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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Communication, University of Utah, 2017
M.A., Communication & Culture, Indiana University, 2014
B.A., Communication Studies, University of Georgia, 2012

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Pennsylvania State University

Assistant Professor, Communication Arts & Sciences, 2020-present
Affiliate, Huck Institutes of the Life Sciences, 2020-present
Affiliate, Sustainability Institute, 2021-present

University of Minnesota Duluth

Assistant Professor, Communication, 2017-2020

PUBLISHED WORKS

Books

Ecological Feelings: A Rhetorical Compendium. East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, 2025. 332 pages.

Mourning in the Anthropocene: Ecological Grief and Earthly Coexistence. East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, 2022. 272 pages.

Winner, Tarla Rai Peterson Book Award in Environmental Communication, National Communication Association. Reviewed in *Ecozon@: European Journal of Literature, Culture, and Environment*; *Journal of Ecohumanism*; *Green Letters: Studies in Ecocriticism*; *CHOICE*; and *H-Environment*.

Edited Journal Issues

“Composing Climate Change: Atmosphere, Affect, Attention.” *Departures in Critical Qualitative Research* 9, no. 4 (2020): 1-113.

“Image Politics at Twenty.” *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies* 16, no. 4 (2019): 326-391.

“Intensities: Affect, Encounter, Social Change.” *Culture, Theory and Critique* 60, no. 2 (2019): 99-192. With Kevin Michael DeLuca.

Essays and Articles (* - peer reviewed)

Unthinking Care. *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies* 21, no. 2 (2024): 163-172.

Ecological Care’s Compromised Conditions: Reflections from Cook Forest. *Essays in Philosophy* 24, nos. 1/2 (2023): 102-120.*

Imagining More-Than-Human Care: From Multispecies Mothering to Caring Relations in *Finding the Mother Tree*. *Journal of Ecohumanism* 2, no. 1 (2023): 9-20.*

Rhetoric for Earthly Coexistence: Imagining an Ecocentric Rhetoric. *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 24, nos. 1-2 (2021): 365-378.

Ecological Moods: Feeling Our Way into Thinking Like Aldo Leopold. *ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and the Environment* 28, no. 3 (2021): 1155-1181.*

From Ecological Grief to *Gelassenheit*: Rhetorics of Sentiment and Science in *Hemlock*. *Environmental Communication* 15, no. 6 (2021): 783-797.*

Dwelling in the Anthropocene: Notes from Lake Superior. *Ethics & the Environment* 25, no. 1 (2020): 19-49. With David Charles Gore.*

Opening Moves: Composing Climate Change. *Departures in Critical Qualitative Research* 9, no. 4 (2020): 1-12.

Naming, Mourning, and the Work of Earthly Coexistence. *Environmental Communication* 13, no. 3 (2019): 287-299.*

Irrational Hope, Phenological Writing, and the Prospects of Earthly Coexistence. *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies* 16, no. 4 (2019): 382-391.

Introduction: *Image Politics at Twenty*. *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies* 16, no. 4 (2019): 326-328.

The Conditions That Form Us: Affect, Media, and Social Change. *Culture, Theory and Critique* 60, no. 2 (2019): 99-106. With Kevin Michael DeLuca.

A Certain Fidelity to Infidelity: Thinking Against Loyalty in the Academy. *Women & Language* 42, no. 1 (2019): 145-149.

On Dying Ecologically in the Anthropocene. *The Ecological Citizen* 2, no. 2 (2018): 23-29.*

Energy Communication: Theory and Praxis Toward a Sustainable Energy Future. *Environmental Communication* 12, no. 3 (2018): 289-294. With Brian Cozen, Danielle Endres, Tarla Rai Peterson, and Christi Horton.*

Thinking Ecologically with Judith Butler. *Culture, Theory and Critique* 59, no. 1 (2018): 20-39.*

- Politics of Edibility: Reconceptualizing Ecological Relationality. *Environmental Communication* 12, no. 2 (2018): 218-231.*
- The Ecological Awareness of an Anthropocene Philosopher. *Environmental Communication* 12, no. 7 (2018): 989-993.
- Catching Sight: Queer Worldmaking in a Glance. *QED: A Journal of GLBTQ Worldmaking* 5, no. 2 (2018): 23-32. With Brandon S. Killen.
- Impurities: Thinking Ecologically with *Safe*. *Communication, Culture, & Critique* 10, no. 2 (2017): 203-220.*
- Transgender Veterans and the Veterans Health Administration: Exploring the Experiences of Transgender Veterans in the Veterans Affairs Healthcare System. *Transgender Health* 1, no. 1 (2016): 108-116. With Kris Rosentel, Brandon J. Hill, and Connie Lu.*
- Linguistic Stereotyping in Older Adults' Perceptions of Health Care Aides. *Health Communication* 31, no. 7 (2016): 911-916. With Donald Rubin and Valerie Coles.*
- Rhetorics of Incommensurability: Disarticulating Queer Christianity in Mainstream News Coverage of the Soulforce Equality Ride. *Queer Studies in Media and Popular Culture* 1, no. 2 (2016): 141-158. Lead article. With Leland G. Spencer.*
- Communicating Energy in a Climate (of) Crisis. *Communication Yearbook* 40 (2016): 419-447. With Danielle Endres, Brian Cozen, Megan O'Byrne, and Tarla Rai Peterson.*
- Fit to Serve: Mental and Physical Health and Well-Being Among Transgender Active Duty Service Members and Veterans in the US. *Transgender Health* 1, no. 1 (2016): 4-11. Lead article. With Brandon J. Hill, Alida Bouris, and Dayna Walker.*
- Covert Operation: Archiving the Experiences of Transgender Service Members in the US Military. *TSQ: Transgender Studies Quarterly* 2, no. 4 (2015): 584-594. With Brandon J. Hill.*
- Toxic Portraits: Resisting Multiple Invisibilities in the Environmental Justice Movement. *The Quarterly Journal of Speech* 101, no. 2 (2015): 405-425.*
- We Are All Royalty: Narrative Comparison of a Drag Queen and King. *Journal of Leisure Research* 45, no. 2 (2013): 677-694. With Corey W. Johnson.*
- Touring Homophobia: Understanding the Soulforce Equality Ride as a Toxic Tour. *Southern Communication Journal* 78, no. 1 (2013): 25-41. With Leland G. Spencer.*
- When Men are Sexually Harassed: A Foundation for Studying Men's Experiences as Targets of Sexual Harassment. *Speaker & Gavel* 48, no. 2 (2011): 53-67. With Leland G. Spencer.*

Book Chapters (* - peer reviewed)

- Care. In *Ecological Feelings: A Rhetorical Compendium*, ed. Joshua Trey Barnett, 1-19. East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, forthcoming in 2025.*

- Introduction. In *Ecological Feelings: A Rhetorical Compendium*, ed. Joshua Trey Barnett, vii-xxvii. East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, forthcoming in 2025.*
- The Universe of Things: Power in a More than Human World. In *Routledge Handbook of Rhetoric and Power*, ed. Nathan Crick, 64-74. New York: Routledge, forthcoming in 2024. With Kevin Michael DeLuca.
- Rhetorical Ecologies of Violent Care: Thinking with Spotted Lanternflies. In *Pleasure and Pain in US Public Culture*, eds. Christopher Gilbert and John Lucaites, 21-37. Tuscaloosa, AL: University of Alabama Press, 2024.*
- Vigilant Mourning and the Future of Earthly Coexistence. In *Communicating in the Anthropocene: Intimate Relations*, eds. Alexa Dare and Vail Fletcher, 13-33. Lanham, MD: Lexington Press, 2021.
- Grievable Water: Mourning the Animas River. In *Water, Rhetoric, and Social Justice: A Mighty Confluence*, eds. Casey Schmitt, Christopher Thomas, and Theresa R. Castor, 273-291. Lanham, MD: Lexington Press, 2020.
- Fleshy Metamorphosis: Temporal Pedagogies of Transsexual Counterpublics. In *Transgender Communication Studies: Histories, Trends, and Trajectories*, eds. Leland G. Spencer and Jamie Capuzza, 155-169. Lanham, MD: Lexington Press, 2015.
- Our Town's a Drag: Drag Queens and Queer Space in Athens, Georgia. In *Just Leisure: Things We Care About*, eds. Dan Dustin and Keri Schwab, 49-57. Urbana, IL: Sagamore Publishing, 2013. With Corey W. Johnson.

Textbook Chapters

- The Art of Organizing and Outlining. In *Public Speaking: The Virtual Text*, ed. Lisa Schreiber. Millersville, Pennsylvania: The Public Speaking Project, 2012.
- Persuasive Speaking. In *Public Speaking: The Virtual Text*, ed. Lisa Schreiber. Millersville, Pennsylvania: The Public Speaking Project, 2012. With Sarah Stone-Watt.

Encyclopedia Entries

- Queer, Queer Theory, Queering. In *The Encyclopedia of Diversity and Social Justice*, ed. Sherwood Thompson, 580-583. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2014. With Corey W. Johnson.
- Cultural Hegemony. In *The Encyclopedia of Diversity and Social Justice*, ed. Sherwood Thompson, 184-187. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2014. With Corey W. Johnson and Anthony Hansen.

Book Reviews

- Review of *Every Living Thing: The Politics of Life in Common* by Jenell Johnson, *Rhetoric Society Quarterly*. Forthcoming in 2024.
- Review of *Nestwork: New Material Rhetorics for Precarious Species* by Jennifer Clary-Lemon, *ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment* 31, no. 1 (2024): 231-233.

Review of *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World* by Katharine Hayhoe, *NCA Environmental Communication Division Blog*. September 28, 2022.

Review of *Energy Islands: Metaphors of Power, Extractivism, and Justice in Puerto Rico* by Catalina M. De Onís, *NCA Environmental Communication Division Blog*. October 6, 2021.

Review of *Observation Points: The Visual Poetics of National Parks*, ed. Thomas Patin, *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 17, no. 3 (2014): 568-571.

Interviews, Editorials, and Public Scholarship

Interview: Mourning in the Anthropocene: Ecological Grief and Earthly Coexistence. *New Books Network: New Books in Environmental Studies Podcast*. April 16, 2024.

Scholarly Interview with Joshua Trey Barnett, Ph.D., from the Pennsylvania State University on Rhetorical Criticism, Ecological Rhetoric, and LGBTQ+ Studies in Communication. *Master's in Communication*. 2024.

In Conversation with Joshua Trey Barnett. *Art Review Oxford*, spring 2024, 55-58.

What Stage Are We In? A Conversation on Ecological Grief with Joshua Trey Barnett. *Association for the Study of Literature and Environment EcoCast*. April 9, 2023.

Interview: Talking about *Mourning in the Anthropocene* with Joshua Trey Barnett. *NCA Environmental Communication Division Blog*. July 6, 2022.

Trump's Military Policy Overlooks Data on Why Transgender Troops Are Fit to Serve. *The Conversation* (April 2, 2018): <https://theconversation.com/trumps-military-policy-overlooks-data-on-why-transgender-troops-are-fit-to-serve-94058>. With Brandon J. Hill.

Fit to Serve: Data on Transgender Military Service. *The Conversation* (January 9, 2018): <https://theconversation.com/fit-to-serve-data-on-transgender-military-service-83133>. Reprinted in: *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *Pink News* (UK), and elsewhere. With Brandon J. Hill.

In Toxically Assaulted Communities, Portraiture Visualizes Pollution and Precarity. *Communication Currents* (2015). Online.

Letter to the Editor: Mental Health and the Army: Where Do Transgender Servicemembers Fit in the Picture? *JAMA Psychiatry* 71, no. 8 (2014): 967. With Brandon J. Hill.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

In Development

Caring Rhetorics on the Edge of Extinction

Unsettling Silence (with Leland G. Spencer and ben Brandley)

Review of *Rhetorical Climatology*, by A Reading Group (with Nathaniel Rivers, Jenell Johnson, and Jason Kalin)

Under Review

Refuge Amidst the Ruins (with David Charles Gore)

Thinking Like and Caring For a Land Community

The Scales of Ecological Care

PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

Competitively Selected Conference Presentations

Refuge Amidst the Ruins: On the (Im)Possibility of Safe Haven in the Anthropocene. Western States Communication Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico, February 2025. With David Charles Gore. *Submitted*.

On Being Rhetoric Enough. Panelist. National Communication Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2024.

Engineering Coexistence, Catalyzing Hope: The American Chestnut and Rhetorics of Restoration. Rhetoric Society of America, Denver, Colorado, May 2024.

Teaching Mourning: Eulogizing Ecological Losses and Cultivating Grievability. Rhetoric Society of America, Denver, Colorado, May 2024.

The Violence on the Way to Care. Philosophy and Politics of Care Conference, Verona, Italy, May 2024.

Troubling Rhetorical Ecologies of Violent Care: Thinking with Invasive Species. National Communication Association, National Harbor, Maryland, November 2023. ***Top paper, Environmental Communication Division.***

Care. Conference on Communication and the Environment, Harrisonburg, Virginia, June 2023.

The Promise and Peril of Ecological Care: Reflections from Cook Forest. Western States Communication Association, Phoenix, Arizona, February 2023.

Taking Care with “Invasive” Species: Confronting Violent Rhetorics. National Communication Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2022.

Author Meets Readers: Thinking-Feeling with Joshua Trey Barnett’s *Mourning in the Anthropocene*. Panelist. National Communication Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2022.

Rhetorical Ecologies of Violent Care. Western States Communication Association, Portland, February 2022. ***Top paper, Environmental Communication Interest Group.***

Ecomanifestos: On Worldmaking Rhetorics. National Communication Association, Seattle, November 2021.

Toward a More Caring Environmental Rhetoric. National Communication Association, Seattle, November 2021.

From Ecological Grief to *Gelassenheit* in *Hemlock*. Conference on Communication and the Environment, July 2021.

The Caring Tree. Relations of Care Across and After Worlds Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, May 2021.

Mourning Waterways: Reflections on Ecological Grief. National Communication Association, Indianapolis, November 2020.

Rhetoric and the Work of Earthly Coexistence. National Communication Association, Indianapolis, November 2020.

Good Touch, Bad Touch: Thinking Through Ecosexuality. Western States Communication Association, Denver, February 2020.

Cultivating Intimacy in a “World of Wounds”: Leopold’s Phenological Writings. Western States Communication Association, Denver, February 2020.

Phenological Style and the Rhetoric of Emplaced Observation. National Communication Association, Baltimore, November 2019.

Vigilant Mourning: Staging Disappearance and Destruction. Animal Remains Conference, University of Sheffield Animal Studies Research Centre, Sheffield, United Kingdom, April 2019.

Naming, Mourning, and the Work of Earthly Coexistence. Western States Communication Association, Seattle, February 2019. ***Top paper, Environmental Communication Interest Group.***

Good Grief: Attuning to Loss in the Anthropocene. Western States Communication Association, Seattle, February 2019.

Attuning to Postracial Enjoyments. National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, November 2018.

Precarious Water: Grieving for the Animas River. Western States Communication Association, Santa Clara, California, February 2018. ***Top paper, Environmental Communication Interest Group.***

Exposure, Infrastructure, Assembly: Thinking Ecologically About Communication with Judith Butler. National Communication Association, Dallas, November 2017. ***Top paper, Philosophy of Communication Division.***

Hallucinations: Imbibing Photography. National Communication Association, Dallas, November 2017.

The Afterlife of Ecological Communication: Necrobiotic Signals. National Communication Association, Dallas, November 2017.

- Atmospheric Rhetorics. Western States Communication Association, Salt Lake City, February 2017. **Top paper, Environmental Communication Interest Group.**
- Getting Inside the Rhetoric of Science. Western States Communication Association, Salt Lake City, February 2017. With Danielle Endres, Tarla Rai Peterson, and Christi Horton.
- Ecological Thanatorhetorics. National Communication Association, Philadelphia, November 2016. **Top paper, Environmental Communication Division.**
- The Spatiality of Chemical Cultures. National Communication Association, Philadelphia, November 2016. With Danielle Endres.
- The Rhetorical Force of Big Data: Social Movement Rhetoric in the Age of Social Media. National Communication Association, Philadelphia, November 2016. With Kevin DeLuca and Ye Sun.
- Impurities: Thinking Ecologically with *Safe*. Power Dynamics: Media and the Environment Conference. University of California, Santa Barbara, California, April 2016.
- Sensing a Future Threat: Visualizing Climate Change. Western States Communication Association, San Diego, February 2016. **Top paper and top student paper, Environmental Communication Interest Group.**
- Politics of Edibility: Reconceptualizing Ecological Relationality. Global Change and Sustainability Center Research Symposium. University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, February 2016.
- The Heavy Present: Affective Accumulations, Digital Networks, and Social Change. National Communication Association, Las Vegas, November 2015.
- Chemical Cultures, Willful Exposure, and Rhetorical Subjectivity. National Communication Association, Las Vegas, November 2015.
- Race, Social Media, and Affect: Exploring the Intense Aftermath of Recent Events of Police Brutality. Panelist. National Communication Association, Las Vegas, November 2015.
- Energy in a Climate (of) Crisis. National Communication Association, Las Vegas, November 2015. With Danielle Endres, Brian Cozen, Megan O'Byrne, and Tarla Rai Peterson. **Top paper panel, Environmental Communication Division.**
- Transgender Health and the U.S. Military. Southern Comfort Conference, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, September 2015. With Brandon J. Hill.
- Fit to Serve: Mental and Physical Health and Well-Being Among Transgender Active Duty Service Members and Veterans in the US Military. International Academy of Sex Research, Toronto, Ontario, August 2015. With Brandon J. Hill, Alida Bouris, and Dayna Walker.
- Affecting Rhetoric: Tuning in to Encounters. Western States Communication Association, Spokane, February 2015.

Becoming Edible. Western States Communication Association, Spokane, February 2015. **Top paper panel, Environmental Communication Interest Group.**

Feeling Overwhelmed: Agent Orange, Affect, and Atrocious Archives. National Communication Association, Chicago, November 2014.

Visual Rhetorical Resilience. National Communication Association, Chicago, November 2014.

TransVets Seeking and Accessing Medical Care and Accommodations: A Preliminary Research Report. Southern Comfort Conference, Atlanta, September 2014. With Brandon J. Hill.

Southern, Sweaty Balls: Boybutante and the Queer South. Southern States Communication Association, New Orleans, April 2014.

Uninhabitability, Digital Landscapes, Resilience. Landscape, Space, and Place Conference. Indiana University, Bloomington, February 2014.

Toxic Portraits: Chemical Warfare, Photography, and the Politics of Intergenerational (In)Justice. National Communication Association, Washington, D.C., November 2013.

So, You Think You Can What? Gay ‘Reality’ Porn and the Regulation of Masculinity. National Communication Association, Washington, D.C., November 2013.

Linguistic Stereotyping in Older Adults’ Perceptions of Health Care Aides. National Communication Association, Washington, D.C., November 2013. With Valerie Coles and Donald Rubin.

Performing Transitions: The Transgender Body, Photographic Sequences, and the Ontology of Performance. The International Conference on the Image, Chicago, October 2013.

Dominique and Dixie ‘Get Real’: Performativity, Politics, and Capitalism in Drag Space. Leisure Studies Association, London, July 2013. With Corey W. Johnson.

Corporeal Photographic Activism: Gendered Bodies and Environmental Justice Imagery. Southern States Communication Association, Louisville, April 2013.

Flooding, Shanties, and Camels (Oh My!): Visual-material Analysis of ‘Postcards From the Future.’ Southern States Communication Association, Louisville, April 2013.

Bodies in Motion: Photographic Sequences of Transsexual Bodies as Performance. (Corpo)Realities Conference. Indiana University, Bloomington, March 2013.
Overall top paper for conference.

Chemical Scythe: Agent Orange, Landscape Photography, and the Politics of ‘Picking Up the Pieces.’ Landscape, Space, and Place Conference. Indiana University, Bloomington, March 2013.

Seeing the Body, Seeing the Killer: Visualized ‘Bodies at Risk’ in the Environmental Justice Movement. National Communication Association, Orlando, November 2012. **Top paper panel, Rhetoric Division. Second place for James L. Golden Student Essay in Rhetoric Award.**

- In Praise of the Energy Economy? International Communication Association, Phoenix, May 2012.
- Our Town's a Drag: Queering Space for Social Justice. Speaking Up and Speaking Out Symposium on Social and Environmental Justice. University of Utah, Salt Lake City, May 2012. With Corey W. Johnson.
- We Are All Royalty: Narrative Comparison of a Drag Queen and King. Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities Research Symposium. University of Georgia, Athens, April 2012. **Best paper award.**
- Hetero-homos in "La Pareja": The Challenge for Feminist Writers. Southeastern Women Studies Association Conference, Fairfax, March 2012. With Jasmine Morrissette.
- Thoughts on Gay Porn Reality Television. Women's Studies Research Symposium. University of Georgia, Athens, February 2012.
- Different Drags: A Narrative Comparison of a Drag Queen and King. Association for New Zealand and Australian Leisure Studies, Dunedin, New Zealand, December 2011. With Corey W. Johnson.
- Seeing the Future in Contemporary Climate Change Discourse: Toward a Rhetorical Theory of Speculative Imagery. National Communication Association, New Orleans, November 2011. **Top paper panel.**
- Tri-state Water 'War': Media Frames and Weighing What's Best for Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin. Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities Research Symposium. University of Georgia, Athens, April 2011.
- Environmental Reframing in the 2008 Presidential and Vice Presidential Debates. Southern States Communication Association, Little Rock, March 2011.
- Queens Without a Palace: Small Town Drag Queens, Community, and Space. Women's Studies' Research Symposium. University of Georgia, Athens, March 2011.
- Same-sex Kissing on America's Street Corners: A Visual Rhetorical Analysis of the Athens Kiss-in. Southern States Communication Association, Memphis, April 2010.
- She's So Gay: Deciphering the Visual Representations (and Perceptions) of Lesbianism. Women's Studies' Research Symposium. University of Georgia, Athens, March 2010. With Calley Payne.

Invited Presentations

- Scholar's Office Hours. National Communication Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2024.
- Mourning in the Anthropocene: Ecological Grief and Earthly Coexistence. University Women's Club Book and Play Review Group. State College, Pennsylvania. October 28, 2024.

Cultivating Grief and Care in the Anthropocene: A Rhetorical Perspective. Kansas State University. September 18, 2024. *Honorarium*.

Readers-Meet-Authors: A Group Discussion of *Rhetorical Climatology*. Respondent. Rhetoric Society of America, Denver, Colorado. May 23, 2024.

Mourning in the Anthropocene: Ecological Grief and Earthly Coexistence. Virtual book talk. International Environmental Communication Association Virtual Expo. May 2, 2024.

Ecological Grief's Rhetorical Conditions. Guest lecture. University of Arkansas. April 2024. *Honorarium*.

On Thinking Like—and Caring For—Ecological Communities. Keynote. St. Lawrence University. March 6, 2024. *Honorarium*.

Cultivating Grief and Care in the Anthropocene: A Rhetorical Perspective. University of Alabama. February 29, 2024. *Honorarium*.

Disturbing Rhetorical Ecologies: Thinking with “Invasive” Species. Global Change and Sustainability Center Seminar Series. University of Utah. January 16, 2024. *Honorarium*.

Scholar's Office Hours. National Communication Association, National Harbor, Maryland. November 24, 2023.

Meet the Editors: *Rhetoric Society Quarterly*. Panelist. National Communication Association, National Harbor, Maryland. November 24, 2023.

Rhetorical Ecologies of Violent Care. Sustainable Environment and Health Showcase, College of the Liberal Arts, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, November 13, 2023.

The Scales of Ecological Care. Plenary presentation. Education University of Hong Kong. November 2, 2023. *Honorarium*.

A Time to Mourn: How Phenology Sets Our Ecological Grief into Motion. North Carolina State University. October 26, 2023. *Honorarium*.

Casting One's Lot: Environmental Citizenship and the Trouble with Care. Keynote. Environmental Citizenship Conference, Bavarian American Academy, Munich, Germany. July 8, 2023. *Honorarium*.

Ecological Care's Compromised Conditions. Plenary presentation. Care Ethics Otherwise Conference, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA. June 9, 2023.

Where Does Ecological Grief Grow? Keynote. Workshop on Environmental Emotions, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland. May 24, 2023. *Honorarium*.

Rhetorical Ecologies of Violent Care. Department of Communication Studies Colloquium, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN. April 7, 2023. *Honorarium*.

Case Studies in Environmental Rhetoric and Public Argument. Respondent. National Communication Association, New Orleans, November 17, 2022.

Mourning in the Anthropocene: Ecological Grief and Earthly Coexistence. Virtual book talk. The Greenhouse, University of Stavanger, Stavanger, Norway. October 31, 2022.

Rhetorics of Ecological Grief and Care: Thinking with Eastern Hemlocks. Guest lecture. Senior Seminar: Climate Rhetorics (ENGL 487W). Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania. October 24, 2022.

On *Mourning in the Anthropocene*. Guest lecture. Affect Theory and Ecological Crisis. University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah. September 27, 2022.

Author Meets Critics Event for *Mourning in the Anthropocene*. Communication, Science, and Society Initiative and the Department of Communication Arts and Sciences, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania. September 2, 2022.

Caring Under Compromised Conditions: Thinking with “Invasive” Species. “Ecologies of Entanglement” Symposium, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania. April 8, 2022.

A Time to Mourn: How Phenology Sets Our Ecological Grief into Motion. University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland. March 3, 2022.

Arts of Mourning in a Wounded World. Public lecture. Shaver’s Creek Environmental Center, Petersburg, Pennsylvania. February 12, 2022.

What Sets Our Ecological Grief into Motion? Communication Arts & Sciences Colloquium, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania. February 4, 2022.

Rhetoric and/as Care: Thinking with *Tsuga canadensis*. Communication Arts & Sciences Colloquium, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania. March 26, 2021.

Thinking with Forests: On Rhetoric and Care. Guest lecture. Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington, March 23, 2021.

Mourning Biodiversity: Ecological Grief and Earthly Coexistence. Biodiversity in a Changing World Symposium, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania. February 10, 2021.

Respondent, “Refuges of the Complex: Suffering Through Trauma in the Publicity Pleasure and Pain.” National Communication Association, Baltimore, Maryland, November 2019.

Sigurd Olson: The Rhetoric and Politics of “Silence.” Guest lecture. University of Minnesota, Duluth, Duluth, Minnesota, July 23, 2019. (For visiting students from Kyung Hee University, Seoul, South Korea.)

Thinking in Peril ... Perilous Thought. Guest lecture. University of Minnesota Duluth, Duluth, Minnesota, May 2, 2019.

Respondent, “The Paradox of Religious Rhetorics: Transcendence, Persecution, Apology, and Desire.” Western States Communication Association, Seattle, Washington, February 24, 2019.

After the Deluge: Solastalgic Yearning and Resistant Mourning. Lecture. Solastalgia Research Group. Superior, Wisconsin, January 28, 2019.

Thinking in Peril . . . Perilous Thought. Guest lecture. University of Minnesota Duluth, Duluth, Minnesota, October 30, 2018.

Queer Space. Guest speaker. Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina, September 26, 2018.

Intimacy and Infinity: Between Ecology and Earth Systems. Invited lecture. Anthropo-Scenes Symposium: Processing Hope and Despair in an Era of Climate Change. University of Minnesota Duluth, Duluth, Minnesota, March 30, 2018.

Thinking with Difficult Texts. Guest lecture. University of Minnesota Duluth, Duluth, Minnesota, January 18, 2018.

Thinking with Difficult Texts. Guest lecture. University of Minnesota Duluth, Duluth, Minnesota, November 30, 2017.

Mood and Event. Closing remarks. Affect, Activism, and New Media: Theoretical Provocations Symposium. University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 6, 2017.

Transsexual Counterpublics and Temporal Pedagogies: Visualizing Transformations in the Blogosphere. Guest lecture. Miami University, Hamilton, Ohio, November 23, 2015.

Force/Thought: Introductory comments. Affect, Images, and Digital Media: Engaging Multiple Worlds Conference. University of Utah, Salt Lake City, September 3, 2015.

Imag(in)ing the Future: Global Climate Change, Urban Ecology, and Visual Culture. Guest lecture. University of Utah, Salt Lake City, November 4, 2014.

Toxic Archives: Agent Orange and the Accumulation of Photographs. Virginia Gunderson Memorial Lecture, Department of Communication and Culture, Indiana University, Bloomington, October 17, 2014. [Honorarium and travel.]

Queer Politics: Rethinking Gay and Lesbian Equal Rights. Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Student Center Brown Bag Series, Indiana University, Bloomington, November 14, 2013.

The Climate Conundrum: Why I Believe Now is the Time to Act on Global Climate Change. Oconee River Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Athens, May 21, 2012.

We Are All Royalty: A Narrative Comparison of a Drag Queen and King. Gender Transcender Lecture Series: Gender and Drag. Lambda Alliance, University of Georgia, Athens, February 29, 2012.

We Are All Royalty: A Narrative Comparison of a Drag Queen and King. Gainesville State College Diversity Speaking Series, Gainesville State College, Gainesville, Georgia, September 26, 2011.

We Are All Royalty: A Narrative Comparison of a Drag Queen and King. Institute for Women's Studies Friday Speakers Series, University of Georgia, Athens, August 26, 2011.

Always Keep Writing: Writing as Activism for Young Authors. Keynote. Jackson County Community Outreach Annual Meeting, Commerce, Georgia, April 16, 2011.

For the Fish: Climate Work By and For Fishers. Foothills Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Helen, Georgia, November 9, 2010.

Gay Love in a Straight World: Romance and Love in the LGBT World: History and Present-day Challenges of Same-sex Love. Athens Institute for Contemporary Art (ATHICA) "Crafting Romance" closing ceremony, Athens, May 31, 2010.

Climate Change Impacts on Hikers and Trails: Separating Fact from Fiction. Southeastern Foot Trails Association, Mont Eagle, Tennessee, May 22, 2010.

Just Because You're Gay: Sexual Violence Within the LGBT Community. Take Back the Night Rally. University of Georgia, Athens, April 10, 2010.

Workshops Led

Rhetorical Ecologies of Care and Design. Rhetoric Society of America Summer Institute. Co-hosted with Donnie Johnson Sackey. University of Cincinnati, June 2-5, 2025.

Beyond Hope and Despair: Ecological Feelings at the Ends of Worlds. St. Lawrence University, March 5, 2024.

Ecological Care. European Association for the Study of Literature, Culture, and Environment Webinar. October 5, 2023.

Ecological Grief: Acknowledging Loss and Healing Relations. Jana Marie Foundation, State College, Pennsylvania. February 24, 2022.

Ecological Feelings | Feeling Ecological: Dwelling in the Anthropocenic Moment. Rhetoric Society of America Summer Seminar. Co-hosted with Jennifer Clary-Lemon. Syracuse University, May 24-28, 2021.

The Rhetorical Situation. Women and Men of Color Leadership Conference. Co-hosted with Cynthia Duquette Smith and Rebecca Butorac. Indiana University, Bloomington, October 12, 2013.

Workshops Attended

Schreyer Institute Book Group, Penn State University, Summer 2023

Sustainability Education Initiative / Penn's Woods Workshop, June 2022

Institute on Politics, Mediation, and Affect, Northwestern University, July 2015

Institute on Rhetoric, Politics, and Affect, Northwestern University, July 2014

Asia Pacific Week, Australia National University, July 2013

TEACHING HISTORY

Pennsylvania State University (2020-present)

Spring 2025	Communication Ethics <i>upper-division elective</i>
Fall 2024	Rhetorical Theory <i>upper-division elective</i>
Spring 2024	Environmental Rhetorics <i>graduate seminar</i>
Fall 2023	Methods of Rhetorical Criticism <i>required methods course</i>
Spring 2023	Rhetorical Theory <i>upper-division elective</i>
Fall 2022	Methods of Rhetorical Criticism <i>required methods course</i>
Spring 2022	More-Than-Human Rhetorics <i>graduate seminar</i>
Fall 2021	<i>On Research Leave</i>
Spring 2021	Rhetorical Theory <i>upper-division elective</i>
Fall 2020	Rhetorics of Earthly Coexistence <i>first-year seminar</i>

University of Minnesota, Duluth (2017-2020)

Summer 2020	Earthen Rhetorics
Spring 2020	Ecological Communication Rhetorical and Historical Methods (2) Independent Study: Rhetorical Criticism
Fall 2019	<i>On Research Leave</i>
Summer 2019	Earthen Rhetorics
Spring 2019	Philosophy and Rhetoric Ecological Communication Rhetorical and Historical Methods
Fall 2018	Philosophy and Rhetoric Rhetorical Criticism
Spring 2018	Philosophy and Rhetoric Ecological Communication
Fall 2017	Philosophy and Rhetoric Rhetorical Criticism

University of Utah (2015-2016)

Summer 2016	Communication and Social Responsibility
Spring 2016	Communicating Science, Health, and Environment (TA) Communication and Social Responsibility
Fall 2015	Communicating Science, Health, and Environment (TA)

Communication and Social Responsibility

Indiana University (2012-2014)

Spring 2014	Introduction to Communication and Culture
Fall 2013	Introduction to Communication and Culture (TA)
Spring 2013	Introduction to Public Speaking (2)
Fall 2012	Introduction to Public Speaking (2)

MENTORING

Ph.D. Advisee

Oliver Tripp, Ph.D., in progress (expected 2026)
Co-advising with Dr. Debra Hawhee (English).

Ph.D. Committees

Cheyenne Zaremba, Ph.D., in progress (expected 2025)
Haley Elizabeth Schneider, Ph.D., defended June 2022

Temporary Advisees

Athena Lee, M.A. (2024-present)
Talia Kibsey, Ph.D. (2022-2023)

Research Assistants

Summer 2023	Talia Kibsey
Spring 2023	Oliver Tripp
Fall 2022	Oliver Tripp
Spring 2022	Sophia Maier
Fall 2021	Natalie Bennie
Summer 2021	Cheyenne Zaremba

Graduate Student Projects Directed

Sarah Lawler, "Field Mice." A critical, nonfiction essay in fulfillment of the M.A. degree in English, Linguistics, and Writing Studies, University of Minnesota Duluth. This project was published in *ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment*.

Undergraduate Student Projects Directed

Alexandra Ulland, “Emotional Rhetoric: A Rhetorical Analysis of President Barack Obama’s 2015 White House Correspondents Dinner ‘Anger Translator’ Speech,” presented at the 2019 St. Thomas Undergraduate Communication Research Conference.

Savannah Dettman, “The Transformation from an Alcoholic to a Sober Alcoholic: A Rhetorical Analysis of the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous,” presented at the 2019 meeting of the Western States Communication Association.

Christine Brady, “The Game, the Prize and War Crimes: Geopolitics and Soft War in Syria,” presented at the 2018 meeting of the Western States Communication Association.

Aly Schwermer, “More Than Just a Girl in a Band: Lauren Mayberry’s Fight Against the Trolls,” presented at the 2016 meeting of the Western States Communication Association.

SERVICE

Service to the Department, College, or University

Pennsylvania State University

CAS = Department of Communication Arts and Sciences; CSSI = Communication, Science, and Society Initiative; REI = Rock Ethics Institute, HILS = Huck Institutes of the Life Sciences, CDD = Center for Democratic Deliberation

Co-Chairperson, Colloquium Committee, CAS, 2024-2025

Member, Kenneth Burke Prize Review Committee, CDD, 2024

Organizer, Huck Distinguished Lecture (Drew Lanham), HILS, 2024-present

Chairperson, Colloquium Committee, CAS, 2023-2024

Executive Committee Member, CSSI, 2023-present

Member, Graduate Studies Committee, CAS, 2021-present

Organizer, Huck Distinguished Lecture (Suzanne Simard), HILS, 2022-2023

Member, “Care Ethics Otherwise” Symposium Committee, REI, 2021-2023

Co-Organizer, “Ecologies of Entanglement” Symposium, CSSI, 2021

Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, CAS, 2020-2021

Member, Technology Committee, CAS, 2020-2021

University of Minnesota, Duluth

Organizer, “Thinking Our Climate Futures: Hospitality, Energy, Imagination, Obligation” panel for “Our Climate Futures” conference, 2019

Member, Departmental Scholarship Committee, 2019-2020

University of Utah

Panelist, Academic Job Market Primer, 2017

Panelist, Graduate Student Orientation, 2016

Committee Member, Sustainability Action Group, 2016-2017

Organizer, Affect, Images, and Digital Media Conference, 2015

Local Host, 19th Biennial ALTA Argumentation Conference, 2015

Panelist, Workshop on Conference Presentations, 2015

Ad Hoc Planner, Rhetoric Reading Group, 2015-2016

Certified Member, LGBT Safe Zone Mentor, 2014-17

Indiana University

Panelist, Graduate Student Orientation, 2013

Co-Organizer, Landscape, Space, and Place Conference, 2012-2014

Organizer, Graduate Cohort Rhetoric Writing Groups, 2013

University of Georgia

President, Undergraduate NCA, 2010-2012

President, Lambda Pi Eta, 2011-2012

Certified, LGBTQ Safe Space Mentor, 2009-2012

Member, Women’s Studies Research Symposium Committee, 2011-2012

Service to the Discipline

Editorial Responsibilities

Western Journal of Communication, Board Member, 2024-present

Quarterly Journal of Speech, Board Member, 2023-present

Rhetoric Society Quarterly, Associate Editor for Special Issues, 2022-present

Culture, Theory & Critique, Associate Editor, 2019-present

Rhetoric & Public Affairs, Board Member, 2022-present

Environmental Communication, Board Member, 2019-present

QED: A Journal of GLBTQ Worldmaking, Board Members, 2019-present

Women & Language, Board Member, 2018-present

Capacious: A Journal for Emerging Affect Inquiry, 2016-present

Association Leadership Roles

Immediate Past Chair, Environmental Communication Interest Group, WSCA, 2024-2025

Member, Awards Committee, Environmental Communication Division, NCA 2023

Chair, Environmental Communication Interest Group, WSCA, 2023-2024

Member, Awards Committee, IECA, 2022-present

Vice Chair, Environmental Communication Interest Group, WSCA, 2022-2023

Secretary, Environmental Communication Interest Group, WSCA, 2015-2017

Book Manuscript Reviewer

State University of New York Press (2024), Oxford University Press (2022), University of Alabama Press (2023, 2022), Routledge (2022), Lexington Books (2021)

Book Endorser

Jeremy R. Grossman, *Rhetoric and Public Memory in the Science of Disaster*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2024.

Nicholas S. Paliewicz, *Extraction Politics: Rio Tinto and the Corporate Persona*. University Park, PA: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2024.

Emma Frances Bloomfield, *Science v. Story: Narrative Strategies for Science Communicators*. Oakland, CA: University of California Press, 2024.

A Reading Group (Chris Ingraham, John Ackerman, Jennifer Lin LeMesurier, Bridie McGreavy, Candice Rai, and Nathan Stormer), *Rhetorical Climatology*. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University Press, 2023.

Journal Manuscript Reviewer

Number of journal manuscripts reviewed by year: 15 in 2024; 18 in 2023; 10 in 2022; 14 in 2021; 13 in 2020; 7 in 2019; 10 in 2018; 2 in 2017.

Humanities

TSQ: Transgender Studies Quarterly

Philosophies

Mortality
ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment
Quarterly Journal of Speech
Western Journal of Communication
International Journal of Communication
Journal of Ecohumanism
Critical Studies in Media Communication
Rhetoric & Public Affairs
Southern Communication Journal
Rhetoric Society Quarterly
Frontiers of Communication
Rhetoric, Politics, and Culture
Ecozon@: European Journal of Literature, Culture, and Environment
Journal of International and Intercultural Communication
Departures in Critical Qualitative Research
Biological Conservation
Rhetoric of Health & Medicine
Mosaic: An Interdisciplinary Critical Journal
Res Rhetorica
Environmental Humanities
Communication, Culture and Critique
Environmental Communication
Women & Language
Convergence
Journal of Gender Studies
Leisure/Loisir
Communication Quarterly
China Media Research
Capacious: A Journal for Emerging Affect Inquiry
Argumentation and Advocacy
Sexuality & Culture
Journal of Homosexuality
QED: A Journal of GLBTQ Worldmaking

Conference Manuscript Reviewer

Rhetoric Society of America
Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division (NCA)
Short Courses Division (NCA)
Environmental Communication Division (NCA)
Environmental Communication Interest Group (WSCA)
Rhetoric and Public Address Interest Group (WSCA)
Visual Communication Division (NCA)

Conference Organizer

Activism, Affect, and New Media, University of Utah, 2017
Affect, Images, and Digital Media, University of Utah, 2015
NCA/AFA Summer Conference on Argumentation, University of Utah, 2015

Panel Organizer

Ecological Feelings: Rhetorical Perspectives on Concern, Contempt, Joy, Possessiveness, Regret, and Saudades, NCA, 2023
Ecological Feelings: Rhetorical Perspectives on Care, Hope, Joy, and Optimism, COCE, 2023
Ecological Feelings: Rhetorical Perspectives on Concern, Contempt, Fear, Grief, and Possessiveness, WSCA, 2023 [*spotlight panel*]
Encountering “Unloved Others”: Revisiting and Resisting the Rhetoric of Invasive Species, NCA, 2022
Grappling with Earthly Loss: Novel Perspectives on Ecological Grief, IECA, 2021
Aldo Leopold’s Rhetorical Legacies, WSCA, 2020
Thinking Nature Writing Anew, WSCA, 2018
Affect Buzz, Assemblage Politics, and (Dis)embodied Change in the Age of Digital Media, NCA, 2015
Imaging Worlds: Rhetorics, Affects, Encounters, NCA, 2014
Rhetorics of (In)Justice: Engaged Scholarship on Visual Culture, NCA, 2013

Panel Chair

Top Papers in Environmental Communication, WSCA, 2024.

Ecological Feelings: Rhetorical Perspectives on Concern, Contempt, Joy, Possessiveness, Regret, and Saudades, NCA, 2023.

Ecological Feelings: Rhetorical Perspectives on Care, Hope, Joy, and Optimism, COCE, 2023

Ecological Feelings: Rhetorical Perspectives on Concern, Contempt, Fear, Grief, and Possessiveness, WSCA, 2023

Cultivating Change: Studies in Communication, Media, and Environmental Justice, WSCA, 2022

Race, Gender, and Sexuality, NCA, 2021

Critical Perspectives on Policy, Place, and Practice in Environmental Communication, WSCA, 2017

The Wild and Scenic Side of Environmental Communication, WSCA, 2016

Service to the Community

Co-Chair, Boybutante AIDS Foundation, 2009-2012

Advisor, Athens Pride Committee, 2009-2012

Member, Georgia Equality Congressional Committee, 2010

Board Member, Oconee River Chapter of Trout Unlimited, 2005-2011

Board Member, Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited, 2008-2012

President, Oconee River Chapter of Trout Unlimited, 2007-2010

Founding Member, Georgia Climate Change Coalition, 2010-2012

Board Member, Keep Jackson County Beautiful, 2007-2009

Board Member, Harold S. Swindle Public Library, 2007-2009

Board Member, Jackson County Family Connection, 2007-2009

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, RESIDENCIES, & GRANTS

N.B. Top paper awards (n=14) are listed in the "Presentations and Workshops" section of this C.V.

Pennsylvania State University

Faculty Excellence in Sustainability Award, College of the Liberal Arts, 2024

Institutional Nominee, NEH Humanities Summer Stipend, 2022 (*not awarded*)

Karl R. Wallace Memorial Award, NCA, 2022 (\$1,000)

Tarla Rai Peterson Book Award in Environmental Communication for *Mourning in the Anthropocene*, NCA Environmental Communication Division, 2022

Single Semester Research Leave, Fall 2021

Early Career Award, NCA Rhetorical & Communication Theory Division, 2021 (\$400)
Nature Writing Residency, Shaver's Creek Environmental Center, 2021

University of Minnesota, Duluth

Single Semester Research Leave, Fall 2019
NCA Stephen P. Depoe Environmental Book Chapter of the Year Award for
"Communicating Energy in a Climate (of) Crisis," 2017
Chancellor's Small Grant, 2017 (\$1,000, with David Charles Gore)

University of Utah

Graduate Research Fellowship, Graduate School, 2016 (\$17,700)
Student Scholar of the Year Award, Department of Communication, 2016
Sustainable Campus Initiative Grant, Office of Sustainability, 2015 (\$975.86)
Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Department of Communication, 2015 (\$20,000)
Recruitment Fellowship, Department of Communication, 2014 (\$15,000)
Research Fellowship, Global Change and Sustainability Center, 2014 (\$28,500)

Indiana University

Virginia Gunderson Award, Dept. of Communication & Culture, 2014 (\$1,000)
Transgender Military Service Initiative Grant, Palm Center, 2013 (\$12,000)
Graduate Scholar Award, International Conference on the Image, 2013
Scholarship for Asia Pacific Week, Pan-Asia Institute, 2013 (\$5,000)
NCA Laureate James L. Golden Outstanding Essay in Rhetoric Award, 2012
Recruitment Fellowship, Dept. of Communication & Culture, 2012 (\$3,000)

University of Georgia

Hatton Outstanding Advocate Award, LGBT Resource Center, 2012 (\$1,000)
Runner Up, Undergraduate Research Award, UGA Libraries, 2012 (\$300)
Top Paper, Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities, 2012 (\$100)
Research Fellowship, Center for Undergraduate Research, 2011 (\$3,000)
Cal M. Logue Travel Award, Dept. of Communication Studies, 2011 (\$650)
Olive Cone Scholarship, Department of Communication Studies, 2010 (\$500)
Volunteer of the Year, Oconee River Chapter of Trout Unlimited, 2010
Young of the Year Award, Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited, 2010