

# COLLEGE *of* CHARLESTON

## SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

*HSS Scholar*

# David Clare

DEPARTMENT: Communication

MAJOR: Communication

MINOR: Russian Studies

**Educational Highlights:** I have been an Honors College student my entire time here at the College of Charleston, and I will graduate *cum laude*. My other notable accomplishments include taking a graduate level course in the Communication Department with Dr. Jenifer Kopfman and completing an independent study with Dr. Robert Westerfelhaus on the semiotic theories of Umberto Eco, a philosopher and author. Also, I have been a member of Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity and Golden Key International Honour Society.

**Research Focus or Project:** My work with Dr. Merissa Ferrara in the Communication Department included completing a SURF grant where I studied family communication patterns and secret-keeping by children in families. Earlier this year, a paper resulting from this project won top paper honors at the Southern States Communication Association, Southern Forensic Division, and was presented in Norfolk, Va. The last component of my partnership with Dr. Ferrara will conclude with my bachelor's essay on family communication pattern co-orientation in families.

**Future Plans:** This fall I will pursue a master's degree/PhD in communication sciences at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan and will take on a graduate assistantship which will include teaching and research.



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