

# Curriculum Vitae

## Kirt H. Wilson

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Communication Arts & Sciences  
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### Degrees

- Ph.D., Northwestern University of Evanston, Illinois (1991-1995)  
Awarded in rhetorical studies with an emphasis on U.S. public discourse, African American rhetoric, argument theory, and rhetorical criticism.
- M.A., Purdue University of Indiana, West Lafayette (1989-1991)  
Awarded in rhetorical studies with an emphasis on contemporary political persuasion, public affairs and crisis/issue management.
- B.A., Cedarville College of Cedarville, Ohio (1985-1989)  
Awarded in general communication with an emphasis in theater.

### Appointments

- Associate Professor: The Pennsylvania State University—University Park** (2010-Present)  
Graduate Program Director and Officer, Communication Arts and Sciences (2011-2014)  
Graduate Faculty, Communication Arts and Sciences (2010-Present)
- Associate Professor: University of Minnesota—Minneapolis Campus** (2003-2010)  
Graduate Faculty, Communication Studies Department (1996-2010)  
Faculty in the graduate minor in Literacy and Rhetorical Studies (2000-2010)  
Adjunct Faculty, African American & African Studies (2007-2010)  
Director of Graduate Studies (2005-2008)  
Director of Undergraduate Studies and Department Honors Program (2003-2005)
- Assistant Professor: University of Minnesota—Minneapolis Campus** (1996-2003)
- Instructor, Teaching Assistant, Research Assistant: Northwestern University, Evanston, IL**  
(1991-1995)
- Instructor, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN** (1989-1991)

### Awards, Grants, and Special Honors

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration Keynote Speaker*, Syracuse University, 2011.
- CIC Academic Leadership Program Fellow*, a fellowship that prepares faculty of Big Ten institutions for administrative positions in the academy, 2008-2009.
- Libra Diversity Fellow*, a University of Maine fellowship that brings professors to campus for public presentations and class lectures, Fall 2007.
- Michael Osborn Lecturer*, an honor given annually by the University of Memphis, 2006.
- McKnight Presidential Fellow*, a University of Minnesota honor that provides three years of research funding to four recently tenured members of the faculty, 2004-2007.

*James A. Winans-Hebert A. Wichelns Memorial Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Rhetoric and Public Address*, a national book award sponsored by the National Communication Association. Awarded for *The Reconstruction Desegregation Debate*, 2003.

*Marie Hochmuth Nichols Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Public Address* a national book award sponsored by the Public Address Division of the National Communication Association. Awarded for *The Reconstruction Desegregation Debate*, 2003.

*Karl R. Wallace Memorial Award*, a national research award sponsored by the National Communication Association, 2002.

*Arthur "Red" Motley Exemplary Teaching Award*, College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota, 2002.

*New Investigator Award*, a national research award sponsored by the Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division of the National Communication Association, 2001.

*Recognition of Research Award* from the Black Caucus and African American Communication and Culture Division of the National Communication Association, November 6, 1999.

*Recognition of Research Award* from the Black Caucus and African American Communication and Culture Division of the National Communication Association, November 23, 1998.

*President's Faculty Multicultural Research Award*, University of Minnesota, 1997-1998. Competitive University-wide award that provides a two-year research grant.

*Dissertation Award*, Northwestern University School of Speech, May, 1996.

*Provost Fellow*, Northwestern University, 1994-1995.

*University Scholar*, Northwestern University, 1994-1995.

*Minority Student Fellowship*, Northwestern University, 1991.

*University Fellowship for Minority Students*, Purdue University 1989-1991.

## **Publications**

### **Books**

*Making the Case: Advocacy and Judgment in Public Argument*. Co-editor with Kathryn Olson, Michael Pfau, and Ben Ponder. East Lansing: Michigan State Press, 2012. 260 pgs., incl. bibl. and index.

*The Sage Handbook of Rhetoric*. Associate Editor with Rosa Eberly and Editor Andrea Lunsford. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Press, 2009. 668 pgs., incl. bib. and index.

*Reconstruction's Desegregation Debate: The Politics of Equality and the Rhetoric of Place, 1870-1875*. East Lansing: Michigan State Press, 2002. 276 pgs., incl. bib. and index.

Reviewed in *Rhetoric & Public Affairs*, *Journal of American History*, *American Historical Review*, *Argument and Advocacy*; *Southern Communication Journal*; *Public Administration Review*; *Civil War Book Review*; *Quarterly Journal of Speech*.

### **Articles and Book Chapters**

Change and Constancy in Reconstruction Civil Rights Rhetoric: A Decade of Congressional Civil Rights Debate, 1866-1875. Forthcoming as a book chapter to appear in the Michigan State Press series on U.S. Public Address. Edited by David Zarefsky, 62 pgs.

- The Intimate and Ugly Politics of Emancipation. *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 18 (2015): 121-127.
- The National and Cosmopolitan Dimensions of Disciplinarity: Reconsidering the Origins of Communication Studies. *Quarterly Journal of Speech*. 101 (2015): 244-257.
- Decorum and the Legacy of Michael Leff. *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 13 (2010): 699-705.
- Debating the Great Emancipator: Abraham Lincoln and our Public Memory. *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 13 (2010): 455-479.
- The Racial Contexts of Public Address: Reconstruction Violence as Text and Context. in the *Handbook of Rhetoric and Public Address*. Edited by Michael Hogan and Shawn J. Parry-Giles. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell Press, 2010. 205-228.
- Introduction. In *The Sage Handbook of Rhetoric*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Press, 2009, xi-xxix. Co-authored with Andrea Lunsford and Rosa Eberly.
- Introduction: The Common Goods of Public Discourse. In *The Sage Handbook of Rhetoric*. Edited by Andrea Lunsford, Kirt H. Wilson, and Rosa Eberly. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Press, 2009, 423-431. Co-authored with Rosa Eberly.
- The Problem with Public Memory: President Benjamin Harrison Confronts the “Southern Question.” In *Before the Rhetorical Presidency*. Edited by Martin J. Medhurst. College Station, TX: Texas A&M University Press, 2008, 267-288.
- Rhetoric and Race in American Experience: The Promises and Perils of Sentimental Memory. In *Sizing Up Rhetoric*. Edited by David Zarefsky and Elizabeth Benacka. Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press, 2008. 20-39.
- The Contested Space of Prudence: An Analysis of the 1875 Civil Rights Act. *Reprinted essay in Readings on Political Communication*. State College, PA: Strata, 2007.
- Interpreting the Discursive Fields of the Montgomery Bus Boycott: Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “Holt Street Address,” *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 8 (2005): 299-326.
- The Politics of Place and Presidential Rhetoric in the United States, 1875-1901. In *Civil Rights Rhetoric and the American Presidency*. Edited by James Arnt Aune and Enrique D. Rigsby. College Station, TX: Texas A&M University Press, 2005, 16-40.
- Is There Any Interest in Reconciliation? *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 7 (2004): 367-406.
- The Racial Politics of Imitation in the Nineteenth Century. *Quarterly Journal of Speech* 89 (2003): 89-108. *Lead Article*.
- African-American Abolitionist Rhetoric. *Encyclopedia of Rhetoric*. Edited by Thomas O. Sloane. New York: Oxford University Press, 2001, 7-11.
- The Paradox of Lincoln’s Rhetorical Leadership. *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 3 (2000): 15-32.
- Emerson, Transcendental Prudence, and the Legacy of Senator Charles Sumner. *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 2 (1999): 453-479.
- Toward a Discursive Theory of Racial Identity: *The Souls of Black Folk* as a Response to Nineteenth-Century Biological Determinism. *Western Journal of Communication* 63 (1999): 193-215.
- The Contested Space of Prudence: An Analysis of the 1875 Civil Rights Act. *Quarterly Journal of Speech* 84 (1998): 131-149, *Lead Article*.

And Equality for All: The Foundations of African American Civil Rights Argument. *Argumentation and Values: the Proceedings of the Ninth SCA/AFA Conference on Argumentation*. Edited by Sally Jackson. Annandale, Speech Communication Association, (1995): 204-212.

Our Common Fight Against Greed: The Drive Towards Association in “Of the Wings of Atalanta.” *Iowa Journal of Communication* 27 (1995): 3-18.

### **Book Reviews**

John B. Hatch. *Race and Reconciliation: Redressing Wounds of Injustice* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2009). Reviewed in *Rhetoric Society Quarterly* 41 (2011): 495-502.

Harold Holzer and Sara Vaughn Gabbard, *Lincoln and Freedom: Slavery, Emancipation, and the Thirteenth Amendment* (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 2007). Reviewed in the *Journal of American History* 95 (2008): 544-545.

Allen C. Guelzo, *Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation: The End of Slavery in America* (Simon & Schuster, 2004). Reviewed in the *Journal of American History* 91 (2005): 1465-1466.

Brooks D. Simpson, *The Reconstruction Presidents* (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1998). Review in *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 2 (1999): 516-518.

Thomas W. Benson, ed. *Rhetoric and Political Culture in Nineteenth-Century America* (East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, 1997). Review in *Quarterly Journal of Speech* 84 (1998): 258-259.

### **Dissertation**

Race, Rights, and Equality: A Rhetorical Analysis of the Congressional Debate over the Civil Rights Act of 1875. Ph.D. diss., Northwestern University, December, 1995. Directed by Michael Leff.

### **In Process**

Sentimental Memories: How Americans Recall the Civil Rights Movement.

This book length manuscript argues that the memorial industry that commemorates the modern civil rights movement generates its social and personal influence from a sentimental aesthetic that simultaneously recognizes black oppression while it legitimizes

Imitation and the Black Other: Racial Politics and the Intellectual History of *Mimêsis*.

This book length manuscript examines the intellectual history of *mimêsis* by mapping the concept in the public discourse of US race relations between 1780 and 1940.

### **Media Presentations**

“Media, Memory, and the March on Washington,” a C-SPAN panel presentation co-sponsored by the Newseum, Washington DC and the National Communication Association. The event took place on July 29, 2013 and it aired on American History TV (C-Span 3) on August 25, 2013.

“The State of the Union Address,” a television interview with Cory Combs for WTAJ in State College, PA aired February 12, 2013.

“Barack Obama’s Rhetoric,” a radio interview with *Access Minnesota*, broadcast across multiple Minnesota radio stations, February 2009.

“America’s Emancipation Moment: Memories of Lincoln and Slavery’s Demise,” an interview for WILL radio in Champaign, IL on the morning program *Focus 580*, September 15, 2008.

“Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Barack Obama,” a televised interview with *Crossroads*’ host Sheletta Brundidge broadcast by KSTC in Minneapolis, MN May 2008.

“A History Civil Rights Rhetoric,” a radio interview with *Access Minnesota*, broadcast across multiple Minnesota radio stations, May 2008.

“Who was Charles Sumner?” a radio interview and appearance at the Charles Sumner Minneapolis Library, broadcast by KMOJ, Minneapolis, January 8, 2005.

“The *Souls of Black Folk* and W. E. B. DuBois,” a panel discussion with David Blight and Robert Gooding-Williams. Conducted by Gretchen Helfrich for *Odyssey*, a syndicated National Public Radio program produced by WBEZ, Chicago, January 15, 2003.

“How to Prepare for the Presidential Debates,” an interview conducted by Channel 9 Television, *Good Morning Minnesota*, Minneapolis, MN October 3, 2000.

“Is Racism Getting Worse?” Invited discussion on WCCO (AM) radio, Minneapolis, MN, January 23, 1997.

### **Keynote Addresses and Titled Lectureships**

“Remaking Cosmopolitanism, Re-membering the Civil Rights Movement,” Keynote Address, Midwest Winter Workshop, Northwestern University, January 31, 2015.

“Making the Invisible, Visible: Communication’s Potential to Change US Race Relations,” Keynote Address at “2012 Communication Days,” University of Colorado, Denver, April 11, 2012.

“Memories of the King: How the Memorialization of the Civil Rights Movement is Shaping American Culture and Race Relations.” Keynote Address, “Martin Luther King, Jr. Day,” St. Johns University and the College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, MN, January 18, 2012.

“What Does it Mean to be an Heir of the King?” Keynote Address, “2011 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration,” Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, January 23, 2011.

“More than Civil Rights: The Fight for Black Freedom as a Human Rights Struggle.” Keynote Address, 12th Biennial Public Address Conference, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, September 30, 2010.

“Racial Legacies and Racial Amnesias: The Persistence of Racial Violence in US Public Culture,” with Professor Lisa Flores as the Libra Diversity Lecture, University of Maine, October 17, 2007.

“Public Memory, the Civil Rights Movement, and the Sentiment of Death,” presented as the 2006 Michael Osborn Lecture, University of Memphis, October 27, 2006.

“Rhetoric and Race in the American Experience: The Promises and Perils of Sentimental Memory,” Keynote address presented at the biennial Rhetoric Society of America Conference, National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis, TN May 27, 2006.

### **Research Presentations and Public Lectures (2010-2015)**

“Re-making Cosmopolitanism, Re-membering the Civil Rights Movement,” an invited research presentation for the Communication and Culture Department at Willamette University, Salem, OR, March 2, 2015.

- “Critical Cosmopolitanism and Civil Rights Memory: The Case of Robert Penn Warren,” a research presentation for the Communication Studies Department, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, February 23, 2015.
- “Campbell’s Rhetorical Legacy of Civil Rights Scholarship as the Right to Speak and Be Heard as A Human,” Vice-President’s spotlight presentation at the National Communication Association, Chicago, IL November 21, 2014.
- “The National and Cosmopolitan Dimensions of Disciplinarity,” National Communication Association, Chicago, IL, November 21, 2014.
- “Hearing the Hurt,” Rhetoric Society of America Conference, San Antonio, TX, May 24, 2014.
- “Rhetorical Geographies of the Short Civil Rights Movement,” Super Session Panel Response, Rhetoric Society of America Conference, San Antonio, TX, May 22, 2014.
- “Cosmopolitan Possibilities & Problems in the ‘Short’ Civil Rights Movement,” an invited lecture to the English Department, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA February 27, 2014.
- “‘I Have a Dream’ 50 Years Later,” a spotlight presentation at the National Communication Association, November 23, 2013.
- “Violent Forms of Mimesis in ‘Django Unchained,’” a presentation for the Critical/Cultural Studies Division, National Communication Association, November 22, 2013.
- “The Ugly and Intimate Nature of Emancipation,” a presentation for the Public Address Division, National Communication Association, November 22, 2013.
- “Warrior Politician Benjamin Butler,” a research presentation for the Public Address Division, National Communication Association, November 22, 2013.
- “The Gettysburg Address: A 150-year retrospective,” a panel discussion sponsored by the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions and the First Amendment Center of Vanderbilt University. Memphis, TN. November 19, 2013.
- “Cosmopolitan Possibilities & Problems in the ‘Short’ Civil Rights Movement,” an invited lecture to the Department of Communication Studies, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, October 25, 2013.
- “Remembering the ‘Commonly’ Uncommon Abraham Lincoln,” Response to Professors Parry-Giles and David Kaufer at the 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial Public Address Conference, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, September 29, 2012.
- “How shall we define Human Rights?” Super Session Presentation, Rhetoric Society of America Conference, Philadelphia, PA, May 26, 2012.
- “The Critical Genealogies of Rhetorical Studies,” Super Session Presentation, Rhetoric Society of America Conference, Philadelphia, PA, May 26, 2012.
- “Race and Identity in the Classroom,” Workshop presentation with graduate student Jason Gines for Camp Rhetoric, at the Pennsylvania State University, February 4, 2012.
- “Faculty Diversity Workshop,” a faculty workshop presented at St. John’s University and the College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, MN, January 17, 2012.
- “Ghosts in the Machine: Alterity’s Haunting of the Rhetoric of Labor.” A response to the panel: Women, Work, and Wobblies, Public Address Division, National Communication Association Convention, November 19, 2011.

“Imitation, Leadership, and Violence: How to Understand Racial Hostilities After the Civil War.”  
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. Milwaukee, WI, October 14, 2011.

“Comparing Technologies Across Universities,” Liberal Arts Scholarship and Technology Summit,  
Penn State University, August 15, 2011.

“Michelle Obama and the Figure of the Black Female Body,” response to Professor Bonnie Dow’s  
Keynote Address and Kurt Ritter Lecture, Rhetoric, Politics, and the Obama Phenomenon  
Conference, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, March 6, 2010.

### ***Teaching Responsibilities and Courses***

#### **Associate Professor, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park Communication Arts & Sciences Department**

Rhetoric, Race, and Identity (CAS 597A, Graduate Seminar).

Social Movements and Political Contention (CAS 506, Graduate Seminar)

Textual Analysis and Criticism (CAS 504, Graduate Seminar)

Rhetorical Criticism (CAS 411, Undergraduate lecture course)

Public Address: Rhetoric of the 1960s (CAS 475, Undergraduate lecture course)

African American Culture and Communication (CAS 422 and AF AM 422, Undergraduate  
lecture course.).

Presidential Rhetoric in the Age of Obama (CAS 297A, Undergraduate lecture course).

African American Civil Rights Rhetoric (CAS 478, Undergraduate lecture course).

Introduction to Human Communication (CAS 101, Undergraduate lecture course).

#### **Vising Associate Professor, the University of Colorado, Boulder Communication Department**

Political and Cultural Rhetoric of the 1960s (First Scholar--Faculty in Residence Summer  
Term; Undergraduate lecture course. (June 3 – July 5, 2013).

#### **Associate Professor, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities Campus Communication Studies Department**

Textual Analysis and Criticism (COMM-8504, Graduate Seminar)

The Rhetoric of Sentimental Memory (COMM-8110, Graduate Seminar)

Rhetoric, Race and Culture (COMM-8110, Graduate Seminar)

Rhetoric and Social Movement Theory (COMM 8110, Graduate Seminar)

History and Criticism of U.S. Public Discourse, 1860-1940 (COMM-5618, Graduate and Senior  
lecture).

History and Criticism of U.S. Public Discourse, 1600-1860 (COMM-5617, Graduate and Senior  
lecture).

Methods of Rhetorical Criticism (COMM 5615, Graduate and Senior lecture—required methods  
course for graduate students)

Political and Cultural Rhetoric of the 1960s (COMM 5110, Undergraduate lecture course, cross listed with 3110 of same name.)

African American Civil Rights Rhetoric (COMM-4616, Senior undergraduate lecture and seminar)

Argumentation (COMM-3615, Undergraduate lecture in argument theory and debate practice)

Persuasive Speaking (COMM-3605, Undergraduate lecture)

Political and Cultural Rhetoric of the 1960s (COMM 3110, Undergraduate lecture)

Public Speaking (COMM 1101--SEAM Section, Undergraduate lecture)

### **Instructor, Northwestern University-Evanston, IL.**

Speech Writing (Fall 1995).

The Rhetoric of Civil Rights, Senior Seminar (Winter 1995).

Public Speaking (1993-1995).

### **Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University-Evanston, IL.**

Contemporary Rhetorical Practices with Professor David Zarefsky (Spring 1995).

Rhetorical History of the United States with Professor David Zarefsky (Fall 1993).

Rhetorical History of the United States with Professor Michael Leff (Fall 1991).

### **Research Assistant, Northwestern University-Evanston, IL.**

Assisted Dean David Zarefsky in historical and critical research for various publications (1992-1993).

### **Instructor, Purdue University-West Lafayette, IN.**

Interviewing Skills and Practices (1990-1991).

Public Speaking (1989-1990).

### ***Graduate advising at Penn State University***

Kaitlyn Patia, Ph.D. adviser, (Fall 2013-Present)

Emily Hobbs, MA adviser, (Fall 2013-Present)

Anne Kretsinger-Harries, Ph.D. adviser, defended prospectus Spring 2014  
(Fall 2011-Present)

Bernardita Yunis, M.A. adviser, (Fall 2010-Present)

Keren Wang, Ph.D. committee member (Spring 2014-Present)

Dominic Manthey, MA committee member (Spring 2014-Present)

Laura Brown, English Ph.D. outside committee member (Spring 2014-Present)

Kyle King, English Ph.D. outside committee member (Spring 2014-Present)

Bonnie Seirlecki, Ph.D. committee member, completed (Fall 2014-March 2015)

Billy Saas, Ph.D., committee member, completed (Spring 2011-Summer 2014)



Brittany Brown, College of Communications, MA .outside committee member, completed (Spring 2013-Spring 2014)

Lauren Camancci, MA adviser, completed (Fall 2011-Spring 2014)

Mark Hlavacik, Ph.D., committee member, completed (Fall 2010-Spring 2014)

Cory Geraths, MA, committee member, completed (Spring 2012-Fall 2013)

### ***Undergraduate advising at Penn State University***

Briana Adams, Honors Thesis, adviser (Spring 2015-Present)

Elizabeth Rush, Honors Thesis, adviser (Spring 2015-Present)

Marisa Faimow, Honors Thesis, adviser, completed (Fall 2013-April 2015)

### ***Graduate advising at the University of Minnesota***

Kasi Williamson, Ph.D., adviser, completed, completed (Fall 2013).

Rebecca Kuehl, Ph.D. committee member, completed, (Spring 2011).

Jessica Prody, Ph.D., committee member, completed (Spring 2011).

Sarah Jackson, Ph.,D. in Journalism, committee member, completed (Fall, 2010).

Deborah Summer, M.A. adviser, completed (Spring 2010).

Sam Boerboom, Ph.D., adviser, completed (Spring, 2010).

Abe Khan, Ph.D. adviser, completed (Spring, 2010).

Abigail Davis, Ph.D. in English--committee member, completed (Spring, 2009).

Casey Kelly, Ph.D. adviser, completed (Spring, 2009).

Michael Lee, Ph.D. adviser, completed (Summer, 2008).

Bob Hinrichs, Ph.D.-committee member, completed (Summer, 2008).

Jessica Prody, M.A. adviser, completed (Summer, 2007).

Zornitsa Keremidchieva, Ph.D.-committee member, completed (Spring 2007).

Tim Waclawski, M.A. adviser, completed (Spring, 2006).

Kristin Brown, Ph.D.-committee member, completed (Summer, 2006).

Aric Putnam, Ph.D. adviser, completed (Summer, 2006).

Kristine Bruss, Ph.D.-committee member, completed (Summer, 2005).

Kevin Vollmers, M.A.-committee member, completed (Summer, 2005).

Patrick Carpenter, M.A. adviser completed (Spring, 2004).

Betsy Widup, M.A. adviser, completed (Summer, 2003).

Michael Kramer, Ph.D.-committee member, completed (Spring, 2004).

Shannon Skarphol, Ph.D.-committee member, completed (Fall, 2002).

Michael Netzley, Ph.D.-committee member, completed (Spring, 2002).

Joshua Gunn, Ph.D.-committee member, completed (Spring, 2002).

Angela Ray, Ph.D.-committee member, completed (Summer, 2001).  
 Lin Lee Lee, Ph.D.-committee member, completed (Summer, 2000).  
 Julie McTaggart, Ph.D.-committee member, completed prelim exams (Fall, 1999).  
 Michael Mackey, MA-committee member, completed (Summer, 1999).  
 Randall Furgeson, Ph.D.-committee member, completed (Summer, 1998).  
 Robert Brookey, Ph.D.-committee member, completed (Winter, 1998).  
 Tomas Klvana, Ph.D.-committee member, completed (Summer 1997).  
 Jennifer Stromer-Galley, M.A.-committee member, completed (Spring, 1997).  
 Shannon Skarphol, M.A.-committee member, completed (Spring, 1996).

## **Professional Service and Activities**

### **National Administrative Responsibilities and Positions**

Chair, Publications Committee, Rhetoric Society of America, Spring 2014 -- Present.  
 Board of Directors Member, Rhetoric Society of America, December, 2011 – Present.  
 Co-Chair, Centennial Celebration Series!, National Communication Association, 2013-2014.  
 Chair, Public Address Division, National Communication Association, Fall 2010-Fall 2011.  
 Member of the Publications Board, National Communication Association, Fall 2007-Fall 2010.  
 Review Committee, Marie Hochmuth Nichols Public Address Award, National Communication Association, 2005-2008. Chair of the Committee in 2008.  
 Secretary of the Public Address Division, National Communication Association, 2003-2006.  
 Chair of the Nominating Committee of the Rhetorical and Theory Division of the National Communication Association, 2004-2005.  
 Twice elected as the representative to the National Communication Association Resolutions Committee for the Public Address Division, 2000-2002.  
 Nominating Committee Member, Rhetorical and Theory Division of the National Communication Association, 2000-2001.

### **Review and Editing Responsibilities**

Associate Editor for the *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, edited by Barbara Biesecker and published by the National Communication Association, 2013—Present.  
 Editorial Board for the Democratic Deliberation book series published by the Pennsylvania State University Press, Spring 2011—present.  
 Associate Editor for the Rhetoric and Public Affairs book series published by Michigan State University Press, 2003—present.  
 Associate Editor for *Rhetoric & Public Affairs*, edited by Martin Medhurst and published by Michigan State University Press, 2002—present.  
 Associate Editor for the *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, edited by Raymie McKerrow and published by the National Communication Association, 2007—2012.

- Reviewer for the National Endowment for the Humanities' Collaborative Grant Proposals, American Studies Panel, Washington DC, March 10, 2011.
- Book Review Editor, *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, Summer 2004—2007.
- Associate Editor for the *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, edited by Karlyn Kohrs Campbell and published by the National Communication Association, 2000—2004.
- Associate Editor for *Argument and Advocacy*, edited by Dale A. Herbeck and published by the American Forensics Association, 2001—2004.
- Reviewer for *Communication Theory*, editor Scott Jacobs and published by the International Communication Association and Oxford University Press, November 2002—2 essays.
- Reviewer for *Philosophy and Rhetoric*, editor Stephen Brown and published by Pennsylvania State University Press, September 2002.
- Reviewer for *Communication Quarterly*, special issue on Identity Negotiation, edited by Ronald L. Jackson, II and published by the Eastern States Communication Association, May, 2002.
- Reviewer for the National Endowment for the Humanities. Reviewed year-long grants submitted to the American Studies, Rhetoric, Communication and Media Review Committee, NEH, Summer, 2001.
- Reviewer for *Western Journal of Communication*, edited by David Henry for National Speech Communication Association, November, 1999 and October, 2000.
- Reviewer for *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, edited by Andrew King and published by the National Communication Association, July, 2000.
- Reviewer for *Contours*, edited by David Barry Gaspar and published by Indiana University Press, March, 2000.
- Panel and paper reviewer for the 2000 Rhetoric Society of America Annual Convention, October, 1999.
- Reviewer for *Argument and Advocacy*, edited by Edward Schiappa and published by the American Forensic Association, May, 1999.
- Reviewer for *Rhetoric & Public Affairs*, edited by Martin Medhurst and published by Michigan State University, March, 1999, July 2001, January 2002.
- Reviewer for *Rhetoric Review*, edited by Theresa Enos and published from the University of Arizona, September, 1996-1997.

### **Other**

- Co-Leader of the Rhetoric Society of America Summer Institute Seminar, "Rhetoric's Critical Genealogies," with James Jasinski, Vanessa Beasley, and Chuck Morris. University of Colorado, Boulder, June, 2011.
- Program Planner and Vice-Chair, Public Address Division, National Communication Association Convention, 2010.
- Participated in the Alliance of Rhetoric Societies Conference, Northwestern University, October 11-13, 2003.
- Participated in the Civility Symposium at the University of Iowa sponsored by the Research Board of the National Communication Association, May 5-6, 2000.

Participated in the New Faculty Orientation and Teaching Workshop sponsored by the University, September 12, 1996.

Attended the “World Conference on Remedies to Racial and Ethnic Economic Inequality” sponsored by the Roy Wilkins Center for Human Relations and Social Justice, May 16-19, 1996.

### ***University and Departmental Service***

#### **Service to the Pennsylvania State University**

Graduate Studies Awards Committee, College of Liberal Arts, Fall 2014—Present

Board member for the Center for Democratic Deliberation, Fall 2010 – Present

Strategic Development Committee member for the newly formed African American Studies Department, Liberal Arts, Penn State University, Fall 2011.

Search committee member for a Head of the African and African American Studies Department, Liberal Arts, Penn State University, Fall 2010-Winter 2011.

#### **Service to the University of Minnesota**

Faculty Fellow, CIC Academic Leadership Program, University of Minnesota, 2008-2009.

Member of the Faculty Advisory Board, Center for Integrative Leadership, Humphrey Institute of Public Policy, University of Minnesota, 2007-2009.

Chair of the Social Science Policy and Review Committee, Graduate School, University of Minnesota, Fall 2006—Spring 2008.

Search committee member, Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education, University of Minnesota, Fall 2007.

Member of the Advisory Board, Institute for Advanced Study, CLA, University of Minnesota, Spring 2004-2007.

Co-Chair of the Task Force on Faculty Culture, Repositioning the University of Minnesota Strategic Initiative, 2005-2006.

Member of the search committee for a Director of Public Relations, CLA, University of Minnesota, Spring 2004.

Member of the CLA Instructional Awards Committee, University of Minnesota, 2003—2005.

Member of the CLA Faculty Research Awards Committee, University of Minnesota, Fall 2003.

Member of the Education Committee for the 2003 “In the Spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr.,” art exhibition. Weisman Art Museum, University of Minnesota, Spring 2002-Spring 2003.

Interlocutor and respondent to a paper by Professor Hancher. at the Minnesota-Amsterdam Symposium, “Technological Innovation & Cultural Change: Interdisciplinary Perspectives in the Media and the Public Sphere,” September 27, 2002.

Faculty Mentor in the U of M's Undergraduate Distinguished Minority Scholar Program, December 2000-Fall 2002.

Lecturer for the CLA Freshman Orientation Leader Conference, Summer 2001 and Spring 2002.

Reviewer for the President's Multicultural Undergraduate Research Scholarships, February-March, 2000.

Reviewer panel for the President's Multicultural Research Award for Faculty, November, 1999.  
 Member of the College of Liberal Arts Faculty Assembly, University of Minnesota (1998-1999).  
 Mediator for the Graduate Student Health Care Forum sponsored by the Council of Graduate Students, University of Minnesota, April 1998.

### **Departmental Service, the Pennsylvania State University**

Co-Chair, CAS Colloquium Committee, Fall 2014 – Present.  
 Advisory Committee, Fall 2011 – Present.  
 Undergraduate Committee Member, Spring 2015 – Present.  
 Rhetoric Job Search Committee, Fall 2014.  
 Graduate Officer and Director, 2011 –2014.  
 Basic Course Director Internal Search Committee, Fall 2011.  
 Graduate Committee, Fall 2010 – Spring 2011; Committee Chair, 2011—2014.

### **Departmental Service, University of Minnesota**

Director of Graduate Studies, 2005-2008.  
 Administrator of the department web and email-list servers, Fall, 1997-2006.  
 Director of Departmental Honors Program, 2003-2005.  
 Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2003-2005.  
 Member of the Faculty Annual Review Committee, Spring 2003, 2004.  
 Member of the Department Technology Committee, Fall, 1996-2010.  
 Member of the Annual Awards Committee, Spring, 2002.  
 Member of the Department Chair Search Committee, Fall, 2001.  
 Member of the Department Faculty Search Committee. Completed with the hire of Ronald Greene, Fall 2000-Winter, 2001.  
 Member of the 1102 course evaluation committee, March, 1997.  
 Member of the Travel Awards Committee, Spring, 1996, Spring, 1997.  
 Member of the Annual Awards Committee, January, 1996-Spring, 1997.

### **Memberships**

Rhetoric Society of America  
 National Communication Association (NCA).