Ph.D. in Communication
Program Overview

- Prepares students to be researchers and future faculty in Communication

- Students complete:
  - 54 credits
  - Comprehensive examination
  - Dissertation

- Assessment based on
  - portfolio of research, teaching, and service
Need for Program

- National and state shortage of doctorally qualified Communication faculty

- Provides option for students in the Milwaukee community to get Ph.D. in SE Wisconsin
Program Focus

- Study of the practical consequences of communicative action:
  - The effect of communication on organizational goals and structure.
  - The processes of interpersonal communication and conflict resolution.
  - The conduct of public policy discussion
Program Strengths

- Strong research focus
  - Faculty research on community issues, AIDS, teen pregnancy, school violence, employer-employee relations, health care
  - Collaborative research with community organizations

- Online and in-class teaching experience for all full time students

- Faculty
  - Distinguished research and scholarship
  - Award winning teaching
  - Engagement in community based research
Diversity

- Departmental history of success in attracting and graduating students of color:
  - 14% of BA degrees earned by students of color
  - 17% of MA degrees earned by students of color
- Diversity focus in curriculum and research
- Increase supply of diverse graduates for state institutions
Questions?