



GRADUATE COLLEGE

**Melanie Morgan, Ph.D., Associate Dean, Graduate School and Professor, Communication
Purdue University**

Interview: Arrive on Sunday, March 3 through Tuesday, March 5

Campus Forum: Monday, March 4, 3:30 – 4:30 PM, Room 170, DWR
Architecture Building

Reception: Immediately following in gallery

Dr. Melanie Morgan is an Associate Dean in the Graduate School at Purdue University and a Professor in the Brian Lamb School of Communication. As Associate Dean, Dr. Morgan oversees a staff of 20 full-time employees across several areas within the graduate school: Admissions, Graduate Student Records, Thesis and Dissertations, Graduate Program Office, The Fellowship Office, and Professional Development. Dr. Morgan has received multiple grants from the Council of Graduate Schools to study the career paths of doctoral students and their career preparation. She has led a campus-wide initiative to study the effectiveness of graduate student mentoring relationships across campus. This led to the implementation of a mentoring fellow program in the academic colleges across the Purdue system.

Dr. Morgan's accomplishments have been recognized at Purdue, in the Big 10 Academic Alliance, and nationally. Prior to her current role, Dr. Morgan designed and directed two of Purdue's largest multi-section general education courses in Oral Communication and Science Presentation and Writing that served over 5,000 students annually and was instructed by 100+ graduate students and lecturers. This program received the Program of Distinction Award from the National Communication Association. Additionally, Dr. Morgan has been an early developer and advocate for innovative instructional design, played a key role in collaborating with external partners such as EdX and FutureLearn to translate university curriculum to broader audiences, and led the development of Purdue's first fully online graduate certificate in Strategic Communication Management.

Dr. Morgan has been honored with Purdue's highest teaching award, the Charles B. Murphy Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award. She is a fellow of Purdue's Teaching Academy and a recipient of the National Communication Association's Don Yoder Outstanding Faculty Award. Dr. Morgan was a 2020-2021 Fellow in the [Big Ten Academic Alliance Leadership Program](#).

Dr. Morgan received her Ph.D. in Communication and a Certificate in Social Gerontology from the University of Kansas. Dr. Morgan's research interests and publications focus on the production of complex messages, communication and aging, science communication, and graduate student mentoring. She is also co-author of the book *Presentations That Matter*.