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Education

- 2025 - present **Ph.D. Communication, Northwestern University**
Co-Advisor: Ignacio Cruz
Co-Advisor: Aaron Shaw
- 2021 - 2023 **M.S. Organizational Leadership Studies, Arizona State University**
Thesis title: *Exit and Organization Studies: Escaping an Epistemic Trap*
Advisor: Robert Kirsch
- 2018 - 2020 **M.A. Political Science, Arizona State University**
Thesis title: *Exploring Symbolism and Group Access: Variations in the Effectiveness of Politically Motivated Suicide.*
Advisor: Thorin Wright
- 2015 - 2018 **B.A. Political Science, Arizona State University**

Research

Masters Theses

- 1 **Fassbender, E.** (2023). *Exit and organization studies: Escaping an epistemic trap* (thesis, School of Integrated Sciences and Arts, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona).
- 2 **Fassbender, E.** (2020). *Variations in the effectiveness of politically motivated suicide: Exploring symbolism and group access* (thesis, School of Politics and Global Studies, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona).

Teaching Experience

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| POS 210 - Political Ideologies | Undergraduate class on the foundational works in political ideology. Assisted instructor with grading and individual instruction. |
| POS 305 - Political Ideologies and Film | Undergraduate course analyzing the underlying political ideologies expressed in classic films. Assisted instructor with grading and group discussion. |
| POS 348 - Do you want to build a nation | Undergraduate course offering an interactive nation-building experience. Assisted instruction in module development, group instruction, and grading. |

Research Areas

Organizational Communication | Peer production and Online communities | Social Movements and Collective Action

Awards and Certifications

Awards and Achievements

- 2015 - 2019 **Merit Scholarship**, New American University Scholarship - Provost's Award
- 2018 **Summa Cum Laude**, Arizona State University
- Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society**, Lifetime membership awarded
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars** Lifetime membership awarded

Certifications

- 2020 **International Studies Certificate**. Arizona State University School of Politics and Global Studies
- 2026 **CITI IRB - Social and Behavioral Research**. Course completion certification.

Professional Memberships

Association of Internet Researchers | International Communication Association

References

Available on Request