JACK WOOD

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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	University of Georgia, Athens Major: Communication Studies Certificates: Historic Preservation Studies University Teaching Urban & Metropolitan Studies Dissertation: "Urban Rhetorical Formalism: A Rhetoric of Real Abstraction" Advisor: Barbara A. Biesecker Committee: Roger Stahl, Maryam Ahmadi & Andrew Herod	2028
M.A.	Texas Tech University Major: Communication Studies Thesis: "The Rhetoric of Spatial Reproduction" Advisor: Catherine L. Langford Committee: Megan Condis & Eliane Bisanz	2023
B.S.	University of Wisconsin, La Crosse Major: Business Administration in Marketing Minors: Sociology Political Science	2020
A.A.S.	Madison Media Institute Major: Video and Motion Graphics	2016

SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

- City Planning
- Historical Materialism
- Political Economy
- Post-Structuralism
- Psychoanalysis
- Public Discourse
- Real Abstraction
- Rhetorical Form
- Rhetorical Theory
- Space/Place
- Trope/Figure
- Urban Development

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assignments

Editorial Assistant	*Rhetoric & Public Affairs*, MSU Press Editor: Catherine L. Langford	2022-2023
Research Assistant	Department of Communication Studies, Texas Tech University Researcher: Catherine L. Langford	2022-2023

Peer-Reviewed Articles

(Under Review) Jack Wood, "Rhetoric and Totality in the Age of Immediacy: The Urban Governance of Rockefeller Resilience," *Philosophy & Rhetoric*, submitted August 11, 2026.

(Under Review) Catherine L. Langford and Jack Wood. "Dystopian Memorializing in the 9/11 Memorial Museum," *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, submitted January 1, 2026.

Jack Wood, "Stick-To-The-Script: Established Rationality and Organizational Politics in Cinema," *UWL Journal of Undergraduate Research* 23, no. 1 (2020): 1–19. https://www.uwlax.edu/urc/juronline/volume-xxiii-2020/.

Competitive Conference Papers

Jack Wood, "Syntactic Skylines: Real Abstraction, Temporality, and Urban Rhetorical Formalism" (paper presented at *NCA 112th Annual Convention*, New Orleans, LA, November 21, 2026).

Jack Wood, "A Rhetoric of Immediacy in Urban Governance" (paper presented at *NCA 112th Annual Convention*, New Orleans, LA, November 20, 2026).

Jack Wood, "A Materialist Rhetoric "Without Matter, Without Guarantees": On Urban Rhetoric's Immediacy Problem and How It May Be Reapproached" (paper presented at Urban Communication Foundation NCA Pre-Conference, New Orleans, LA, November 18, 2025)

Jack Wood, "The Metaphors of Growth: Rhetoric's Role in Philanthropic Development" (paper presented at *96th Annual Southern States Communication Association Convention*, Birmingham, AL, April 11, 2026).

***Jack Wood**, "Form, Procedure, and Neoliberal Governmentality in *Cities: Skylines*" (paper presented at *NCA 111th Annual Convention*, Denver, CO, November 22, 2025).

Jack Wood, "Rockefeller Resilience: Platform Capitalism and Urban Governance" (paper presented at *NCA 111th Annual Convention*, Denver, CO, November 21, 2025).

***Jack Wood**, "Rethinking 'Resilience' in the Rhetoric of Urban Planning" (paper presented at *95th Annual Southern States Communication Association Convention*, Norfolk, VA, April 4, 2025).

Jack Wood, "The City and Spatial Rhetoric: Toward an Urban Methodology" (paper presented at *NCA 109th Annual Convention*, National Harbor, MD, November 19, 2023).

Jack Wood, "Hyperdevelopment: Sign Value and the Rhetoric of the Urban Commodity" (paper presented at *NCA 109th Annual Convention*, National Harbor, MD, November 17, 2023).

Jack Wood, "Enjoying Segregation in the Suburbs" (paper presented at *Popular Culture Association Conference*, San Antonio, TX, April 8, 2023).

***Jack Wood**, "The Suburban Technique" (paper presented at *Texas Tech Arts & Humanities Conference*, Lubbock, TX, November 3, 2022).

***Jack Wood**, "The Prison of Social Reproduction: Althusser, Bourdieu, and American Psycho" (paper presented at *Midwest Popular Culture Association*, Chicago, IL, October 14–16, 2022).

Jack Wood and Bethany K. White, "#GIRLBOSS: Enjoying the Patriarchy" (paper presented at *NCA 108th Annual Convention*, New Orleans, LA, November 18, 2022).

Jack Wood, "Student Perceptions of Instructor Self-Branding" (paper presented at *National Conference on Undergraduate Research*, San Diego, CA, April 14, 2021).

****Top Paper Award***

Research Awards

Graduate School Doctoral Fellow Award 2023-2027
Graduate School, University of Georgia ($28,000)

2026 Celeste Condit Graduate Research Award 2026
Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia

Top Student Paper in Rhetoric and Public Address 2026
Southern States Communication Association

Top Student Paper in Game Studies 2025
National Communication Association

2025 Robert Bostrom Young Scholar Award 2025
Southern States Communication Association (Top Student Paper Overall)

Top Student Paper in Rhetoric and Public Address 2025
Southern States Communication Association

International Student Travel Grant (Travel and Lodging in Prague, Czechia) 2023
International Semiotics Institute

Outstanding Research Award 2023
Department of Communication Studies, Texas Tech University

Runner-Up for Best Paper Competition Award ($150) 2022
Texas Tech Arts and Humanities Conference

Gary Burns Graduate Student Travel Grant Award ($100) 2022

Midwest Popular Culture Association
Vera L. Simpson Speech Communication Association Membership Award ($80) 2022
Department of Communication Studies, Texas Tech University

Research Development

Presenting Participant 2026
Urban Communication Foundation, NCA Pre-Conference
NCA VLO: Considerations on Publishing 'Politically Infused' Work 2026
National Communication Association
Arch Ready Professionalism Certificate 2025
UGA Career Center, University of Georgia
Internship (Neighborhood Planning Unit Taskforce) 2024
Department of City Planning, City of Atlanta
Graduate Student International Summer School 2023
International Semiotics Institute—Visual Metaphor
The Cross-Disciplinary Doctoral Colloquium 2022-2023
Institute for Studies in Pragmaticism, Texas Tech University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assignments

Graduate Teaching Assistantship 2023-Present
University of Georgia, Department of Communication Studies
Graduate Teaching Assistantship 2021-2023
Texas Tech University, Department of Communication Studies

Selected Teaching

Instructor-of-Record (In-Person)

Introduction to Public Speaking (COMM 1110) 2023-2027
Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia
Business and Professional Communication (COMM 3200) Fall 2026
Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia
Introduction to Public Speaking (COMM 1110) (Accelerated, Short Semester) Summer 2026
Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia
Small Group Communication (COMM 3600) Spring 2026
Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia
Introduction to Rhetorical Criticism (COMM 3300) Spring 2026
Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia
Public Speaking (COMS 2300) 2022-2023
Department of Communication Studies, Texas Tech University

Instructor-of-Record (Online, Asynchronous/Hybrid)

Introduction to Interpersonal Communication (COMM 1500e) Summer 2025
Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia
Introduction to Rhetorical Criticism (COMM 3300e) Summer 2024
Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia
Public Speaking (COMS 2300) 2022-2023
Department of Communication Studies, Texas Tech University

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Public Speaking (COMM 1110) Spring 2024
Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia
Public Speaking (COMS 2300) 2021-2022
Department of Communication Studies, Texas Tech University

New Course Development

COMM 4900 Special Topics in Communication Studies: "Rhetoric & the City" 2026

Description: This course examines how architecture, urban planning, and the built environment communicate meaning and shape how we experience urban spaces. Through rhetorical analysis of individual objects, their surroundings, and their induction into a symbolic system, students will explore how cities organize social relations, ways of urban life, and express cultural values.

Invited Lectures

Jack Wood, "Rhetorics of Belonging (Home): McAlister and Architectural Form," invited lecture at the Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia, Athens GA, October 30, 2025.

Jack Wood, "Rhetorical Misrecognition and Spatial Enthymemes: A Psychoanalytic View of Space," invited lecture at the International Semiotic Institute, Chares University, Prague, Czechia, July 27, 2023.

Teaching Development

GradTeach Certificate 2027
Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Georgia

RSA Remote: Critical Rhetorical Pedagogies 2026
Rhetoric Society of America

Asynchronous Online Learning Workshop 2023
Graduate School, Texas Tech University

Groundwork Instructional Development Program 2022
Graduate School, Texas Tech University

SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Discipline

Secretary

American Society for the History of Rhetoric (at SSCA) 2025-Present

Conference

Panel Chair

Southern States Communication Association Conference 2026
Division: Rhetoric and Public Address

National Communication Association Convention 2025
Division: Activism and Social Justice

National Communication Association Convention 2023
Division: Critical and Cultural Studies

Popular Culture Association Conference 2023
Division: Rhetoric, Composition, & Popular Culture

Reviewer

Central States Communication Association Conference 2027
Division: Rhetorical Theory and Criticism Interest Group

Southern States Communication Association Conference 2026
Division: Rhetoric and Public Address

National Communication Association Conference 2025
Divisions: Critical and Cultural Studies
Economics, Communication, and Society
Political Communication
Rhetorical and Communication Theory

National Communication Association Conference 2023

Divisions: Critical and Cultural Studies
Economics, Communication, and Society

Department

Treasurer	UGA Comm Studies Grad Student Forum	2025-2026
Judge	UGA Public Speaking Competition	2024
	Speak Up! Speech Competition, Texas Tech University	2021-2023
Member	Graduate Student Society, Texas Tech University	2021-2023

Community

Treasurer	UGA Chapter, Campus Workers of Georgia	2024-2025
Trustee	Education Department Board, Industrial Workers of the World	2022-2025
Chair	UGA Chapter, Campus Workers of Georgia	2023-2024

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Central States Communication Association	2026-Present
American Planning Association	2024-Present
American Society for the History of Rhetoric	2024-Present
Southern States Communication Association	2023-Present
Popular Culture Association	2022-Present
Midwest Popular Culture Association	2021-2023
Rhetoric Society of America	2022-Present
National Communication Association	2022-Present

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Sergeant (E-5) United States Marine Corps 2012-2020
Billet: Squad Leader
MOS: Infantry Rifleman (0311)
Status: Veteran (Honorable Discharge)

REFERENCES

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