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“ I didn’t really care that much about public speaking, but Mr. Benfell made it so fun and interesting I kinda wish I’d have majored in it. He gets really into it!!” – Student evaluation for David Benfell’s Public Speaking Class, CSU, East Bay, 2009

Profile

Post-disciplinary, vegetarian ecofeminist scholar and researcher in Human Science. Determined to make a difference in students’ lives by fostering their ability to speak and write persuasively, think critically, and participate intelligently in civic life. Other strengths:

- **Teaching**
- **Tutoring/Mentoring**
- **Supervisory Experience**
- **Writing and Editing**
- **Research**
- **Cross-Cultural Communication**
- **Public and Persuasive Speaking**
- **Computer Literate**
- **Technical Writing**
- **Conflict Resolution**

Willing to relocate and travel

Educational Experience

- 2016 – Ph.D. in Human Science at Saybrook University, Oakland, CA
- 2011 – Enrolled in Ph.D. program at Saybrook University, then in San Francisco, CA
- 2009 – Enrolled in Ph.D. program at the California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, CA
- 2009 – M.A. in Speech Communications from California State University, East Bay, Hayward, CA (GPA of 3.76 of a possible 4.0)
- 2005 – B.A. in Mass Communications, California State University, East Bay, Hayward, CA

Accomplishments and Skills

- Taught undergraduate 9 public speaking classes (30 students per class average) over 8 quarters at California State University (CSU), East Bay
- Supervised Communications Lab at CSU East Bay
- Served as teaching assistant for two professors at CSU East Bay
- Evaluated the performance of students’ speaking and persuasive abilities and provided constructive criticism
- Fostered ability of students to think critically

- Edited and critiqued students' speeches
- Tutored students to help improve their public and persuasive speaking
- Composed challenging lesson plans to improve students' ability to speak powerfully and persuasively
- Raised students' awareness for the need to heighten social, ecological and economic consciousness
- Advised Department Chairperson on intradepartmental discord
- Assisted and counseled students with academic problems

Major Projects and Papers

- Dissertation topic area: Conservatism: *Conservative Views on Undocumented Migration* (more information at <https://parts-unknown.org/drupal7/content/dissertation-work>)
- Research Journal: <https://parts-unknown.org/drupal7/blogs/benfell>
- Other papers available at: <https://parts-unknown.org/drupal7/content/so-im-human-scientist-what-does-mean>

Other Publications

- *Not Housebroken*, March 2005 to present, <https://disunitedstates.org/>
- *(Supposedly) Daily Bullshit*, March 2016 to present, <https://parts-unknown.org/reading/>

Academic Experience

- Teaching Associate, California State University, East Bay, 2007-09
- Laboratory Assistant, California State University, East Bay, 2007-08