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## **EDUCATION**

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- PhD. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Communication: 2015  
Dissertation Committee: John M. Murphy (Chair and Advisor), Cara A. Finnegan, Ned O’Gorman, Jennifer A. Greenhill (Art History), and Pat Gill (Gender and Women’s Studies)
- M.A. University of Georgia, Speech Communication: 2009  
Advisor: Edward Panetta
- B.A. University of Florida, Major: English; Minor: Business Administration: 2007  
Notable Honors: *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

## **CURRENT POSITION**

Senior Lecturer and Director of Internships, Vanderbilt University, Department of Communication Studies

## **PUBLICATIONS/CURRENT WORK**

- Travers, Courtney Caudle. “Jacqueline Kennedy and Cosmopolitan Style: The First Lady, Visual Rhetoric, and Rhetorical Investiture.” Under Review at *Quarterly Journal of Speech*.
- Travers, Courtney Caudle. “Fashioning the Nation: The Rhetorical First Lady, Postwar National Identity, and Michelle Obama.” *In progress*.
- Carpenter, Ronald H., and Courtney Caudle Travers. “When ‘Surge’ Signifies Rapid Increases of American Combatants Sent to Foreign Warfare: Classical *Enargia* for Contemporary Metaphor.” *Style* 47.3 (Fall 2013): 316-333.

## **TEACHING/ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

Senior Lecturer and Director of Internships, Vanderbilt University, August 2016-present

Postdoctoral Fellow and Lecturer, Vanderbilt University, August 2015—August 2016

Assistant Course Director, Oral and Written Communication: CMN 111&112, Grace Giorgio (Course Director), University of Illinois, August 2011-May 2012

- Assisted Course Director with coordination of new instructor orientation
- Aided planning and leadership of staff meetings
- Mentored new instructors and executed management duties as necessary

Teaching Assistant (Instructor of Record), University of Illinois, August 2009-August 2012

- Courses taught:
  - CMN396: Films About Suburbia
  - CMN111-112: Introduction to Oral and Written Communication

Teaching Assistant, American Public Address: COMM2200, under John Murphy (Instructor), University of Georgia, January 2008-May 2008

- Performed teaching duties including lecturing, grading, and administrative tasks as necessary

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

Commons Seminar: Twentieth and Twenty-First Century Visual Rhetoric (Spring 2017)

Organizational and Managerial Communication (current)

Introduction to Communication Studies

Rhetoric in Civic Life

Cultural Rhetorics of Film

Fundamentals of Public Speaking

Introduction to Communication (online)

Introduction to Oral and Written Communication

(Teaching Assistant) Rhetoric and Society: American Public Address

## **TEACHING HONORS/CERTIFICATIONS**

Instructor, Commons Seminar, Vanderbilt University, Spring 2017

- One-credit analytical course serving freshman students; course selected competitively campus-wide

Instructor: Agents of Change, Vanderbilt Summer Academy, Vanderbilt University, Summer 2016

- Two-week intensive course in Public Speaking for rising ninth- and tenth-graders

Participant, Mellon Certificate for Teaching in the Humanities, Vanderbilt University, Fall 2015-Summer 2016

- Included 8 seminars (fall) and 6 practicum sessions (summer)
- Focus: Teaching in HBCUs and small Liberal Arts colleges

Recipient, List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students, University of Illinois, Summer 2012 (CMN112)

- Based on Instructor and Course Evaluation (ICES) questionnaire forms maintained by Measurement and Evaluation, Center for Teaching Excellence
- Campus-wide

Recipient, Marie Hochmuth Nichols Award, University of Illinois, Department of Communication, May 2012

- Selected for excellence in veteran teaching upon nomination by Grace Giorgio, Course Director: CMN111-112
- Award Amount: \$250

Recipient, List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students, University of Illinois, Spring 2012 (CMN112)

- Based on Instructor and Course Evaluation (ICES) questionnaire forms maintained by Measurement and Evaluation, Center for Teaching Excellence
- Campus-wide

Recipient, List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students, University of Illinois, Fall 2010 (CMN111)

- Based on Instructor and Course Evaluation (ICES) questionnaire forms maintained by Measurement and Evaluation, Center for Teaching Excellence
- Campus-wide

Recipient, List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students, University of Illinois, Fall 2009 (For CMN111)

- Based on Instructor and Course Evaluation (ICES) questionnaire forms maintained by Measurement and Evaluation, Center for Teaching Excellence
- Campus-wide

## ACADEMIC AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Recipient, Top Papers in Public Address, National Communication Association, November 2016

- Selected by Public Address Division (40 percent acceptance rate during year of award)

Recipient, Robert Gunderson Award for Top Student Paper in Public Address, National Communication Association, November 2014

- Selected by Public Address Division (38 percent acceptance rate during year of award)
- Award Amount: \$100

Recipient, Swanson Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Illinois, Department of Communication, Summer 2013

- Received summer funding for work on dissertation
- Award Amount: \$3,500

Recipient, Elizabeth Young Winter Fellowship, University of Illinois, Department of Communication, Summer 2010

- Received summer funding for research

Recipient, University of Georgia Graduate School Fellowship, August 2007-August 2009

- Upon nomination by Department of Speech Communication, selected university-wide, on a competitive basis
- Paid \$1,450 a month to perform research and/or teach under a department faculty member (award total around \$30,000)

## ASSISTANTSHIPS

Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois Department of Communication, August 2009-August 2012

- Received out-of state tuition waiver
- Assigned two sections per semester of Communication courses as needed

Editorial Assistant, *Quarterly Journal of Speech* Book Reviews (Cara Finnegan: Book Review Editor), August 2011-May 2012

- Performed various edits and citation checks of commissioned book reviews
- Liaison between book review authors, book publishers, and book review editor

Research Assistant, (for Cara Finnegan), University of Illinois, January 2011-July 2011

- Proofread and edited book reviews for the *Quarterly Journal of Speech*
- Coordinated publishers, authors, and editor during review process
- Performed historical and archival research as necessary

Research Assistant, University of Georgia, August 2007-May 2009

- Performed scholarly under professors research as necessary, including history of Young Lords Organization, legal issues with copyrights, and content analysis of 2008 Presidential and Vice-Presidential debates

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

Presenter, National Communication Association Annual Conference, November 2016

- “Fashion’s ‘Civic Callings:’ The Rhetorical First Lady, Postwar National Identity, and Michelle Obama”
- Accepted competitively and Top Paper (Public Address Division)

Presenter, Rhetoric Society of America, April 2016

- “Changing Coke’s ‘Look:’ Raquel Welch and the Visual Rhetoric of the Coca-Cola Girl”
- Accepted competitively

Panelist, Rhetoric Society of America, April 2016

- “Visual Rhetoric and Critical Change: On Eric Jenkins’ Modal Approach to Images”
- Accepted competitively

Presenter, National Communication Association Annual Conference, November 2014

- “The Presence of Aesthetic Pasts: The Rhetorical Invention of Jacqueline Kennedy in *Harper’s Bazaar* and *Vogue*”
- Accepted competitively and Top Paper (Public Address Division)

Presenter, Rhetoric Society of America, May 2014

- “Dan Humphrey’s Muse: Gossip Girl, Literary Heroines, and Mediating Femininity in the Social Media Age”
- Accepted competitively

Presenter, National Communication Association Doctoral Honors Conference, June 2012

- “Fashioning a Cold War Icon: Jacqueline Kennedy in *Vogue* and *Harper’s Bazaar*”
- Accepted competitively

Presenter, Rhetoric Society of America, May 2012

- “Eve Arnold’s Photographs of Marilyn Monroe: Re/Framing Identity and Identification of Icons”
- Accepted competitively

Presenter, National Communication Association, November 2011

- “‘He Alone:’ John Kennedy Makes the Case for Executive Leadership”
- Accepted competitively (Public Address Division)

Presenter, National Communication Association, November 2010

- “Cementing Alliances in Epideictic Oration: Eisenhower’s Guildhall Address of 1945”
- Accepted competitively (Public Address Division)

Panelist, National Communication Association, November 2010

- “Jackie’s Televised Tour of the White House” (American Studies Division)

Presenter, National Communication Association, November 2009

- “Jackie, Unbound: President Kennedy’s Funeral and Fantasy Female Sexuality”
- Accepted competitively (Visual Communication Division)

Presenter, National Communication Association, November 2008

- “Fashioning Celebrity: The Rhetorical Force of Jackie Kennedy as First Lady”
- Accepted competitively (Public Address Division)

## INVITED SPEECHES AND PRESENTATIONS

Speaker, Writer's Workshop, University of Illinois, September 2011

- Represented CMN111-112 through invited presentation to prepare undergraduate tutors for assistance to students of the course

Panelist, Southern State Communication Association, April 2008

- Invited speaker on panel honoring Dr. Ronald H. Carpenter

## RELEVANT WORK/DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE/LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Arts and Sciences Volunteer, Faculty Recruitment Night, Martha Rivers Ingram Commons, Vanderbilt University, August 2016

- Informal orientation for first-year students to prepare them for campus life.

Treasurer, Rhetoric Society of America Graduate Student Organization, University of Illinois, Department of Communication, August 2011-May 2012

Urbana, IL

- Worked in conjunction with the RSA President and Vice-President to oversee and invite speakers to campus
- Completed and provided paperwork for funding speakers for the Department of Communication

Intern, Executive Office of Governor Jeb Bush, May 2006-August 2006

Tallahassee, FL

- Edited *Governor's Reference Manual for Notaries*
- Investigated Notary complaints
- Performed legal research

\*Proficient with Canvas, Moodle, Blackboard, and Compass Operating Systems