

Dear TSCA Members & Executive Committee,

I am writing to express my interest in serving as the editor for TSCA's academic journal, the *Texas Speech Communication Journal*. As a scholar, TSCA member, Texan, and director of undergraduate student research at my university, I believe that this opportunity would mark a meaningful contribution I can make to TSCA and the wider discipline of Communication.

To start, I am grateful to TSCA for the special role it plays bridging educators across different kinds of institutions, perspectives, and disciplinary areas of focus. Growing up in Abilene, I remember going along to conferences with my mother, a music teacher, and my father, a social worker for Texas Health and Human Services, and being amazed at the way professional organizations can bring together people of all different backgrounds. TSCA is similar in my mind, a unique place where we honor different kinds of expertise, learn from each other, and work together to advance the field that we all value.

I believe my scholarship and publication record have well prepared me for the role of TSCJ editor, giving me a lane to contribute more fully to TSCA. I have to date published 3 books with academic presses with two more, a monograph and an edited volume, nearing completion this fall. I have also published 20 academic journal articles or book chapters. I also serve as an editorial board member for two NCA journals, the *Quarterly Journal of Speech* and *Communication & Democracy*, and served as an editorial intern for *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* for three years during my graduate education. As a result of these efforts, I have experience working with a variety of presses, editors, reviewers, and platforms that go into running a high-quality academic journal.

Finally, I would be excited to promote an ethic of excellent, diverse scholarship via the *TSCJ*. In my current administrative role as Director of Undergraduate Research at ACU, I am tasked with promoting undergraduate scholarship across the breadth of the university. This means fostering an environment that encourages and celebrates diverse scholarly methods, perspectives, and levels of research. I have also personally coached many undergraduate and graduate students through the process of how to produce an academic paper, with one noteworthy student performing such a great job that her paper was eventually published in *TSCJ* a year ago. I am eager to help the journal serve as a display of the brilliant minds and talents in our field and association.

Please feel free to reach out to me at [rpf23a@acu.edu](mailto:rpf23a@acu.edu) if you have any questions. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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