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Education

- PhD in Communication (Rhetoric and Media Studies), University of Memphis
- MDiv in Homiletics (Religion and Communication), Harding University
- MA in Communication (Organizational and Intercultural), BA and MA in Religion, Abilene Christian University

Teaching Experience

- Adjunct Instructor of Communication, University of Texas Permian Basin, 2018-2018
- Adjunct Instructor of Communication, Southwest Tennessee Community College, 2015-2018
- Adjunct Instructor and Graduate Student Instructor of Communication, University of Memphis, 2013, 2015-2018
- Adjunct Instructor of Communication, University of South Carolina Upstate, 2007-2008
- Instructor and Adjunct Instructor of Communication, Abilene Christian University, 2003-2007
- Graduate Student Instructor of Communication, University of Oklahoma, 2002-2003

Professional Publications

- “No Half Savior: Jarena Lee’s Autobiography as Prophetic Rhetoric.” Carolinas Communication Annual 33 (2017): 62-76.
- “Redefining Preaching: A Beginning.” Res Rhetorica 4:3 (2017): 31-45.
- Review of From Generation to Generation: A Commemorative Collection of African American Millennial Sermons from the Festival of Preachers 2010-2015, ed. W. L. Harrison-Jones. Homiletic 41:1 (2016): 87-88.
- Review of Building a Community of Interpreters: Readers and Hearers as Interpreters, by W. R. Dickhaut. Homiletic 38:2 (2013): 66.
- “Restoration Review.” In The Encyclopedia of the Stone-Campbell Movement, ed. D. A. Foster, P. M. Blowers, A. L. Dunnavant, and D. N. Williams, 644. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2004.

Licensure and Certification

- Graduate Certificate in Gender Studies, University of Memphis
- Graduate Certificate in Conflict Management, Abilene Christian University
- Studies in Interethnic and International Communication, University of Oklahoma
- Studies in History and Philosophy of Religion, University of Oxford
- Studies in History of Religion, Phillips Seminary
- Professional Development in Course Design, Learning Management Systems, Pedagogy, FERPA, Safe Zone, Sexual Harassment Prevention, and Active Shooter Safety

Professional Presentations and Conferences

- Speaker on Topics such as Communication, Conflict, and Leadership for Numerous Nonprofit Organizations in Asia, the UK, and the USA, 2001-Present.
- "Motivation for Teaching in a Pandemic." Midland College, Midland, TX, 2021.
- “Push and Pull: Organizational Leadership and Social Justice.” Embracing Differences Diversity Conference, Midland, TX, 2021.
- Planning Committee Member. Embracing Differences Diversity Conference, Midland, TX, 2021.
- Social Justice Speech Competition Director. Embracing Differences Diversity Conference, Midland, TX, 2021.
- "The Struggle Over Black Lives Matter and All Lives Matter." Panel Chair. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fayetteville, AR, 2021.
- “Beyond Double-Consciousness: Race, Sex, and Class in the Prophetic Rhetoric of Jarena Lee.” Fine Arts and Communication Division, Midland College, Midland, TX, 2019.
- “Constitution, Bible, Spiritualism, Ideographs: Shifting Foundations in Victoria Woodhull’s Presidential Campaign Rhetoric.” Religious Communication Association Conference, Baltimore, MD, 2019.
- “Communication Strategies for Student Engagement.” Panel Chair. National Communication Association Convention, Baltimore, MD, 2019.
- “Surviving the God Problem: Methodological Issues in Religious Communication Research.” Panelist. National Communication Association Convention, Baltimore, MD, 2019.
- “Wisdom and Rhetoric: Finding Our Way to a Better World.” Panelist. Christian Scholars’ Conference, Lubbock, TX, 2019.
- Conference Submission Reviewer. National Communication Association, 2019.
- Conference Submission Reviewer. Religious Communication Association, 2018.
- Conference Submission Reviewer. Southern States Communication Association, 2018.
- Top Paper Session Chair. Southern States Communication Association, 2018.
- “Channeling King in a Culture of Whiteness.” National Communication Association Convention, Salt Lake City, UT, 2018.
- “The American Sermon.” Panelist. National Communication Association Convention, Salt Lake City, UT, 2018.
- “Black and Brown in the Era of Trump: Communicating Policing in America.” Panelist. National Communication Association Convention, Dallas, TX, 2017.
- “Redefining Preaching.” National Communication Association Convention, Dallas, TX, 2017.
- “Privileged Repentance in Prophetic Preaching: John Scott’s Response to the Assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.” Christian Scholars’ Conference, Nashville, TN, 2017.
- “From Radio to Facebook: White Engagement with African American Rhetoric.” Sacred Rhetoric Conference, Findlay, OH, 2017.
- “Ethical Innovation in Religious Rhetoric: First Peter’s Challenge to Household Codes.” Southern States Communication Association Convention, Greenville, SC, 2017.
- “No Half Savior: Spiritual Autobiography as Prophetic Rhetoric in the Testimony of Jarena Lee.” National Communication Association Convention, Philadelphia, PA, 2016.

- “Constrained Prophetic Rhetoric: White Fragility and Radio Sermons in the Summer of 1968.” Tennessee Communication Association Convention, Dickson, TN, 2016.
- “Daring to Prophesy: Moral Conflict in the First Sermon by a Woman in the Churches of Christ.” Southern States Communication Association Convention, Austin, TX, 2016.
- “Universalism in Interethnic Communication Studies.” Panelist. Sooner Communication Conference, Norman, OK, 2003.
- “World View, Cognitive Complexity, and Interpersonal Conflict Styles among University Students.” Primary Author. Coauthors: Mariana Long, Jana Fulenwider, Jennifer
- Walker, and Scott Ferguson. Texas Speech Communication Association Convention, San Antonio, TX, 2002.
- College Courses Taught:
    - Public Speaking, Advanced Public Speaking, Organizational Communication, Business and Professional Communication, Intercultural Communication, Interpersonal Communication, Communication Theory, Introduction to Speech Communication, Introduction to Mass Communication.
- Classes Taught in Midland College's College Classics Program:
    - Religion and Media, Social Justice, World Religions I, World Religions II.

Awards and Honors

- Osborn Fellowship for the Study of Rhetoric and Public Address, University of Memphis.
- Top Paper Awards, National Communication Association and Tennessee Communication Association.
- Dalious Faculty Development Award, Midland College.