

Benjamin J Hassman
Rhetoric
Curriculum Vitae as of Dec 31, 2025

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EDUCATION and PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Higher Education

- 2011 PhD, Philosophy, University of Iowa
- 2008 MA, Philosophy, University of Iowa
- 2002 BA, Philosophy, University of Iowa

Professional and Academic Positions

- 2015-Present **Instructional Track Faculty**, Rhetoric, University of Iowa
 - Associate Professor of Instruction, 2021-Present
 - Lecturer, 2015-2021
- 2016-2023 **Director, Conversation Center**, Rhetoric, University of Iowa

Honors and Awards

- 2022 **Robert D. Ray Citizen Diplomacy Service Award**, Iowa Sister States
- 2021 **International Engagement Teaching Award**, CLAS University of Iowa
- 2021 **Promoted to Associate Professor of Instruction**, CLAS University of Iowa
- 2019 **Seniors and Scholars President's Dinner**, UI Honors Program
A select group of ~10 graduating Honors students invite a faculty mentor to dinner at the UI President's Mansion to speak of their work.
- 2016-18 **International Advocate**, UI International Programs
Recipients made exemplary efforts to assist international students or scholars and are nominated by International Student and Scholar Services staff.

TEACHING

Courses Taught at the University of Iowa

Term	Course#	Title	Enrollment
Fall 2025	RHET:1060: EXR	College Communication and Reading (Online Asynchronous)	18
Fall 2025	RHET: 1060	College Communication and Reading	19
Fall 2025	RHET: 5350	Colloquium: Teaching Rhetoric (aka PDP)	7
Fall 2025	RHET:7940	Public Speaking for Academics	19
Summer 2025	RHET:1060: EXT	Speaking and Reading (Online Asynchronous, 6-week course)	14
Spring 2025	PHIL:2603	Introduction to Symbolic Logic	16
Spring 2025	RHET:1060	Speaking and Reading	19
Spring 2025	RHET:1060	Speaking and Reading	20
Spring 2025	RHET:1060	Speaking and Reading	20
Fall 2024	RHET:7940	Public Speaking for Academics	19
Fall 2024	RHET:1030	Rhetoric	20
Fall 2024	RHET:1060	Speaking and Reading	17
Fall 2024	RHET:1060:EXV	Speaking and Reading (Online Synchronous)	18
Spring 2024	PHIL:2603	Introduction to Symbolic Logic	27
Spring 2024	RHET:1060	Speaking and Reading	20
Spring 2024	RHET:1060	Speaking and Reading	20
Spring 2024	RHET:1060	Speaking and Reading	17
Fall 2023	PHIL:2603	Introduction to Symbolic Logic	21
Fall 2023	RHET:7940	Public Speaking for Academics	8
Fall 2023	RHET:1060	Speaking and Reading	20
Fall 2023	RHET:1060	Speaking and Reading	20
Spring 2023	RHET:1060	Speaking and Reading	20
Spring 2023	RHET:1060	Speaking and Reading	20

Term	Course#	Title	Enrollment
Spring 2023	RHET:1060	Speaking and Reading	19
Fall 2022	RHET:1060	Speaking and Reading	18
Fall 2022	RHET:2090:1	Conversation Practicum	25
Fall 2022	RHET:2090:2	Conversation Practicum: Peer Leadership	1
Spring 2022	RHET:2090:1	Conversation Practicum	25
Spring 2022	RHET:2090:2	Conversation Practicum: Peer Leadership	9
Spring 2022	PHIL:3920	Philosophy in Public	29
Fall 2021	RHET:2090:1	Conversation Practicum	25
Fall 2021	RHET:2090:2	Conversation Practicum: Peer Leadership	9
Fall 2021	RHET:7940	Public Speaking for Academics	17
Spring 2021	RHET:2090:1	Conversation Practicum	24
Spring 2021	RHET:2090:2	Conversation Practicum	10
Spring 2021	RHET:1060:10	Speaking and Reading	18
Fall 2020	RHET:2090:0001	Conversation Practicum	18
Fall 2020	HONR:1100:0005	Honors Primetime	22
Fall 2020	RHET:7940:0001	Public Speaking for Academics	13
Fall 2020	RHET:4980:0005	Special Projects for Undergraduates	4
Spring 2020	RHET:2090:0001	Conversation Practicum	12
Spring 2020	RHET:2090:0002	Conversation Practicum	8
Spring 2020	PHIL:3920:0EXX	Philosophy in Public	30
Spring 2020	RHET:4980:0005	Special Projects for Undergraduates	4
Fall 2019	RHET:2090:0001	Conversation Practicum	20
Fall 2019	RHET:2090:0002	Conversation Practicum	6

Term	Course#	Title	Enrollment
Fall 2019	RHET:1000:0001	First-Year Seminar	16
Fall 2019	HONR:1100	Honors Primetime	
Fall 2019	PHIL:3920:0EXW	Philosophy in Public	25
Fall 2019	RHET:7940:0001	Public Speaking for Academics	8
Fall 2019	RHET:4980:0005	Special Projects for Undergraduates	6
Spring 2019	RHET:2090:0001	Conversation Practicum	15
Spring 2019	RHET:2090:0002	Conversation Practicum	11
Spring 2019	PHIL:3920:0EXW	Philosophy in Public	17
Spring 2019	RHET:7940:0001	Public Speaking for Academics	17
Spring 2019	RHET:4980:0001	Special Projects for Undergraduates	5
Fall 2018	RHET:2090:0001	Conversation Practicum	21
Fall 2018	RHET:2090:0002	Conversation Practicum	10
Fall 2018	RHET:1000:0001	First-Year Seminar	16
Fall 2018	HONR:1100	Honors Primetime	
Fall 2018	PHIL:3920:0EXW	Philosophy in Public	21
Fall 2018	RHET:1030:0454	Rhetoric	20
Fall 2018	RHET:4980:0001	Special Projects for Undergraduates	3
Summer 2018	RHET:4980:0001	Special Projects for Undergraduates	1
Spring 2018	RHET:2090:0001	Conversation Practicum	19
Spring 2018	RHET:2090:0002	Conversation Practicum	6
Spring 2018	PHIL:3920:0EXW	Philosophy in Public, Taught on Overload	24
Spring 2018	RHET:7940:0001	Public Speaking for Academics	8
Spring 2018	RHET:4980:0002	Special Projects for Undergraduates	3
Fall 2017	RHET:3085:0001	Advanced Speaking Skills	12

Term	Course#	Title	Enrollment
Fall 2017	RHET:2090:0001	Conversation Practicum	20
Fall 2017	HONR:1300:0011	Honors First-Year Seminar	18
Fall 2017	HONR:1100	Honors Primetime	
Fall 2017	PHIL:3920:0EXW	Philosophy in Public, Taught on Overload	17
Fall 2017	RHET:4980:0001	Special Projects for Undergraduates	6
Spring 2017	RHET:2090:0001	Conversation Practicum	25
Spring 2017	PHIL:1920:0EXW	Philosophy in Public, Taught on Overload	14
Spring 2017	RHET:7940:0001	Public Speaking for Academics	20
Spring 2017	RHET:4980:0001	Special Projects for Undergraduates	5
Fall 2016	RHET:3085:1	Advanced Speaking Skills	9
Fall 2016	RHET:2090:1	Conversation Practicum	14
Fall 2016	RHET:1000:7	First-Year Seminar	10
Fall 2016	RHET:1060:3	Speaking and Reading, Taught on Overload	17
Fall 2016	RHET:4980:1	Special Projects for Undergraduates	3
Summer 2016	RHET:1030:3	Rhetoric	18
Spring 2016	RHET:2085:0001	Speaking Skills	25
Spring 2016	RHET:2085:0002	Speaking Skills	14
Spring 2016	RHET:7900:0001	Special Project for Graduate Students	13
Fall 2015	RHET:1030:0130	Rhetoric	20
Fall 2015	RHET:1030:0377	Rhetoric	20
Fall 2015	RHET:1030:0388	Rhetoric	20
Fall 2015	RHET:1030:0449	Rhetoric	20

Innovations in Teaching (Other Teaching Contributions)

- 2025 **Instructional Track Peer Mentoring Pilot**
Co-developed with Professor of Instruction Lori Adams and Associate Director of the Center for Teaching Katherine Beydler, this pilot recruited instructional track faculty from across the University of Iowa. Combining techniques from both the mentoring literature and intercultural communication, the pilot sketched out a road map for engaging around teaching, service, professional productivity, review, and other issues shared amongst teaching faculty. Central to the pilot was room for the particular cohort to have agency in determining topics and agendas as relationships developed and conversations revealed shared pain points and interests, ensuring faculty can develop both their professional profile and their sense of agency within the university.
- 2024 **Embracing Awkwardness**
Borrowing from teaching touchstones and interpersonal communication, Embracing Awkwardness helps students situate themselves relative to their feeling around public speaking (especially anxiety). Rather than seeking to rid themselves of it completely (perhaps a false goal in the first place), they are encouraged to embrace and work with potentially negative feelings as central to the public speaking composition process.
- 2021-2023 **International Women’s Club—Conversation Center Partnership**
This collaboration pairs the IWC community group members with UI Conversation Center’s conversational and acculturation services.
- 2019-2023 **ESL Embedding Program**
Developed and implemented this collaboration with English as a Second Language, particularly Director Melissa Meisterheim and Amy Alice Chastain) embedding trained conversation partners from the Conversation Center directly into ESL classrooms on a weekly basis throughout the semester.
- 2018-2022 **Peer Leader Program Development and Implementation**
Developed and led this peer-based team leader program, empowering Peer Leaders with responsibility for a small team of RHET 2090 Conversation Practicum students. Peer Leaders also play a key role in administration and marketing for the Conversation Center.
- 2020 **Conversation Center High School Pilot**

Developed in collaboration with Iowa City Community School District Administration and placed with an ELL teacher at West High, this program piloted placing trained Conversation Center partners in High School ELL classrooms with the goal of combining College Access with Cultural and Linguistic Acquisition.

- 2019-2020 **Stanley Sketch and Chat**
This informal intercultural group conversation works to make museum space more accessible to undergraduates and international students and scholars.
- 2017-2019 **Digital Design and Social Media Conversation Center Internship**
Developed this internship for a student building their digital design and social media profile.
- 2015-16 **Co-Developed Undergraduate Speaking Skills progression for Rhetoric Minor**

Design and Implementation of New Courses

- 2026 **RHET:2085 Speaking Skills**
Developed this in-person skills-based public speaking course for the Rhetoric & Persuasion Minor
- 2024 **RHET:1060 Speaking and Reading, Asynchronous Online**
Adapted my 1060 academic public speaking course for delivery fully online and asynchronous.
- 2023 **PHIL:2603 Introduction to Symbolic Logic**
Developed this advanced Logic course, a requirement for majors in Philosophy
- 2018 **RHET:1115 Academic Success Resources: *Rhetoric's Conversation Center***
Co-developed this online course with Dr. Sonja Mayrhofer w/assistance from Distance Learning staff funded by an online course development grant from CLAS. The course teaches students skills to leverage regular appointments at UI academic support resources.
- 2016 **PHIL:3920 Philosophy in Public**
Developed this fully online service-learning Philosophy Course. Students pair a volunteer/service/internship of their choice with readings in philosophy, education, & career development through class discussions and personal reflections including pre- and post-service.

2015

RHET:7940 Public Speaking for Academics

Co-developed with Dr. Matt Gilchrist. This grad course builds public speaking skills relevant to students' home disciplines and future professions

Student Mentoring Summary

My professional mentoring work focuses on five areas:

- primary teaching mentor to new TAs as a leader in the Rhetoric Professional Development Practicum (PDP)
- supervising graduate TAs teaching Gen-Ed Rhetoric
- training and supervising Conversation Center Grad Coordinators
- training and supervising Peer Leaders (like undergrad TAs) for the Conversation Center
- undergraduate independent studies

Student Mentoring

PDP Leader & Teaching Mentor

2025 PDP Cohort:

Anni Millspaugh, Noora Bahar, Lexa Lyu, Thomas Humphrey, Sasha Carney, Niall Murphy, Francesca Mansky

Rhetoric Graduate Teaching Assistants

2026 Lexa Lyu, Jonas Nyabor

2025 Elle Davis, Adrian Enzastiga

2024 Will Hella, Sarah Frank, Itamar Shalev

2023 Sermantha Louisy, Tove Conway

2022 Margaret Bowlin, Shawn Geison

2020 Callaghan Todhunter

2017-2018 Alex Koch, Molly Winstead

2016-2017 Benjamin Batzer, Brittany Borghi,

2016 Enrico Bruno, Anne Sand, Makayla Steiner, Alison Ruth

Conversation Center Graduate Coordinators

2020-2021 Tom Jackson

2019-2020 Marcus White

2018-2019 Reid Dempsey

2017-2018 Sarah Griebel

2017 Paul Schmitt

Conversation Center Peer Leaders (2016-2022): The Conversation Center's Peer Leader Program builds students' leadership and advocacy skills. Individual Peer Leaders are RHET 2090 Conversation Practicum graduates who return to both lead a small team of new Practicum

students as they build intercultural skills, and serve as part of the leadership team of the Conversation Center.

Akshaya Warriar; Jane Nguyen; Jonathan Chang; Alyssa Forgy; Hannah Birkey; Naudya Chhuon; Macayle DeVore; Maggy Hovden; Lauren Philips; Julia So; Savannah Dalsing; Sheyanne Koethe; Martika Theis; Thomas Bradley; Kelly Vu; Holly Bennet; Erin Golding; Michelle Tran-Duong; Daniel Yang; Le Luu; Hunter Andresen; Cece Dugger; Rylie Neibuhr; Sam Silker; Alyson Neiner; Olivia Waller; Hillary Long; Alexa Oleson; Kari Huff; Nicole Nucaro; Emilie Portugal; Sara Nguyen; Cyrus Mansouri; Sylvia Dean; Sam Bakeris; Darby Drenzek; Addison Martin; Bryce Mann; Abigail Miller

Undergraduate Independent Studies & Honors Contracts

2022 Melanie Tran-Duong

2019 Julia So

2019 Sarah Nguyen

2018 Grace Harper

2016-2017 Tavian Stillwell, Joseph Dickson

SCHOLARSHIP

Publications

Journal Article

Adams, L., Hassman, B., & Beydler, K. (2025). *A pilot program for forming an instructional faculty peer mentoring group*. **The Chronicle of Mentoring & Coaching**, 9(3). <https://doi.org/10.62935/s2405p>

Refereed Book Chapters

Hassman, K. L., Hassman, B. (2018). TOPIC Generation and Teaching Research as Inquiry. *Framing Information Literacy: Teaching Grounded in Theory, Pedagogy, and Practice* (vol. 1, pp. 47-66). ACRL Press.

Electronic Publications

Denial, C., Cavenagh, S. R., Clements, J., Sathy, V., Hassman, B., Coll, F., Ingram, D., Pozorski, A., Sorenen-Unruh, C., Whitteck, E. (2020). *Online 2.0: How to lead a large-scale transformation of virtual learning*. Chronicle of Higher Ed: Chronicle of Higher Ed. <https://store.chronicle.com/products/online-2-0>

Photography

Hassman, B (2024) Author portrait, Gooblar, D., [One Course at a Time: How Better Teaching Can Make College More Equitable](#), Harvard University Press

Hassman, B. (2019). <https://clas.uiowa.edu/international-studies/tracksfaculty/international-information-communication/coursework>

Photograph of International Studies major used on their website describing coursework for the International Communication track.

Hassman, B. (2018). Iowa City, IA: University of Iowa Honors Newsletter article: <https://littlevillagemag.com/university-of-iowa-conversation-center/>.

https://honors.uiowa.edu/sites/honors.uiowa.edu/files/wysiwyg_uploads/Spring%202018%20Newsletter.pdf

Hassman, B. (2018). Iowa City, IA: Little Village web article:

<https://littlevillagemag.com/university-of-iowa-conversation-center/>

Hassman, B. (2016). Iowa City, IA: International Programs web article.

<https://international.uiowa.edu/news/cultural-conversations-center-promotes-interconnected-student-body>

Grants and Contracts

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| Fall 2025 | <i>Iowa Instructional Track Faculty Peer Mentoring Facilitator</i>
Funded by the University of Iowa Office of the Provost. Award amount: (\$500). Benjamin Hassman (Co-facilitator). Grant for facilitating peer mentoring cohort. |
| Spring 2025 | <i>Iowa Instructional Track Faculty Peer Mentoring Facilitator</i>
Funded by the University of Iowa Office of the Provost. Award amount: (\$500). Benjamin Hassman (Co-facilitator). Grant for facilitating peer mentoring cohort. |
| Oct 2022 | <i>Teaching in Higher Education Travel Grant</i>
Funded by University of Iowa Council on Teaching. Award amount: (\$1,450.00). Benjamin Hassman (Director). Grant for attending and presenting at NAFSA Region IV conference |
| 2018-19 | <i>Online Course Development Funding</i>
CLAS Online Course Development Grant. Benjamin Hassman (Co-Principal), Sonja Mayrhofer (co-Principal) |
| 2018- 2019 | <i>Office of Outreach and Engagement: Theme Semester Supplemental</i>
Funded by University of Iowa Provost's Office. Award amount: (\$250.00) Benjamin Hassman (Co-Principal), Alexa Oleson (Co-Principal). Grant for |

funding a new intercultural reading group, the Conversation Center Readers

- Oct 2018 *NAFSA First-Timer Registration Grant*
Funded by NAFSA International Educator's Association. Award amount: (\$300.00). Benjamin Hassman (Director). Covered registration costs for NAFSA Region IV Conference
- Oct 2018 *Teaching in Higher Education Travel Grant*
Funded by University of Iowa Council on Teaching. Award amount: (\$1,450.00). Benjamin Hassman (Director). Includes funding Pre-conference workshop on Intercultural Communication

Invited Lectures and Conference Presentations

Invited Campus Presentations

- 2024 **Truman State University Academic Professional Development Series, *The Case for Helping Students Feel Awkward***, Truman State University, Kirksville, MO, Benjamin Hassman (author/presenter/facilitator)

International – Conference Presentations

- 2023 **TESOL 2023 International Conference, *Facilitating Differentiated Instruction with Trained Conversation Partners in the Classroom***, TESOL International Association, Portland, OR, Amy Alice Chastain (author/co-presenter), Benjamin Hassman (author/co-presenter), & Melissa Meisterheim (author/co-presenter)
- 2021 **TESOL 2021 International Conference: *Come Inspired, Emerge Empowered, Trained Conversation Partners in the ESL Classroom: Facilitating Intercultural Dialogue***, TESOL International Association, Online; Amy Alice Chastain (author/co-presenter), Benjamin Hassman (author/co-presenter), Sonja Mayrhofer (author/co-presenter), & Melissa Meisterheim (author/co-presenter)

National – Conference Presentations

- 2025 **University of New Mexico Mentoring Institute Annual Mentoring Conference, *A Pilot Program for Forming and Instructional Faculty Peer Mentor Group***, Albuquerque, NM, Lori Adams, Benjamin Hassman, Katherine Beydler
- 2024 **Lilly Conference: *Evidence-Based Teaching and Learning, To Know is to Tell: Learning as Communicative Craft***, Lilly Conferences, Austin, TX, Benjamin Hassman (author/presenter)

- 2023 **Lilly Conference: Evidence-Based Teaching and Learning**, *Awkwardness as a Stepping Stone to Student Resiliency*, Lilly Conferences, Austin, TX, Benjamin Hassman (author/presenter)
- 2020 **NAFSA National: International Educator's Association**, *University of Iowa (Ulowa) Conversation Center: Building an Inclusive Iowa Through Peer Support*, NAFSA, St. Louis, MO, Benjamin Hassman (poster author), Note: poster presentation accepted, conference canceled due to COVID-19

Regional – Conference Presentation

- 2023 **NAFSA Region IV Conference**, *Awkwardness as a Stepping Stone to Student Resiliency*, NAFSA (International Educator's Association), Coralville, IA, Benjamin Hassman (author/presenter)
- 2022 **NAFSA Region IV Conference**, *Bridging Universities to Connect Individuals: Iowa universities supporting citizen diplomacy*, NAFSA (International Educator's Association), Minneapolis, MN, Benjamin Hassman (author/co-presenter), Karla McCollum (author/co-presenter), Carolina Coronado-Park (author/co-presenter)
- 2022 **NAFSA Region IV Conference**, *Building Students' Intercultural Capacity: Trained Conversation Partners in ESL Classrooms*, NAFSA (International Educator's Association), Minneapolis, MN, Benjamin Hassman (author/co-presenter), Melissa Meisterheim (author/co-presenter), Amy Alice Chastain (author/co-presenter)
- 2020 **Midwest Writing Center Association Conference**, *From Transactional to Transformational: How Three Iowa Tutoring Centers Engage Undergraduates as Partners*, MWCA, Cedar Rapids, IA, Benjamin Hassman (author/co-presenter), Anne Sand (author/co-presenter), Dana Thomann (author/co-presenter), Sonja Mayrhofer (author/co-presenter)

Note: Presentation Accepted, Conference Cancelled due to COVID-19

- 2019 **NAFSA Region IV Conference**, *Inclusive Teaching Technique: Topic as Part of (Not a Precursor to) the Research Process*, NAFSA (International Educator's Association), Fargo, ND, Benjamin Hassman (author/presenter)
- 2018 **NAFSA Region IV Conference**, *Introducing the University of Iowa Conversation Center: a new peer-based initiative supporting academic and social acculturation through conversational English*, NAFSA

International Educator's Association, Duluth, MN, Benjamin Hassman
(poster author/presenter)

- 2018 **Midwest Writing Center Association Conference**, *Embracing the Multis to Level the Playing Field: How Our Multiple Centers Enact Multicultural, Multilingual, Multimodal, and Multidisciplinary Pedagogy*, Midwest Writing Centers Association, Omaha, NE, Dorothy Giannokouros (author/co-presenter), Benjamin Hassman (author/co-presenter), Anne Sand (author/co-presenter), Claudia Pozzobon (author/co-presenter), Carol Severino (author/co-presenter), Amanda Gollogy (student author/co-presenter)

State – Conference Presentations

- 2025 **Iowa NAFSA Conference**, *Opening & Closing Remarks, Distinguished Speaker Introductions*, NAFSA International Educators, Grand View University, Des Moines, IA, Benjamin Hassman (author/presenter),
- 2024 **Iowa NAFSA Conference**, *On-Campus Experiential Learning: International Opportunity, International Support*, NAFSA International Educators, Grand View University, Des Moines, IA, Benjamin Hassman (author/presenter),
- 2023 **Iowa NAFSA Conference**, *Public Speaking for International Academics*, NAFSA International Educators, Iowa Wesleyan, Mount Pleasant, IA, Benjamin Hassman (author/co-presenter), Katlyn O'Shaughnessy (author/co-presenter)
- 2023 **Iowa NAFSA Conference**, *Inviting Awkwardness*, NAFSA International Educators, Iowa Wesleyan, Mount Pleasant, IA, Benjamin Hassman (author/presenter)
- 2022 **Iowa Writing Center Consortium Conference**, *Conversation in the Covid Era*, Iowa Writing Center Consortium, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, Benjamin Hassman (author/co-presenter), Sonja Mayrhofer (author/co-presenter)
- 2022 **Citizen Diplomacy Summit**, *Education Breakout Panel*, Iowa Sister States, Ankeny, IA Benjamin Hassman (author/co-presenter), Carolina Coronado-Park, (author/co-presenter), Kristi Marchesani (author/co-presenter), Steve Rude (author/co-presenter), Ahmed Agyeman (author/co-presenter)

- 2021 **Language Lessons Near and Far: Students and Teachers Adapting to a Changing World Symposium**, *Trained Conversation Partners in the ESL Classroom: Facilitating Intercultural Dialogue*, University of Iowa International Programs, Iowa City, IA, Amy Alice Chastain (author/co-presenter), Benjamin Hassman (author/co-presenter), Sonja Mayrhofer (author/co-presenter), & Melissa Meisterheim (author/co-presenter)
- 2019 **Iowa NAFSA Conference**, *Developing International Advocates of Undergraduates*, NAFSA (International Educator's Association), Des Moines, IA, Benjamin Hassman (presenter), Alexa Oleson (student presenter), Nicole Nucaro (student presenter), Emilie Portugal (student presenter), Sylvia Dean (student presenter)
- 2019 **Iowa Writing Center Consortium Conference**, *Next-Level Peer Leaders: Mentoring and Meaning-Making as Undergraduate Institutional Memory in the University of Iowa Conversation Center*, Iowa Writing Center Consortium, Cedar Rapids, IA, Benjamin Hassman (author/co-presenter), Sonja Mayrhofer (author/co-presenter), Nicole Nucaro (student presenter), Emilie Portugal (student presenter),,, Sylvia Dean (student presenter)
- 2018 **DMACC Summer Institute**, *Question Roll: A Teaching Technique for Building Classroom Community*, Des Moines Area Community College, Des Moines, IA, Benjamin Hassman (author/presenter)

Community Presentations

- 2019 **Obermann Conversations 2019-20**, *Conversation: A Vital Tool for Mending Our Democracy*, Obermann Center for Advanced Studies, Iowa City, IA, Benjamin Hassman (panelist), Sherry Watt (panelist), Lore Baur (panelist), Jennifer New (moderator)

Local Presentations

- 2025 **Dental College Graduate/Post-Graduate Spring Colloquium Series**, *Speaking for any Audience*, College of Dentistry, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, Benjamin Hassman (author/co-presenter), Robert Peck (author/co-presenter)
- 2024 **Professional Development Practicum**, *Developing your Outward-Facing Teaching Presence*, Rhetoric Department, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, Benjamin Hassman (author/presenter/facilitator)

- 2024 **Dental College Graduate/Post-Graduate Fall Colloquium Series, *Speaking for any Audience***, College of Dentistry, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, Benjamin Hassman (author/co-presenter), Robert Peck (author/co-presenter)
- 2024 **3MT Workshop Series, *Speaking Confidently: Elevate Your Stage Presence and Practice Your Pitch***, Graduate College, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, Benjamin Hassman (author/co-presenter), Katlyn O'Shaughnessy (author/co-presenter), Kristy Hartsgrove Mooers (author/co-presenter)
- 2024 **Dental College Graduate/Post-Graduate Spring Colloquium Series, *Speaking for any Audience***, College of Dentistry, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, Benjamin Hassman (author/co-presenter), Robert Peck (author/co-presenter)
- 2023 **Dental College Graduate/Post-Graduate Fall Colloquium Series, *Speaking for any Audience***, College of Dentistry, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, Benjamin Hassman (author/co-presenter), Robert Peck (author/co-presenter)
- 2016-2023 **Multiple, *Rhetoric's Conversation Center***, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
- **Professional Development Practicum**, Rhetoric Department, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
 - **Working Internationally: Careers in Education, Translation and Cultural Exchange**, 2018, 2020, 2022
 - **Designing Your International Studies Major**, International Studies, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
 - **UI Grad Student Orientation**, Graduate College, 2022
 - **College of Education International Orientation**, College of Education 2022
 - **Fulbright Intensive Workshop** International Programs, University of Iowa, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
 - **Global Sport**, American Studies, 2019
 - **UI International Orientation**, International Student & Scholar Services, 2017, 2018, 2019
 - **UI Academic Advising** Pomerantz Career Center, 2017
 - **ESL Department Meeting**, English as a Second Language, 2017
 - **UISG Meeting**, 2017
 - **Student Success Team Meeting**, 2017
 - **UI International Recruiting**, International Recruiting, 2016
 - **ISSS Department Meeting**, International Student and Scholar Services, 2016

- 2022 **Honors Program Fellows**, *Local Experiential Learning*, Honors, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52245
- 2022 **Dental College Graduate/Post-Graduate Colloquium Series**, *Speaking for any Audience*, College of Dentistry, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, Benjamin Hassman (author/co-presenter), Robert Peck (author/co-presenter)
- 2022 **Communicating Professionally Graduate Workshop**, *Developing Expertise Communication*, College of Engineering, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, Benjamin Hassman (author/co-presenter), Katlyn O'Shaughnessy (author/co-presenter), Cassandra Bausman (author/co-presenter)
- 2022 **Rhetoric Promotion Workshop**: *ITF Promotion Discussion*, Rhetoric Department, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, Benjamin Hassman (author/presenter)
- 2019 **Building Global Community Workshop Series**, *ENGAGING UI INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: Lessons from 4,000 Peer Conversations*, International Programs, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, Benjamin Hassman (author/co-presenter), Sonja Mayrhofer (author/co-presenter), Justin Cox (author/co-presenter), Alexa Oleson (student presenter), Subbi Namakula (student presenter)
- 2019 **Rhetoric Colloquium Series**, *First-Year Courses qua Cultural Transition: Meeting Students Where They Are*, University of Iowa Department of Rhetoric, Iowa City, IA, Benjamin Hassman (author/presenter)
- 2019 **Symposium on Teaching & Learning**, *Pedagogy in Action: Question Roll*, Rhetoric Department, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, Benjamin Hassman (author/presenter)
- 2019 **INFORMS Student Chapter Meeting**, *Accessible Public Speaking*, INFORMS Student Chapter, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, Benjamin Hassman (author/presenter)
- 2018 **UIPDA Professional Development Series**, *Active Listening and Effective Body Language: Practice Makes Permanent*, University of Iowa Post-Doc Association, Iowa City, IA, Assistant Dean Jennifer

- Teitle (author/co-presenter), Benjamin Hassman (author/co-presenter)
- 2018 **State of the Center, *On the Ground***, Rhetoric's Conversation Center, Iowa City, IA, Benjamin Hassman (author/presenter)
- 2017 **UI Libraries Professional Development Series, *International Education at Iowa***, UI Libraries, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52245, Benjamin Hassman (panelist), Taivna Mills (panelist), Kristine Djerf (panelist), Erin Kuester (panelist), Brandon Paulson (moderator)
- 2017 **Rhetoric Colloquium Series, *Rhetoric Centers Panel***, Department of Rhetoric, Iowa City, IA, Carol Severino (panelist), Cinda Coggins-Mosher (panelist), Benjamin Hassman (panelist)
- 2017 **Recreation Leadership & Programming, *Effective Public Speaking***, Iowa City, IA, Cinda Coggins-Mosher (author/co-presenter), Benjamin Hassman (author/co-presenter)
- 2016 **Rhetoric Colloquium Series, *Towards the future for International Students in Rhetoric - A Roundtable Discussion of challenges and some successful strategies for engaging them***, Rhetoric Department, Iowa City, IA, Benjamin Hassman (panelist), Charles Williams (panelist), Dorothy Giannakouros (panelist), Matthew McBride (panelist).
- 2016 **UI Graduate College, *Preparing for the 3-Minute Thesis Competition and General Tips for Effective Speaking***, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, Benjamin Hassman (author/co-presenter), Dr. Cinda Coggins-Mosher (author/co-presenter)
- 2016 **World Canvass, *Higher Ed in the Age of Internationalization***, UI International Programs, Iowa City, IA, Benjamin Hassman (panel member)
- 2016 **Rhetoric Department Colloquium Series, *Pedagogical Horror Show***, Rhetoric Department, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, Benjamin Hassman (workshop moderator)
- 2015 **Southeast Junior High, *Critical Thinking and Issues of Identity***, Southeast Junior High, Iowa City, IA, Cinda-Coggins-Mosher (author/co-presenter), Benjamin Hassman (author/co-presenter);

Note: Presented three times

- 2015 **Southeast Junior High, *Dealing with Pressure***, Southeast Junior High, Iowa City, IA, Cinda-Coggins-Mosher (author/co-presenter), Benjamin Hassman (author/co-presenter)

Note: Presented four times

- 2015 **Hydroscience Professional Development, *Effective Public Speaking***, University of Iowa Hydroscience Engineers, Iowa City, IA, Benjamin Hassman (co-presenter), Cinda Coggins-Mosher (co-presenter), Breyan Neyland (co-presenter)

- 2015 **Professional Development Practicum, *Question Roll: Creating a Dialogic Classroom Community***, Rhetoric Department, Iowa City, IA, Benjamin Hassman (author/presenter)

- 2014 **Teaching Tradeshow, *Sending Course Content out into the Community***, Onondaga Community College, Syracuse, NY, Benjamin Hassman (author/presenter)

- 2014 **Teaching Tradeshow, *Blob Discussion and Question Roll***, Onondaga Community College, Syracuse, NY, Benjamin Hassman (author/presenter)

- 2013 **OCC Professional Development, *Service-Learning: From Idea to Reality***, Onondaga Community College, Syracuse, NY, Benjamin Hassman (author/presenter)

- 2013 **Assessment Day, *SUNY Gen Eds: Unified Suggested Performance Targets and Collective Reporting In the Humanities***, Onondaga Community College, Syracuse, NY, Benjamin Hassman (author/presenter)

Events

- 2016-2022 **Intercultural Social Hour**, the Conversation Center's open group English practice, in collaboration with the College of Education, held in the Baker Teacher-Leader Center; Sep 2022; Oct 2022; Nov 2017; Sep 2017; Apr 2017; Feb 2017; Dec 2016; Nov 2016; Oct 2016; Sep 2016

- 2021 **Citizen Diplomacy Workshop: Iowa Sister States, *Facilitated Conversations with Yamanashi Province, Japan***, Iowa Sister States, Online; Facilitators: Karla McCollum (facilitator), Benjamin

Hassman (facilitator), Sonja Mayrhofer (facilitator), Carolina Coronado-Park (facilitator), Hunter Andresen (student leader), Lauren Salloum (student leader), Holly Bennett (student leader), Erin Golden (student leader)

2021 **Citizen Diplomacy Workshop: Iowa Sister States, Facilitated Conversations with Hebei Province, China, Iowa Sister States, Online;**: Karla McCollum (facilitator), Benjamin Hassman (facilitator), Sonja Mayrhofer (facilitator), Carolina Coronado-Park (facilitator), Kelly Vu (student leader), & Erin Golden (student leader)

SERVICE

Department

2025-present Rhetoric/Communication Studies Re-org Committee
2021-present Department Consulting Group (DCG) Member
2021-present Promotion Committee Member:
-Dhruba Neupane 2024 (Chair)
-Joseph Steinitz 2023
-Anne Sand, 2022 (Chair)
-Cassandra Bausman, 2022
-Sonja Mayrhofer, 2021
2021-present Faculty Reviewer
2017-present Centers & Resources Committee Member

2022-2023 Rhetoric Department Complaints Officer
2021-22, & Centers & Resources Committee Chair
2018-20
2021-22, & Rhetoric Executive Committee Member
2018-20
2016-2017 Rhetoric Colloquia Committee Co-chair
2016-2017 Rhetoric Minor Committee Member
2016 Rhetoric Search Committee Member
2015-2016 Rhetoric Graduate Student Development Committee Member

College

2021-2024 Collegiate Consulting Group (CCG) Member: Review all ITF promotion cases in CLAS; lead discussion on ~50% for the other ITF and TT Faculty and collegiate Associate Deans; make promotion recommendations to the Dean;
2020-2024 CLAS Faculty Assembly Officer:
- Past Chair, 2023-2024 (includes time as Acting Secretary)

- Chair, 2022-2023 (first ITF to hold the position)
 - Vice-Chair, 2021-2022
 - Secretary, 2020-2021
 - Agenda Committee, 2020-2024
- 2022 CLAS Graduation Invited Platform Participant
- 2021 Collegiate Review Participant: Part of a group representing ITF to external collegiate reviewers
- 2021 Collegiate Review Participant: As a Faculty Assembly Officer representing all CLAS faculty to external collegiate reviewers
- 2019-2020 Policy RISE Work Group Member
- 2018-2019 General Education Spanish Advisory Committee Member

University

- 2025 Co-facilitator Provost's ITF Peer Mentoring Program, Fall
- 2025 Co-facilitator Provost's ITF Peer Mentoring Program, Spring
- 2021-present Honors Steering Committee Member
- 2019-present First-Year Seminar Advisory Board Member
- 2019-present First-Gen Task Force Member
- 2025 First-Gen Iowa Awards Selection Committee Member
- 2023-2024 Faculty Senate Childcare Task Force Member
- 2022-2024 Obermann Working Group Member:
Facilitating Difficult Dialogues
- 2016-2023 Conversation Center Director
- 2021-2022 Yamanashi Gakuin Consulting Group Member,
International Programs
- 2021 Obermann Center Humanities 3MT Judge
- 2021 Honors Director Search Committee Member
- 2020-2021 Equity and Inclusion in Academic Support Implementation
Team Member
- 2017-2020 Autism Committee Member
- 2018-2019 Global Expedition Conference Planning Committee Member
- 2018 Honors Scholarship Reviewer
- 2018 ISSS Presentation Evaluator
- 2016 Just Living Theme Semester Speaking Event
- 2016 Student Success Team Restroom Revolution Volunteer

Community

- 2024-present Mann BASP Board Member, Elected Officer 2025-present
- 2021-2023 International Women's Club-Conversation Center Liaison
- 2016-2023 Friendship-Community Project-Conversation Center Liaison
- 2022 Kirkwood ESL-Conversation Center Embedding Liaison
- 2018-2020 Iowa City Area Development Group International Welcoming
Task Force Member

Discipline

- 2026-present NAFSA Region IV Conference Planning Committee, Local Arrangements
- 2024-present NAFSA Region IV Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship Representative
- 2024-2025 Iowa NAFSA (International Educators) 2025 Conference Planning Committee Member

Media Contributions

- 2022** Magazine, Bindings: The University of Iowa Libraries Magazine, Regional *Leveraging library spaces: Faculty offer the Conversation Center to enrich students*, by Michelle Milldyke, p. 10 details the partnership between Rhetoric's Conversation Center and the UI Libraries
Link: https://issuu.com/uiowalibraries/docs/bindings_winter_2022
- 2022** Internet, UI International Programs, Regional *UI Staff recognized for diplomacy and connecting Iowa with the world*, by Ben Partridge, details the Robert D. Ray Service Awardees Ben Hassman & Russ Ganim
Link: <https://international.uiowa.edu/news/ui-staff-recognized-diplomacy-and-connecting-iowa-world>
- 2021** Magazine, UI Honors Newsletter, Local *Out of the Echo Chamber*, by Julia Fout, p. 19
Link: <https://honors.uiowa.edu/sites/honors.uiowa.edu/files/2022-01/fall%202021%20newsletter.pdf>
- 2021** Internet, UI Rhetoric Newsletter, Local *Revelations and Relationships: Conversation Practicum*, by Naudya Chuon, p.6
Link: <https://clas.uiowa.edu/rhetoric/sites/clas.uiowa.edu.rhetoric/files/Rhetoric%20Newsletter%20Issue%206.pdf>
- 2021** Internet, UI International Programs, Regional *Citizen Diplomacy and Cultural Exchange at Its Best*, by Amy Brewster, details the partnership between Iowa Sister States, a diplomatic non-profit, and the UI Conversation Center
Link: <https://international.uiowa.edu/news/citizen-diplomacy-and-cultural-exchange-its-best>
- 2021** Internet, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Regional *Benjamin Hassman, lecturer of Rhetoric, wins*

International Engagement Teaching Award

Link: <https://clas.uiowa.edu/news/benjamin-hassman-lecturer-rhetoric-wins-international-engagement-teaching-award>

- 2019** Internet, Inside Higher Ed, National
#DoesUIowaLoveMe - Minority students at the University of Iowa started a digital campaign to show how they feel their needs have been overlooked by administrators there. Interviewed for faculty perspective on the students' critique.
Link: <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2019/02/27/u-iowa-students-launch-digital-campaign-around-minority-issues-campus>
- 2019** Newspaper, Daily Iowan, Local:
UI Pharmacy College creates social hour, Interviewed for story about the College of Pharmacy's continued support of the Intercultural Social Hour co-developed by Ben Hassman (CC) and Vern Duba (College of Pharmacy)
Link: <https://dailyiowan.com/2019/01/30/ui-pharmacy-creates-social-hours-group/>
- 2018** Radio, MERGE Radio, KRUI Iowa City, Local
Heartland to Homeland, Appeared with Peer Leader on local radio focused on personalizing international stories to discuss the Conversation Center, and its work naturally spreading international stories through the UI student body.
- 2018** Magazine, UI Honors Newsletter, Local
Conversation Center: Tearing Down the Language Barrier, by Abi Paravasthuramesh
Link: <https://honors.uiowa.edu/sites/honors.uiowa.edu/files/2020-04/Spring%202018%20Newsletter.pdf>
- 2018** Internet, Little Village, State
Small Talk, Big Impact: The University of Iowa Conversation Center, by Paul Brennan
Link: <https://littlevillagemag.com/university-of-iowa-conversation-center/>
- 2018** Newspaper, Daily Iowan, Local
Community Conversations help non-native English speakers learn in relaxed environment, by Brooklyn Draisey,
Link: <https://dailyiowan.com/2018/04/04/community-conversations-help-non-native-english-speakers-learn-in-relaxed-environment/>
- 2018** TV, KCRG, State

Coverage of the Community Conversation, the Conversation Center's collaboration with local non-profits [MERGE](#) (part of ICAD) & [https://fcp-iowa.org/Friendship-Community Project](https://fcp-iowa.org/Friendship-Community-Project) (teaches ESL).

Link: <https://www.kcrg.com/content/news/UI-Students-immigrants-bridge-gap-with-community-conversation-478692093.html>

- 2017** Internet, IOWA Now, Regional
UI Conversation Center: From classroom idea to changing lives on campus, in community, by Emily Nelson
Link: <https://now.uiowa.edu/2017/12/ui-conversation-center-classroom-idea-changing-lives-campus-community>
- 2017** Internet, Chronicle of Higher Ed, National
How to Be Political In Class
- 2016** Internet, WorldCanvass, UI International Programs, National
Higher Education in the Age of Internationalization, hosted by Joan Kjaer
Link: <https://beta.prx.org/stories/192402>
- 2016** TV, DITV, Local
TV Spot Highlighting Rhetoric's Conversation Center
- 2016** Internet, UI International Programs, Local
Cultural Conversations: Center promotes interconnected student body, by Isabelle Senno
Link: <https://dailyiowan.com/2016/11/29/talking-across-perceived-borders-at-the-ui/>

Professional Development Activities

- 2022 *Faculty Council Administrative Retreat*, UI Faculty Senate
- 2021 *Implicit Bias Training for Search Committees*, UI Provost's Office
- 2020 *Anti-Racism and Inclusion Workshop*, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee, UI Rhetoric Department
- 2019 *Fostering Transformative Intercultural Learning*, NAFSA Region IV Conference,
By True North Intercultural
- 2019 *Harassment Prevention and Response for Academic Administrative Officers/Supervisors*, University of Iowa
- 2019 *BCG: Introduction to Building our Global Community*,
UI International Programs
- 2018 *Intercultural Communication in Practice Workshop*, NAFSA Region IV

2018 *BUILD: FOSTERING YOUR CQ FRAMEWORK*, University of Iowa

2017 *Beyond the Number: Foundations of Diversity & Inclusion*, UI Build