

Christine Clapp

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Qualifications

Speaking experience

Member of Toastmasters International 7/03-present

*Earned Distinguished Toastmaster Award, top educational distinction in June 2008

*Won highest level of organization's speech evaluation contest in May 2007

Debater at Willamette University 1/98-5/01

*Debated fact, value and policy topics at regional, national and international tournaments

Public speaking teaching experience

Lecturer at The George Washington University 9/03-present

*Teach one evening section of public speaking a semester to undergraduates

Trainer at International Debate Education Association Youth Forum in Estonia Summer 2004

*Taught high school debaters and coaches from newly democratized nations

Instructor at the University of Maryland, College Park 8/01-5/03

*Taught two sections of public speaking a semester to undergraduates

Congressional experience

Communications Director for a U.S. Congressman 8/05-8/08

*Developed and executed office communications strategy

*Provided messaging advice and feedback on speeches and interviews

*Wrote speeches, talking points, press releases, media advisories, statements, and opinion pieces

*Served as member's spokesperson during on-the-record interviews with reporters

Deputy Press Secretary for a U.S. Senator 5/04-8/05

*Drafted speeches, talking points, press releases, media advisories, statements, and opinion pieces

*Briefed senator for print, radio and television interviews

*Planned and executed press events

Press Assistant for a U.S. Senator 7/03-5/04

*Researched, arranged and staffed print, radio and television interviews

*Pitched press events and served as point of contact for journalists

Education

MA in Communication from the University of Maryland, College Park 8/01-5/03

*Specialization in rhetoric and American public address

BS in Rhetoric and Media Studies from Willamette University 8/97-5/01

*Magna Cum Laude

*Phi Beta Kappa