

JACK WOOD

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Communication Studies

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EDUCATION

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

ACADEMIC EXPERTISE

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

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assignments

Editorial Assistant	<i>Rhetoric and Public Affairs</i> , 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 and 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/>.

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, "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 Celest 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

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	

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	

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
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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

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
National Communication Association

2022-Present
2022-Present

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Sergeant (E-5)	United States Marine Corps	2012-2020
	Billet: Squad Leader	
	MOS: Infantry Rifleman (0311)	
	Status: Veteran (Honorable Discharge)	
	Awards: National Defense Service Medal	
	Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal	
	Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal	
	Global War on Terror Service Medal	
	Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal	

REFERENCES

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