Traded one passion for another which led me to leave Michigan State University to become the Higher Education Evangelist at LinkedIn. Did it one more time moving from LinkedIn to become the Network Catalyst for Techstars, which supports the world’s most promising entrepreneurs throughout their lifelong journey, from inspiration to IPO. I have a thing for cool work titles. I also believe "changing the world" can be more than hyperbole. Building relationships and connecting people with opportunity are at my core. I rely heavily on online and offline networks to facilitate each. I am young, smart and global at heart, MSU by passion and driven by nature. I've presented at over 100 conferences in 16 countries, helped build the suite of Higher Education products for LinkedIn and am currently working to build the largest entrepreneurial network in the world.

**Talk Title:**
A Magical Rhetorical Ride Around LinkedIn, Millennial Entrepreneurs, Talent and How It's All Intertwined

**Description:**
Story telling, anecdotes and hard facts will combine to showcase how tools, talent and timing are leading to an incredible change in how young talent navigates professional pathways. Learn how LinkedIn has become the roadmap, an infusion of entrepreneurial thought process in the classroom, the workforce and cities has changed skill sets and how recruitment of this talent is a short term play.