

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Communication, University of Pittsburgh, Department of Communication, Pittsburgh, PA, May 2020
Dissertation: *I Know Who You Are': Antiblackness in the Speculative Rhetorics of Genetic Genealogy*
Dissertation Advisor: Brenton J. Malin; Committee: Caitlin Bruce, Paul Johnson, Karma Chavez, Shanara Reid-Brinkley

PhD Certificate in Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies, University of Pittsburgh, Women's Studies Program, Pittsburgh, PA, May 2020

Master of Arts in Communication, University of Pittsburgh, Department of Communication, Pittsburgh, PA, 2011

Bachelor of Arts in African and African American Studies, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, 2007

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Communication, University of Colorado – Boulder, August 2022 – Present

Affiliate Faculty, Department of African American Studies, Wake Forest University, April 2021 – August 2022

Affiliate Faculty, Department of Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies, Wake Forest University, August 2020 – August 2022

Assistant Professor of the Practice, Department of Communication, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, August 2017 – Present

Instructor, Department of Mass Communication and Communication Studies, Towson University, Towson, MD, August 2014 – 2015

Graduate Teaching Fellow, Department of Communication, University of Pittsburgh, PA, 2012 – May 2014

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Communication, University of Pittsburgh, PA, 2009 – 2011

Instructor, Liberal Arts and General Studies, Eugene Lang College-The New School for Liberal Arts, New York, NY, 2008 – 2009

DEBATE AND FORENSICS POSITIONS

Faculty Instructor, Ross K. Smith (RKS) Debate Workshop, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, July 2023

Director, Faculty Instructor, Ross K. Smith (RKS) Debate Workshop, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, August 2018 – August 2022

Head Instructor, Theories of Resistance and Power Workshop, University of Texas National Institute in Forensics, UT-Austin, Austin, TX, June 2018 – August 2018

Assistant Head Debate Coach, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, August 2017 – Present

Director of Debate, Towson University, Towson, MD, 2016 – 2017

Assistant Director of Debate, Towson University, Towson, MD, 2014 – 2016

Lead Instructor, Dartmouth Debate Institute, Hanover, NH, July-August 2015

Head Forensics Coach, Towson University, Towson, MD, 2013 – 2014

Lead Instructor, Xylum Debate Institute, Towson University, Towson, MD, July-August 2013, July-August 2014

Lead Instructor, Minnesota Urban Debate League Summer Camp, Minneapolis, MN, June 2012, June 2013, June 2014

Graduate Assistant Debate Coach, University of Pittsburgh, 2009 – 2013

Lead Instructor, Call of the Loon 2013 College Debate Theory & Criticism Seminar, UC-Irvine, Irvine, CA, July 2012

Director of Debate, Eugene Lang College-The New School for Liberal Arts, New York, NY, 2008 – 2009

Director, CITI Summer Debate Camp for the NYUDL, IMPACT Coalition, New York City High Schools, July 2008, July 2009

Debate Coach, Middle School After School Program, The Anderson School, New York, NY, 2008 – 2009

Adminstrator of the New York Urban Debate League (NYUDL), IMPACT Coalition, New York City High Schools, 2007 – 2009

Assistant Instructor, Dartmouth Debate Institute, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, June – July, 2004

HONORS AND AWARDS

Creating an Inclusive and Supportive Learning Environment Micro-Credential, The Association of College and University Educators, August 2023

Payden Teaching Excellence Grant, College of Media, Communication and Information, April 2023
(Award: \$7000)

The George Ziegelmueller Award, National Debate Tournament/American Foresnic Association, April 2022

2021 NCA Critical and Cultural Studies Division Dissertation of the Year Award, National Communication Association, October 2021

Reinsch/Pierce Family Faculty Fellowship, Wake Forest University, July 2021-2024 (Award: \$18,000)

Second Place, Best Coach of the Decade, National Debate Association, April 2020

Third Place, Best Judge of the Decade, National Debate Association, April 2020

The Gallentine Award, Cross Examination Debate Association, Indiana University, March 2014

Communication Summer Research Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, June 2012 (Award: \$3000, Accepted \$1500)

A&S Diversity Summer Research Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, June 2012 (Award: \$4500)

Graduate Teaching Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, September 2012-May 2014 (Award: \$16,950 stipend and \$35,000 tuition/year)

K. Leroy Irvis Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, September 2011-September 2012 (Award: \$19,610 and \$35,000 tuition)

Graduate Teaching Assistantship, University of Pittsburgh, September 2009- September 2011
(Award: \$15,065 stipend and \$35,000 tuition/year)

Montgomery Scholarship, Dartmouth College, 2003-2007

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COMPETITIVELY SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Freeing Forensic Argumentation Scholarship: Liberating Debate Scholars,” Symposium held at the National Communication Association 109th Annual Convention, National Harbor, MD, 2023
- “The Changing Nature of Rhetorical Constructions of AI Personhood,” Panel held at the National Communication Association 109th Annual Convention, National Harbor, MD, 2023
- “Ungendering Gender Aspiration,” Paper presented at the American Comparative Literature Association 2024 Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2023
- “Finding PLACE: Navigating the Job Market,” Symposium held at the National Communication Association 108th Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA, 2022
- “Grounding Rhetoric,” Paper presented at the National Communication Association 108th Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA, 2022
- “Queer and Trans Participation in Intercollegiate Policy Debate,” Symposium held at the National Communication Association 108th Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA, 2022
- “Radical Rhetorics at/and the World's End: Epistemologies, Ontologies, And Otherwise Possibilities (ASJD Top Panel),” Symposium held at the National Communication Association 108th Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA, 2022
- “The Rhetorical Life of ‘Black Pathology’: History, Theory, and Resistance,” Panel held at the National Communication Association 108th Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA, 2022
- “Civic Callings of Promoting Diversity in Debate: A Discussion of Enhancing Diversity and Strategies for Implementation,” Symposium held at the National Communication Association 102nd Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA, 2016
- “Town Hall Regarding Political Inclusivity at NCA,” Symposium held at the National Communication Association 101st Annual Convention, Las Vegas, NV, 2015
- “Theorizing from Below: The Undercommons as a Political and Academic Commitment,” Paper presented at the National Communication Association 100th Annual Convention,” Chicago, IL, 2014
- “Biopolitical Capture and (In)capacity as the Underside of Rhetoric,” Paper presented at the 16th Biennial Rhetoric Society of America Conference, San Antonio, TX, May 2014
- “The Speaking Slave: Reconceptualizing Rhetorical Contingency,” Paper presented at the National Communication Association 99th Annual Convention, Washington, D.C., 2013
- “Building Connections and Breaking Linkages: The Politics of Coalition-Building in Resistance and Activism in Competitive Policy Debate,” Symposium held at the National Communication Association 99th Annual Convention, Washington, D.C., 2013.

- “Mutually-Preferred Judging: A Round Table Discussion.” Symposium held at the National Communication Association 99th Annual Convention, Washington, D.C., 2013
- “Queering the Slave: Performativity and the Limits to Resignification.” Paper delivered at the Queer Studies Conference at UNC, Asheville, NC, 2013
- “Occupy, White Nationalism, and the Challenge of Solidarity” Paper delivered at the Eastern Communication Association 2013 Convention, Pittsburgh, PA, 2013
- “Solidarity through Refusal: Historical Trauma, Reified Consciousness, and the Coming Community.” Paper delivered at 10th Biennial Radical Philosophy Association Conference, Canisius College, Buffalo, NY, 2012
- “‘That’s Racist!’: Interrupting Whiteness, Honoring History and the Possibility for an Anti-Racist Encounter.” Paper delivered at the 12th Biennial National Communication Ethics Conference, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA 2012
- "Speaking For Others: The Post-Feminist, Post-Racial Politics of Anti-Abortion Legislation." Paper accepted to the National Communication Association 97th Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA 2011
- "GOP is The New Black?: Post-Racial Politics and the Entrepreneurial Black Subject." Paper delivered at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture annual conference on "The State of African American and African Diaspora Studies: Methodology, Pedagogy, and Research," City University of New York, 2011
- "The Ballot in Time: Rhetorical Framings of the Political Act." Paper delivered at the National Communication Association 96th Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, 2010
- "This House believes amnesty is a necessary tool to address gross human rights violations in deeply divided societies." Public debate at the 12th Biennial Public Address Conference, University of Pittsburgh, PA, 2010
- "Discipline and Power in Victim’s Rights Discourse." Paper delivered at annual Grad Expo, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, 2010

PUBLICATIONS

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- "Breaking Tradition: Black Argumentation as Discohering Force in Competitive Policy Debate." Argumentation & Advocacy (forthcoming).
- "Blackened Debate at the End of the World." *Philosophy & Rhetoric* 52, no. 1 (2019): 63-70.

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

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- Humanity’s Inheritance: Blackness, Genetic Genealogy, and Speculative Rhetoric.* Book manuscript, in preparation. A rhetorical materialist analysis of genetic genealogy and technoscience, with particular emphasis on race, coloniality, and capitalism

“The Black Partisan: Means, Ends, and Juridical Violence.” Manuscript, in preparation. A rhetorical theory of law, violence, and race.

“Antiblackness and the Plentitude of Gender.” Manuscript, in preparation. A criticism of recent developments in trans studies that misrecognize the role of antiblackness in colonial gender formation.

“Can the Slave Speak?” Manuscript, in preparation. A survey of antiblack assumptions of in the figure of the speaking subject in rhetorical studies.

“Special Issue: Rhetoric and Abolition,” Co-editor for Special Issue of Quarterly Journal of Speech.

“Fascism and Transantagonism,” Analysis of contemporary fascism’s gender politics.

COURSES

COMM 2320, The Craft of Argument, CU-Boulder, Fall 2022 [undergraduate, 23 students], Fall 2023 [undergraduate, 33 students], Spring 2024 [undergraduate, 30 students]

COMM 4300, Queer and Trans Rhetoric, CU-Boulder, Spring 2024 [undergraduate, 15 students]

COMM 6200, Racial Capitalism and Rhetoric, CU-Boulder, Fall 2024 [graduate, 5 students]

COMM 3000, Queer and Trans Rhetoric, CU-Boulder, Spring 2023 [undergraduate, 15 students]

COMM 4300, Decolonial and Abolitionist Rhetoric, CU-Boulder, Fall 2022 [undergraduate, 11 students]

COM 759, Rhetorical Criticism, Wake Forest University, Spring 2022 [graduate, 9 students]

COM 338/638, AAS 370, African-American Rhetoric, Wake Forest University, Fall 2021 [undergraduate, 23 students; graduate, 6 students]

COM 780, Speaking Truth to Power: Parrhesia, Dissent, and Insurgency, Wake Forest University, Spring 2021 [graduate, 5 students]

COM 286, Independent Study: Advanced Argumentation, Wake Forest University, Spring 2021 [undergraduate, 2 students]

COM 370/670, WGS 377/677, Queer and Trans Rhetoric, Wake Forest University, Fall 2020 [undergraduate, 8 students; graduate, 3 students]

COM 286, Independent Study: Black Feminism, Wake Forest University, Spring 2020 [undergraduate, 1 student]

COM 102, Debate and Advocacy, Wake Forest University, Spring 2018 [undergraduate, 23 students], Spring 2019 [undergraduate, 27 students], Spring 2020 [undergraduate, 26 students]

- COMMRC 0540, Discussion: Polemics and Parrhesia, University of Pittsburgh, Spring 2013 [undergraduate, 22 students]
- COMMRC 0530, Interpersonal Communication, University of Pittsburgh, Fall 2013 [undergraduate, 22 students], Spring 2013 [undergraduate, 25 students]
- COMMRC 3382, Seminar in Communication Research Methodologies: Foucault and Critical Methodologies, Fall 2012 (Assisted professor in course creation and lecture) [graduate, 12 students]
- COMMRC 0540, Discussion: Negotiating Difference in the Public Sphere, University of Pittsburgh, Fall 2012 [undergraduate, 22 students]
- COMMRC 0500, Argumentation, University of Pittsburgh, Spring 2011 [undergraduate, 18 students]
- COMMRC 0520, Public Speaking, University of Pittsburgh, Spring 2010 [undergraduate, 18 students], Fall 2010 [undergraduate, 19 students], Spring 2013 [undergraduate, 18 students]
- Speech and Debate, New School University, New York, NY, Fall 2008, Spring 2009 [undergraduate, 14 students]

INVITED GUEST LECTURES AND PANELS

- Association of Black Argument Professionals, “‘We Gon’ Be Alright’: A Town Hall for Online Debate: Organizing Accountability,” Online, May 2020
- COMMRC 2218, Contemporary Rhetorical Theory, Lecture on “Subjectivity, Personhood, Difference,” University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, Spring 2020
- SpeakFire! Rising to Liberation in the Black LGBTQ Community Panel Series, “Audre, Marsha, and Barbara: Black LGBTQ Women Mapping the Road to Freedom,” March 2016
- COMMRC 1115/AFRCNA 1145, African American Rhetoric, Lecture titled “Black Feminist Rhetoric in the Aftermath of Civil Rights,” University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, Spring 2012
- COMMRC 1113, Race and Popular Culture, Lecture titled “Angry White Men: Rhetorics of Attachment and Identity in Post-Racial America,” University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, Spring 2012

ADVISING

Graduate Committees Served On (University of Colorado, Boulder)

- Sunday De Los Santos (PhD, current)
Salwa Kazi (PhD, current)

Graduate Advisees (Wake Forest University)

- Kenny Delph (MA, current)
Nathaniel Nys (MA, 2022)

Robert Tackman (MA, 2022)

Graduate Committees Served On (Wake Forest University)

Ignacio Evans (MA, 2020), Lucia Nikolaou-Damaskinou (MA, 2020), Rayvon Dean (MA, 2021), Mik Davis (MA, 2022)

SERVICE

Editorial Boards and Manuscript Reviewer

Co-Editor, Special Issue on Rhetoric and Abolition for the *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, 2022 – Present

Manuscript Reviewer, *Contemporary Argumentation and Debate: The Journal of the Cross-Examination Debate Association*, 2019 – Present

Editorial Board, *Timely Interventions: A Translation Journal of Public Policy Debate*, 2014 – 2015

Reviewer, Philosophy of Communication Division, National Communication Association, 2015 – 2016

Reviewer, Caucus on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concern, National Communication Association, 2013 – 2016

Department Service (CU-Boulder)

Merit Review Committee, 2024 – Present

COMM Executive Committee, 2022 – 2023

COMM 2320 Course Supervisor, 2022 – Present

Graduate Program Committee, 2022 – Present

Library Liason, 2022 – 2023

Peer Teaching Reviewer, 2022 – Present

Undergraduate Program Committee, 2022 – Present

Department Service (Wake Forest University)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, 2019 – 2022

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2017 – 2022

Department Service (University of Pittsburgh)

Committee Member, Faculty Search Committee, 2012 – 2013

Committee Member, Agora Presentation Series, 2011 – 2013

President, Communication Graduate Student Organization, 2011 – 2012

Treasurer, Communication Graduate Student Organization, 2010 – 2011

Intercollegiate Policy Debate Service

Executive Committee Member, Cross Examination Debate Association, June 2018 – April 2022

President, Cross Examination Debate Association, April 2017 – 2018

1st Vice President, Cross Examination Debate Association, April 2016 – 2017

2nd Vice President, Cross Examination Debate Association, April 2015 – 2016

Additional Service

Wake Forward, Winston-Salem, NC, 2017 – 2022

Towson Freedom School, Baltimore, MD, 2016 – 2017

Education from the Inside Out Coalition, New York, NY, 2015 – 2017

Occupy Pittsburgh, 2011 – 2012

Pittsburgh Association for Police Accountability, 2010 – 2011

Arthur Kill Prison Public Debate Exchange, New York, NY, 2008 – 2009