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## **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D., 2004    Indiana University  
Major Area: Communication and Culture  
Minor Area: Cultural Studies
- M.A., 1998    Northern Illinois University  
Major Area: Communication Studies
- B.A., 1996    Wayne State University  
Major Area: Speech Communication  
Minor Area: Journalism

## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Vanderbilt University	Associate Professor	2016-
University of Iowa	Associate Professor	2012-2015
University of Iowa	Assistant Professor	2009-2012
Georgia State University	Assistant Professor	2006-2009
University of North Texas	Assistant Professor	2005-2006
Denison University	Visiting Assistant Professor	2004-2005

## **ACADEMIC HONORS**

Randy Majors Award, Caucus on LGBTQ Concerns, National Communication Association, 2017.

Recognizes an individual who has made outstanding contributions to LGBT scholarship in communication studies.

New Investigator Award, Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division, National Communication Association, 2010.

Karl R. Wallace Memorial Award, National Communication Association, 2009.

Recognizes a scholar in their first decade post-degree whose research record and trajectory reflects excellence and great promise.

Outstanding Dissertation Award, Critical/Cultural Studies Division of the National Communication Association, 2004.

Robert Gunderson Award in Public Culture. Department of Communication and Culture, Indiana University, 2002. For “Sexuality, Science and the Performance of Nationalism: The Abject Citizen in an Era of AIDS.”

Paul Crawford Outstanding Graduate Student Award. Department of Communication, Northern Illinois University, 1998.

Outstanding Associate Instructor Award. Department of Communication and Culture, Indiana University, 2002.

Recipient, top paper in Disability Studies Division of NCA, 2009.

Recipient, top three paper in the GLBT Studies Division of NCA, 2005.

Recipient, top student papers in GLBT Studies Division of NCA, 2002.

Recipient, top student papers in African-American Studies Division of NCA, 2001.

Recipient, National Speakers Association Scholarship, 1995-96; 1999-2000.

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

National Communication Association

Rhetoric Society of America

### **RESEARCH**

#### **BOOKS**

Jeffrey A. Bennett, *Managing Diabetes: The Cultural Politics of Disease* (forthcoming, New York: NYU Press, 2019).

Jeffrey A. Bennett, *Banning Queer Blood: Rhetorics of Citizenship, Contagion, and Resistance* (Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2009).

Honorable Mention, Rhetoric Society of America’s Book Award (2010). Reviews listed below.

#### **ARTICLES**

Jeffrey A. Bennett, “Containing Sotomayor: Rhetorics of Personal Restraint, Judicial Prudence, and Diabetes Management,” *Quarterly Journal of Speech* 104 (2018): 257-278.

Jeffrey A. Bennett, "'Born This Way': Queer Vernacular and the Politics of Origins," *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies* 11 (2014): 211-240.

Jeffrey A. Bennett, "The Critical Interrogation of a Category: An Interview with Jack Halberstam" *QED* 1 (2013): 177-192.

Jeffrey A. Bennett, "Troubled Interventions: Public Policy, Vectors of Disease, and the Rhetoric of Diabetes Management," *Journal of Medical Humanities* 34 (2013): 15-32.

Jeffrey A. Bennett, "Queer Teenagers and the Mediation of Utopian Catastrophe," *Critical Studies in Media Communication* 27 (2010): 455-476.

Jeffrey A. Bennett and Isaac West, "'United We Stand, Divided We Fall': AIDS, Armorettes, and the Tactical Repertoires of Drag," *Southern Communication Journal* 74 (2009): 300-313.

Jeffrey A. Bennett, "Passing, Protesting, and the Arts of Resistance: Infiltrating the Ritual Space of Blood Donation," *The Quarterly Journal of Speech* 94 (2008): 23-43.

Reprinted in *Readings on Rhetoric and Performance*, editors Stephen Olbrys Gencarlla and Phaedra C. Pezzullo. State College, PA: Strata Publishing, 2010.

Invited as a "translation essay" entitled "Banning Queer Blood" for *Communication Currents* (2008). Found at: <http://www.communicationcurrents.com/>

Jeffrey A. Bennett, "In Defense of Gaydar: Reality Television and the Politics of the Glance," *Critical Studies in Media Communication* 23 (2006): 408-425.

Jeffrey A. Bennett, "A Queer Anxiety: Assimilation Politics and Cinematic Hedonics in *Relax . . . It's Just Sex*," *The Journal of Homosexuality* 52 (2006): 101-123.

Reprinted in *LGBT Studies and Queer Theory: New Conflicts, Collaborations, and Contested Terrain*, editors Gust Yep, Karen Lovaas, and John Elia. Binghamton: Harrington Park Press, 2007.

Jeffrey A. Bennett, "Seriality and Multicultural Dissent in the Same-Sex Marriage Debate," *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies* 3 (2006): 141-161.

Jeffrey A. Bennett, "Love Me Gender: Normative Homosexuality and 'Ex-Gay' Performativity in Reparative Therapy Narratives," *Text and Performance Quarterly* 23 (2003): 331-352.

#### **EDITED SPECIAL ISSUE**

Jeffrey A. Bennett and Charles E. Morris, "Criticism's Multitudes," *Review of Communication* 16 (2016): 1-107. I co-wrote the introduction and co-edited the four major essays and nine editorial statements included in the issue.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

Jeffrey A. Bennett, "Diving into the Past: Greg Louganis, Queer Memory, and the Cultural Politics of HIV Management," *Sport, Rhetoric, and Political Struggle*, eds. Michael Butterworth and Daniel Grano (forthcoming).

Jeffrey A. Bennett, "Chronic Citizenship: Community, Choice, and Queer Controversy" in *Biocitizenship: Lively Subjects, Embodied Sociality, and Posthuman Politics*, eds. Kelly Happe, Jenell Johnson, and Marina Levina (New York: NYU Press, 2018): 95-116.

Isaac West and Jeffrey A. Bennett, "Tomorrow Be-Longs to Us," *Queer Praxis: Questions for LGBTQ Worldmaking*, eds. Dustin Bradley Goltz and Jason Zingsheim (New York: Peter Lang, 2015): 249-259.

Jeffrey A. Bennett, "A Stitch in Time: Public Emotionality and the Repertoire of Citizenship," in *Remembering the AIDS Quilt*, ed. Charles E. Morris III (East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University Press, 2011): 133-158.

## FORUMS

Jeffrey A. Bennett, Dialogue on Personal Narrative and Medicine, *Rhetoric of Health and Medicine* (forthcoming, 2018).

Jeffrey A. Bennett "202 Bullets," *QED: A Journal in GLBTQ Worldmaking* 3 (2016): 151-153.

## BOOK REVIEWS

Jeffrey Bennett, Review of *Queering Public Address: Sexualities in American Historical Discourse*, edited by Charles E. Morris III. *Rhetoric and Public Affairs* 12 (2009): 322-325.

Jeffrey Bennett, Review of *Media/Queered: Visibility and its Discontents*, edited by Kevin Barnhurst. *Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly* 85 (2008): 213-214.

Jeffrey Bennett, Review of *Side by Side: On Having a Gay or Lesbian Sibling*, edited by A. Gottlieb, *Journal of GLBT Family Studies* 2 (2006): 117-119.

Jeffrey Bennett, Review of *Straight: Constructions of Heterosexuality in the Cinema*, by Wheeler Winston Dixon. *Film Quarterly* 58 (2005): 71-72.

## REVIEWS OF *BANNING QUEER BLOOD*

Daniel Brouwer, *Rhetoric and Public Affairs* 13 (2010): 738-741.

J. Blake Scott, *Quarterly Journal of Speech* 96 (2010): 217-229.

Jimmy Manning, *Women & Language* 34 (2011): 95-96.

## INVITED LECTURES

Pomona College (February 2011), Pomona Student Union Lecture Series, University Event about the Gay Blood Ban.

Westminster College (November 2010), Bastian Foundation Diversity Lecture Speaker, University Event.

University of Pittsburgh (March 2018); University of Wisconsin (April 2015/March 2011); University of Colorado, Boulder (October 2013); University of Kansas (April 2013); Northwestern University (April 2012); Northern Illinois University (April 2011); University of Illinois (October 2010); Drake University (September 2010); Indiana University (January 2010); Boston College (April 2009); Vanderbilt University (February 2008).

## CONVENTION PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION

Jeffrey Bennett, "The Pre-Existing Conditions of Belonging," plenary address delivered at the Public Address Conference, Boulder Colorado, September 2018.

Jeffrey Bennett, "Diving Into the Past: Greg Louganis, Queer Memory, and the Politics of HIV Management," Rhetoric Society of America, Minneapolis, 2018.

Jeffrey Bennett, "From 'Obamacare' to 'Trumpcare': Engaging the Rhetorical Dynamics of the Affordable Care Act," National Communication Association (NCA), Dallas, 2017.

Jeffrey Bennett and J. Blake Scott, "AIDS, Ebola, and Public Health Indifference," National Communication Association, Dallas, 2017.

Jeffrey Bennett, "'Equal Dignity' Under the Law: Affective Rhetorics and Civic Belonging in the *Obergefell vs. Hodges* Decision," National Communication Association, Dallas, 2017.

Jeffrey Bennett and Isaac West, Session Leader, "How to Publish a Book," Rhetoric Society of America Summer Institute, Bloomington, IN, 2017.

Jeffrey Bennett, Roundtable Participant, "Emerging Outbreaks: Exploring the Rhetorical Contours of the Zika Virus," Association for the Rhetoric of Science, Technology, and Medicine and the Health Communication Division of NCA, Philadelphia, 2016.

Jeffrey Bennett, "Same-Sex Marriage of the Trope of Dignity in *Obergefell v. Hodges*," Supersession on rhetoric and citizenship, Rhetoric Society of America, Atlanta, 2016.

Jeffrey Bennett, "Chronic Citizenship: Community, Choice, and the Queer Controversy Over PrEP," National Communication Association, Las Vegas, 2015.

Jeffrey Bennett, "A Constellation of Conversations: Expanding the Possibilities of the Human in Hillary Clinton's 'Gay Rights Are Human Rights' Address," National Communication Association, Las Vegas, 2015.

Jeffrey Bennett, "Where are we Headed?," National Communication Association, Las Vegas, 2015.

Jeffrey Bennett, Panel Discussion of Jenell Johnson and S. Scott Graham's New Books, National Communication Association, Las Vegas, 2015.

Jeffrey Bennett, Participant, Rhetoric of Health and Medicine Conference, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, 2015.

Jeffrey Bennett, Session Leader, "Theorizing Rhetorics of Health and Medicine," Rhetoric Society of America Summer Institute, Madison, WI, 2015.

Jeffrey Bennett, Respondent, Public Address Conference, Atlanta, 2014.

Jeffrey Bennett, Respondent, "RSA Book Award Recognition Super Session," Rhetoric Society of America, San Antonio, 2014.

Jeffrey Bennett, Session Leader for the RSA Research Network, San Antonio, 2014.

Jeffrey Bennett, Faculty Participant, Midwest Winter Workshop, Champaign, IL, 2014.

Jeffrey Bennett, "Engaging a Productive Critic: A Tribute to the Work of Robert L. Ivie," Rhetorical and Communication Theory and Public Address Division of NCA, Washington D.C., 2013.

Jeffrey Bennett, "An Emerging Perspective in Health Communication: Rhetorical Studies of Health, Science, and Medicine," Roundtable Participant for Health Communication Division of NCA, Washington D.C., 2013.

Jeffrey Bennett, "Exploring Queering Methodologies Through the "Born This Way" Blog Project," LGBTQ Studies Division of NCA, Washington D.C., 2013.

Jeffrey Bennett, "Engaging the Material Gene: Gender, Race, and Heredity after the Human Genome Project," Association for the Rhetoric of Science and Technology of NCA, Washington D.C., 2013.

Jeffrey Bennett, Respondent, "Top Paper in Rhetorical and Communication Theory," Washington D.C., 2013.

Jeffrey Bennett, Session Leader, "Queer Activism." Rhetoric Society of America Summer Institute, Lawrence KS, 2013.

Jeffrey Bennett, Chair and Moderator, Public Address Conference, Memphis, TN, 2012.

Jeffrey Bennett, "Rethinking Infantile Citizenship: The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the Rhetoric of Embodied Activism," Rhetoric Society of America, Philadelphia, 2012.

Jeffrey Bennett, Faculty Participant, Midwest Winter Workshop, Madison, WI, 2012.

Jeffrey Bennett, "Voices from the Intersections of Rhetoric and Performance," Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division of NCA, New Orleans, 2011.

- Jeffrey Bennett, "Finding Voice in the Queer Book: Spotlight on GLBTQ Communication Scholarship," GLBTQ Studies Division of NCA, New Orleans, 2011.
- Jeffrey Bennett, "A Method to the Madness: Rhetoric, Public Policy, and the Study of Everyday Life," Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division of NCA, San Francisco, 2010.
- Jeffrey Bennett, "Diabetes on Trial: Sonia Sotomayor and the Rhetoric of Recuperation," Latina/o Studies Division of NCA, San Francisco, 2010.
- Jeffrey Bennett, "Blogging Judgment: Pedagogical Praxis and the Performance of Critical Invention," Plenary Speaker at the Teaching Rhetorical Criticism/Critical Inquiry Summer Conference, Tacoma, WA, 2010.
- Jeffrey Bennett, "Troubled Interventions: Public Policy, Vectors of Disease, and the Rhetoric of Diabetes Management," Rhetoric Society of America, Minneapolis, 2010.
- Jeffrey Bennett, "There are Many Copies: Queer Subtext and Performative Reiteration in Battlestar Galactica," Society for Cinema and Media Studies, Los Angeles, 2010.
- Jeffrey Bennett, "Resisting the Rhetoric of Diabetes 'Management,'" Top Competitive Paper in Disability Studies Caucus of the National Communication Association, Chicago, 2009.
- Jeffrey Bennett, "Utopia or Apocalypse?: Sexual Fluidity, Assimilation, and the Precariousness of Queer Youth," Rhetoric Society of America, Seattle, 2008.
- Jeffrey Bennett, "Border Transgressions." Roundtable Participant for the Latina/Latino Studies Division of NCA, Chicago, 2007.
- Jeffrey Bennett, "Isaiah Washington's Excitable Speech: Epithets and the Politics of Public Transformation," Caucus on LGBTQ Concerns of NCA, Chicago, 2007.
- Jeffrey Bennett, "Growing Pains: Cover Stories about Queer Teens and the Anxiety of Queer Politics," GLBTQ Studies Division of NCA, San Antonio, 2006.
- Jeffrey Bennett, "'There are Worse Diseases You Could Have:' Diagnosing Performative Deflections of Despair in Diabetes Rhetoric," Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division of NCA, San Antonio, 2006.
- Jeffrey Bennett, "Weather of Mass Destruction: Crisis Rhetoric, Hurricane Katrina, and the Politics of Meaning," Southern States Communication Association, Dallas, 2006.
- Jeffrey Bennett, "Passing, Protesting, and the Arts of Resistance: Infiltrating the Ritual Space of Blood Donation," Top Three Competitive Paper, GLBT Studies Division of NCA, Boston, 2005.
- Jeffrey Bennett, "Prudential Judgment and Multicultural Dissent in the Gay Marriage Debate," Argumentation Division of NCA, Chicago, 2004.
- Jeffrey Bennett, "Looking for Mr. Right: Assessing Cultural 'Gaydar' on *Boy Meets Boy*," GLBT Studies Division of NCA, Chicago, 2004.

Jeffrey Bennett, "Intersecting Voices? Embodied Performances of Feminist and Queer Citizenships," Critical and Cultural Studies Division of NCA, Miami, 2003.

Jeffrey Bennett, "Queer Citizenship and the Stigma of Banned Blood," National Communication Association's Doctoral Honors Conference, Bowling Green, OH, 2003.

Jeffrey Bennett, "Sexuality, Science, and the Performance of Nationalism: The Abject Citizen in an Era of AIDS," Critical and Cultural Studies Division of NCA, New Orleans, 2002.

Jeffrey Bennett, "Misplaced Metaphors of Multiculturalism: Holocaust Commodification and Identity Politics in *The Pink Swastika*," GLBT Studies Division of NCA, New Orleans, 2002.

Jeffrey Bennett, "Disciplining the Nomadic Citizen: Identity Politics and Nationalism in the 'Tokyo Rose' Trial," Western Communication Association, Long Beach, CA, 2002.

Jeffrey Bennett, Representative for Indiana University at the Preparing Future Faculty Initiative, Phoenix, 2002.

Jeffrey Bennett, "If You Can't Be With the One You Love, Love the One You're With: A Rhetorical Analysis of the Reparative Therapy Narrative *Love Won Out*," Public Address Division of NCA, Atlanta, 2001.

Jeffrey Bennett, "Resisting Assimilation?: Anxiety and Representation in *Relax . . . It's Just Sex*," GLBT Studies Division of NCA, Atlanta, 2001.

Jeffrey Bennett, "Transcending the 'Transcendent Metaphor': Recreating the Scapegoat in President Clinton's Apology for the Tuskegee Syphilis Experiments," African-American Studies Division of NCA, Atlanta, 2001.

Jeffrey Bennett, Seminar Participant, Visual Rhetoric Conference, Bloomington, IN, 2001.

Jeffrey Bennett, Delegate for Indiana University and NCA, National Preparing Future Faculty Conference, Boston, 2001.

Jeffrey Bennett, "The Unintentional Martyr: Constructing Matthew Shepard as an Ideological Site for Social Action," Public Address Division of NCA, Seattle, 2000.

Jeffrey Bennett, "Presidential Response to the Emergence of Domestic Terrorism," Political Communication Division of NCA, Chicago, 1997.

**GRADUATE STUDENTS SUPERVISD (Iowa)**

Degree/Objective:	Student Name	Outcome
Ph.D. completed	Tahlia Fischer	Dissertation defended May 2014
	Brook Irving	Dissertation defended May 2015
	Renu Pariyadath	Dissertation defended May 2015
Ph.D. candidates	Rebecca Robinson	Prospectus Defended Sept. 2014
Current Committees	Christopher Clough-Hunter	Dissertation Committee
	Hannah Johnson	Dissertation Committee
	Caroline Radesky	Dissertation Committee
Dissertation Committees	Meryl Irwin	Dissertation (Defended 2012)
	Jason Moyer	Dissertation (Defended 2012)
	Paul Johnson	Dissertation (Defended 2013)
	Lisa Carlton	Dissertation (Defended 2014)
	Michaela Frischherz	Dissertation (Defended 2015)
	Allison Wagner (Am. Std.)	Dissertation (Defended 2016)
	James Carviou (JMC)	Dissertation (Defended 2016)
Heather Roy	Dissertation (Defended 2018)	

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### **Editorial Boards:**

*Quarterly Journal of Speech* (2016-present; 2009-2012); *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies* (2015-present); *Argumentation and Advocacy* (2010-Present); *Southern Journal of Communication* (2007-Present); *Western Journal of Communication* (2011-Present); *Communication Studies* (2012-Present); *QED – A Journal in LGBTQ World Making* (2012-Present); *Rhetoric of Health and Medicine* (2017-); *Critical Studies in Media Communication* (2007-2010); *Rhetoric Society Quarterly* (2011-2015).

Guest Reviewer: *Citizenship Studies* (2017); *Rhetoric and Public Affairs* (2017; 2010); *Communication Monographs* (2017); *Critical Studies in Media Communication* (2017; 2016; 2011-2012); *Journal of Communication* (2016); *Communication Yearbook* (2015); *Journal of Communication Inquiry* (2014); *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies* (2014, 2013, 2007); *Journal of Homosexuality* (2013; 2012); *Sex Education* (2013); *GLQ* (2012); *Sexuality and Culture* (2012); *Television and New Media* (2012); *Studies* (2011); *Quarterly Journal of Speech* (2008-2009); *Western Journal of Communication* (2006-2009).

### **Service for Professional Organizations:**

Committee Member, Publication Committee, Rhetoric Society of America (2017-present).

Chair, Winans-Wichelns Memorial Book Award Committee, Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division of NCA (2016)

Chair, Nominating Committee, Public Address Division (2016).

Book Award Committee, Rhetoric Society of America (2014).

Nominating Committee, Rhetoric Society of America (2014-15).

Awards Committee, Rhetoric Society of America (2014).

Chair, Golden Anniversary Monograph Award Committee, NCA (2013).

Chair, Awards Committee, Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division of NCA (2013).  
Selects the Awards for Distinguished Scholar and New Investigator Award.

Member, Marie Hochmuth Nichols book award committee, Public Address Division of NCA (2013).

Member, Golden Anniversary Monograph Award Committee, NCA (2012).

Book Award Committee, Rhetoric Society of America (2012; 2014). A four-person committee responsible for identifying the association's best book from the last calendar year.

Awards Committee, Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division of NCA (2011-12).

Book Award Committee, Critical and Cultural Studies Division of NCA (2011).

Dissertation Award Committee, Critical and Cultural Studies Division (2010).

Chair: LGBTQ Studies Division, National Communication Association (2010).  
Vice chair/convention planner (2009); Vice chair-elect (2008).

Conference Reviewing: Rhetoric Society of America: 2017; NCA: Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division, (2017; 2013-2014); Public Address Division (2016-2017); GLBTQ Studies Division, (2005-2014); Critical/Cultural Studies Division, (2005-2010); Disability Studies Caucus, (2010); Visual Communication Studies Division (2010).

### **University Service (Vanderbilt)**

Faculty Member, Vanderbilt University Press Editorial Committee

Faculty Member, Robert Penn Warren Center Executive Committee

### **Departmental Service (Iowa):**

- Advisor, Bruce Gronbeck Rhetoric Society, RSA Student Chapter (2014-15).
- Member, Graduate Advisory Committee (2011- Spring 2014).
- Department of Communication Studies Religion and Digital Media Search (2013-14).
- Department Faculty Review Committee (Fall 2014-).
- Member, Committee on Committees (2013).
- Member, Undergraduate Advisory Committee (2009-2011).

### **College and University Service (Iowa):**

- Co-Planner, Affect and Inquiry Conference, Obermann Center for Advanced Studies (2014).
- Executive Committee, POROI (2011-Present).
- Department of Communication Studies DEO Search Committee (2011-2013).
- Co-author of Social Justice cluster hire proposal; Co-author of Human Rights, Social Justice, and Diversity cluster hire proposal (2010-2011).
- Committee for UI Civil Discourse Symposium organized by UI Center for Public Policy (2011).