelling Dramas. Presented at the National Biblical Storytellers International Festival Gathering, Dayton, OH.

Paulsen, D. (2016). *Performing Scripture: The Power and Presence of Preparation*. Presented at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL.

CREATIVE ACTIVITY

<i>Sing, O Barren One</i>	Principal Actress	Fall 2020
<i>Sense & Sensibility</i>	Supporting Actress	ETSU, Spring 2019
<i>Spiritual Sleep Therapy</i>	Voice Over Artist	2018 - 2020
<i>Soul Hope Ministries</i>	Founder / Director	2017 - Present

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2021 *Recipient*, Outstanding Storyteller Performer, East Tennessee State University
- 2021 *Recipient*, Outstanding Storytelling Thesis, East Tennessee State University
- 2020 *Recipient*, Outstanding Contribution by a Graduate Student, East Tennessee State University
- 2019 *Champion*, 3MT Competition, East Tennessee State University, \$500 Scholarship
- 2019 *Semi-Finalist*, 3MT Competition, East Tennessee State University
- 2019 *Recipient*, Stern & Argueta Endowment for Storytelling, ETSU, \$500 Scholarship

COURSES TAUGHT

- COMM 2025, Fundamentals of Communication, ETSU
- COMM 2045, Public Speaking, ETSU
- COMM 2055, Argumentation and Debate, ETSU
- COM 1100, Fundamentals of Speech, CU

SPEECH COACHING EXPERIENCE

- Impromptu Speaking
- Informative Speaking
- Persuasive Speaking
- IPDA and Parliamentary Debate
- Communication Analysis
- Oral Interpretation (Prose, Poetry, POI, DI, Duo)