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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Teaching Professor, Communication Arts & Sciences – Summer 2001 to Spring 2003; Fall 2005 to Present

Penn State University, University Park, PA

- Director, Undergraduate Speaking Center, 2016 to Present
- Course Supervisor - Collaborative Communication, 2013 to Present
- Courses: Rhetoric and Civic Life, Collaborative Communication, Collaborative Communication for the Business Environment (LEAP), Small Group Communication, Speech Mentor Training, Public Speaking
- Cynthia Finch Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2008, 2021

Professional Development Lecturer – Fall 2005 to Fall 2015

Center for Workplace Learning and Performance, Penn State University, University Park, PA

- Instructs adult professionals in effective communication techniques
- Designs custom seminars for client's communication environment

Adjunct Faculty – Fall 2003

Trinity College, Washington, DC

- Developed public speaking lesson plan for adult learners
- Worked with racially and economically diverse student population

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Communications Project Manager – 2003-2004

Integram Expedited Communications, Fairfax, VA

- Managed production of political campaign mailings

EDUCATION

M.A. Communication Arts and Sciences, December 2003

The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

- University Graduate Fellowship, Fall 2000-Spring 2001
- Thesis: *Gender Essentialisms and the Mythic Paradigm: The Evolution of Christian Masculinity Rhetoric*. Advisor: Dr. J. Michael Hogan
- Emphasis in political communication, religious communication, and gender communication

B.S. Rhetoric and Media Studies, May 1999; Dean's List all semesters

Willamette University, Salem, OR

- Willamette University Fellowship, 1995-1999

·National Merit Scholar

SERVICE

- CAS 100B Course Supervisor, 2013-Present
- Undergraduate Speaking Center Director, 2016-Present
- CAS 100 Basic Course Committee Member, 2013-Present
- Undergraduate Speaking Center Advisory Board, Chair, 2013-Present
- Lecturer Hiring Committee Member, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017-Present
- CAS 100B Online – Course Redesign, 2018-2019
- Penn State Leadership Institute – Curriculum Development, Small Group Mentor, Workshop Presenter, 2018, Workshop Presenter, 2019
- Deliberation Pedagogy Workshop – Lecturer/Facilitator, Fall 2016
- Senior Lecturer Promotion Committee Member, 2015, 2016
- "Future of the Basic Course" Discussion, Eastern Comm. Assn. – Facilitator, April 2016
- Excellence in Communication Certificate (College of Liberal Arts) – Mentor, 2011-2015
- Excellence in Communication Certificate (College of Liberal Arts) – Review Committee, 2011-2015
- Participant in Development of College's Rhetoric and Civic Life Course, 2010-2011, 2012-2015
- Lecturer Committee (Exploratory) Member, 2014
- Group Communication Course (100B) – Redesign, 2013-2014
- LEAP Training Session – Experienced Instructor Panelist, 2013, 2014
- Civic Engagement Public Speaking Contest – Final Round Judge, Fall 2013
- Department Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee Member, 2012-2013
- Communications Consultant for Global Capacity (Non-Profit Organization, Provides Education Scholarships and Mentoring in Rwanda) – Volunteer, 2011-2012
- Presentation Consultant for Catalyst Energy Conference – Coach/Trainer, April 2012
- Department Honors and Awards Committee Member, 2011-2012
- Department Technology Committee Member, 2010-2011
- Basic Course Standardization Committee Member, 2007-2008
- Leadership Advance Conference – Speaker (Plenary Session), 2011, 2012
 - Planning Oversight Team, 2010, 2012
 - Trainer, 2003, 2007-2010
 - Panelist, 2009, 2010
- Navigators – Undergraduate Mentor and Small Group Leader, 2001-2003
- Mentor for Incoming Graduate Students, 2002-2003
- College of Agricultural Sciences' Speaking Contest (Penn State) – Judge, 2002

HONORS

- Outstanding Instruction in LEAP Summer Session, 2011
- Cynthia Finch Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2008
- Willamette University Herbert Smith Leadership Award, 1999
- Kappa Sigma Scholarship/Leadership Award, 1999
- Mortarboard Honor Society, 1998
- Order of Omega Honor Society, 1998

PRESENTATIONS

- “Integrating Multiple Media Assignments in a Single Course: Rhetoric and Civic Life,”
Penn State Media Commons Conference. State College, PA, 2013
- “Rewriting the Church-State Contract: Joseph Lieberman’s Faith-Based Rhetoric in the
2000 Campaign,” National Communication Association. Atlanta, GA, 2001.
- “Content v. Conduct: Reinterpreting Religious Speech in the Workplace,” Alta
Argumentation Conference. Alta, UT, 2001.
- “Heated Debate: A Neoristotelian Analysis of an Argument Predicting Benign Global
Warming Patterns,” Northwest Communication Association. Coeur d’Alene, ID,
1999.