

Summer Debate Workshop Staff



Baylor has assembled an amazing staff of instructors for the 2023 summer workshops. Faculty lecturers have had success at the highest levels of high school and college debate competition. The instructors for the workshop include:

RICH EDWARDS, PH.D.

Workshop Director
Professor of Communication at Baylor University
Coached 25 years at the University of Iowa, Georgia State University, and Baylor University
Former director of the Summer Debate Workshop at Northwestern University
Author of the Policy Debate Quarterly, including the volume on the current national policy topic
Former president of the American Forensic Association
Director of the 6A UIL State Tournament in Policy Debate for the past two decades
Director of the UIL State Tournament in Lincoln-Douglas Debate
Co-director of computer tabulation at NSDA Nationals 2004-2019
Director of computer tabulation at TFA State for LD and Policy Debate 1999-2019

Author of Competitive Debate: The Official Guide
Member of the National Federation of High Schools Hall of Fame
Member of the Texas Forensic Association Hall of Fame
Member of the NSDA Hall of Fame

RORY MCKENZIE

Policy Debate Workshop Director
Former UIL State Champion and top speaker in policy debate
Debate coach at Lindale High School
Coached four consecutive 5A UIL state champions in policy debate, three other silver or bronze medalists, and six other state medalists.
Coached the 2018 TFA state champions

NOAH RECKER

Director of the Baylor Lincoln-Douglas Workshop
Former President of the Texas Forensic Association
Coach at LaVernia High School for past 16 years
Coached 4 UIL State Champions and multiple state medalists
Member of the UIL LD Topic Advisory Committee

ALY MITHANI

Head policy debate coach at Hendrickson High School in Pflugerville, TX.
His CX teams have won back-to-back UIL 6A state championships, including a first and second place finish in 2019
Coached CX teams have in deep elimination rounds at national debate tournaments

JANA RIGGINS

Teacher's Workshop Director
State Director of Speech and Debate for the University Interscholastic League
Administers the state championship tournaments for all speech, debate and congress events
Prior to becoming UIL speech and debate director, coached speech and debate for 21 years
Selected as Texas Speech Teacher of the Year
One of 42 educators in Texas to be named a "Master Teacher"
Currently serves as chair of the National Federation of High Schools Speech, Debate, and Theatre Committee

LAURA BAXTER

Director of the women's dormitory

KEITH HANEY

Director of the men's dormitory

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Baylor University serves more than 18,000 students, who come from all 50 states and more than 95 countries.

Chartered by the Republic of Texas in 1845, Baylor University is the oldest university in continuous service in Texas. The 1,000-acre historic campus is located on the banks of the Brazos River in Waco, Texas, a metropolitan area of more than 245,000 people.

The Policy Debate Workshop July 14-20

The Baylor Policy Debate Workshop emphasizes research and skill development on the National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) policy debate resolution for the upcoming season.

Register online at baylor.edu/debateworkshop

- Labs and lectures are offered on the novice, intermediate and championship levels.
- Lectures are given by an outstanding staff of experienced debate coaches and debaters who have decades of experience in the debate activity.
- Baylor's low student-faculty ratio (10:1) allows the opportunity for extensive one-on-one interaction with one of the most outstanding teaching faculties of any summer workshop.
- Students at the workshop can research in Baylor's world-class library and have easy access to the best electronic research available. In addition, students will receive complimentary access to AirBear, the University's WiFi network, for conducting wireless research and for paperless debate practice.
- Intensive practice sessions equip students with the experience necessary to improve their in-round debating skills.



The Lincoln-Douglas Debate Workshop July 14-20



Baylor has created a format unique for teaching value debating to high school students. The Lincoln-Douglas section will be an independent workshop, featuring instruction in philosophy, value debate strategy and tactics, persuasion and public speaking skills.

Register online at baylor.edu/debateworkshop

- Classes are offered for students at all levels of experience.
- Special instruction will be offered in researching value propositions.
- Special emphasis will be placed upon developing arguments useful to the proposed Lincoln-Douglas topics for the upcoming year.
- All students will receive extensive one-on-one interaction with one of the most outstanding teaching faculties of any summer workshop.
- Intensive practice sessions will provide the experience necessary to improve in-round debating skills.

Teacher's Debate Workshop July 14-20

Preparation for coaching policy, Lincoln-Douglas and individual events at the high school level, with emphasis on Texas University Interscholastic League (UIL) events.

Cost: \$675, which includes room and board. To apply for the Teacher's Debate Workshop, contact Dr. Rich Edwards by emailing Richard_Edwards@baylor.edu.

Cost

Teacher's Debate Workshop	\$675
Policy Debate Workshop	\$975
Lincoln-Douglas Debate Workshop	\$975

Registration fee includes room and board. Register online at baylor.edu/debateworkshop. Discounted rates for commuter students are available through the online registration portal.

The registration fee covers all costs of the workshop. There are NO hidden lab fees. The cost of these workshops is one of the lowest of any national workshop.

Your registration fee also includes a copy of Baylor Briefs and the National Debate Handbook (for Policy Debate Workshop attendees) or the Value Debate Handbook (for Lincoln-Douglas Debate Workshop attendees).

For More Info

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