Baylor has assembled an amazing staff of instructors for the 2022 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  
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  
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 6A UIL state champions in policy debate, three other silver or bronze medalists, and six other state medalists.  
Coached the 2018 TFA state champions  
MELISSA WITT  
Lincoln-Douglas Debate Workshop Director  
Speech/debate coach for 20 years at Alek, Hastings, Lubbock Coronado, Hallettville, Dimmitt, and Hereford High Schools  
Coached Texas state champions in UIL Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Informative & Persuasive Speaking  
Coached national finalists and semifinalists in Extemp, Congressional Debate, Poetry and Oratory  
Served on various UIL & TFA committees, including the UIL LD Topic Committee and the National Federation of High Schools CX Topic Selection Committee  
Alymithani  
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
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 17-23*

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.

**Teacher’s Debate Workshop**

*July 17-23*

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

Cost: $650, which includes room and board. To apply for the Teacher’s Debate Workshop, contact Dr. Rich Edwards by emailing Richard_Edwards@baylor.edu.

**The Lincoln-Douglas Debate Workshop**

*July 17-23*

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.

**Cost**

- Teacher’s Debate Workshop $650
- Policy Debate Workshop $950
- Lincoln-Douglas Debate Workshop $950

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).

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