

Dr. Clarke Rountree
Professor
Department of Communication Arts
212D CTC
University of Alabama in Huntsville
Huntsville, AL 35899
(256) 824-6646
Clarke.Rountree@uah.edu

Education

University of Iowa
Department of Communication Studies (8/83-8/88)
Ph.D., 5 August 1988
M.A., 21 December 1985
University of Alabama in Huntsville
Department of Political Science (9/78-5/83)
B.A., May 1983, with High Honors

Publications

Books

Coeditor. *National Rhetorics in the Syrian Immigration Crisis: Victims, Frauds and Floods* (with Jouni Tilli). Rhetoric and Public Affairs Series. East Lansing: Michigan State University Press. Forthcoming (2019).
Editor. *Venomous Speech: Problems with American Political Discourse on the Right and Left*. New York: Praeger, 2013.
The Chameleon President: The Curious Case of George W. Bush. New York: Praeger, 2011.
George W. Bush: A Biography. Greenwood Biographies. Westport, CN: Greenwood Press, 2010.
*Judging the Supreme Court: Constructions of Motives in **Bush v. Gore***. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University Press, 2007.
Editor. ***Brown v. Board of Education at 50: A Rhetorical Perspective***. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2004.

Book Chapters

“Introduction: Immigration Rhetoric and the Syrian/Iraqi/Afghani Refugee Crisis” (with Jouni Tilli). In Clarke Rountree and Jouni Tilli, eds., *National Rhetorics in the Syrian Immigration Crisis: Victims, Frauds and Floods*. East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, Forthcoming (2019).
“Conclusion” (with Jouni Tilli). In Clarke Rountree and Jouni Tilli, eds., *National Rhetorics in the Syrian Immigration Crisis: Victims, Frauds and Floods*. East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, Forthcoming (2019).
“The United Kingdom’s Rhetoric of Immigration Management: The Syrian Immigration Crisis and Brexit” (with Kathleen Kirkland and Ashlyn Edde). In Clarke Rountree and Jouni Tilli, eds., *National Rhetorics in the Syrian Immigration Crisis: Victims, Frauds and Floods*. East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, Forthcoming (2019).
“United States’ Immigration Rhetoric Amidst the Syrian Refugee Crisis: Presidents, Precedents and Portents” (second author, with Ellen Gorsevsky and Andrée Reeves). In Clarke Rountree and Jouni Tilli, eds., *National*

- Rhetorics in the Syrian Immigration Crisis: Victims, Frauds and Floods*. East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, Forthcoming (2019).
- “Justice Scalia’s Rhetoric of Overruling: Throwing out the (Institutional) Baby with the Bathwater.” In *Justice Scalia: Rhetoric and the Rule of Law*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, Forthcoming (2019).
- “Constructing a Mecca for American Golf: Southern Gentility and the Sacred at Augusta National.” In *Iconic Sports Venues: Persuasion in Public Spaces*. Edited by Danielle Johannesen and Mark E. Huglen. New York: Peter Lang, 2017. 69-86.
- “Scandal in American Election Campaigns.” In *The Praeger Handbook of Political Campaigning in the United States*. Edited by William Benoit. New York: Praeger, 2016. Vol. II: 107-134.
- “Faith, not Reason, Underwrites the Belief in God: A Response from a Nonbelieving Rhetorician.” In *Is Faith in God Reasonable? The Great Debate in Light of Contemporary Science, Philosophy, and Rhetoric*. Edited by Paul Gould and Corey Miller. New York: Routledge, 2014. 136-150.
- “Introduction: Strained Voices in American Political Discourse.” In *Venomous Speech and Other Problems in American Political Discourse*. Vol. I. Edited by Clarke Rountree. New York: Praeger, 2013. xix-xl.
- “Afterword: Reconstituting the Commonwealth and Civil Society.” In *Venomous Speech and Other Problems in American Political Discourse*. Vol. II. Edited by Clarke Rountree. New York: Praeger, 2013. 431-42.
- “Setting the Stage for *Brown v. Board of Education*: The NAACP’s Litigation Campaign Against the ‘Separate but Equal’ Doctrine.” In *Brown v. Board of Education at 50: A Rhetorical Perspective*. Edited by Clarke Rountree. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2004. 49-90.

Journal Articles

- “Constructing Means and Ends in Defining Obamacare: Contrasting Supreme Court Constructions of Congressional Motives in *National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius* and *King v. Burwell*.” *Communication Law Review* 18.2 (2018). Available at http://www.commlawreview.org/Communication_Law_Review.
- "Freeing the Lockerbie Bomber: Cultural Constraints on the Construction of Motives" (with Simone McGrath). *KB Journal* 13.2 (Summer 2018): n.p. (Available at kbjournal.org.)
- “When Actions Collide: Pentadic Constructions Spanning Different Acts.” *KB Journal*, 12.2 (Spring 2017). Online.
- “Burke’s Pentad as a Guide for Symbol-Using Citizens.” (with John Rountree) *Studies in Philosophy and Education: An International Journal* 34 (2015): 349-62. Online version published 23 August 2014. DOC: 10.1007/s11217-014-9436-1.
- “Revisiting the Controversy over Dramatism as Literal.” *KB Journal* 6.2 (Spring 2010). (www.kbjournal.org)
- “The Future of Burke Studies.” *KB Journal* 4.2 (Spring 2008). (www.kbjournal.org) (with Mark Huglen.)
- “Burke by the Numbers: Observations on Nine Decades of Scholarship on Burke.” *KB Journal* 3.2 (Spring 2007). (www.kbjournal.org)
- “Editors’ Essay: ‘Toward the Next Phase.’” *KB Journal* 1 (Fall 2004). (www.kbjournal.org) (with Mark Huglen)
- "The (Almost) Blameless Genre of Classical Greek Epideictic." *Rhetorica* 19 (Summer 2001): 293-305.

- “Instantiating 'The Law' and Its Dissents in *Korematsu v. United States*: A Dramatistic Analysis of Judicial Discourse.” *The Quarterly Journal of Speech* 87 (February 2001): 1-24.
- “Coming to Terms with Kenneth Burke’s Pentad.” *The American Communication Journal* 1, no. 3 (May 1998). (online journal at <http://ac-journal.org/journal/vol1/iss3/burke/rountree.html>). Reprinted in “Kenneth Burke.” *Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism*. Vol. 286. Layman Poupard Publishers, LLC. 215-220.
- “Building up to War: Bush’s ‘Administrative Rhetoric’ in the Persian Gulf Conflict.” *The Speech Communication Annual* 10 (Spring 1996): 5-19.
- “On the Rhetorical Analysis of Judicial Discourse and More: A Response to Lewis.” *Southern Communication Journal* 61, no. 2 (Winter 1995): 166-73.
- “The President as God, the Recession as Evil: *Actus, Status*, and the President’s Rhetorical Bind in the 1992 Elections.” *The Quarterly Journal of Speech* 81 (1995): 325-52.
- “Charles Haddon Spurgeon’s Calvinist Rhetoric of Election: Constituting an Elect.” *Journal of Communication and Religion* 17, no. 2 (Sept. 1994): 33-48.
- “The Address of Quintus Fabius Maximus before the Roman Senate, 205 A.D.: *Status, Actus*, and the Representation of Motives.” *Florida Communication Journal* 20 (Spring 1992): 32-38.
- “Kenneth Burke--A Personal Retrospective.” *Iowa Review* 17 (1987): 15-23.
- Editor. Richard Kostelanetz. “An Interview with Kenneth Burke.” *Iowa Review* 17 (1987): 1-14.

Proceedings

- “Prospective Argument, Part II: Laying the Ground for Future Argument.” *Argument in Controversy*. Donn W. Parson, ed. Proceedings of the Seventh SCA/AFA Conference on Argumentation. Annandale, VA: SCA, 1991. 58-63.
- “Prospective Argument: Constraining and Licensing Future Arguments.” *Argument and Critical Practices*. Joseph W. Wenzel, ed. Proceedings of the Fifth SCA/AFA Conference on Argumentation. Annandale, VA: SCA, 1987. 207-13.

Book Reviews

- Reviewer. *Creating Legal Worlds: Story and Style in a Culture of Argument* by Greig Henderson. *University of Toronto Quarterly* 86.3 (2017): 281-82.
- Reviewer. *Twentieth-Century American Success Rhetoric: How to Construct a Suitable Self* by John Ramage. *Rhetoric and Public Affairs* 10.1 (Spring 2007): 160-162.
- Reviewer. *Rhetorical Knowledge in Legal Practice and Critical Legal Theory* by Francis J. Mootz, III. *Rhetoric Review* 16.3 (2007): 332-335.
- Reviewer. *Moral Argument and Social Vision in the Courts* by Henry J. Steiner. *Quarterly Journal of Speech* 74 (1988): 130-31.
- Reviewer. *Contemporary Perspectives on Rhetoric* by Sonja K. Foss, Karen A. Foss, and Robert Trapp. *Southern Speech Communication Journal* 51 (1985): 85-87.

Textbooks

- Speech as Symbolic Action: A Working Textbook, 2d edit.* (with Sue Sciame-Giesecke). Ginn Press, 1992.
- Speech as Symbolic Action: A Working Textbook.* (with Sue Sciame-Giesecke). Ginn Press, 1991.

Teaching Notes

“The Substantive Basis of Speaker Credibility.” *Communication and Theater Association of Minnesota Journal* 22 (1995): 161-62.

Other

“George W. Bush.” *The American Middle Class: An Economic Encyclopedia of Progress and Poverty*. Edited by Robert S. Rycroft. Westport, CN: Greenwood Press, 2017. 362-66.

“Incivility in American Political Discourse.” University Relations Publication, UAH, 2015.

Editor. “Kenneth Burke.” *Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism*. Vol. 286. Layman Poupard Publishers, LLC, 2013. 153-288.

“Sophist.” *Encyclopedia of Rhetoric and Composition*. Edited by Theresa Enos. NY: Garland Pub., 1996. 681-682.

Head of Research, Editor, Interviewer. *Conversations with Kenneth Burke*. Iowa City, IA: Department of Communication Studies, University of Iowa, 1987. (A series of videotaped interviews with Kenneth Burke.)

An Introduction and Index to Conversations with Kenneth Burke. Iowa City, IA: Department of Communication Studies, University of Iowa, 1987. (A booklet accompanying the videotaped interviews listed above.)

Works in Progress

Reversing Course: Overruling Opinions in the U.S. Supreme Court (monograph, 50% complete). (Under contract with University of Alabama Press.)

Presentations and Panel Responsibilities

International Conferences/Conventions

Competitive Paper/Panel Presentations:

“Scapegoating Distant Travelers: Political Leaders in the United States Respond to the Syrian Refugee Crisis.” Paper Presented to the Rhetoric Society of Europe Conference, Norwich, England, July 2017.

“Toward the Next Phase in Pentadic Scholarship: Theorizing, Applying, and Extending Burke’s **Grammar of Motives**” (with John Rountree). Paper presented at the conference on Rhetoric as Equipment for Living, Ghent, Belgium, May 2013.

National Conferences/Conventions

Competitive Paper/Panel Presentations:

“Trump’s Post-Fact World as the Culmination of Post-Nixon Republican Politics: A Burkean Assessment.” To be presented to the Kenneth Burke Interest Group of the National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT, November 2018.

“You Hypocrite, First Take the Log out of Your Own Eye, and then You Will See Clearly to Take the Speck out of Your Brother’s Eye”: Trump’s Attack on Legal Institutions as a Failure of Motive Construction.” To be presented to the Communication and Law Division of the National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT, November 2018.

“Invention, Reinvention, and Supreme Court Overruling: The Long-Term Consequences of Rhetorical Choices in Two Equal Protection Cases.” Paper presented to the Rhetoric Society of America Conference, Minneapolis, MN, May 2018.

- “Freeing the Lockerbie Bomber: Cultural Constraints on the Construction of Motives.”(With Simone McGrath.) Paper presented to the 10th Triennial Kenneth Burke Society Conference, East Stroudsburg, PA, June 2017.
- “A Prolegomena to Rhetorical Consequentialism with Illustrations from the U.S. Supreme Court.” Presented to the National Convention of the National Communication Association, Philadelphia, November 2016.
- “Constructing Means and Ends in Defining Obamacare: Contrasting Supreme Court Constructions of Congressional Motives in *National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius and King v. Burwell*.” Presented to the Rhetoric Society of America Conference, Atlanta, May 2016.
- “Shades of A *Grammar of Motives* in Edward Levi’s Classic, *An Introduction to Legal Reasoning*.” Presented to the National Convention of the National Communication Association, Chicago, November 2014.
- “Defending Gun Ownership: The United States Supreme Court’s Construction of Judicial Authority in *District of Columbia v. Heller*,” Paper presented to the Ninth Triennial Kenneth Burke Conference, St. Louis, MO, July 2014.
- “The Late Reception of Kenneth Burke in Europe.” Paper presented to the National Convention of the National Communication Association, Washington, D.C., November 2013.
- “Reversing Course: Supreme Court Overruling in an Early Admiralty Case.” Paper presented to the National Convention of the National Communication Association, Orlando, FL, November 2012.
- “A Burkean Call to COMMunity: Addressing the Barnyard Wrangle.” Paper presented to the National Convention of the National Communication Association, Orlando, FL, November 2012.
- “The View from Middle Management: A Rock above, A Hard Place below.” Paper presented to the National Convention of the National Communication Association, Orlando, FL, November 2012.
- Chair and Presenter, “Strained Voices in American Political Discourse.” Political Communication Division Panel: “Voicing Race, Religion, and Ideology: Some Fault Lines in American Political Discourse.” Presented to the Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, November 2011.
- Panelist. “The Voice of Achievement: Best Practices in Senior Projects and Communication Capstones.” Presented to the Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, November 2011.
- “When Actions Collide: Pentadic Constructions Spanning Different Acts.” Eighth Triennial Kenneth Burke Conference. Clemson, SC, May 2011.
- Chair and Keynote, “Building Bridges across the World: Cross-Cultural Inspiration.” NCA Vice President’s Panel. Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, San Francisco, November 2010.
- “Laying the Groundwork for Identification: The Case of President Obama’s Inauguration,” Paper presented to the National Convention

- of the National Communication Association, Chicago, November 2009.
- "Enriching Our Understanding of Burkean Rhetoric through Explorations of the Pentad, Terms for Order, and Identification in Four Recent Books: *Judging the Supreme Court*." Paper presented to the National Convention of the National Communication Association, San Diego, November 2008.
- "Disciplining Burke: Championing Burke in Various Fields." Paper presented to 7th Triennial Conference of the Kenneth Burke Society, Philadelphia, PA, July 2008.
- "Defending the Indefensible: The Bush Administration's Case for the Presidential Power to Torture." Paper presented to the National Convention of the National Communication Association, Chicago, November 2007.
- "Critiquing the Discourse of Unlimited Presidential War Powers." Paper presented to the National Convention of the National Communication Association, San Antonio, TX, November 2006.
- "Following the 'Law Laid Down': Scholarly Reconstructions of Equal Protection Precedents in *Bush v. Gore*." Paper presented to the National Convention of the National Communication Association, Boston, November 2005.
- "Adapting to Law's Laity: Press Reconstructions of Motives in *Bush v. Gore*." Paper presented to the National Convention of the National Communication Association, Chicago, November 2004.
- "Judging the Supreme Court: Constructions of Motives in *Bush v. Gore*." Paper presented to the National Convention of the National Communication Association, Miami, November 2003.
- "The (Almost) Blameless Genre of Classical Greek Epideictic." Paper presented to the National Convention of the National Communication Association, Seattle, November 2000.
- "Taking the Long View: The *Margold* Plan for Overturning *Plessy*." Paper presented to the National Convention of the National Communication Association, New York City, November 1998.
- "Transcending Race: Clinton Addresses Bishops in the Church of God in Christ in Memphis." Paper presented to the National Convention of the Speech Communication Association, San Diego, November 1996.
- "I Shot an Arrow in the Air...': The Rhetorical Trajectories of Knowledge Production" (with Robert Strikwerda, Indiana University at Kokomo). Paper presented to the National Convention of the Speech Communication Association, San Antonio, November 1995.
- "Substance Abuse and Mens Rea: Judicial Constructions of Guilty Intent in the Acts of Intoxicated Defendants." Paper presented to the National Convention of the Speech Communication Association, New Orleans, November 1994.
- "Looking Forward, Looking Backward: The Theme of Continuity in U.S. Supreme Court Opinions." Paper presented to the National Convention of the Speech Communication Association, Miami, November 1993.

- "The President as God, the Recession as Evil: Bush's Rhetorical Bind in the 1992 Presidential Election." Paper presented to the Second Triennial Kenneth Burke Conference, Airlie, VA, May 1993.
- "Building up to War: Bush's 'Administrative Rhetoric' in the Persian Gulf Conflict." Paper presented to the National Convention of the Speech Communication Association, Atlanta, November 1991.
- "Prospective Argument, Part II: Laying the Ground for Future Argument." Paper presented to the Seventh SCA/AFA Conference on Argumentation. Alta, Utah. July 1991.
- "Towards the Next Phase' in Pentadic Criticism: Coming to Terms with Dramatism's Simple Complexity." Paper presented to the Kenneth Burke Conference, New Harmony, Indiana, May 1990.
- "The Speech of Quintus Fabius Maximus before the Roman Senate, 205 A.D.: *Status, Actus*, and the Representation of Motives." One of the "Top Four Papers in Public Address." Paper presented to the National Convention of the Speech Communication Association, San Francisco, November 1989.
- "Reversing *Roe v. Wade* Through the Courts: The Rhetorical Strategy of *Americans United for Life*." Paper presented to the Women's Caucus and the Commission on Communication and the Law at the National Convention of the Speech Communication Association, San Francisco, November 1989.
- "Prospective Argument: Constraining and Licensing Future Arguments." Paper presented to the Fifth SCA/AFA Conference on Argumentation. Alta, Utah. July 1987
- "Origins of the Persona Ficta: Judicial Development of the Corporate Personality." Paper presented to the Commission on Communication and the Law at the National Convention of the Speech Communication Association, New Orleans, November 1988.
- "Judging Narrative Rationality: A Jurisprudential Model." Paper presented to the Dimension Series and the Public Address Division, at the National Convention of the Speech Communication Association, Chicago, November 1986.
- "The Discussion After 'The Day After': A Hexad of Argumentative Loci." Paper presented to the Debut Program in Forensics at the National Convention of the Speech Communication Association, Denver, November 1985.

Invited Paper/Panel Presentations:

- "Justice Scalia's Rhetoric of Overruling: Throwing out the (Institutional) Baby with the Bathwater." Presented to the conference on *Justice Scalia: Rhetoric and the Rule of Law*, McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, CA: May 2017.
- "Identifying with the World at Large: Storytelling, Archetypal Metaphors, and the Rhetoric of Consubstantiation." Paper presented to the Forum on Cross-Cultural Inspiration, San Francisco, January 2007.
- "Burkean Comic Correctives and Political Activism: Possibilities for Effective Public Critique." Paper presented to the National Convention of the National Communication Association, San Antonio, TX, November 2006.

- “Rhetoric, Law, and the Supreme Court.” Paper presented to the Division on Communication and the Law at the National Convention of the National Communication Association, Boston, November 2005
- “Past, Present, and Future Directions for Burke in the Websphere: A Roundtable Discussion.” Participating at the Sixth Triennial Kenneth Burke Conference,” Penn State University (State College), July 2005.
- “The Future of *KB Journal*.” Plenary address to the Sixth Triennial Kenneth Burke Conference, Penn State University, July 2005.
- “A Conversation about *KB Journal*.” Roundtable discussion at the Sixth Triennial Kenneth Burke Conference,” Penn State University (State College), July 2005.
- “Launching *KB Journal*: Challenges and Opportunities in Online Scholarship.” (with Mark Huglen) Paper presented to the Partnership for Progress on the Digital Divide at the National Convention of the National Communication Association, Chicago, November 2004.
- “A Discussion on Textbook Essentials for Courses in Communication & Law.” National Convention of the National Communication Association, Miami, November 2003.
- “Introducing *Conversations with Kenneth Burke*.” Presented to the Fourth Triennial Kenneth Burke Conference, Iowa City, IA, May 1999.
- “Remembering Kenneth Burke.” Participating for the Kenneth Burke Society, SCA Branch. National Convention of the Speech Communication Association, New Orleans, November 1994.
- “A Rhetorical Approach to Institutional Narratives: The ‘Story’ of the Rehnquist Court on Abortion.” Paper presented to the University of Colorado at Boulder Conference on Narratives and Organizational Communication. Keystone, CO. September 1991.

Chair Duties

- “Reconciling Christian Peace with a Rhetoric of War and Conflict.” Presiding for the Religious Communication Division,” Annual Convention of the National Communication Association,” Las Vegas, November 2015.
- “Theorizing the Pentad for Criticism, Prayer, and Political Ideology,” Eighth Triennial Kenneth Burke Conference, Clemson, SC, May 2011.
- “Searching for Motives in Film, Drama, and Speech,” Eighth Triennial Kenneth Burke Conference, Clemson, SC, May 2011.
- “Building Bridges across the World: Cross-Cultural Inspiration.” NCA Vice President’s Panel. Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, San Francisco, November 2010.
- “Framing/Re-framing Rhetorical Accounts of Violence: Impact on Social and Legal Constructions.” Presiding for the Division on Communication and Law at the Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, San Antonio, TX, November 2006.
- “The Life and Work of Kenneth Burke: The University of Iowa Interviews.” Presiding for the Kenneth Burke Society at the National Convention of the Speech Communication Association, Boston, November 1987.

- “Publishing Books Pertaining to Burke.” Presiding for the Kenneth Burke Society at the National Convention of the Speech Communication Association, Chicago, November 2004.
- “Physics, Chemistry, Economy: The Art of Persuasion.” Presiding for the American Association for the Rhetoric of Science & Technology at the National Convention of the National Communication Association, Chicago, November 1997.
- “Teaching Burkean Criticism: Avoiding the Slippery Slope to Cookie-Cutter Criticism.” Presiding for the Kenneth Burke Society at the National Convention of the Speech Communication Association, Chicago, November 1990.
- “Top Four Papers on Kenneth Burke.” Presiding for the Kenneth Burke Society at the National Convention of the Speech Communication Association, San Francisco, November 1989.

Critical Responses

- “Rhetorics of Blame: Guilt, Redemption, and Purification in Public Health and Political Discourses.” Responding for the Kenneth Burke Society at the Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Philadelphia, November 2016.
- “Appeals, Advocacy, and Appellate Law: Argument Strategies at the U.S. Supreme Court.” Responding for the Communication and Law Division at the Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Las Vegas, November 2015.
- “Applying Burkean Theory to Our Political Past, Present, and Future.” Responding for the Kenneth Burke Society at the Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Chicago, November 2009.
- “Judicial Decision Making in Action.” Responding for the Commission on Communication and Law at the Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, November 2002.
- “Issue and Image Management in the Realm of the Law.” Responding for the Commission on Communication and Law at the Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Chicago, November 1997.

Seminar Leader:

- Seminar Co-Leader, “The Problem of Substance in Kenneth Burke’s Corpus.” Ninth Triennial Kenneth Burke Conference, St. Louis, July 2014.
- Seminar Leader, “Burke and Law,” Eighth Triennial Kenneth Burke Conference, Clemson, SC, May 2011.
- Seminar Co-Leader, “Pentadic Criticism,” Fifth Triennial Kenneth Burke Conference, New Orleans, May 2002.

Seminar Participant:

- Seminar on Burke and Visual Rhetoric. Seminar leader Bruce Gronbeck. Fourth Triennial Kenneth Burke Conference. Iowa City, IA. May 1999.
- Seminar on American Forensic Oratory. National Convention of the Speech Communication Association, New Orleans, November 1994.

Seminar on Critical Application of Kenneth Burke's Dramatism. National Convention of the Speech Communication Association, New Orleans, November 1988.

Seminar on Burkeian Criticism. Seminar leader Kathleen Hall Jamieson. Kenneth Burke Conference. Philadelphia, PA. March 1984.

Regional Conferences/Conventions

Competitive Paper/Panel Presentations

“Withstanding Motivational Scrutiny in an Early Supreme Court Reversal: *The Legal Tender Cases*.” Paper presented to the Kenneth Burke Interest Group at the Annual Convention of the Southern Speech Communication Association, Tampa, April 2015.

“Burke and Racism: A Response to Bryan Crable’s *Burke and Ellison*.” Paper presented to the Kenneth Burke Interest Group at the Annual Convention of the Southern Speech Communication Association, New Orleans, April 2014.

“Difficult Notions: Dramatism as Literal.” Paper presented to the Kenneth Burke Interest Group at the Annual Convention of the Southern Speech Communication Association, Savannah, GA, April 2008.

“Students in Search of Instruction: Communication Education in China.” Paper presented to the Applied Communication Division at the Annual Convention of the Southern Speech Communication Association, San Antonio, April 1998.

“Displacing the Street Corner Speaker: Free Speech on Corporate Turf.” Paper presented to the Commission on Freedom and Responsibilities of Speech at the Annual Convention of the Southern Speech Communication Association, Memphis, April 1988.

Invited Paper/Panel Presentations

"Burkeian Roundtable: The Role of Kenneth Burke in Undergraduate Courses." Presented to the Southern States Communication Association division of the Kenneth Burke Society at the Southern States Communication Association Convention, Birmingham, AL, April 2003.

"Instantiating Motives in the Impeachment Case Against President Clinton: A Dramatistic Analysis." Presented to the Southern and Central States divisions of the Kenneth Burke Society at the Joint Conference of the Southern States Communication Association and Central States Communication Association, St. Louis, April 1999.

“Pentadic Ratios.” Paper presented to the Southern division of the Kenneth Burke Society at the Annual Convention of the Southern Speech Communication Association, San Antonio, April 1998.

"Literature as Equipment for Living: Sizing Up the Legacy of Kenneth Burke." Annual Convention of the Central States Speech Association, Indianapolis, April 1995.

“Forum on the Future of Burkean Scholarship.” Annual Convention of the Central States Speech Association, Oklahoma City, April 1994.

“The Most Significant Passage in Kenneth Burke’s Writing: The Universal Grounds of Dramatism.” Paper presented to the Southern division of the Kenneth Burke Society at the Annual Convention of the Southern Speech Communication Association, Memphis, April 1988.

Chair Duties

- “Rhetoric and Popular Culture: Film Music, Comics, and Fashion as Persuasive Forms.” Annual Convention of the Alabama Communication Association. Huntsville, AL, July 2018.
- “Challenging Expectations in Presidential Performances.” Presiding for the Rhetoric and Public Address Division at the Southern States Communication Association Annual Convention, San Antonio, April 1998.
- “Selected Papers in the Freedom of Speech.” Presiding for the Freedom of Speech Division at the Southern States Communication Association Annual Convention, Savannah, April 1997.
- “Rhetoric and Public Address: Top Papers.” Presiding for the Rhetoric and Public Address Division of the Central States Communication Association Annual Convention, Oklahoma City, April 1994.
- “War, Women, and Cultural Change: Top Three Papers.” Presiding for the Kenneth Burke Society at the National Convention of the Speech Communication Association, Chicago, November 1992.

Critical Responses

- “Undergraduate and Collaborative Faculty/Undergraduate Communication Research.” Annual Convention of the Alabama Communication Association. Huntsville, AL, July 2018.
- “Top Papers in the Kenneth Burke Interest Group.” Responding for the Kenneth Burke Interest Group. Annual Convention of the Southern States Communication Association. Nashville, TN, April 2018.
- “Redemption, Crisis and Protests: Applications of Burkean Methodologies.” Responding for the Kenneth Burke Interest Group. Annual Convention of the Southern States Communication Association. Austin, TX, April 2016.
- “The Roots of our Community: Looking at Classical Rhetoric in the Digital Age.” Responding for the Rhetoric and Public Address Division and the American Society for the History of Rhetoric. Annual Convention of the Southern States Communication Association. Louisville, KY, March 2007.
- “Burkean Criticism on Current Events.” Responding for the Southern division of the Kenneth Burke Society. Annual Convention of the Southern States Communication Association, San Antonio, April 1998.
- “Trying to Do Better Than Just Muddle Through: Burkean Criticism and the Limits of Contemporary Culture.” Responding for the Southern division of the Kenneth Burke Society. Annual Convention of the Southern States Communication Association, Savannah, April 1997.
- “Public Discourse in Advocacy and Diplomacy.” Responding for the Rhetoric and Public Address division. Annual Convention of the Southern States Communication Association, Memphis, March 1996.
- “Rhetoric and Aesthetics.” Responding for the Rhetorical Theory and Criticism Interest Group. Annual Convention of the Central States Speech Association, Indianapolis, April 1995.
- “Language and Metaphor.” Responding for the Rhetorical Theory and Criticism Interest Group. Annual Convention of the Central States Speech Association, Oklahoma City, April 1994.

"Legal Argument and Rhetorical Theory: Case Studies in the Relationship Between Law and Rhetoric." Responding for the Rhetorical Theory and Criticism Division and the Argumentation and Forensics Division at the Central States Communication Association Annual Conference, Cleveland, April 1992.

Other Presentations:

“‘[That] Which Mainly Embarrasses the Court in the Present Inquiry’: The Rhetorical Work of Overruling Precedents in the U.S. Supreme Court.” Paper presented to McGeorge Law School, University of the Pacific, Sacramento, CA, October 2016.

"Legal Argument as Motive Construction." Keynote address to the Southeast Regional Legal Writing Conference, Stetson University School of Law, Tampa, FL, April 2014.

"Instantiating "The Law" and Its Dissents in *Korematsu v. United States*: A Dramatistic Analysis of Judicial Discourse." Union Grove Scholar Award Presentation. Presented to the College of Liberal Arts, UAH, March 2001.

"Charting the Future of Pentadic Criticism: Some Prospective Considerations." Lecture presented to the Graduate Faculty and Graduate Students of the Communication Studies Department of Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, September 9, 1993.

Teaching Experience

University of Alabama in Huntsville

Department of Communication Arts (9/93-Present)

CM 113 Introduction to Rhetorical Communication

CM 231 Foundations of Human Communication

CM 309 History of Rhetorical Theory

CM 310 Persuasion

CM 313 Business and Professional Communication

CM 315 Argumentation and Debate

CM 320 Technical Writing Practicum

CM 340 Special Topics in Communication Arts: Media Law

CM 375 Rhetorical Criticism

CM 400 Internship in Communication

CM 408 Classical Rhetorical Theory

CM 409 Contemporary Rhetorical Theory

CM 410 Political Communication

CM 416 Women Orators

CM 418 Legal Argument

CM 426 Burkeian Theory & Criticism

CM 431 Senior Seminar in Communication Theory

CM 508 Classical Rhetorical Theory

CM 509 Contemporary Rhetorical Theory

CM 601 Communication for Engineers

CM 675 Rhetorical Criticism

Honors Program

H 399 Interdisciplinary Seminar in Rhetoric and Knowledge (with Dr. Winchell)

Indiana University at Indianapolis (1/93-8/93)
 Center for Philanthropy (Adjunct Assistant Professor of Philanthropic
 Studies)
 C391 American Women Orators

Indiana University at Kokomo
 Department of Humanities (9/89-8/93)
 C300 Student Speakers' Practicum
 C310 Rhetoric and Public Address
 C391 American Women Orators
 C480 Communication Theory
 L486 Liberal Studies Seminar
 S121 Public Speaking
 S323 Speech Composition

University of Georgia (8/88-5/89)
 Department of Speech Communication
 SPC:210 Advanced Public Speaking
 SPC:359 Foundations of Rhetorical Theory
 SPC:360 Rhetorical Criticism

University of Iowa
 Freshman Rhetoric Program (8/83-5/86)
 10:1, 10:2, 10:3 Freshmen Rhetoric
 Department of Communication Studies (1/86-8/88)
 36C:25 Principles of Speech Communication
 36C:30 Communicating in Public
 36C:35 Business and Professional Speaking
 36C:40 Theory and Practice of Argument
 36C:90 Rhetoric and Politics
 36C:250 Professional Development Program
 College of Business Administration (8/87-5/88)
 6N:202 Oral Communications MBA

Dissertation

“Judicial Invention in Cases Contributing to the Development of Corporate Criminal Liability: A Multi-Dimensional Dramatistic Analysis.” University of Iowa, 1988. Directed by John R. Lyne. This dissertation investigates the forms and functions of judicial rhetoric in cases contributing to the development of corporate criminal liability. Its basic theoretical framework is derived from Kenneth Burke’s logological and dramatistic perspectives and it draws upon literature in rhetorical theory, argument theory, and jurisprudence.

Memberships

Kenneth Burke Society
 National Communication Association
 Rhetoric Society of America
 Rhetoric Society of Europe
 Southern States Communication Association

Awards and Honors

Kohrs-Campbell Prize in Rhetorical Criticism, 2009 (\$10,000 for *Judging the Supreme Court: Constructions of Motives in **Bush v. Gore***)
 UAH Foundation Research Award, 2008

Distinguished Service Award, Kenneth Burke Society, 2002
 Union Grove Scholar, 2001 (Research Award, UAH)
 UAH Foundation Teaching Award, 2000
 Excellence in Administration Award, Association for Communication Administration,
 Southern States Communication Association, 2000
 Student Advisor of the Year, 3rd Place, UAH, 1998-99, 1999-2000
 Religious Speech Communication Association's Outstanding Paper for 1995/96 (for
 "Charles Haddon Spurgeon's Calvinist Rhetoric of Election: Constituting an Elect."
Journal of Communication and Religion, 17, no. 2 [Sept. 1994]: 33-48)
 FACET Teaching Award (Indiana University), 1993
 Certificate of Award from Student Services, 1991 & 1992
 Departmental Academic Honors in Political Science, 1983
 Phi Kappa Phi, 1982
 Omicron Delta Kappa, 1982
 Pi Sigma Alpha, 1982

Grants and Fellowships

Humanities Center Grant to support a Southern Colloquium on Rhetoric and a keynote
 speaker for UAH Communication Arts' hosting of the Alabama Communication
 Association in Summer 2018 (featuring Professor Michael Hogan), \$1500, 2018
 Humanities Center Grant to support Rhetoric and Law Colloquium (featuring Stanley
 Fish), \$10,000, 2014
 Instructional Minigrant, 2004
 Humanities Center Grant to accompany of a communication delegation to the People's
 Republic of China, 1997
 Humanities Center Mini-Grant to study the litigation strategy of the Legal Defense Fund
 in the pre-*Brown* desegregation cases, 1995
 Humanities Center Library Grant for Communication Arts, 1994, 1995
 Humanities Center Travel Grants, numerous grants, 1993-2007
 Research University and Graduate School Project Initiation Grant, 1992
 Undergraduate Research Summer Institute Grant, 1993 (with Deb Miller)
 Faculty Fellow, Indiana University at Kokomo, Summer 1992
 Chancellor's Curriculum Grant to develop a Student Speakers' Practicum, 1992
 Curriculum Development Grant from the Center on Philanthropy, Indiana University at
 Indianapolis, 1991
 UROC Grant to study Supreme Court Reversals, 1991
 Faculty Fellow, Indiana University at Kokomo, Summer 1990

Service

Journal Reviewer

Editorial Board, *Argumentation & Advocacy*, 2018-21
 Editorial Board, *Communication Law Review*, 2017-19
 Editorial Board, *Rhetoric & Public Affairs*, 2014-2018
 Editorial Board, *Western Journal of Communication*, 2014-17
 Manuscript Reviewer, *Political Research Quarterly*, 2015
 Manuscript Reviewer, *Rhetoric & Public Affairs*, 2006, 2009-10, 2012
 Manuscript Reviewer, *Western Journal of Communication*, 2008, 2011, 2012
 Manuscript Reviewer, *Communication Monographs*, 2011, 2012
 Manuscript Reviewer, *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, 1999-2000, 2010
 Manuscript Reviewer, *Rhetoric Review*, 2006, 2010
 Manuscript Reviewer, *Eighteenth-Century Life*, 2004

Manuscript Reviewer, *Communication Law Review*, 1998
Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Contemporary Rhetoric*, 2011, 2012
Manuscript Reviewer, *Southern Communication Journal*, 1995, 2000, 2009
Manuscript Reviewer, *Communication Studies*, 1991-92

International Service

Reviewer. Grant proposal to The Bilateral Scientific Cooperation Québec study donor conceived families in Flanders and Québec. August 2017.
Reviewer. Grant proposal to The Research Foundation of Flanders (Belgium) to study constructions of citizenship in education. April 2013.
“Opponent,” dissertation defense, Jouni Tilli, *The Continuation War as a Metanoic Moment: A Burkean Reading of Lutheran Hierocratic Rhetoric*, University of Jyväskylä, October 2012. (NOTE: The Opponent is the sole questioner during the oral examination in a public forum before the university faculty. This dissertation won Dissertation of the Year award at the University of Jyväskylä, Finland.)

National Service

Organizer, Colloquium on Rhetoric and Law (featuring Stanley Fish), UAH, April 11-12, 2014 (with rhetoric and law scholars from around the country)
President, Kenneth Burke Society, 2011-14
Vice President, Kenneth Burke Society, 2008-11
Paper/Panel Reviewer, Kenneth Burke Interest Group, NCA branch, 2005-12
Paper Reviewer, *Forum on Cross-Cultural Inspiration*, San Francisco, 2006
Paper/Panel Reviewer, NCA Commission on Communication and Law, 2005, 2006
Founder and Co-Editor, *KB Journal*, 2004-2008
Publications Co-Editor, Kenneth Burke Society, 2005-2008
Treasurer, Kenneth Burke Society, 2002-05
Panel Reviewer, SCA Commission on Communication and Law, 1997
National Convention Program Planner for the Kenneth Burke Society, SCA Branch, 1990-91
Charter Member, Kenneth Burke Society, 1984

Regional

Organizer, Southern Colloquium on Rhetoric (featuring J. Michael Hogan), UAH, July 20, 2018 (Rhetorical Studies and the Gun Debate).
External Review, Department of Communication Studies, University of Montevallo, February 2014
Southern States Communication Association, Rhetoric and Public Address Division, submission review for 2008 convention
Southern States Communication Association Research Support Guidelines Ad Hoc Committee, 2006
Chair, Freedom and Responsibilities of Speech Division, Southern States Communication Association, 1997-98
Vice-Chair, Freedom and Responsibilities of Speech Division, Southern States

University

Associate Dean for Recruitment and Outreach, *College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences*, 2017-2018

- Helped increase enrollment in the College by 11.4% in first full year
- Developed marketing and recruitment strategy for the College

Chair of Communication Arts

Chair, 1997-2009; 2011-17
Acting chair 1996-1997

- Oversaw tripling of credit hour production and majors
- Oversaw the development of a new MA in Professional Communication and a BA in Writing (with English)
- Supported the development of a BA in Theatre
- Initiated and directed the Computer-Mediated Communication Program (a minor)
- Oversaw two self studies and aided with two accreditation visits
- Oversaw the hiring, expansion, promotion, and tenuring of an excellent faculty
- Developed an elaborate student database to track student progress
- Initiated a department newsletter

Other Service:

Graduate Dean Review Committee, 2018
 Faculty Database Selection Committee, 2016-17
 Faculty Advisor, *The Charger Times* (formerly *The Exponent*); (student newspaper), UAH, 1999-2004, 2008-2011, 2012-2014
 Chair, Promotion and Tenure Departmental Committees, 2012
 Faculty Advisor, Young Democrats, UAH, 2004-2011
 Faculty Advisor, Omicron Delta Kappa, UAH, 1999-2002
 Chair, Communication Arts Faculty Search Committees, 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2016
 Faculty Secretary, Omicron Delta Kappa, UAH, 1998-1999
 Director, Computer-Mediated Communication Program, 1999-2009
 Faculty Senate Representative, 1994-96, 2007-8; 2009-11
 Chair, Public Speaking Course Evaluation Committee, 1994
 Fal-Der-All Team Captain for Liberal Arts, 1994
 United Way Coordinator for Communication Arts, 1993
 IUK Faculty Senate Parliamentarian, 1990-91
 Chair, Faculty Senate Committee on the Threshold Experience, 1990
 Discussion Chair, Indiana University Alumni Association Symposium on Ethics and Responsibility, 1989-90
 College of Liberal Arts Dean's Search Committee, 2015
 Library Director Search Committee, 2014
 PTAC, 2010
 Reappointment committees for tenure-track faculty in other departments, 2009, 2013, 2015
 Tenure and promotion committees for various departments, 2009-16
 UAH Undergraduate Scholastic Affairs Committee, 2007-2008; 2009-11
 UAH Library Committee, 2004-2006
 Promotion and Tenure Committee for Sociology, 2005
 Liberal Arts Committee on Foreign Languages and Literature, 2000
 Student Affairs Advisory Board, 1999-2000
 Numerous reappointment committees for Communication Arts, English, Art, and Sociology, 1994-2005
 Liberal Arts Committee on Departmental Structure, 1996-98
 Graphic Arts Advisory Committee, 1997
 Search and Screen Committee, Director of Academic Advisement, 1997
 Liberal Arts Committee on Laboratories and Studios, 1996-98
 Liberal Arts Committee on Faculty Workload, 1996

Communication Arts Search and Screen Committees, 1995
 Faculty Resources Committee, 1994-96
 Publications Board, 1994-95
 Fal-Der All Team, 1993
 Faculty Senate Admissions Committee, 1992-93
 Affirmative Action Committee, 1991-93
 Mission Statement Committee, 1991-92
 Calendar Committee, 1991-92
 Technology Fee Committee, 1990-91
 Computer Services Committee, IUK, 1989-91
 Task Force on Interactive Telecommunications Education, 1989-90
 Quantitative or Formal Reasoning Coordinating Committee, UI, 1986-88
 Steering Committee, Kenneth Burke Society, 1984-86
 Graduate Teaching Assistants' Council, UI Freshman Rhetoric Program,
 1985
 Vice President, Omicron Delta Kappa, UAH, 1982-83
 Ombudsman, Student Government Association, UAH, 1981

Lectures

"Reversing Course: How the U.S. Supreme Court Justifies Overruling Its
 Own Precedents," RELACS, 24 March 2017
 Beta Alpha Psi Accounting Honor Society, October 2004, 2009
 Honors Program Seminar, September 2004
 Society of Management Accountants, September 2002
 Scores of lectures in colleagues' classes

Community

Presentation on "Persuasion in the Long Run" to New Leaf Marketing Group,
 Huntsville, AL, February 8, 2017.
 Presentation on "Overruling Opinions in the U.S. Supreme Court" to Huntsville
 Rotary Club, Huntsville, AL, January 31, 2017.
 Presentation on "Our Brave New World of Venomous Politics: Its Sources and
 Its Implications" to OLLI, Vestavia Hills, AL, June 24, 2016.
 Presentation on "Overturning Plessy v. Ferguson" to the Optimist Club of
 Madison, May 7, 2015.
 Presentation on "Brown v. Board of Education," Wilson High School, Florence,
 December 5, 2013.
 Presentation on "Accounting and Communication" to the American Society of
 Women Accountants, Huntsville, AL chapter, July 2006
 Presentation on "Politics and Law in Bush v. Gore" to the Coweta County (GA)
 Democratic Women's Association, 2005
 Political Campaign Consultant, 2004, 2006
 Press Box Coordinator, Bob Jones High School baseball, 2003
 Speech Contest Judge, American Legion, 1999
 Speech Contest Judge, Optimist Club, 1999
 Small Business Association, Annual Awards Judge, 1998, 1999
 Assistant Baseball Coach, City of Madison 11-12 year old league, 1999
 Assistant Basketball Coach, City of Madison 10-11 year old league, 1998
 Cub Scout Den Leader, Pack 351, Madison, Alabama, 1996-98
 President, Montessori Children's House, Kokomo, Indiana, 1991-92
 Author of a pilot test of critical thinking for American College Testing, 1987