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EDUCATION

PhD. The Pennsylvania State University

Department of Communication Arts and Sciences

August 2009-May 2014

Specialties: Rhetoric Criticism and Theory, War Rhetoric, Democratic Theory

Advisor: Dr. Jeremy Engels

Committee: Dr. J. Michael Hogan, Dr. Stephen Browne, Dr. Matthew Jordan

Dissertation: *What's in a Number? The Rhetorical Nature of Numbers in War*

M.A. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Department of Communication

Awarded: May 2009

Advisor: Dr. Scott Althaus

B.A. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Department of Political Science

Awarded: December 2004

B.S. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Department of Media Studies

Awarded: December 2004, With Honors

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The Pennsylvania State University

January 2010-March 2020

Instructor of Record/Stand Alone

CAS 478: Contemporary American Rhetoric: Rhetoric of War on Terror;

CAS 301: Introduction to Rhetorical Theory;

CAS 283: Communication and Technology;

CAS 100A: Effective Speech;

CAS 100B: Group Communication;

CAS 100C: Message Analysis;

Lab Instructor

CAS 201: Introduction to Rhetorical Theory;

CAS 283: Communication and Technology;

World Campus(online degree)

CAS 100C: Message Analysis;

CAS 100B: Group Communication;

CAS 283: Communication and Technology;

CAS 301: Introduction to Rhetorical Theory; Course Developer

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

August 2007 to May 2009

Instructor of Record/Stand Alone

CMN 101: Introduction to Public Speaking;

RESEARCH

Publications

Frank J. Stec. "Bringing Attention to the Human Costs of War: Democratic Deliberation and Anti-War Numbers," *Southern Communication Journal*, 81, no. 5: 271–288.

Conference Papers and Presentations

"Deliberating with/in Secret: Twilight Deliberation and Barack Obama's National Security Policy," Rhetoric Society of America, Minneapolis, May 2018.

"Bringing Attention to the Human Costs of War: Democratic Deliberation and Anti-War Numbers," National Communication Association, Philadelphia, November 2016.

"Making Drone Victims Count: The Bureau for Investigative Journalism's Counting Toward a Deliberative End," Rhetoric Society of America, Atlanta, May 2016.

"Carl Sandburg's "War Poems (1914-1915)": Irony and Numbers, Judgment and Action," Rhetoric Society of America, Atlanta, May 2016.

"Resolved: That U.S.-Based Deliberation over Drone Policy is Overly Focused on the Targeting of U.S. Citizens," Debate Panel, Rhetoric Society of America, Atlanta, May 2016.

"Numerical Rhetorics in the Bush and Obama Administrations' 'War on Terror,'" National Communication Association, Chicago, November 2014.

"What's in a Number, or the Rhetorical Markers of Numerical Education in Democracy?" Rhetoric Society of America, San Antonio, May 2014.

"The Biopolitical Work of the Civil War's Fallen Soldiers," National Communication Association, Washington, D.C., November 2013.

"The Rhetorical Nature of Numbers in War," National Communication Association, War Rhetoric Pre-Conference, Washington, D.C., November 2013.

“Exceptional Proficiency, or the Perfecting of Military Strikes through Drones,” National Communication Association, Washington, D.C., November 2013.

“States of Exception: The Practical and Moral Elements Counting the War Dead.” National Communication Association, Orlando, November 2012.

“War Deaths: Who Counts?” Rhetoric Society of America, Philadelphia, May 2012.

“Reclaiming Social Knowledge: This American Life Making the Economic Crisis Matter.” Rhetoric Society of America, Philadelphia, May 2012.

“Roundtable: Starting And Maintaining A Rhetoric Society Of America Student Chapter.” Rhetoric Society of America, Philadelphia, May 2012.

“The More They Changed, The More He Stayed The Same: How Lyndon Johnson's Material Act Of Renunciation Changes Our Reception Of The Speech.” National Communication Association, New Orleans, November 2011.

“Lyndon Johnson’s Liberalism in the Great Society: Constructing an Engaged American Public.” Rhetoric Society of America, Minneapolis, May 2010.

“The Making of Reality TV Eco-Terrorists: The Spectacle of Whale Wars as Social Movement Rhetoric.” Rhetoric Society of America, Minneapolis, May 2010.

“Human Rights Go Global: Constituting Human Rights in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.” National Communication Association, San Diego, November 2008.

“LBJ’s American Problem: Using Moral Appeals to Introduce the Voting Rights Act of 1965.” Undergraduate Communication Honors Conference, Greencastle, IN., March 2005.

AWARDS

Graduate Student Semester Residency.

Spring 2014

Penn State University. Institute for the Arts and Humanities (IAH)

One course teaching release (\$4,000). The purpose of this grant is to reduce the teaching responsibilities of graduate students whose dissertations exhibit special promise in line with the research mission of the IAH.

Humanities Initiative Dissertation Grant

Spring 2013

Penn State University. College of Liberal Arts. One course teaching release (\$4,000). The purpose of this grant is to reduce the teaching responsibilities of graduate students working on their dissertation.

Sparks Fellowship

Fall 2009

The Pennsylvania State University

One course teaching release (\$4,000)

List of Teachers Ranked Excellent by Their Students
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Fall 2007-Spring 2009*
*All semesters eligible

Elizabeth Winter Young Summer Fellowship
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Summer 2008

SERVICE

President

April 2011-April 2012

Vice-President
2011

September 2010-April

Arnold Ebbitt Interdisciplinary Rhetoricians (RSA Student Chapter),
The Pennsylvania State University

Event Organization

Co-organizer, Camp Rhetoric 2012.

Annual conference of the Arnold-Ebbitt Interdisciplinary Rhetoricians.

- Over 60 participants from five universities.
- Sponsored by: the Rhetoric Society of America (\$750); the Center for Democratic Deliberation (\$500); the Department of Communication Arts & Sciences (\$500); Penn State UPAC (\$1,163.50)

Co-organizer, Camp Rhetoric 2011. Annual conference of the Arnold-Ebbitt Interdisciplinary Rhetoricians.

Co-organizer, Camp Rhetoric 2010. Annual conference of the Arnold-Ebbitt Interdisciplinary Rhetoricians.

Technology Chair

August 2010-August 2012

Graduate Forum, The Pennsylvania State University

Vice-President

August 2008-

August 2009

Communication Graduate Student Association (CGSA), University of Illinois

Outreach Coordinator, Member

December 2000-July 2005

Progressive Resource/Action Cooperative (PRC)