

# Cody Walizer

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## Education

### **Ph.D., Communication Studies**

Concentrations: Argumentation, Public Controversy, Game Studies  
University of Denver, 2023

### **Masters of Public Policy (MPP)**

Concentrations: Criminal Justice, Advocacy, Public Health, Public Relations  
University of Denver, 2016

**B.A., Communication Studies**, University of Denver, 2016

**B.A., Criminology**, University of Denver, 2016

## Teaching Experience

### **Instructor**, University of Colorado Boulder, Fall 2023 - Present

- Guest Lecturer, Prime Time: Public Performance and Leadership, Spring 2024
- Public Speaking (4 Sections) Fall 2023, Spring 2024
- Communication, Culture and Sport, Fall 2023, Spring 2024
- The Craft of Argument, Fall 2023, Spring 2024

### **Lecturer**, University of Colorado Boulder, Fall 2022 - Summer 2023

- Intercultural Communication, Summer 2023
- Communication, Culture, and Sport, Spring 2023
- Persuasion In Society, Spring 2023
- Public Speaking (3 sections), Fall 2022 (2), Spring 2023 (1)

### **Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor**, University of Denver, Fall 2020 – Summer 2022

- Comm and Popular Culture, Fall 2020, Summer '21, '22
- Fundamentals of Argumentation (4 sections) Winter-Summer 2022
- Rhetorical/Critical Inquiry, Spring 2022
- Fundamentals of Intercultural Communication, Fall 2021
- Advanced Intercultural Communication, Fall 2021
- Landmarks in Rhetorical Theory, Fall 2020 & Summer 2021
- Identities in Dialogue, Winter 2021 & Spring 2021
- Fundamentals of Argumentation, Spring 2021
- Communication Capstone: Freedom of Expression, Winter 2021

### **Affiliate Faculty**, University of Denver, Winter 2020 – Spring 2020

- Identities in Dialogue, Winter 2020 & Spring 2020 (remote)
- Rhetorical/Critical Inquiry, Spring 2020 (remote)

### **Affiliate Faculty**, Regis University, Fall 2019

- Speaking to Make a Difference (Public Speaking)

### **Affiliate Faculty**, Metropolitan State University, Denver, Fall 2019

- Public Speaking for Music Executives (At Detroit Institute for Music Education, DIME)
- Public Speaking
- Interpersonal Communication

### **Graduate Teaching Instructor & Assistant**, University of Denver, 2016 – 2019

- Speaking on Ideas that Matter (Public Speaking and Advocacy), Spring 2017
- Communication and Popular Culture, Spring 2018
- Speaking on Ideas that Matter (Public Speaking and Advocacy), Spring 2019
- Assistant: Communication Capstone: Freedom of Expression, Darrin Hicks, Ph.D., Spring 2019

## University Service & Volunteer Experience

### **Director of Debate**, University of Denver, 2020 –2022

- Served as the primary administrator for the University of Denver Debating Union
- Organized tournament logistics, including hosting tournaments
- Coached and instructed the debate program in argumentation strategy and public speaking

### **University of Denver Faculty Senate Assistant**, 2019 – 2020

- Assisted the Faculty Senate Executive Committee in the organization and procedure of senate business, including budgetary concerns
- Constructed Qualtrics surveys, organized all logistics for meetings, and ensured that voting and floor speeches followed parliamentary procedure during votes and floor speeches

### **University of Denver Freedom of Expression Committee**, 2018 – 2019

- Served as one of the competitively selected rotating members of the Freedom of Expression Committee, a group charged with the protection of and education concerning free speech issues on campus
- Attended campus events as a committee member
- Generated campus-wide messaging about protecting and maintaining free speech on campus

### **Assistant Director of Debate**, University of Denver, 2016 – 2019

- Assisted the Director of Debate in organizing logistics, balancing the budget, and coaching the University's debate team

### **Activities Coordinator**, Denver Urban Debate League, 2013 – 2014

- Assisted in coordinating a series of debate workshops for high school debate students, including after-school and weekend programs
- Delivered lectures and proctored training to students and staff

## Research Experience

### **Publications**

Walizer, C. (Forthcoming). "That Swamp is a Mountain!" *Fair Play and Cultural Expression in Kamigawa: Neon Dynasty*. In Trammel, A., Jones, S., Torner, E. (Eds.), Proceedings of GENeration Analog 2023.

Walizer, C. *The Strategic Rhetoric of Whiteness in the Public Controversy Over Race and Ability in Dungeons & Dragons, 5th Edition*. In Trammel, A., Jones, S., Torner, E. (Eds.), Proceedings of GENeration Analog Tabletop Games Scholarship Virtual Conference "At" Gen Con 2021.

### **Conference Presentations**

Walizer, C., Johnson, K., Labador, A., Niess, L., Stephenson, M., Parnell, M. Dweik, S., & Condis, M. (2021, November 21) *Power, Resistance, and Identity in D&D and Communication* (Conference Panel Presentation), NCA 107th Annual Convention: Renewal and Transformation.

Walizer, C. (2021, August 5) *The Strategic Rhetoric of Whiteness in the Public Controversy Over Race and Ability in Dungeons & Dragons, 5th Edition* (Conference Presentation), GENeration Analog Tabletop Games Scholarship Virtual Conference "At" Gen Con 2021.

## Personal Honors & Awards

**Faculty Career Champion, Career and Professional Development**, University of Denver, 2019

**Outstanding Student Organization Adviser Nominee**, DU Debate, 2018

**Outstanding Student Organization Award**, DU Debate, 2017

**Outstanding Senior Award**, Department of Communication Studies, 2016

**Outstanding Junior Award**, Department of Communication Studies, 2015