

Curriculum Vitae

Bryce Duane Tellmann

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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor in the Department of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences South Dakota School of Mines & Technology	Aug 2023—Present
Lecturer of Humanities South Dakota School of Mines & Technology	Aug 2022—July 2023
Instructor of Humanities South Dakota School of Mines & Technology	Aug 2020—May 2022
Graduate Teaching Assistant/Fellow The Pennsylvania State University	Aug 2017—May 2020
Graduate Teaching Assistant North Dakota State University	Jan 2016—May 2017

Education

Ph.D., Communication Arts & Sciences The Pennsylvania State University	August 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Adviser: Dr. Jeremy EngelsDissertation: “The Great Plains and the Available Means of Regionalism”	
M.A., Speech Communications North Dakota State University	May 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Adviser: Dr. Mark MeisterThesis: “Finding the Great Plains People in the Buffalo Commons Proposal”	
B.A., Communication Concordia University, Nebraska	May 2012

Peer-reviewed Publications

Tellmann, B. D., “One River, One Region?: The Missouri Valley Authority and Rivers-as-Regions.” In *The Missouri, America’s Longest River: A Cultural and Environmental History* Lauck and Thompson (eds.) [2026, forthcoming].

Tellmann, B. D., “The birth and death of the South Dakota Cement Plant: An analysis of gubernatorial speeches.” *South Dakota History* 56, no.2 (2026): [forthcoming].

Tellmann, B. D., “Memories on steel and vinyl: The Northern Pacific Railway and the sound of memory.” *International Journal of Communication* 18 (2024): 1913-1930.

Tellmann, B. D., Rob Patterson, Kevin J. Hales, “Rhetorical Rurality and its Metaphoric Expressions.” *Rural Communication Journal* 2, no. 1 (2022): 1-16.

Tellmann, B. D., “The Great Plains, the Buffalo Commons, and the Constitution of Regional Identity.” *Great Plains Quarterly* 40, no. 2 (2020): 143-60.

Teaching Experience

ENGL 289: STEM Communication for Public and Technical Audiences

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

Regularly since Spring 2025

ENGL 279: Communication in the STEM Workplace

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

Regularly since Fall 2020

- Hybrid synchronous, in-person, and online asynchronous

HUM 100: Introduction to the Humanities

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

Regularly since Fall 2020

- Hybrid synchronous and in-person

ENGL 101: Composition

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

Spring 2021, 2022, 2023

- Online synchronous and in-person

CAS 100C: Effective Speech/Message Analysis

The Pennsylvania State University

Spring 2020

- Online asynchronous

CAS 301: Rhetorical Theory (TA)

The Pennsylvania State University

Fall 2019

- Teaching assistant and occasional lecturer (up to 85 students)
- Discussion section leader for two weekly breakout sections (20-24 students each)

CAS 100A: Effective Speech

The Pennsylvania State University

Fall 2018, 2019

- Primary instructor for classes of up to 25 students

Spring 2019

COMM 110: Fundamentals of Public Speaking

North Dakota State University

Spring 2016, 2017

- Assistant Basic Course Director

Fall 2016

Conference Presentations

Tellmann, B.D. (2025) “High-handed outrage”? Bishop Hare’s reaction to the Custer Expedition

- 57th Annual Dakota Conference on the Northern Plains, Sioux Falls

Tellmann, B.D. (2024) On the origins of the regional label “Prairie Pothole Region”

- Northern Great Plains History Conference, Sioux Falls

Tellmann, B.D. (2024) On the rhetorical limitations of ducks: 20th century conservation discourses in the Prairie Pothole Region

- 24th Biennial Conference of the International Society for the History of Rhetoric, Vancouver

Tellmann, B.D. (2024) Classifying the Bolt Weevil: Ecoteur, agrarian, or NIMBY crank?

- Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Conference, Denver

Tellmann, B.D. (2024) A brief history of South Dakota Cement Plant controversy

- 56th Annual Dakota Conference on the Northern Plains, Sioux Falls

Tellmann, B.D. (2023) A Tale of Two Mills: State-owned industries and ‘the people’ of the Dakotas

- Northern Great Plains History Conference, Sioux Falls

Tellmann, B.D. (2023) “Federal Troops Ready to Act in N.D.”: North Dakota’s Outlaw Governor, as seen from Outside North Dakota

- 55th Annual Dakota Conference on the Northern Plains, Sioux Falls

Tellmann, B. D. and Rob Patterson (2022) Tractor Supply, Consumerism, and Rural Identity

- Rural Communication Institute Virtual Summit, “Discussing the Strengths and Limitations of Rural Areas”

Tellmann, B. D. and Courtney Cole (2022) Rural Temporality in Time and Place

- Rural Communication Institute Virtual Summit, “Discussing the Strengths and Limitations of Rural Areas”

Tellmann, B. D. (2022) Border Broadcasting: Radio as a Means of Border-Transgressing Regionalization

- 54th Annual Dakota Conference on the Northern Plains, Sioux Falls

Tellmann, B. D. (2022) The Northern Plains Archipelago: Exploring the Rhetorical Potential of Regionalism

- Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Conference, Baltimore

Tellmann, B. D. (2020) Memories on Steel and Vinyl: The Northern Pacific and Sonic Memory

- National Communication Association 106th Annual Convention

Webb, Trent (chair), J.A. Johnson, **B. D. Tellmann**, E. H. Smith, S. Srivastava (2020) Communication Across the Curriculum: Approaches, Strategies and Crossroads

- National Communication Association 106th Annual Convention

Tellmann, B. D. (2020) Reading the Great Plains: Habits of Looking and the Land as Text

- Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Conference, Portland (accepted, but COVID-cancelled)

Koons, Caroline (chair), **B. D. Tellmann**, Michelle Flood, Lora E. Smith (2020) Singing the Archives: Crafting Archival Material through Song

- Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Conference, Portland (accepted, but COVID-cancelled)

Tellmann, B. D. (2019) “The Future of the Great Plains” 80 years later: Evaluating the capacities and limitations of mythic regional discourse

- Regional Studies Association Winter Conference, London

Tellmann, B. D. (2019) Orality's View of Literacy: Written Language as Action in the Liminal Present

- International Society for the History of Rhetoric Biennial Conference, New Orleans

Tellmann, B. D. (2018) Quintilian’s Goodness Project

- National Communication Association 104th Annual Convention, Salt Lake City

Tellmann, B. D. (2018) Finding the Great Plains people in the Buffalo Commons proposal.

- Arnold-Ebbitt Interdisciplinary Rhetoricians Camp Rhetoric, State College

Chromey, K. J., J. Westwick, D. Pawlowski, J. Young, **B. D. Tellmann**, D. Potter, A. Sorensen (Chair)
(2017) Creating community in the basic course classroom

- Central States Communication Association Annual Conference, Minneapolis

Tellmann, B. D. (2012) Perceptions of public relations in a small Midwestern community and Christian university

- Concordia Research Symposium, Seward
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Invited Presentations

“High-handed outrage”? Bishop Hare’s reaction to the Custer Expedition November 2025

- Guest lecture in HIST 465: Westward Expansion of the US

One River, One Region?: The Missouri Valley Authority vs. the Pick-Sloan Plan October 2025

- Faculty Lunch-and-Learn presentation, Department of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences

A Tale of Two Mills: State-owned industries and ‘the people’ of the Dakotas February 2024

- Faculty Lunch-and-Learn presentation, Department of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences

Looking for Prospects: Depicting the Great Plains February 2024

- Guest lecture in ENGL 300: Environmental Literature and Culture

The Great Plains versus the Midwest November 2023

- Guest lecture in HIST 465: Westward Expansion of the US

Competent Workplace Communication: Separating the Fashionable from the Factual October 2023

- Insights from STEM Communication Series, Department of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences

The U.S. Invasion of Canada: Border Broadcasting in the Early Days of Radio April 2023

- STEAM Café, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology and Haycamp Brewing Company

The U.S. Invasion of Canada: Border Broadcasting in the Early Days of Radio October 2022

- Faculty Brown Bag Presentation, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences

A Short History of Agrarian Protest Movements in the U.S. September 2022

- Guest lecture in SOC 285: Society and Technology

Defining the Great Plains: Reinventing a Region through Ideas and Stories March 2022

- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute one-session course

The Great Plains as a Container for Stories November 2021

- Guest lecture in HIST 465: Westward Expansion of the US

Defining the Great Plains: Reinventing a Region through Ideas and Stories October 2021

- STEAM Café, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology and Haycamp Brewing Company
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Research Areas

Rhetoric of regionalism
Space and place
Agrarian discourse

Sound studies
Rural communication
Northern Plains history

Memberships

American Society for the History of Rhetoric
International Society for the History of Rhetoric

National Communication Association
Rhetoric Society of America

Service to Department and Field

Member , Student Success/Retention Subcommittee South Dakota School of Mines	2025-present
Department Representative , Admissions Committee South Dakota School of Mines	2024-present
Department Representative , University Research Committee SD Mines	2023-2024
Co-host and producer , Ramblin' Wreck Research Radio South Dakota School of Mines	2023-present
Member , Outreach and Engagement Committee South Dakota School of Mines	2022-present
Member , Writing Committee South Dakota School of Mines & Technology	2022-present
Coordinator , Campus Media Lab South Dakota School of Mines & Technology	2020-present
Panel Moderator , "Artificial Intelligence is Here. What about the Humans?" SD Mines	April 2023
Reviewer , Submissions for annual conference National Communication Association	2023
Member , Director of Choirs Search Committee South Dakota School of Mines	2021-2022
Reviewer , Submissions for biennial conference Rhetoric Society of America	2021, 2023
Treasurer , Arnold-Ebbitt Interdisciplinary Rhetoricians The Pennsylvania State University	2018/2019
Judge , Civic Engagement Public Speaking Contest The Pennsylvania State University	2018/2019
Representative , Graduate Student Leader Committee North Dakota State University	2016/2017

Awards, Recognition & Grants

Gunlogson Award

- \$2,850 awarded by the North Dakota State University Institute for Regional Studies, 2025

Faculty Development Travel Grant

- \$500 awarded by the Office of Faculty Development and Advancement, 2022

COVID-19 Micro-Grant for continuing research

- \$87.87 awarded by National Communication Association Environmental Communication Division, 2021

Continuing Education Grant

- \$3,000 awarded by Penn State Dept. of Communication Arts & Sciences, 2021

University Graduate Fellowship 2017/2018

- Awarded by The Pennsylvania State University

“Outstanding Student in the Department of English, Communication and Theatre Arts”

- Awarded by Concordia University, Nebraska, 2012

President’s Scholarship

- Awarded by Concordia University, Nebraska, 2008

Service to the Community

Tolkien Reading Group Leader , Emmanuel Episcopal Church Rapid City, SD	2024
Distribution Volunteer , Feeding South Dakota Rapid City, SD	2022—2023
Congregation Elder , Good Shepherd Lutheran Church State College, PA	2020
School Board Member , Martin Luther School Bismarck, ND	2014—2016

Professional Experience

Bank of North Dakota Bismarck, ND Business Communications Specialist	Jan 2015—Jan 2016
Great River Energy Underwood, ND Communications Coordinator	Oct 2012—Dec 2014
