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EDUCATION

Ph.D., English Language and Literature, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, 2014.
M.A., Rhetoric, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, 2008.
B.A., English (honors) and Spanish, McDaniel College, Westminster, MD, 2007, *summa cum laude*.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

“Starting the Conversation: An Exploratory Study of Factors that Influence Student Office Hour Use.” *College Teaching* 62.3 (2014): 94-99. With Whitney Griffin, et al.
“The Stylistic Virtues of Clarity and Obscurity in Augustine of Hippo’s *De doctrina christiana*.” *Advances in the History of Rhetoric* 16.1 (2013): 58-81.

Works in Progress

Arguing over Texts: The Rhetoric of Interpretation. 315 ms. pp. All chapters drafted.

This book project presents a rhetorical method for analyzing arguments over the meaning of texts in a variety of spheres, including religion, politics, history, literary criticism, and law. I recover a neglected part of stasis theory that classifies general, recurring types of disagreements over texts, and I adapt this part of stasis theory for contemporary analytical and pedagogical use with insights from modern rhetorical theory and language science. The project also offers composition and literature teachers strategies for teaching students how to think about and craft arguments about texts.

“Policing the Boundary between Prayer and Magic: The Controversy over *The Prayer of Jabez*.” 28 ms. pp.

This article uses stasis theory to analyze a controversy among evangelical Christians over whether the popular book *The Prayer of Jabez*, which advocates repeating the words of an obscure biblical prayer from 1 Chronicles, teaches believers to pray or practice a kind of magic.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

John Fuegi Essay Prize for “The Stylistic Virtues of Clarity and Obscurity in Augustine of Hippo’s *De doctrina christiana*,” Comparative Literature, Department of English, University of Maryland. College Park, MD. May 2013.

Lily Teaching Fellowship, Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Maryland. College Park, MD. September 2012-June 2013.

ARHU Graduate Student Travel Award, College of Arts and Humanities, University of Maryland. College Park, MD. October 2012.

Summer Dissertation Fellowship, Department of English, University of Maryland. College Park, MD. Summer 2012.

Distinguished Teaching Assistant, Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Maryland. College Park, MD. May 2011.

Early Career ARHU Graduate Student Travel Award, College of Arts and Humanities, University of Maryland. College Park, MD. May 2010.

Flagship Fellowship, Graduate School, University of Maryland. College Park, MD. 2008-2013.

Doctoral Recruitment Fellowship, Department of English, University of Maryland. College Park, MD. 2008-2009, 2012-2013.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Bridging the Gap between Old Texts and New Situations: The Interpretive Stasis of Assimilation.” Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Conference. San Antonio, TX. May 2014.
- “Qualifying and Disqualifying Interpreters and Texts in Textual Interpretation: The Interpretive Stasis of Jurisdiction.” Biennial Congress of the International Society for the History of Rhetoric. Chicago, IL. July 2013.
- “Come Right In: What Students Want from Office Hours.” With Kristen Burson, et al. Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching. Bethesda, MD. May 2013.
- “Beyond ‘Amen’ and ‘Hallelujah’: Towards a Fuller Understanding of Congregational Discourse in the Black Church.” National Communication Association Annual Conference. Orlando, FL. November 2012.
- “The Interpretive Stases: A Heuristic for the Reframing of Textual Meaning.” Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Conference. Philadelphia, PA. May 2012.
- “Genre, Situation, and Typification: The Appropriation of Holocaust Tropes in Anti-Abortion Rhetoric.” Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Conference. Minneapolis, MN. May 2010.
- “The Emergence of the Sacred: The Construction of Place in Online Prayer Forums.” Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Conference. Minneapolis, MN. May 2010.
- “Prayer and Place: Creating Sacred Places in Virtual Spaces.” Conference on College Communication and Composition. Louisville, KY. March 2010.
- “The Role of Sacred Text in George Campbell’s Homiletic Theory: With a Focus on Lectures on Pulpit Eloquence.” Biennial Congress of the International Society for the History of Rhetoric. Montreal, Canada. July 2009.
- “Sacred Language and Meaning: The Rhetorical Function of Isolated Greek Words in Sermons.” National Communication Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. November 2009.
- “Augustine’s Anxiety: Ungovernable Speech and the Rising Tyranny of Text.” National Communication Association Annual Conference. San Diego, CA. November 2008.

PEDAGOGY AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATIONS

- “Preparing Conference Papers.” Graduate English Organization Professionalization Panel, Department of English, University of Maryland. College Park, MD. April 2014.
- “Writing Teaching Statements.” Center for Teaching Excellence and Graduate English Organization Professionalization Workshop, Department of English, University of Maryland. College Park, MD. April 2013.
- “Tips for Tackling the Common Topics in the Writing Classroom.” Coffee and Chat, Academic Writing Program, University of Maryland. College Park, MD. February 2011.
- “Techniques for Fostering Student Participation.” Center for Teaching Excellence Pedagogy Round Table on Fostering Classroom Participation, Department of English, University of Maryland. College Park, MD. August 2010.

INSTITUTES (COMPETITIVE SELECTION)

- “Argumentation.” Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Summer Institute. Lawrence, KS. June 2013.
- “The Intersections of Rhetoric and Ethnography.” Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Summer Institute. Boulder, CO. June 2011.
- “Rhetoric and the Sacred in the 21st Century.” Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Summer Institute. State College, PA. June 2009.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

English 392: Legal Writing, Professional Writing Program
 English 281: Standard English Grammar, Usage, and Diction
 English 291: Intermediate Writing
 English 101: Introduction to Academic Writing
 English 282: Introduction to Rhetorical Theory

ADMINISTRATIVE & RELATED EXPERIENCE

Assistant Director, Academic Writing Program, University of Maryland. College Park, MD.
 May 2013-May 2014.
 Mentor to new Graduate Teaching Assistant, Academic Writing Program, University of
 Maryland. College Park, MD. September 2012-December 2012.
 Research Assistant to Dr. David Kaufer, Department of English, Carnegie Mellon University.
 Pittsburgh, PA. September-December 2007.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Advisor, Maryland Association for Rhetoric and Oratory (an undergraduate rhetoric club),
 University of Maryland. College Park, MD. December 2011-December 2012.
 Mentor to incoming Ph.D. students, Graduate English Organization, Department of English,
 University of Maryland. College Park, MD. August 2009-May 2012.
 English Language and Literature Program Representative, Graduate Student Government,
 University of Maryland. College Park, MD. August 2010-June 2011.
 Library Student Advisory Committee, University of Maryland. College Park, MD. October
 2010-May 2011.
 Treasurer, Graduate English Organization, Department of English, University of Maryland.
 College Park, MD. August 2009-May 2010.
 Conference Planning Committee, Graduate English Organization, Department of English,
 University of Maryland. College Park, MD. October 2008-March 2009.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Rhetorical theory, argumentation theory, history of rhetoric, rhetoric of religion, language
 science, composition studies

LANGUAGES

Spanish, high reading, writing, and speaking proficiency
 Classical and Koine Greek, moderate reading proficiency
 Latin, moderate reading proficiency

ACADEMIC AND HONOR SOCIETIES

International Society for the History of Rhetoric
 Modern Language Association
 National Communication Association
 National Council of Teachers of English
 Phi Beta Kappa
 Rhetoric Society of America