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Department: Speech Communication

Official Title/Role: Graduate Teaching Assistant

Time at CSU: Two years

Awards: The Patsy Boyer Women's Studies Scholarship and the Hostettler

Outstanding Graduate Student in Speech Communication Award

1. What do you most enjoy about your job/role?

The thing I enjoy most about being a graduate student is the variety of ways I get to share and learn new ideas and perspectives. Functioning as a student, instructor, and a colleague is a challenging but rewarding dynamic to balance. It's a pretty amazing opportunity to get paid to learn.

2. What professional accomplishment are you most proud of and why?

Receiving the Hostettler Award is the professional accomplishment I am most proud of. My colleagues are a supportive, smart, and fun group. It's a pretty big honor to be recognized by the faculty out of such a talented and hard working group.

3. Do/Did you have a Mentor? If so, what influence did your Mentor have on your career/goals and life?

I had several undergraduate professors who really helped me realize I wanted to go to graduate school. They continue to give me advice and support me even now. At Colorado State University I have had a similar experience. Dr. Dickinson and Dr. Ott are probably getting sick of seeing me at their office doors, but they are always more than willing to help me with academic issues or to make me laugh if I'm having a rough time. Dr. Aoki and Dr. Griffin have also been great to me. They have all helped me improve as a critical thinker and to achieve my goal of getting into a PhD program.