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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Communication Arts, University of Wisconsin, Madison, November 2009.

Dissertation: “The Art of Popular Statement: William James and the Rhetoric of the Public Intellectual.” Advisor: Stephen E. Lucas.

Master of Arts, Communication, Texas A & M University, August 2004.

Thesis: “A Moment in the Pragmatic Political Style: The Rhetoric of Louis D. Brandeis.” Advisor: James Arnt Aune.

Bachelor of Arts, Communication Arts & Sciences and Philosophy, Calvin College, May 2002.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Chair, Department of Communication Studies, Vanderbilt University, July 2018–Present.
Affiliated Faculty: Communication of Science and Technology, July 2018–Present;
American Studies, September 2015–Present.

Associate Professor, Department of Communication Studies, Vanderbilt University, July 2016–Present.
Affiliated Faculty: American Studies, September 2015–Present.

Assistant Professor, Department of Communication Studies, Vanderbilt University, July 2009–2016.

HONORS & AWARDS

Jeffrey Nordhaus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, College of Arts & Science, Vanderbilt University, 2013.

University Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Fall 2008.

Graduate Teaching Award, Department of Communication Arts, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2008.

Vilas Travel Grant, Graduate Student Collaborative, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2007.

Pearce Research Award in Rhetoric, Department of Communication Arts, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2007.

Top Competitive Paper Award, “*Chisholm v. Georgia* and the Rhetoric of Representation,” Communication and Law Division, National Communication Association, San Antonio, 2006.

Helen K. Herman Memorial Fund Scholarship, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2006.

DeKruyter Graduate Scholar in Communication, Calvin College, 2005.

First Year McCarty Scholarship Award, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2004.

Presidential Fellowship, Texas A&M University, 2002.

RESEARCH

Books

William James & the Art of Popular Statement. East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, 2013.

- Review: Joseph Rhodes, *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 18.4 (2015): 735–737.
- Review: Michael R. Slater, *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* 51.2 (2015): 271–275.
- Review: Scott R. Stroud, *Rhetoric Society Quarterly* 45.1 (2015): 87–90.
- Review: Robert Danisch, *Philosophy and Rhetoric* 47.3 (2014): 341–345.

- Review: Nathan Crick and Andrew Jones, *Quarterly Journal of Speech* 100.2 (2014): 267–271.
- Review: Ermine L. Algaier, *William James Studies* 10 (2013): 1–4.

Edited Volumes

Thinking Together: Lecturing, Learning, and Difference in the Long Nineteenth Century (edited with Angela G. Ray). University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2018.

Articles in Refereed Journals

“Black Hands Push Back: Reconsidering the Rhetoric of Booker T. Washington,” *Quarterly Journal of Speech* 104, no. 2 (2018): 145–165.

“Jeannette Rankin’s Democratic Errand to Washington,” *Advances in the History of Rhetoric* 20, no. 1 (2017): 86–98.

“Science, Religion, and the Rhetoric of Revelation: The Case of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship,” *Journal of Communication & Religion* 39, no. 1 (2016): 46–64.

“Sacred Symbols, Public Memory, and the Great Agnostic: Robert Ingersoll Remembers the Civil War,” *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 19, no. 2 (2016): 275–306.

“The Rhetoric of Individualism and the Creation of Community: A View from William James’s ‘The Will to Believe,’” *Rhetoric Society Quarterly* 44, no. 1 (2014): 25–45.

“James Arnt Aune, Master Rhetorician” (with William Keith), *Argumentation & Advocacy* 50, no. 4 (2014): 281–283. (*Invited essay in honor of deceased colleague and mentor.*)

“Religious Conflict and Intellectual Agency: Robert Ingersoll’s Contributions to American Thought and Culture,” *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 16, no. 4 (2013): 719–751.

“No Safe Space: James Arnt Aune and the Controversial Classroom,” *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 16, no. 3 (2013): 555–565. (*Invited essay in honor of deceased colleague and mentor.*)

“Lonely Courage, Commemorative Confrontation, and Communal Therapy: William James Remembers the Massachusetts 54th,” *Quarterly Journal of Speech* 98, no. 3 (2012): 249–271.

“Pragmatism, Experience, and William James’s Politics of Blindness,” *Philosophy & Rhetoric* 44, no. 3 (2011): 227–249.

“Louis Brandeis and the Rhetoric of Transactional Morality,” *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 14, no. 2 (2011): 261–290.

“‘Terministic Screens,’ Social Constructionism, and the Language of Experience: Kenneth Burke’s Utilization of William James,” *Philosophy & Rhetoric* 41, no. 2 (2008): 130–152.

“*Chisholm v. Georgia* and the Question of the Judiciary in the Early Republic,” *Argumentation & Advocacy* 42, no. 3 (2006): 127–142.

“Kenneth Burke, John Dewey, and the Pursuit of the Public,” *Philosophy & Rhetoric* 38, no. 3 (2005): 226–247.

Book Chapters

“Minister of Democracy: John Dewey, Religious Rhetoric, and the Great Community,” in *Trained Capacities: John Dewey, Rhetoric, and Democratic Culture*, ed. Brian Jackson and Gregory Clark (Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2014), 65–83.

“William James’s ‘True American Theory’: *The Varieties of Religious Experience* and Transatlantic Intellectual Culture,” in *The Cosmopolitan Lyceum: Lecture Culture and the Globe in Nineteenth-Century America*, ed. Thomas Wright (Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 2013), 130–148.

“Jerry Falwell” (with Charles Conrad), in *American Voices: An Encyclopedia of Contemporary Orators*, ed. Bernard K. Duffy and Richard W. Leeman (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 2005), 149–155.

Book Reviews

Review of *The Keys of Power: The Rhetoric and Politics of Transcendentalism*, by Nathan Crick, *Advances in the History of Rhetoric* 21, no. 2 (2018): 210–212.

Review of *Populism’s Power*, by Laura Grattan, *Political Science Quarterly* 312, no. 2 (2017): 367–369.

Review of *Superchurch: The Rhetoric and Politics of American Fundamentalism*, by Jonathan J. Edwards. *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 19, no. 4 (2016): 693–696.

Review of *William James and the Quest for an Ethical Republic*, by Trygve Throntveit, *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* 15, no. 1 (2016): 109–111.

Review of *Talk Like TED: The 9 Public-Speaking Secrets of the World's Top Minds*, by Carmine Gallo, *Quarterly Journal of Speech* 101, no. 1 (2015): 311–314.

Review of *Making the Case: Advocacy and Judgment in Public Argument*, ed. Kathryn M. Olson, Michael William Pfau, Benjamin Ponder, and Kirt H. Wilson, *Quarterly Journal of Speech* 100, no. 4 (2014): 507–511.

Review of *Pragmatist Politics: Making the Case for Liberal Democracy*, by John McGowan, *KB Journal* 9, no. 1 (2013) <<http://www.kbjournal.org/review-pragmatist-politics-john-mcgowan>>.

Review of *John Dewey and the Artful Life: Pragmatism, Aesthetics, and Morality*, by Scott R. Stroud, *Philosophy & Rhetoric* 46, no. 3 (2013): 360–366.

Review of *Democracy and Rhetoric: John Dewey on the Arts of Becoming*, by Nathan Crick, *Quarterly Journal of Speech* 97, no. 2 (2011): 249–252.

Review of *The Responsibilities of Rhetoric*, ed. Michelle Smith and Barbara Warnick, *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 13, no. 3 (2010): 528–530.

Review of *Five Chapters on Rhetoric: Character, Action, Things, Nothing, and Art*, by Michael S. Kochin, *Philosophy & Rhetoric* 43, no. 3 (2010): 284–288.

Working Papers and Books

Knowledge, Power, and the People: Intellectual Populism in the Gilded Age and Progressive Era.

This book project explores various intellectuals in the Gilded Age and Progressive Era who tried to resist the professionalization of inquiry by giving ordinary people agency in the pursuit and production of knowledge.

Grants and Fellowships

Research Fellow, Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University, 2014–2015.

Research Fellowship, Mary Baker Eddy Library, Boston, Massachusetts, Summer 2013, \$2,800 for four weeks.

Junior Faculty Teaching Fellowship, Center for Teaching, Vanderbilt University, 2011–2012.

Invited Presentations

- “Black Hands Push Back: Reconsidering the Rhetoric of Booker T. Washington,” Department of Communication, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, March 15, 2017.
- “Intellectual Populism, Academic Professionalism, and the Case of the Breadwinner’s College,” Department of Communication, University of Minnesota, Duluth, February 18, 2016.
- “Placing Within the Hands: Booker T. Washington’s Rhetoric of Work,” Department of Communication, University of Illinois, January 22, 2016.
- “Inquiry as Populist Politics: The Case of Thomas Davidson and the Breadwinner’s College,” Institute for Collaborative Research in the Humanities, Queen’s University, Belfast, Northern Ireland, February 27, 2015.
- “Inquiry as Populist Politics: The Case of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship,” Department of Communication Studies, University of Kansas, February 11, 2015.
- “Pragmatism as Populist Philosophy: William James & the Creation of a More Democratic Community of Thought,” Department of Communication Studies, University of Texas-Austin, April 13, 2012.
- “A Conversation with Paul Stob,” *Vibrant Voices of Public Address* 1, no. 4 (April 2012), online at <<http://blog.umd.edu/ncapublicaddress/vibrant-voices-of-public-address/vibrant-voices-of-public-address-volume-1-no-4/>>.

Conference Presentations

- “Considering Joseph Emerson Brown’s ‘Against the Woman Suffrage Amendment,’ Delivered in the Senate, January 25, 1887,” Southern States Communication Association, Greenville, South Carolina, April 7, 2017.
- “Placing Within the Hands: Booker T. Washington’s Rhetoric of Work,” National Communication Association, Philadelphia, November 2016.
- “Spirits on Stage: The Performance of Space in the Trance Lectures of Cora Scott,” National Communication Association, Philadelphia, November 2016.
- “Reconfiguring Rhetorical Education in Industrial America: The Case of the Breadwinner’s College,” Rhetoric Society of America, Atlanta, May 2016.

- “The Role of Popular Audiences in the Development of American Pragmatism,” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Portland, March 2016.
- “Pragmatism as Pedagogy: Rhetoric and Community in the Breadwinner’s College,” National Communication Association, Las Vegas, November 2015.
- “The Rhetorical Geography of Knowledge: Thomas Davidson’s Search for Style, Space, and Insight,” National Communication Association, Chicago, November 2014.
- “Communication and Pragmatism, 100 Years Later,” National Communication Association, Chicago, November 2014.
- “The Rhetoric of Revelation in Early Christian Science,” Rhetoric Society of America, San Antonio, Texas, May 2014.
- “Robert Ingersoll’s Visions of War: Religion, Memory, and the Great Agnostic,” Public Address Division, National Communication Association, Washington, D.C., 2013.
- “Democratic Jesters and Constructed Courts: The Case of Robert G. Ingersoll,” Plenary Session, USC Conference on Rhetorical Theory, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina, October 2013.
- “John Fiske’s Rhetoric of Faith: Pragmatism, Religion, and Democratic Inquiry in American Lecture Halls,” to be presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Orlando, November 2012.
- “Religious Challenge and Democratic Inquiry: The Significance of Robert Ingersoll in American Thought and Culture,” Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Conference, Philadelphia, May 2012.
- “Reframing Religion on the Eve of War: John Dewey and the Gospel of Democracy,” Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Conference, Philadelphia, May 2012.
- “The Popular and Professional Voice of American Pragmatism: Thoughts from William James’s ‘Philosophical Conceptions and Practical Results,’” Philosophy of Communication Division, National Communication Association, New Orleans, 2011.
- “Strategies of Intellectual Public Address: William James Remembers the Massachusetts 54th,” Public Address Division, National Communication Association, New Orleans, 2011.
- “Thoughts on Publicity,” Plenary Session, USC Conference on Rhetorical Theory, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina, October 2011.

- “William James’s ‘True American Theory’: The Varieties of Religious Experience and Transatlantic Intellectual Culture,” The Cosmopolitan Lyceum: Globalism & Lecture Culture in Nineteenth-Century America, American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Massachusetts, September 2011.
- “Intellectual Populism in *The Varieties of Religious Experience*,” Rhetoric & Communication Theory Division, National Communication Association, San Francisco, November 2010.
- “The Romantic Origins of a Public Intellectual,” William James Society Symposium, Chocorua, New Hampshire & Cambridge, Massachusetts, August 2010.
- “The Significance of James’s *Pragmatism* for the Study of Rhetoric,” Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Conference, Minneapolis, May 2010.
- “A Rhetorical Take on Intellectual History and the Study of the Public Intellectual,” Rhetoric & Communication Theory Division, National Communication Association, Chicago, November 2009.
- “William James and *Pragmatism, Democracy, and the Necessity of Rhetoric*,” American Society for the History of Rhetoric, National Communication Association, San Diego, November 2008.
- “The Rhetorical Function of the Appeal to Experience: Thoughts from the Work of William James,” Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division, National Communication Association, San Diego, November 2008.
- “Epideictic Rhetoric as Séance: William James’s Commemoration of Ralph Waldo Emerson,” Rhetorical Society of America Biennial Conference, Seattle, May 2008.
- “Louis Brandeis and the Moral Voice of the Progressive Era,” Public Address Division, National Communication Association, Chicago, November 2007.
- “William James and Kenneth Burke’s Rhetorical Connection: The Jamesian Voice in ‘Terministic Screens,’” Kenneth Burke Society, National Communication Association, Chicago, November 2007.
- “*Chisholm v. Georgia* and the Rhetoric of Representation,” Communication and Law Division, National Communication Association, San Antonio, November 2006.
- “On Rhetorical Judgment: Models of Critical Assessment,” Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division, National Communication Association, San Antonio, November 2006.
- “The Faith Behind Pragmatism from James to Rorty,” Religious Communication Association, National Communication Association, Boston, November 2005.

“Rhetoric, Agency, and the Pullman Strike: George Pullman, Eugene Debs, and Grover Cleveland’s Rhetorical Battle,” Public Address Division, National Communication Association, Boston, November 2005.

“On the Very Idea of Inciting Speech: Holmes, Brandeis, and the Inadequacies of *Brandenburg*,” Alta Conference on Argumentation, Alta, Utah, July 2005.

“Linguistic Participation in the Public Sphere: John Dewey, Kenneth Burke, and the Culture of Modernism,” Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division, National Communication Association, Chicago, November 2004.

“William James on the American Political Experience in the Philippines: His Philosophy and His Rhetoric,” American Society for the History of Rhetoric, National Communication Association, Chicago, November 2004.

TEACHING

New Courses Introduced

Communication Studies 229: The Rhetoric of U.S. Religion.

Communication Studies 294: Special Topics: The Rhetoric of U.S. Intellectuals.

Courses Taught

Communication Studies 100: Fundamentals of Public Speaking.

Communication Studies 210: Rhetoric & Civic Life.

Communication Studies 220: Rhetoric of the American Experience, 1640–1865.

Communication Studies 221: Rhetoric of the American Experience, 1865–1945.

Communication Studies 222: The Rhetorical Tradition.

Communication Studies 224: The Rhetoric of Social Movements.

SERVICE

To Department

Chair, 2018–Present.

Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2014–Present.

Master of Ceremonies, Franklin K. Houston Public Speaking Contest, 2011, Fall 2013–Present.

Faculty Advisor, Lambda Pi Eta (CMST Honors Society), 2013–Present.

Member, CMST 102 Course Development Committee, Fall 2013.

Member, Assessment Committee, Argumentative Writing, Spring 2012.

Member, Committee Appointed to Revise Assessment Rubric, Fall 2011.

Member, Assessment Committee, Oral Communication/Argumentation, Spring 2011.

Representative, College of Arts & Science Majors Fair, Fall 2010, Fall 2011.

Coordinator, Vanderbilt Faculty-Staff Campaign, 2011.

Library Liaison, Department of Communication Studies, 2010–2015.

Member, Committee Appointed to Revise *Guidelines for Teaching CMST 100: Public Speaking*, Fall 2009.

Coordinator, Vanderbilt Community Giving Campaign, Fall 2009.

To University

MOSAIC Seminar for Incoming Students, Office of Undergraduate Admissions, 2016–2018.

Administrative Committee Member, College of Arts & Science, 2014–2018.

Advisory Committee, TEDx Vanderbilt, 2015–2018.

Faculty Marshal, Vanderbilt Graduation Ceremony, May 2012–Present.

Participant, Academic Night, Vanderbilt Commons, August 2010–2016.

To Profession

Treasurer, William James Society, 2017–Present.

Editorial Board Member, *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, 2016–Present.

Editorial Board Member, Rhetoric & Public Affairs Book Series, Michigan State University Press, 2015–Present.

Organizer (with Angela Ray), “Popular Knowledge, Public Stage: Cultures of Lecturing and Learning in the Long Nineteenth Century,” Alexandria, Virginia, September 24–26, 2015.

Editorial Board Member, *Advances in the History of Rhetoric*, 2015–Present.

Webmaster, American Society for the History of Rhetoric, 2015–Present.

Steering Committee Member, American Society for the History of Rhetoric, 2014–Present.

Editorial Board Member, *Rhetoric & Public Affairs*, 2014–Present.

Editorial Board Member, *Southern Communication Journal*, 2010–2017.

Nominating Committee Chair, Public Address Division, National Communication Association, 2012.

Dissertation Award Committee, Rhetoric Society of America, 2012.

Book Manuscript Reviewer, Lexington Books, Michigan State University Press.

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Rhetoric & Public Affairs*, *Southern Communication Journal*, *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, *Rhetoric Society Quarterly*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Critical Research on Religion*.

Reviewer for Paper/Panel Submissions: Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division, National Communication Association; Public Address Division, National Communication Association; Communication & Law Division, National Communication Association.

Nominating Committee, Public Address Division, National Communication Association, 2010.

Web Development Committee, Rhetoric Society of America, 2004–2007.

Website Development, The Blogora, Rhetoric Society of America and the Computer Writing and Research Lab, University of Texas, Austin, 2004–2007.

Webmaster and Editor, PresidentialRhetoric.com, 2002–Present.