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Dr. Taricani, Associate Professor in Communication Arts and Sciences at the Pennsylvania State University, joined the faculty in 2000. Ellen has a variety of degrees in many different areas such as Management Information Systems and Marketing. She received her Ph.D. in Instructional Systems specializing in learning environments and cognitive structures with a supporting field of communication. To learn more about technology, she worked as a programmer and a computer consultant. This opened many opportunities and connections. She has also taught graduate courses in education at George Mason University. Dr. Taricani has been teaching at Penn State for the past 20 years in a variety of courses. Current courses of study have included Geospatial Intelligence and Homeland Security.

Past and present professional service includes Board of Directors of the American Communication Association; President of the American Communication Association. She has served on the EdMedia Executive Committee since 2016. Taricani has served as a peer-reviewer and referee for *The American Communication Journal*, the *Media Psychology Journal*, the *Journal of Applied Communication*, and the *Journal of Computing in Higher Education*.

This past summer (2018), she was the Keynote presenter at European Association of Technology Enhanced Learning (EATEL) in Albania. She regularly attends national and international conferences to make research presentations. Other areas of interest in teaching include: group communication, team building, communication and technology issues, and social media impact.

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“May He give you the desires of your heart, and make all your plans succeed.” --Psalms 20: 4.