

# HSS SCHOLAR

School of Humanities and Social Sciences

## Katie Lydon



**Department:**

Communication

**Major:** Corporate &

Organizational Communication

**Minor:** Environmental Studies

**Educational highlights:** My decision to attend the College of Charleston was largely based on falling in love with Charleston when I visited as a kid. Upon arrival, I discovered the College was full of friendly fellow students, passionate professors, and fascinating classes. The Student Government Association quickly caught my eye, and I served as a Senator my entire time at the college, becoming Chairperson of the Public Relations Committee my final year at the College. I also joined the Forensics Team and learned much through traveling to many different colleges performing speeches. I will always remember my three years at College of Charleston as some of the best of my life.

**Research focus or project:** Under the supervision of Dr. Bethany Goodier, I undertook an intensive ethnographic research project involving six months of participant observation in disadvantaged mountain communities in West Virginia and Kentucky. My paper explores the jointly constructed concepts of “Family and Identity in Central Appalachia.”

**Future plans:** I will start at the University of Virginia School of Law next fall, where I plan to focus on Environmental Law or Human Rights Law.

