

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D., 1998, Northwestern University

M.A., 1994, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

B.A., 1991, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Positions Held

- 2019-present Inaugural Stephen E. Lucas Professor of Rhetoric, Politics, and Culture
- 2009-present Professor, Department of Communication Arts, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2004-2009 Associate Professor, Department of Communication Arts, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2000-present Affiliate, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 1999-2004 Assistant Professor, Department of Communication Arts, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Honors and Awards

- National Communication Association 2018 Golden Anniversary Monograph Award
- University of Wisconsin-Madison University Housing Honored Instructor, Fall 2018
- Kellett Mid-Career Faculty Researcher Award, Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2014-2019, \$60,000

National Communication Association, Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division, 2014
Distinguished Scholar Award

Vilas Associate, Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2012-2014

Resident Fellow, Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison,
2012-13

Michigan State University Press 2011 Kohrs-Campbell Prize in Rhetorical Criticism, \$10,000
Award

National Communication Association 2010 James A. Winans–Herbert A. Wichelns Memorial
Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Rhetoric and Public Address

National Communication Association, Public Address Division, 2010 Marie Hochmuth Nichols
Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Public Address

National Communication Association, Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division, 2004
New Investigator Award

American Forensic Association 2001 Daniel Rohrer Research Award for Outstanding
Scholarship in Argumentation

National Communication Association 1999 Gerald R. Miller Outstanding Dissertation Award

Northwestern University School of Speech 1999 Dissertation Award

Grants and Grant-Related Activities

*Trust in Research, Trust in Relationships: How State Legislators Acquire and Use Research in
Deliberation*, Co-Principal Investigator, funded by the William T. Grant Foundation,
June 2015 – May 2017, \$435,281.00

Amici and the Courts: A Case Study of the Research Use Process of Intermediary Actors,
Advisory Board member, funded by the William T. Grant Foundation, 2014-16

Assessment of Families and Schools Together (FAST) Program, Dissemination Advisor,
administered by the UW-Madison Wisconsin Center for Education Research, funded by
the Investing in Innovation (I3) Fund, U.S. Department of Education, 2014

Evidence and Education Policy in an Age of Accountability, Principal Investigator, funded by
the William T. Grant Foundation, Sept. 2012 – Aug. 2013, \$25,000.00 [declined]

How School Boards Weigh Research Findings in Policymaking, Principal Investigator, funded
by the William T. Grant Foundation, Sept. 2009 – Aug. 2011, \$448,442.00

Hamel Family Research Grant, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017

Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation Faculty Development Grant, University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate School, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2018

Books

Democratic Relationships: Publics, Markets, and the Struggle for Education. (in progress; estimated completion date—February 2020).

Text + Field: Innovations in Rhetorical Method (Coedited and introduced with Sara L. McKinnon [lead editor], Karma R. Chávez, and Robert Glenn Howard). University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2016.

Democracy, Deliberation, and Education. University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2015.

Public Modalities: Rhetoric, Culture, Media and the Shape of Public Life (Coedited and introduced with Daniel C. Brouwer). Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2010.

Invoking the Invisible Hand: Social Security and the Privatization Debates. East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, 2009.

- Awarded the 2011 Kohrs-Campbell Prize
- Awarded the 2010 Winans-Wichelns Memorial Award
- Awarded the 2010 Hochmuth Nichols Award

Visions of Poverty: Welfare Policy and Political Imagination. East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, 2002.

- Reprinted in India by Rawat Publications (New Delhi, 2004)

Counterpublics and the State (Coedited and introduced with Daniel C. Brouwer). Albany: State University of New York Press, 2001.

Articles

(Coauthored with Whitney Gent). “Reconsidering Symbolic Use: A Situational Model of the Use of Research Evidence in Polarised Legislative Hearings.” *Evidence and Policy* (2018): <https://doi.org/10.1332/174426418X15378681033440>

“Public: A Network of Relationships.” *Rhetoric Society Quarterly* 48 (2018): 297-305. DOI: 10.1080/02773945.2018.1454216

- “Neoliberalism, the Public Sphere, and a Public Good.” *Quarterly Journal of Speech* 103 (2017): 329-49. DOI: 10.1080/00335630.2017.1360507
- (Coauthored with Sara L. McKinnon [first author], Karma R. Chávez, Robert Glenn Howard, and Jenell Johnson). “Rhetoric and Ethics Revisited: What Happens When Rhetorical Scholars Go into the Field.” *Cultural Studies ↔ Critical Methodologies* 16 (2016): 560-70. DOI: 10.1177/1532708616659080
- “Critical Engagement through Public Sphere Scholarship.” *Quarterly Journal of Speech* 101 (2015): 132-44.
- “Deliberation and Trust.” *Argumentation and Advocacy* 50 (2013): 2-17.
- (Coauthored with Deb Gurke, Pamela Conners, Ryan Solomon, and Elsa Gumm). “Research Evidence and School-Board Deliberations: Lessons from Three Wisconsin School Districts.” *Educational Policy* 27 (2013): 33-63. DOI: 10.1177/0895904811429291
- “Lyndon Baines Johnson and George W. Bush on Education Reform: Ascribing Agency and Responsibility through Key Policy Terms.” *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 15 (2012): 289-318.
- “Should Scholars Delineate a Data Set Apart from a Research Project? Considering Objects, Methods, and Purposes for Studying Presidential Rhetoric.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 41 (2011): 752-60.
- (Coauthored with Deb Gurke, Pamela Conners, Ryan Solomon, and Elsa Gumm). “‘The Research Says’: Definitions and Uses of a Key Policy Term in Federal Law and Local School Board Deliberations.” *Argumentation and Advocacy* 47 (2011): 195-213.
- “Reflections on the Role of Rhetoric in Public Policy.” *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 13 (2010): 121-43.
- “Ideology, Materiality, and Counterpublicity: William E. Simon and the Rise of a Conservative Counterintelligentsia.” *Quarterly Journal of Speech* 95 (2009): 263-88.
- “Pluralism, Disagreement, and the Status of Argument in the Public Sphere.” *Informal Logic* 25 (2005): 117-37.
- “A Discourse Theory of Citizenship.” *Quarterly Journal of Speech* 90 (2004): 189-211.
- “Women, Work, Welfare: A Rhetorical History of Images of Poor Women in Welfare Policy Debates.” *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 6 (2003): 285-312.
- “The Multiple Mr. Dewey: Multiple Publics and Permeable Borders in John Dewey’s Theory of the Public Sphere.” *Argumentation and Advocacy* 39 (2003): 174-88.
- “Imagining in the Public Sphere.” *Philosophy and Rhetoric* 35 (2002): 345-67.

“Nixon’s Welfare Reform: Enacting Historical Contradictions of Poverty Discourses.” *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 4 (2001): 261-79.

“Seeking the ‘Counter’ in Counterpublics.” *Communication Theory* 10 (2000): 424-46.

“Toward a Normative Conception of Difference in Public Deliberation.” *Argumentation and Advocacy* 35 (1999): 115-29.

“Appreciation and Desire: The Male Nude in the Photography of Robert Mapplethorpe.” *Text and Performance Quarterly* 18 (1998): 50-62.

“Constructing the Objects of Our Discourse: The Welfare Wars, the Orphanage, and the Silenced Welfare Mom.” *Political Communication* 13 (1996): 293-307.

Edited Journals

Editor, “Neoliberalism and the Public Sphere.” Special issue of *Communication and the Public* 3 (2018): 171-262.

Editor, “Rhetoric and Public Policy.” Special issue of *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 13 (2010): 1-143.

Coeditor (with Daniel C. Brouwer), “John Dewey and the Public Sphere.” Special issue of *Argumentation and Advocacy* 39 (2003): 157-221.

Book Chapters

“Disavowing Networks, Affirming Networks: Neoliberalism and Its Challenge to Democratic Deliberation.” In *Networking Argument*, edited by Carol Winkler. New York: Routledge, forthcoming 2019.

(Coauthored with Sara L. McKinnon [first author], Karma R. Chávez, and Robert Glenn Howard). “Articulating Text and Field in the Nodes of Rhetorical Scholarship.” In *Text + Field: Innovations in Rhetorical Method*, edited by Sara L. McKinnon, Robert Asen, Karma R. Chávez, and Robert Glenn Howard, 1-21. University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2016.

(Coauthored with Deb Gurke). “The Research on Education, Deliberation, and Decision-Making (REDD) Project.” In *Using Research Evidence in Education: From the Schoolhouse Door to Capitol Hill*, edited by Kara S. Finnegan and Alan J. Daly, 53-68. New York: Springer, 2014.

“‘To Exist, You Need an Ideology’: Alan Greenspan on Markets, Crisis, and Democracy.” In *Making the Case: Advocacy and Judgment in Public Argument*, edited by Kathryn Olson, Kirt Wilson, Michael Pfau, and Ben Ponder, 231-255. East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, 2012.

“The Ownership Society, or, Bourgeois Publicity Revisited.” In *Public Modalities: Rhetoric, Culture, Media and the Shape of Public Life*, edited by Daniel C. Brouwer and Robert Asen, 109-30. Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2010.

(Coauthored with Daniel C. Brouwer), “Public Modalities, or the Metaphors We Theorize By.” In *Public Modalities: Rhetoric, Culture, Media and the Shape of Public Life*, edited by Daniel C. Brouwer and Robert Asen, 1-32. Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2010.

(Coauthored with Vanessa Beasley [first author], Diane Blair, Stephen Hartnett, Karla Leeper, and Jennifer Mercieca), “Report of the National Task Force on the Presidency and Deliberative Democracy.” In *The Prospect of Presidential Rhetoric*, ed. James Arnt Aune and Martin J. Medhurst, 251-71. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2008.

“Markets and Democracy: U.S. Policy Debates over Trade with China.” In *Arguing Communication and Culture*, edited by G. Thomas Goodnight, 129-36. Washington, DC: National Communication Association, 2002.

“Representing the State in South Central Los Angeles.” In *Counterpublics and the State*, edited by Robert Asen and Daniel C. Brouwer, 137-57. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2001.

(Coauthored with Daniel C. Brouwer), “Reconfigurations of the Public Sphere.” In *Counterpublics and the State*, edited by Robert Asen and Daniel C. Brouwer, 1-33. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2001.

“Imagining Others in Public Policy Debate: The Case of the 1981 AFDC Budget Debates.” In *Argument at Century’s End: Reflecting on the Past and Envisioning the Future*, edited by Thomas A. Hollihan, 419-26. Annandale, VA: National Communication Association, 2000.

Selected Brief Articles and Book Reviews

Review of *Homeless Advocacy and the Rhetorical Construction of the Civic Home*, by Melanie Loehwing. *Philosophy and Rhetoric*, forthcoming.

“The Rewards of Studying the Use of Research Evidence.” Interview by William T. Grant Foundation. *The Digest* no. 4 (January 2019): 1-4. <http://wtgrantfoundation.org/digest-issue-4>

“Introduction: Neoliberalism and the Public Sphere.” *Communication and the Public* 3 (2018): 171-75. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/2057047318794687>

Review of *The Politics of Resentment: A Genealogy*, by Jeremy Engels. *Quarterly Journal of Speech* 103 (2017): 308-11.

“Communication *Is* the Public.” *Communication and the Public* 1 (2016): 4-8.

“A Public Sphere Without a Public Good.” *Rhetorically Speaking*, 14 December 2015, <http://rhetoric.commart.wisc.edu/?p=337>

“Four Qualities that Shape Contexts for the Use of Research Evidence in Local Education Policy.” William T. Grant Foundation, 22 September 2015, <http://blog.wtgrantfoundation.org/post/130142353507/four-qualities-that-shape-contexts-for-the-use-of>

“Trust and the Use of Research Evidence.” William T. Grant Foundation, 25 June 2014, <http://blog.wtgrantfoundation.org/post/87609567162/trust-and-the-use-of-research-evidence>

“What Should Students Know? Who Should Decide? The Curious Case of the Common Core Standards in Wisconsin.” *Rhetorically Speaking*, 21 March 2014, <http://rhetoric.commart.wisc.edu/?p=119>

(Coauthored with Deb Gurke [first author], Pamela Conners, Elsa Gumm, and Ryan Solomon), “School Boards and Decision-Making: Considering Evidence-Based Research.” *American School Board Journal*, March 2011, 29-31.

“Introduction: Rhetoric and Public Policy.” *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 13 (2010): 1-6.

Review of *Why Deliberative Democracy?*, by Amy Gutmann and Dennis Thompson. *Argumentation and Advocacy* 42 (2005): 48-49.

(Coauthored with Daniel C. Brouwer), “Introduction: John Dewey and the Public Sphere.” *Argumentation and Advocacy* 39 (2003): 157-60.

“Including the Poor in the Political Community.” *Focus* 22.2 (2002): 34-35.

Review of *Citizen Critics: Literary Public Spheres*, by Rosa A. Eberly. *Argumentation and Advocacy* 38 (2001): 46-48.

Keynote and Distinguished Lectures and Presentations

“Lives Lived Together: How John Dewey and Milton Friedman Imagined Human Relationships, and Why this Matters for Contemporary Public Engagement.” 26th Annual Kenneth Burke Lecture, Center for Democratic Deliberation, Pennsylvania State University, State College, April 2018.

“Disavowing Networks, Affirming Networks: Neoliberalism and Its Challenge to Democratic Deliberation.” Keynote address, Twentieth Biennial National Communication Association/American Forensic Association Conference on Argumentation, Alta, UT, July 2017.

“Private Choices, Public Interests: Does Educational Decision-Making Produce Democratic Outcomes?” Keynote panelist, John Dewey’s *Democracy and Education* at 100: Provocations and Conversations, Joint Conference of the Department of Educational Policy Studies and the Center for Ethics and Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison, March 2016.

“Local Democracy and Counterpublicity.” Keynote address, Midwest Winter Workshop, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, January 2014.

“Future Challenges, Roles, and Opportunities for Public Education.” Keynote panelist, A Nation at Risk? Reflections on the Past and Future of U.S. Public Education, 10th Annual Educational Policy Studies Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, March 2013.

“Education and Democracy: How School Boards Use Deliberation to Build Trust.” Brigrance Forum Lecture, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN, March 2013.

“Reflections on the Role of Rhetoric in Public Policy.” Orville Hitchcock Lecture, Department of Communication Studies, University of Iowa, Iowa City, April 2009.

“Citizens and Publics in Global Perspective.” Keynote address, The Role of Communication Studies in Public Sphere Conference, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, May 2008.

Selected Lectures and Presentations

“Democracy, Rhetoric, and a Public Good.” Plenary lecture, Spilman Symposium for Educators, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA, February 2019.

“Democracy, Deliberation, and Education.” Public lecture to Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Madison, WI, November 2018.

“Rhetoric, Public Policy, and Evidence in an Age of Polarization.” Panelist, annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT, November 2018.

“Exploring the Ethics and Importance of Ideological Diversity in Communication Studies.” Panelist, annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT, November 2018.

“Education and Justice Symposium.” Panelist, Sixteenth Biennial Public Address Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder, September 2018.

“The Prospect of Rhetoric in a Neoliberal Age.” Panelist, Eighteenth Biennial Conference of the Rhetoric Society of America, Minneapolis, May 2018.

“How to Build a Democracy: John Dewey and Milton Friedman on Individuals, Relationships, and Public Life.” Lecture to the Rhetoric and Composition Program, Department of English, University of South Florida, Tampa, March 2018.

- “Democracy and Deliberation in a Neoliberal Age.” Lecture to the Department of Information Science and Media Studies, University of Bergen, Norway, December 2017.
- “The Federal Budget and Tax Hikes for Graduate Students.” Panelist, public forum sponsored by the Legislative Affairs Committee, Associated Students of Madison, University of Wisconsin-Madison December 2017.
- “Seeking the ‘Public’ in Public Education: A Town Hall Meeting.” Panelist, annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Dallas, TX, November 2017.
- “From ‘Obamacare’ to ‘Trumpcare’: Engaging the Rhetorical Dynamics of the Affordable Care Act.” Panelist, annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Dallas, TX, November 2017.
- “Neoliberalism and the Public Sphere.” Presentation to the Communication Arts Department Rhetoric, Politics, and Culture Colloquium, University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 2017.
- “More than Markets: How Neoliberalism Threatens Democratic Public Engagement.” Presentation to the Department of Communication, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, March 2017.
- “Partisanship and the Use of Research Evidence.” Panelist, Use of Research Evidence Meeting, William T. Grant Foundation, Washington, DC, January 2017.
- “Rhetoric and Field Methods.” Panelist, Midwest Winter Workshop, University of Iowa, Iowa City, January 2017.
- “What Does It Mean to Be a Democratic Citizen in Contemporary America?” Panelist, annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA, November, 2016.
- “Local Rhetorics: A Roundtable.” Panelist, annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA, November, 2016.
- “Supersession on Rhetorical Citizenship.” Panelist, Seventeenth Biennial Conference of the Rhetoric Society of America, Atlanta, May 2016.
- “Citizenship, the Market, and the Public Good.” Skype lecture to Rhetoric Program, Communication Department, Wayne State University, Detroit, April 2016.
- “What Does It Mean to Be a Citizen in Contemporary America?” Panelist, a public program of the National Communication Association, Washington, DC, March 2016.
- “Collective Action in a Neoliberal Age: Can Any Cause Bring People Together?” Paper presented at Capitalism, Climate, and Public Discourse: The Limits and Possibilities of Rhetorical Intervention symposium, University of Nevada, Reno, February 2016.

- “How Deliberation Can Build Trusting Relationships.” Presentation at ‘By the People’: Participatory Democracy, Civic Engagement and Citizenship Education conference, Arizona State University, Tempe, December 2015.
- “Redacting the ‘Truth’ and Other ‘Drafting Errors’: Re-Framing the Public University in Scott Walker’s 2015 Budget Bill.” Panelist, annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Las Vegas, NV, November 2015.
- “Using Research Evidence for Change: Implications for Federal Education Policy.” Discussant, policy workshop convened by the William T. Grant Foundation, Washington, DC, November 2015.
- (Coauthored with Sue Robinson [first author]) “Contesting ‘Equity’ in a Public Sphere: The Negotiation of Collective Identity Where Racial Disparities Prevail.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 2015.
- “How Human Relationships and Deliberation Shape Contexts for the Use of Research Evidence.” Presentation to the Use of Research Evidence Grantees Meeting, William T. Grant Foundation, Washington, DC, January 2015.
- “School Boards and the Givens of Political Life: Microcosms of American Democracy.” Panelist, annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Chicago, November 2014.
- “Text + Field: Criticism at the Intersection of Rhetoric and Field Methods.” Presentation at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Chicago, November 2014.
- “A Century of Scholarship and So Much More: On the Past, Present, and Future(s) of the *Quarterly Journal of Speech*.” Panelist, annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Chicago, November 2014.
- “Rhetorical Activism in a Digital Age.” Panelist, annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Chicago, November 2014.
- “On Becoming Professional: A Job Market Primer.” Panelist, annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Chicago, November 2014.
- “Mapping the Limits of Expert Authority in Local Deliberations over Education Policy.” Plenary lecture, Fourteenth Biennial Public Address Conference, Georgia State University, Atlanta, October 2014.
- “What Experts Don’t Know About Race, or, Why Perspectives Matter.” Presentation to the Communication Arts Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison, September 2014

- “Measuring What We Know, Knowing What We Measure: Dollars, Diversity, and the Limits of Expertise.” Lecture, Interdisciplinary Training Program in Educational Sciences, University of Wisconsin, Madison, February 2014.
- “Research Approaches and Methods in Rhetorical Studies.” Panelist, Midwest Winter Workshop, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, January 2014.
- “Publics in Crisis.” Panelist, roundtable discussion for the University of Wisconsin-Madison Rhetoric Society of America Student Chapter, Madison, WI, December 2013.
- “Hard Numbers versus Soft Anecdotes: The Limits of Expertise in Educational Decision-Making.” Presentation at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Washington, DC, November 2013.
- “Connecting Rhetoric and Qualitative Methods: Ethnography, Enactment, and Embodiment.” Panelist, annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Washington, DC, November 2013.
- “Ideological Tensions and Counterpublic Engagement: The Case of the Gay-Straight Alliance in West Bend, WI.” Presentation to the Department of Communication and Rhetorical Studies, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, November 2013.
- “Counterpublics and Public Modalities.” Panelist, Department of Communication and Rhetorical Studies, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, November 2013.
- “Hard Times in Beloit: School-District Budgets and Economic Austerity.” Spotlight panel paper presented at the Eighteenth Biennial National Communication Association/American Forensic Association Conference on Argumentation, Alta, UT, August 2013.
- “Conceptual and Methodological Approaches to Rhetoric and Public Policy.” Rhetoric and Public Policy Workshop, Fifth Biennial Summer Rhetoric Society of America Summer Institute, University of Kansas, Lawrence, June 2013.
- “Building Ethics into the Humanities Research Process.” Panelist, Integrating Research Ethics and Scholarship (IRES) Fellows Program, Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 2013.
- “Ideology, Counterpublicity, and the Gay Straight Alliance.” Presentation to the Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison, March 2013.
- “Hard Times in Beloit: Deliberating Education Finances in an Era of Scarcity.” Presentation to the School of Letters and Sciences and the College of Public Programs, Arizona State University, Phoenix, February 2013.
- “Trust, Research Evidence, and School Boards.” Presentation to the Use of Research Evidence Grantees Meeting, William T. Grant Foundation, Santa Monica, CA, January 2013.

- “Universalizing Discourses, Specific Practices: Markets, Democracy, and Public Deliberation.” Presentation at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Orlando, FL, November 2012.
- “Ideological Tensions, Pluralism, and Democratic Deliberation.” Presentation to the Communication Arts Department Rhetoric, Politics, and Culture Colloquium, University of Wisconsin-Madison, September 2012.
- “The REDD Project: What I Learned About Deliberation from Studying School Boards.” Presentation to Communication Arts Partners (CAPS) meeting, Communication Arts Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison, May 2012.
- “‘The Research Says . . .’: Uses of Research Evidence in School-Board Deliberations.” Paper presentation (with Deb Gurke), annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Vancouver, British Columbia, April 2012.
- “The Occupy Movement and Contemporary Politics.” Public lecture to Lechayim Lunchtime Plus, Senior Adult Program, Jewish Social Services, Madison, WI, March 2012.
- “Deliberation, Trust, and the Public Sphere.” Lecture delivered to the Communication Studies and English Departments, University of Kansas, Lawrence, March 2012.
- “School-Board Deliberations and Evidence Use.” Presentation to the Communication Studies Department and the School of Education, University of Kansas, Lawrence, March 2012.
- “Notes on the Relationship of Deliberation and Trust.” Presentation to the Communication Arts Department Rhetoric, Politics, and Culture Colloquium, University of Wisconsin-Madison, February 2012.
- “What Is the Public Humanities?” Facilitator, Humanities Exposed seminar series, Center for the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison, February 2012.
- “Beyond Zuccotti Park: Why the Occupy Movement Matters.” Panelist, Humanities NOW! public forum series, Center for the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison, December 2011.
- “Notes on the Relationship of Deliberation and Trust,” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, November 2011.
- “Public Policy, Deliberation, and the Polysemous Text.” Panelist, annual meeting of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, November 2011.
- “Investigating the Use of Research Evidence in Debates Over Education Policy.” Presentation (with Deb Gurke), Use of Research Evidence Grantees Meeting, William T. Grant Foundation, Santa Monica, CA, July 2011.

- “Negotiating Expertise and Democracy: The Politics of Research in School-Board Meetings.”
Lecture delivered to the Communication Studies Department, University of Texas,
Austin, April 2011.
- “Back to School: What I Have Learned about Rhetoric and Public Policy from Analyzing
School-Board Debates.” Lecture delivered to the Pittsburgh Consortium for Rhetoric and
Discourse Studies (Carnegie Mellon University, University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne
University, Indiana University of Pennsylvania), Pittsburgh, PA, March 2011.
- “School Boards and Decision-Making: Considering Evidence-Based Research.” Co-facilitator
(with Deb Gurke, Pamela Conners, Elsa Gumm, and Ryan Solomon), Wisconsin
Association of School Boards annual convention, Milwaukee, WI, January 2011.
- “The Problems and Challenges Associated with and Strategies for Teaching Students to Analyze
Controversies, Social Movements, Discursive Formations, and Similar Critical Objects.”
Co-facilitator (with Jeff Drury), National Communication Association Summer
Conference on Teaching Rhetorical Criticism/Critical Inquiry, University of Puget
Sound, July 2010.
- “A Babel of Signs and Symbols: Rhetoric, Deliberation, and Democratic Inquiry.” Panelist,
biennial meeting of the Rhetoric Society of America, Minneapolis, May 2010.
- “Rethinking Rhetorical Criticism and Method, or, Why the Critic Isn’t Enough.” Paper presented
to the biennial meeting of the Rhetoric Society of America, Minneapolis, May 2010.
- “A Delightful Tea Party? How We May Deliberate Ethically Across Ideological Differences.”
Lecture, Hugh Downs School of Human Communication, Arizona State University,
Phoenix, April 2010.
- “Multi-Methodological Communication Research: Some Opportunities and Challenges.”
Presentation to the Communication Science area, Communication Arts Department,
University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 2010.
- “Deliberation on Film: Representations of Reason, Truth, and Consensus in *12 Angry Men*.”
Paper presented at Multi-Methodology Symposium, Communication Arts Department,
University of Wisconsin-Madison, February 2010.
- “Rhetoric and Public Policy.” Presentation for the National Communication Association
Teleconference “The Role of Communication Scholarship in Public Policy,” Madison,
WI, and Washington, DC, January 2010.
- “Argument Analysis as a Method for Studying Public Policy.” Paper presented at the William T.
Grant Foundation, New York, December 2009.
- “‘To Exist, You Need an Ideology’: Alan Greenspan on Markets, Crisis, and Democracy.” Paper
presented at the Justification, Reason, and Action: Tradition and Innovation in Public
Argument Conference, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, May 2009.

- “Discourse as a Key Word in Rhetoric and Political Communication.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Chicago, May 2009.
- “Rhetoric, Public Policy, Materiality.” Paper presented at the Midwest Winter Workshop, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, January 2009.
- “Theorizing Resistance.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, November 2008.
- “John Dewey’s Inspiring Democratic Vision.” Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Rhetoric Society of America, Seattle, WA, May 2008.
- “Public Modalities, or, the Metaphors We Theorize By.” Paper presented at the Fifteenth Biennial National Communication Association/American Forensic Association Conference on Argumentation, Alta, UT, August 2007.
- “Public Modalities.” Presentation to the English Department Rhetoric Colloquium, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 2006.
- “Parody, Social Location, and Critique.” Paper presented at the biennial Public Address Conference, Nashville, TN, October 2006.
- “The Creation of a Conservative Counterpublic Sphere.” Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Rhetoric Society of America, Memphis, TN, May 2006.
- “The Return of Bourgeois Citizenship.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Boston, November 2005.
- “Modalities of Ideology and Materiality, or, A Call to Conservative Counterpublicity.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Boston, November 2005.
- “Argumentation and Social Norms.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Boston, November 2005.
- “Tensions in the 1935 Social Security Debates.” Paper presented at the Fourteenth Biennial National Communication Association/American Forensic Association Conference on Argumentation, Alta, UT, August 2005.
- “Argument Function, Context, and the Public Sphere.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Chicago, November 2004.
- “The Materiality of Public and Private.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Chicago, November 2004.

- “The Presidency and Democratic Deliberation,” co-author, report of the Task Force on the Presidency and Democratic Deliberation, Tenth Annual Conference on Presidential Rhetoric, Texas A&M University, College Station, March 2004.
- “Publicity and Materiality.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Miami, November 2003.
- “Rethinking Citizenship and Civic Participation.” Presentation to a joint colloquium of the Communication Science and Rhetoric areas, Communication Arts Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison, September 2003.
- “Notes on a Discourse Theory of Citizenship.” Paper presented at the Thirteenth Biennial National Communication Association/American Forensic Association Conference on Argumentation, Alta, UT, August 2003.
- “A Discourse Notion of Citizenship.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Communication Association, Washington, DC, April 2003.
- “History, Materiality, Subjectivity: A Research Agenda for Public Sphere Scholarship.” Lecture to a joint Communication Arts Department and English Department Rhetoric Colloquium, University of Wisconsin-Madison, January 2003.
- “Theorizing Subjectivity: The Case of the Citizen.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, November 2002.
- “Reflections on a Conceptual Distinction Between Citizenship and Consumerism.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, November 2002.
- “The Multiple Mr. Dewey.” Lecture to the Speech Communication Department Rhetoric Colloquium, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, May 2002.
- “The Use of Narrative in the Rhetoric of the War on Terror.” Panel respondent, annual meeting of the Central States Communication Association, Milwaukee, WI, April 2002.
- “Imagining in the Public Sphere.” Lecture to the Communication Studies Department Rhetoric Colloquium, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, February 2002.
- “John Dewey in the 21st Century: A Roundtable Discussion.” Panelist, annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Atlanta, November 2001.
- “Why Markets Make Bad Models for Publics.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Atlanta, November 2001.
- “Markets and Democracy: U.S. Policy Debates over Trade with China.” Paper presented at the Twelfth Biennial National Communication Association/American Forensic Association Conference on Argumentation, Alta, UT, August 2001.

- “Issues in Public Sphere Studies: A Roundtable Discussion.” Panelist, annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Seattle, November 2000.
- “Imagining the Poor.” Lecture to the English Department Rhetoric Colloquium, University of Wisconsin-Madison, March 2000.
- “Counterpublics and the State: A Roundtable Discussion.” Panelist, annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Chicago, November 1999.
- “Nixon’s Welfare Reform.” Lecture to the Communication Arts Department Rhetoric Colloquium, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 1999.
- “Imagining Others in Public Policy Debate: The Case of the 1981 AFDC Budget Debates.” Paper presented at the Eleventh Biennial National Communication Association/American Forensic Association Conference on Argumentation, Alta, UT, August 1999.
- “Locating the Counter in Counterpublics.” Paper presented at the seminar “Rhetorics, Publics, and Public Spheres: Beyond the Millennium,” annual meeting of the National Communication Association, New York, November 1998.
- “The CIA, Crack Cocaine, and South Central Los Angeles: Representing a State Under Suspicion.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, New York, November 1998.
- “Toward a Normative Conception of Difference in Deliberation.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Chicago, November 1997.
- “The Shrinking Safety Net: On the Use of a Political Phrase.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Speech Communication Association, San Diego, November 1996.
- “Appreciation and Desire: The Male Nude in the Photography of Robert Mapplethorpe.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Speech Communication Association, San Diego, November 1996.
- “March on Washington, August 28, 1963: The Speech Never Given, the Speech Not Remembered, and the Speech Since Apotheosized.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Speech Communication Association, San Antonio, November 1995.
- “I Know the Good, But Should I Do It?: Plato’s *Phaedrus* and the True Art of Rhetoric.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Speech Communication Association, San Antonio, November 1995.
- “Michel Foucault and the Location of the Critic, or, Foucault and the ‘Knowing’ Subject.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Speech Communication Association, New Orleans, November 1994.

“The (Decentering) Simpsons: Criticism and Social Change.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Speech Communication Association, New Orleans, November 1994.

“Ice-T’s ‘Cop Killer’: Alternative Reality as Emancipation.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Speech Communication Association, Miami Beach, FL, November 1993.

Courses Taught

CA 262: Theory and Practice of Argumentation and Debate

CA 360: Introduction to Rhetorical Theory and Criticism

CA 470: Contemporary Political Discourse

CA 562: Theories of Argumentation and Controversy

CA 571: Contemporary Rhetorical Theory

CA 610: Special Topics in Rhetoric: American Education and Democratic Deliberation

CA 610: Special Topics in Rhetoric: Wealth, Poverty, and Democratic Deliberation

CA 610: Special Topics in Rhetoric: Political Communication

CA 610: Special Topics in Rhetoric: Rhetoric and Public Policy

CA 670: Rhetoric and Political Theory

CA 967: Problems in Communication and Public Address: Rhetoric and Public Policy

CA 969: Contemporary Rhetorical Theory: Rhetoric and Critical Theory

CA 969: Contemporary Rhetorical Theory: Contemporary Critical Perspectives

CA 969: Contemporary Rhetorical Theory: Theories of the Public Sphere

CA 969: Contemporary Rhetorical Theory: Rhetoric and Neoliberalism

Dissertation Committees

current: Brandi Rogers, Communication Arts (director)
Shereen Yousuf, Communication Arts (director)
Amanda Friz, Communication Arts
Marissa Fernholz, Communication Arts
Cuixia Zhu, Communication Arts
Caelyn Randall, Communication Arts

- 2018: Kevin Musgrave, "Creating the Corporate Person: Individualism in an Age of Corporate Capitalism." Communication Arts Department. (director)
- Whitney Gent, "The Rhetorical Circulation of the Housing First Model in the United States," Communication Arts Department. (director)
- Kenneth Lythgoe, "Not Just in Any Port: A Study in Global Gay Identity Politics Across Transnational Contexts," Communication Arts Department. (co-director)
- KC Councilor, "Digesting Difference: Immigration, Race, and Assimilation in the U.S. Body Politic," Communication Arts Department.
- 2017: Eirik Vatnøy, "The Rhetoric of Networked Publics: Studying Social Network Sites as Rhetorical Arenas for Political Talk," Department of Information Science and Media Studies, University of Bergen, Norway. First Opponent.
- Liz Barr, "Queer Traces: Counterpublic Memories of Scientific AIDS Activism," Communication Arts Department.
- Olivia Conti, "Advocacy on the Electronic Frontier: Vernacular Legal Expertise in the Discourse of Digital Rights," Communication Arts Department.
- Andrew Peck, "The Memetic Vernacular: Everyday Argument in the Digital Age," Communication Arts Department.
- 2016: Yang Ling, "Soong Mayling's 1943 American Speech Tour: A Study in the Rhetoric of Public Diplomacy," Communication Arts Department.
- Emily Sauter, "A Modern Miracle: South African National Identity and Transnational Discourses of Democracy," Communication Arts Department.
- David Paul Hudson, "Unsettling Service: Rhetorical Education in the Chicago Settlement House Movement, 1890-1968," English Department.
- Ruben Casas, "In/visibility, Mobility, and Making Do in Contemporary Latino/a Immigrant Rhetorics," English Department.
- 2015: Mitchell T. Bard, "A 'Fair and Balanced' News Operation? Fox News' Content and Practices in Prime Time." School of Journalism and Mass Communication.
- Ashley Hinck, "Fan-Based Performances of Citizenship: Fandom, Public Engagement, and Politics." Communication Arts Department.
- Jennifer Keohane, "Communist Feminism, Consumer Culture, and Superpower Politics in the United States during the Early Cold War." Communication Arts Department.

- Olivia M. Little, "The Role of Framing and Strategic Communication in Policy Publications on Family Poverty and Economic Security." Department of Human Development and Family Studies.
- Casey Schmitt, "The Hiker and the Trail: Rhetoric and Implacment in Designated Natural Areas." Communication Arts Department.
- 2014: Kelly Jakes, "Popular Music and Resistance in Occupied France, 1940-1944." Communication Arts Department.
- Se-Hyoung Yi, "Deliberative Democracy and Its Tragic Moment: Deliberative Harmony in Aeschylus's Oresteia and Mengzi's Mengzi." Political Science Department.
- 2012: Ryan Solomon, "Sticks, Stones, and Other Supernatural Objects: Rhetoric, Ethics, and the AIDS Controversy in South Africa." Communication Arts Department. (director)
- 2011: Pamela Conners, "The Purchase of Home: Ownership and Citizenship in Debates over U.S. Housing Policy." Communication Arts Department. (director)
- Michelle Murray Yang, "Winning the Games but Losing the Reasoned Public: Western Media Coverage of U.S.-Sino Relations During the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games." Communication Arts Department.
- Nathan R. Johnson, "How to Build an Infrastructure: Rhetorics of Web Standardization." School of Library and Information Studies
- 2010: Richard Scot Barnett, "Arts of Concealment: Rhetoric and Ethics in the Age of Wireless Computing." English Department.
- 2009: Rasha Diab, "Rhetorical In(ter)vention and the Dialectic of Conflict and Conflict Resolution: Sulh and Sadat's Peacemaking Rhetoric." English Department. (co-director)
- Maegan Parker, "From the Front Porch to the Platform: Fannie Lou Hamer and the Rhetoric of the Black Freedom Movement." Communication Arts Department.
- Sarah Jedd, "Reproducing Families: The Rhetoric of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, 1942-1973." Communication Arts Department.
- Paul Stob, "William James and the Rhetoric of the Public Intellectual." Communication Arts Department.
- Andrew Taggart, "The Moral Life of Modernity: Three Antinomies." English

Department.

- 2008: Jeffrey Drury, “Opinions that Matter: Invocations of Public Opinion in Modern Presidential Rhetoric.” Communication Arts Department. (director)
- Deb Gurke, “Deliberation and the Equity Task Force in the Madison Metropolitan School District.” Educational Policy Studies. (co-director)
- Jason Johnson, “Speaking of Higher Education: Documenting, Interpreting, and Advancing the Academy’s Rhetoric.” Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis Department.
- Robert Betts, “In the Name of Law: Rhetorical Constructions of the Law in Civil Rights Discourse, 1961–1965.” Communication Arts Department.
- 2006: William Kirkpatrick, “Localism in American Media, 1920–1934.” Communication Arts Department.
- 2002: Kevin J. Porter, “Meaning and Time: Toward a Consequentialist Philosophy of Discourse in Composition and Rhetoric Studies and Beyond.” English Department.

Editorial Boards, Research Boards, and Professional Memberships

Editorial board of *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies*, 2018-present

Editorial board of *Rhetoric Society Quarterly*, 2016-present

Editorial board of *Communication and the Public*, 2015-present

Editorial board of Rhetoric and Democratic Deliberation book series, Pennsylvania State University Press, 2010-present

Editorial board of *Argumentation and Advocacy*, 2010-present

Editorial board of *Rhetoric & Public Affairs*, 2008-present

Editorial board of the *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, 2006-present

Editorial board of *Critical Studies in Media Communication*, 2006-2010

Editorial board of *Communication Studies*, 2002-2008

Editorial board of *Controversia*, 2001-2006

Editorial Board of *Communication Theory*, 2001-2002

Reviewer for: *American Educational Research Journal*
American Journal of Education
American Political Science Review
Argumentation and Advocacy
Citizenship Studies
Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies
Communication Monographs
Communication Theory
Critical Studies in Media Communication
Educational Researcher
Howard Journal of Communications
Harvard Education Press
Human Communication Research
International Journal of Communication
International Journal of Media and Cultural Politics
Michigan State University Press
Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly
Philosophy and Rhetoric
Policy Sciences
Review of Communication
QED: A Journal in GLBTQ Worldmaking
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
Teachers College Record
University of Alabama Press
University of Pittsburgh Press
University of South Carolina Press
Western Journal of Communication
William T. Grant Foundation

Research Board for the National Communication Association, 2010-2012

Research Board of the American Forensic Association, 2003-2007

Member of the Use of Research Evidence Review Panel, William T. Grant Foundation, 2013-2018

Publications Committee of the American Forensics Association, 2007-2009

Member of the National Communication Association

Member of the American Forensic Association

Member of the American Educational Research Association

Member of the International Society for the Study of Argumentation

Selected Institutional Service

Department of Communication Arts, Salaries and Budget Committee, 2014-present

Department of Communication Arts, Chair, Rhetoric, Politics, and Culture Hiring Committee, 2018-2019

Department of Communication Arts, Director of Graduate Studies, 2013-2018

Department of Communication Arts, Associate Chair, 2016-2017

Center for the Humanities, affiliated faculty, Public Humanities Graduate Certificate, 2015-present

Center for the Humanities and the Institute for Research in the Humanities, Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship Selection Committee, 2017-18

Department of Communication Arts, lead author, tenure dossier for Sara McKinnon, 2016-2017

Institute for Research in the Humanities, Resident Faculty Fellowship Selection Committee, 2016-17.

Graduate School, Dissertation Completion Fellowship Selection Committee, 2016

Department of Communication Arts, Awards Committee, 2017-present

Department of Communication Arts, Personnel and Tenure Committee, 2006-2014, 2018-2019

Department of Communication Arts, lead author, tenure dossier for Karma Chávez, 2013-2014

Center for the Humanities, participant, A. W. Mellon Foundation First Book seminar for Karma Chávez, 2012

School of Library and Information Studies, Mentoring Committee for Alan Rubel, 2012-2015

Public Humanities Advisory Group, University of Wisconsin, 2011-2015

Department of Communication Arts, faculty mentor for Karma Chávez, 2010-2013

Department of Communication Arts, Budget Committee, 2011-2012

Graduate School Research Committee, 2010-2013

Department of Communication Arts, lead author, tenure dossier for Robert Glenn Howard, 2007-2008

College of Letters and Science, Diversity Liaison, 2016-17

Department of Communication Arts, Rhetoric Course Coordinator, 2011-2016

Department of Communication Arts, Rhetoric Summer Staffing Coordinator, 2011-2016

Department of Communication Arts, Human Subjects Committee, 2008-2012

Department of Communication Arts, Graduate Committee, 2006-2011

Department of Communication Arts, Chair, Rhetoric Hiring Committee, 2009-2010

College of Letters and Science, Curriculum Committee, 2007-2009

College of Letters and Science, Legal Studies Review Committee, 2006

College of Letters and Science, Faculty Appeals Committee, 2004-2005

College of Letters and Science, Faculty Undergraduate Advising Service, 2000-2002

Department of Communication Arts, Communication Science Hiring Committee, 2006-2007

Department of Communication Arts, Communication Science Hiring Committee, 2004-2005

Department of Communication Arts, Undergraduate Committee, 2002-2005

Department of Communication Arts, Rhetoric Colloquium Coordinator, 2001-2004, 2010

Department of Communication Arts, Speakers Committee, 2000-2004

Department of Communication Arts, Instructional Space Committee, 2002-2003

Department of Communication Arts, Capital Needs and Facilities Committee, 1999-2001

Faculty Senate, 2003-2006

Disability Studies Cluster Hiring Committee, 2004-2005, 2008-2009

Selected Professional Service

Scholars' Office Hours, annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Baltimore, MD, November 2019.

Co-organizer, “Neoliberalisms and Rhetorical Scholarship: Definitions, Uses, and Implications,” workshop, Eighth Biennial Rhetoric Society of America Summer Institute, College Park, MD, June 2019.

Chair, Diamond Anniversary Book Award Committee, National Communication Association, 2019

Reviewer, Public Address Division, National Communication Association, 2019

Member, Marie Hochmuth Nichols Book Award Committee, Public Address Division, National Communication Association, 2018-2019.

Development Coordinator, Eighteenth Biennial Conference of the Rhetoric Society of America, Minneapolis, May-June 2018.

Chair, Cheryl Geisler Award for Outstanding Mentor Selection Committee, Rhetoric Society of America, 2018.

Reviewer for the Eighteenth Biennial Conference of the Rhetoric Society of America, fall 2017.

Scholars’ Office Hours, annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Dallas, TX, November, 2017.

Member, Diamond Anniversary Book Award Committee, National Communication Association, 2017-2019

Scholars’ Office Hours, annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA, November 2016.

Faculty Leader, Doctoral Honors Seminar, National Communication Association, Ohio University, Athens, July 2016.

Member, James A. Winans - Herbert A. Wichelns Memorial Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Rhetoric and Public Address Award Committee, National Communication Association, 2014-2016.

Scholars’ Office Hours, annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Las Vegas, NV, November 2015.

Member, Golden Anniversary Monograph Award Committee, National Communication Association, 2014-2015.

Reviewer for the Seventeenth Biennial Conference of the Rhetoric Society of America, fall 2015.

Planning Committee, Sixth Biennial Rhetoric Society of America Summer Institute, Madison, WI, June 2015.

Scholars' Office Hours, annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Chicago, November 2014.

Co-organizer and co-facilitator of the seminar titled "Connecting Textual Criticism and Field Work." Held at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Washington, DC, November 2013.

Scholars' Office Hours, annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Washington, DC, November 2013.

Organizer, "Rhetoric and Public Policy," workshop, Fifth Biennial Rhetoric Society of America Summer Institute, Lawrence, KS, June 2013.

Wandering Scholar, Scholar-to-Scholar Sessions, annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Orlando, FL, November 2012.

Scholars' Office Hours, annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Orlando, FL, November 2012.

Marie Hochmuth Nichols Award Committee, Public Address Division, National Communication Association, 2011.

Scholars' Office Hours, annual meeting of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, November 2011.

Organizing Committee, Rhetorical Criticism and Pedagogy Conference, University of Puget Sound, July 2010.

Organizing Committee, Biennial Alta Conference on Argumentation, American Forensic Association, 2009.

Chair, Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division, National Communication Association, 2007.

Vice Chair, Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division, National Communication Association, 2006

Chair, Awards Committee, Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division, National Communication Association, 2006

Ad-hoc contributor, *The State of the Art of Communication Research*, a report by the Research Board, National Communication Association, 2006.

Member, Legislative Assembly, National Communication Association, 2005-2007

Chair, Diamond Anniversary Book Award Committee, National Communication Association, 2007

Member, Diamond Anniversary Book Award Committee, National Communication Association, 2004-2007

Conference Planner, "Rhetoric Goes Public: The Goodnight Years at Northwestern." Evanston, IL, April 2004.

Member, Awards Committee, Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division, National Communication Association, 2003-2005

Reviewer, Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division, National Communication Association, 1998-present

Co-organizer and co-facilitator of the seminar titled "Public Sphere Theory in Action." Held at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, November 2002.

Co-organizer and co-facilitator of the seminar titled "Radical(izing) the Roots of Public Sphere Theory." Held at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Atlanta, November 2001.

Member, Nominating Committee, Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division, National Communication Association, 1999.