

Michael K. Middleton is an Associate Professor of Argumentation & Public Discourse and the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Communication at the University of Utah. Michael's research focuses on rhetoric, argumentation, public discourse, and cultural studies in the contexts of political advocacy and social movements. In addition, Michael has over 20 years of experience competing in and coaching competitive debate and public speaking where he has coached numerous students to the highest ranks of national and international competition. During that time, he has worked with Northern Arizona University, California State University- Long Beach, the University of Utah, and students from dozens of high schools throughout the country. Michael has also worked as a consultant for the International Debate Education Association, is Past President of the Western Forensics & Argumentation Association and the National Parliamentary Debate Association, and is Secretary of the International Forensics Association.