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**EDUCATION**

**Doctor of Philosophy**, Communication, University of Maryland, College Park, 2009.

**Master of Arts**, Communication, University of Maryland, College Park, 2004.

**Bachelor of Arts**, *cum laude,* Rhetoric and Media Studies, Willamette University, Salem, OR, 2002.

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Associate Professor, Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia, 2020-present.

Director of Debate, Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia, 2020-present.

Assistant Professor, Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia, 2014-2020.

Lecturer, Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia, 2011-2014.

Assistant Professor and Director of Forensics, Department of Communication, Lewis & Clark College,

2009-2011

Assistant Professor/Assistant Director of Forensics, Department of English and Communication, Marian

College, 2008-2009.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**In Print**

*Research--Books*

*Peculiar Rhetoric: Slavery, Freedom, and the African Colonization Movement* (Jackson: University Press of Mississippi, 2019).

*\*Winner of the 2020 Marie Hochmuth Nichols Award from the Public Address Division of the National Communication Association*

\*\*Reviewed in *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, *Journal for the History of Rhetoric*, *Argumentation & Advocacy, American Historical Review*

*Research--Articles and Book Chapters*

“The Measured Memory of Abraham Lincoln: Ring Composition and Rhetorical Complexity in Frederick Douglass’s Freedmen’s Monument Address,” *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 25, no. 1 (2025): 1-34.

“Frederick Douglass: A Speaker on the Move,” *Public Debate in the Civil War Era: A Rhetorical History of the United States, vol. 4*, ed. David Zarefsky (East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, 2023), 155-80.

“Oratory,” *Frederick Douglass in Context*, ed. Michaël Roy (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2021), 96-107.

“Rhetorical Silence and Republican Virtue in Early-American Public Discourse: The Case of James Madison’s ‘Notes on the Federal Convention,’” *Advances in the History of Rhetoric* 22, no. 1 (2019): 73-91.

“The Rhetoric of Re-entry Education: Persuasive Definition, Agency, and Voice in Prison Discourse.” *Review of Communication* 19, no. 1 (2019): 38-54.

“Abraham Lincoln’s ‘Second Annual Message to Congress’ and Public Policy Advocacy for African Colonization” *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 21, no. 3 (2018): 387-416. (Lead Article)

“A Lyceum Diaspora: Hilary Teage and a Liberian Civic Identity,” in *Thinking Together: Lecturing, Learning, and Difference in the Long Nineteenth Century,* ed.Angela G. Ray and Paul Stob. University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2018.

“The Plain Style in Early Anti-Slavery Discourse: Reassessing the Rhetorical Beginnings of Quaker and Puritan Advocacy,” *Quarterly Journal of Speech* 102, no. 3 (2016): 286-306.

“Polyvocality and the Personae of Blackness in Early Nineteenth- Century Slavery Discourse: The Counter Memorial against Colonization, 1816,” *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 15, no. 2 (2012): 235-66.

“Moderate Political Argument: A Philosophical and Technical Examination,” in *Selected Proceedings of 15th AFA/NCA Summer Conference on Argumentation*, Scott Jacobs, ed. 669-76. Washington, D.C.: National Communication Association, 2009. (with James F. Klumpp)

“Jimmy Carter: A Case Study in Listening,” *International Journal of Listening* 23 (2009): 141-52. (with Andrew D. Wolvin)

“Prudential Argumentation and John Marshall's Opinion in *Marbury v. Madison*,” *Argumentation and Advocacy* 44, no. 1 (2007): 1-17. [Lead Essay] (Published in 2008).

“Arguing Benevolence in the Colonization Debate, 1816,” in *Engaging Argument*, Patricia Riley, ed. (Washington, D.C.: National Communication Association, 2006), 148-154.

“Edward Everett: ‘Gettysburg Address’ (19 November 1863), Abraham Lincoln: ‘Gettysburg Address’ (19 November 1863),” *Voices of Democracy* 1 (2006): 130-47. (with Belinda A. Stillion Southard; Published in 2009)

“Heightened Alert: The Altered Use of 'Evidence' in the 'Case' for War,” in *Critical Problems in Argumentation*, Charles Arthur Willard, ed. (Washington, D.C.: National Communication Association, 2005), 733-739.

*Books--Teaching*

*Presenting Now: A Guide to Public Speaking and Leadership Communication Online, In Person, and Beyond* (with Christine Clapp). Washington, D.C.: Spoken with Authority, 2022. ISBN-13: 9798986311807.

*The Art and Craft of Public Speaking*, ed. Bjørn F. Stillion Southard. 2020. Open Educational Resource. CC-BY-NC-ND. ISBN 13: 978-1-97507-719-8.

*Presenting Virtually: A Guide to Public Speaking in Online Contexts* (with Christine Clapp). Washington, D.C.: Spoken with Authority, 2020. (eBook) ASIN: B08F7SSZPJ.

*Presenting at Work: A Guide to Public Speaking in Professional Contexts* (with Christine Clapp). Washington, D.C.: Spoken with Authority, 2014.

*Articles—Blogs and Popular Press*

“What Does it Mean to Be a Citizen? Debating in the U.S. Prison System,” *Speaking Citizens*, blog, 6 November 2020. <https://speakingcitizens.org/blog/what-does-it-mean-to-be-a-citizen-oracy-in-the-us-prison-system/>

**Works in Progress**

A History of Oratory in Harlem, 1918-1937 (book)

A Reinterpretation of Frederick Douglass’s *Life and Times* *of Frederick Douglass* (book)

**Book Reviews**

Review of *Staged News: The Federal Theatre Project’s Living Newspapers in New York*, by Jordana Cox. *Journal for the History of Rhetoric* 27, no. 3 (2024): 427-30.

Review of *Heritage and Hate: Old South Rhetoric at Southern Universities*, by Stephen M. Monroe. *Rhetorica* 41, no. 4 (2023): 452-54.

Review of *No Future in This Country: The Prophetic Pessimism of Bishop Henry McNeal Turner*, by Andre E. Johnson. *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, 108, no.1 (2022): 117-20.

Review of *In the Shadow of the Gallows: Race, Crime, and Civic Identity*, by Jeannine Marie DeLombard. *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 18, no. 4 (2015): 798-801.

Review of *Common Bondage: Slavery as Metaphor in Revolutionary America,* by Peter A. Dorsey. *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 14, no. 1 (2011): 177-80.

Review of “From the Plaint to the Comic: Kenneth Burke's *Towards a Better Life*,” [essay] by Krista K. Betts Van Dyck. *KB Journal* [electronic journal] 3.2 (2007).

Review of *Kenneth Burke: A Dialogue of Motives*, by Jeffrey W. Murray. *Southern Communication Journal* 68 (2003): 355-56.

Review of *Art, Argument, and Advocacy: Mastering Parliamentary Debate*, by John Meany and Kate Schuster. *Argumentation and Advocacy* 40, no. 1 (2003): 60-61.

**INVITED LECTURES AND INTERVIEWS**

Interviewee, “The 1619 Project Heights Libraries Interviews,” August 29, 2022, https://heightslibrary.org/african-colonialization-movements-ultimate-failure-with-bjorn-southard/

Guest Lecturer, City Planning 6124: Justice, Ethics, and Professional Practice, UGA College of Environment and Design, October 7, 2020.

Visiting Scholar, Department of Communication, Vanderbilt University, March 11, 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19).

Colloquium, Department of Communication, University of Kansas, November 6, 2019.

“Historical Profiles in American Incarceration,” Project Directors’ Meeting, Office of Digital Humanities, National Endowment for the Humanities, March 18, 2019.

“The Peculiar Rhetoric of Louis Sheridan: Blackness, African Colonization, and the Archive,” Department of Communication Studies Colloquium, University of Georgia, September 11, 2018.

“Public Address in the American South,” Furman University, October 27, 2017.

“‘I Have a Dream’: The Rhetorical History of Martin’s Message,” Willamette University, October 9, 2017.

**SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Of Stepladders and Soapboxes: The History of Street Oratory in Harlem, 1918-1937,” The Twenty Fourth Biennial Conference of the International Society for the History of Rhetoric, July 2024.

“Frederick Douglass, Ring Compositions, and the Doubled Memory of Abraham Lincoln,” National Communication Association Annual Convention, November 2022, New Orleans, LA (accepted, but not delivered).

“Building Coalitions, Building Monuments: The Audiences and Contexts for Frederick Douglass’s ‘Oration in Memory of Abraham Lincoln,’” 19th Biennial Conference of the Rhetoric Society of America, May 2020, Portland, OR (cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic).

“Four Books for the Future of African American Rhetorical History,” National Communication Association Annual Convention, November 2019, Baltimore, MD.

“The Virtuosity of Frederick Douglass: Expanding and Questioning Rhetorical Traditions by Reading Douglass’s Oratorical Corpus,” The Contemporary Relevance of the History of Rhetoric Conference, February 2019, Austin, TX.

“Louis Sheridan’s Negotiation with the American Colonization Society: Transcription, Technology, and Traditions in the Archive,” National Communication Association Annual Convention, November 2018, Salt Lake City, UT.

“The Function of Time in Frederick Douglass’s, ‘Oration in Memory of Abraham Lincoln,’” Frederick Douglass: Across and Against Times, Places, and Disciplines, Paris, France, October 2018.

“‘Can We Do Better?’: Abraham Lincoln and the Best (and Last) Policy Arguments for African Colonization,” 18th Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Convention, Minneapolis, MN, June 2018.

 “Rhetorical Education in Prisons: Diversifying Advocacy, Agency, and the Archive,” American Society for the History of Rhetoric Symposium, Minneapolis, MN, May 2018.

“Lincoln’s Third Inaugural, Douglass’s First Inaugural, and a Ghostwritten Eulogy: Rhetorical Reconstruction of the United States in Frederick Douglass’s ‘Oration in Memory of Abraham Lincoln,’” National Communication Association Annual Convention, Dallas, TX, November 2017.

“Middling Argumentation: The Failure of Compromise in U.S. Political Discourse on Race,” 2017 Alta Argumentation Conference, Alta, UT, July 2017.

“The Liberian Lyceum and the Education of the Americo-Liberian Citizen,” 17th Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Convention, Atlanta, GA, May 2016.

“Peculiarly Situated: Americo-Liberian Colonists, Epistolary Rhetoric, and the Interruption of Racial Binaries,” 17th Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Convention, Atlanta, GA, May 2016.

“The Rhetoric and Politics of the Letter: A Roundtable Discussion,” National Communication Association Annual Convention, Las Vegas, NV, November 2015.

“The Liberia Lyceum and the Transatlantic Contestation of Black Citizenship, 1838–1850,” Popular Knowledge, Public Stage: Cultures of Lecturing and Learning in the Long Nineteenth Century, Alexandria, VA, September 2015.

“James Madison, Constitutional Interpretation, and the Rhetoric of Disinterestedness,” National Communication Association Convention, Chicago, IL, November 2014.

“James Madison's Notes of the Federal Convention and the Politics of Disinterestedness,” 16th Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Conference, San Antonio, TX, May 2014.

“A Dialogue on Recently Published Books in the History of Rhetoric” (facilitator), 16th Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Conference, San Antonio, TX, May 2014.

“Argumentation and Debate Instruction in Prisons: A Panel Discussion on the State of the Practice,” National Communication Association, Orlando, FL, November 2012.

“Adam Smith at the Federal Convention, 1787: Slavery, Rhetoric, and the Impartial Spectator,” American Society for the History of Rhetoric Symposium, Philadelphia, PA, May 2012.

“The Audacity of the Plain Style: Quaker and Puritan Plain Styles in Early American Anti-Slavery Discourse,” 15th Biennial Rhetoric Society of America Conference, Philadelphia, PA, May 2012.

“The Diversity of Emotion in Early-U.S. Antislavery Discourse,” National Communication Association, San Francisco, CA, November 2010.

“Modern Day Slavery and the Problem of Memory,” National Communication Association, San Francisco, CA, November 2010.

“The Failure of Socrates in the *Apology*,” The Life and Death of Socrates: An Interdisciplinary

Inquiry, Lewis & Clark College, October 2010.

“Invention and Delivery in Legal Communication,” Thank You for Arguing Outreach Program,

Lewis & Clark College, October 2010. [workshop]

“Henry Clay and African Colonization: Character, Moderate Rhetoric, and the Failure to Motivate,” National Communication Association, Chicago, IL, November 2009.

“Collective Action or Faceless Movement? American Anti-Slavery Discourse, Free Black Communities and Questions of Authorship in the Early-Nineteenth Century,” National Communication Association, Chicago, IL, November 2009.

“Early Radicalism in the Moral Rhetoric of Anti-Slavery, 1639-1760,” National Communication Association Convention, San Diego, CA, November 2008.

“Transforming Citizenship Ironically: Burke's Master Tropes and Henry Highland Garnet's 'Sermon in the House of Representatives,' 1865,” National Communication Association Convention, San Diego, CA, November 2008.

“Rhetorical Citizenship in Transition: The Correspondence of Liberian Americans as Deliberation, 1822-1850,” Conference on Rhetorical Citizenship, Copenhagen, Denmark, October 2008.

“African American Colonized: Correspondence with the American Colonization Society,” Eastern Communication Association Conference. Pittsburgh, PA, May 2008.

“Jimmy Carter: A Case Study in Presidential Listening,” International Listening Association Conference. Portland, ME, March, 2008. (with Andrew D. Wolvin)

“Revolution and Restoration: Competing Rhetorics of American Slavery in the Age of Revolution, 1776-1817,” American Society for the History of Rhetoric Symposium, Chicago, IL, November, 2007.

“'To Drain Them Off': African Colonization, Benevolent Rhetoric, and a Middle Way, 1816,” University of Maryland Department of Communication Colloquium, College Park, MD, September 2007.

“Moderate Political Argument: A Philosophical and Empirical Examination,” AFA/NCA Conference on Argumentation, Alta, UT, August, 2007. (with James F. Klumpp)

“Dave Chappelle Goes to Africa: Competing Interpretations of Culture and Agency,” Southern States Communication Association Conference, Louisville, KY, March 2007.

“Marshall's Milieu: *Marbury v. Madison* and John Marshall's Call to Responsibility,” National Communication Association Convention, San Antonio, TX, November 2006 (**Selected as a Top Four Paper in Argumentation and Forensics**).

“Genres at Gettsyburg: Abraham Lincoln, Edward Everett, and the War-Time Eulogy,” National Communication Association Convention, San Antonio, TX, November 2006. (with Belinda A. Stillion Southard)

“Arguing Benevolence in the Colonization Debate, 1816,” AFA/NCA Conference on Argumentation, Alta, UT, August 2005.

“Power in Burke's 'Dialectic of Constitutions,'“ 19th Annual Penn State Conference on Rhetoric and Composition/Triennial Conference of the Kenneth Burke Society, State College, PA, July 2005.

“African Colonization at the Turn of the Twentieth Century,” Invited Lecture for COMM 461: Voices of Leadership in the Twentieth Century.

**SELECT TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Undergraduate Courses*

Introduction to Public Speaking

Argumentation

Speech Composition

Political Campaign Communication

Great American Speakers and Speeches

*Graduate Courses*

Seminar in Rhetorical Criticism

Seminar in Public Address: American Oratory, 1600-1988

Seminar in Public Address: Minor Rhetorics

Seminar in Communication Education

**SELECT GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

Humanities Seminar, Franklin College, University of Georgia, 2023-24. $2,000 stipend and course release for research.

Department-Invited Lecturer or Artist Grant, Willson Center for Humanities and Arts, University of Georgia, 2019. $500 for Guest lecturer Dr. Dave Tell. Funded.

Franklin Visiting Scholar Grant, Office of Inclusion and Diversity Leadership, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, University of Georgia, 2019. $500 for Guest lecturer Dr. Dave Tell. Funded.

“Profiles in American Incarceration,” NEH Digital Humanities Advancement Grant, Level I, Project Participant, (Steve Soper, Barry Godfrey, and Heather Thompson, Co-PI), 2019. $25,000 for phase I development of digital archive. Funded.

Departmental Seed Grant, Department of Communication Studies, UGA, 2016. $500 for trip to Library of Congress for archival research. Funded.

Summer Research Grant, Lewis & Clark College, 2010. $3,500 for archival research. Funded.

Forensics Service Award, Pi Kappa Delta Forensics Honor Society, 2010.

Faculty Development Mini-Grant, Marian College, 2008. $1,000 for conference travel to Copenhagen, Denmark. Funded.

**SELECT PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, UNIVERSITY SERVICE, AND LEADERSHIP**

Search Committee Chair, Assistant/Associate Professor of Communication Studies (Interpersonal and Health), University of Georgia, 2023-24.

Search Committee Chair, Academic Professional (Head Debate Coach) in Communication Studies 2023.

Editorial Board, *Rhetoric & Public Affairs*, 2020-present.

Editorial Board, *Recovering Democracy Archives: Speech Recovery Project*, 2019-present.

Editorial Board, *Southern Communication Journal*, 2018-present.

Editorial Board, *Voices of Democracy*, 2009-present.

Chair, Faculty Admissions Committee, University of Georgia, 2022-23.

Faculty Admissions Committee, University of Georgia, 2020-23.

Search Committee Member, Assistant Professor of Communication Studies (Rhetorical Studies), University of Georgia, 2022-23.

Chair, Program Review and Assessment Committee: Psychology Department, 2022-23.

Search Committee Member, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Academic Programs, University of Georgia, Fall 2022.

Treasurer, American Society for the History of Rhetoric, 2011-2022.

Member, American Society for the History of Rhetoric Steering Committee, 2010-2022.

Judge, Intersociety Debate, Demosthenian Society vs. Phi Kappa Literary Society, UGA, March 7, 2022.

Guest Reviewer, *Rhetoric Society Quarterly*, 2014; 2021, 2022 (special issue).

Guest Reviewer, *Rhetorica*, 2017-2022.

Reviewer, Rhetoric, Race, and Media Book Series, University Press of Mississippi, 2020.

Search Chair, Head Debate Coach, Department of Communication Studies, UGA, Spring 2019.

Editorial Board, *Advances in the History of Rhetoric*, 2016-19.

Guest Reviewer, *Quarterly Journal of Speech,* Spring 2016.

Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia, 2014-2016.

Grant Proposal Reviewer, International Debate Education Association, 2011-2016.

Reader, American Society for the History of Rhetoric Dissertation Award Committee, 2011-2016.

Chair, NCA Public Address Division Nominating Committee, 2013-14.

eLearning Commons 2 Early Adopters Program, Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Georgia, 2012-13.

Faculty Secretary and Parliamentarian, College of Arts and Sciences, Lewis & Clark College, 2010-2011.

Faculty Representative, Senior Commencement Speaker Selection Committee, Lewis & Clark College, 2010.

Irish Debates Selection Committee, National Parliamentary Debate Association, 2010.

American Forensic Association, District II Committee Member, 2009-2011.

Essay Reviewer, Public Address Division of the National Communication Association, 2008- 2016.

Member, Nominating Committee, Public Address Division, National Communication Association, 2007-

2008.

Member, University Library Council, University of Maryland, 2007-2008.

Essay Reviewer, Kenneth Burke Society Division of the National Communication Association, 2006-2008.

President, Communication Graduate Student Association, Department of Communication, University of

Maryland, 2003-2004.

**SELECT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Fellow for Innovative Teaching, Flipping the Classroom Faculty Development Project, University of

Georgia Center for Teaching and Learning, 2015-2016. ($2,000 stipend)

Writing Fellows Program, University of Georgia Center for Teaching and Learning, 2013-14.

($1,000 stipend)

Teaching Academy, University of Georgia Center for Teaching and Learning, 2013-14.

Participant, Writing Intensive Program, University of Georgia, 2013-14.

\* Rhetorical Criticism course will be designated as Writing Intensive. Additionally, I will attend workshops throughout the term on the pedagogy of writing instruction.

eLearning Commons 2 Early Adopters Program, Center for Teaching and Learning, University of

Georgia, 2012-13.

**MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Society for the History of Rhetoric

International Society for the History of Rhetoric

National Communication Association