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*Curriculum Vitae\**

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## **Employment**

- 2016-Present Assistant Professor of Rhetoric Studies  
Whitman College
- 2013-2016 Visiting Assistant Professor of Civic Communication and  
Media Willamette University

## **Education**

- 2013 Ph. D. *Areas of Specialization:* Rhetoric and Philosophy/Critical Theory, Rhetoric of  
Dissent and Social Movements. Department of Communication Studies,  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. *Advisor:* Ronald Walter Greene.  
**Dissertation:** The Riddle of the Commune: Subjectivity and Style in Karl Marx's  
*The Civil War in France*
- 2009 M. A. *Areas of Specialization:* Rhetorical Studies, Congressional Rhetoric,  
Continental Philosophy. Department of Communication Studies, University  
of Minnesota, Twin Cities. *Advisor:* Ronald Walter Greene.  
**Thesis:** Senators, Psychiatrists and Trippers: The Rhetoric of Psychiatric  
Expertise in the 1966 Senate Hearings on LSD
- 2007 B. A. *Major:* Rhetoric and Media Studies, *Minors:* Classics, Politics.  
Willamette University.

## **Publications**

*Articles and Book Chapters:*

- 2017 "A Revolutionary Epideictic: Debt and Community in Karl Marx's The Civil War in  
France." *Rhetoric Society Quarterly*. Online Publication Oct. 16, 2017; Print Publication 2018.  
<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/02773945.2017.1377844>
- 2017 Matthew Bost and Matthew S. May. "Michael Hardt and Antonio Negri." Peer  
Reviewed Encyclopedia Entry in *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Communication*.  
[http://communication.oxfordre.com/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228613.001.  
0001/acrefore-9780190228613-e-80](http://communication.oxfordre.com/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228613.001.0001/acrefore-9780190228613-e-80).
- 2016 "Entangled Exchange: Verkehr and Rhetorical Capitalism." *Review of Communication*.  
16.4: 344-351.
- 2016 Matthew Bost and Matthew S. May. "The Surplus of the Machine: Trope and History in  
The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte." *Philosophy and Rhetoric*. 49.1: 1-25. (lead  
article)

- 2014 “Arguing over Emptiness: Community in the Debate over Rhetoric and Love.” in *Disturbing Argument: Selected Proceedings from the 18th NCA/AFA Alta Conference on Argumentation*. Edited by Catherine H. Palczewski. London: Routledge. 57-62.
- 2013 “The Unruly Pharmacy: Psychiatric Power and the Role of Expert Opinion in the 1966 LSD Debate.” *Argumentation and Advocacy*. 49 (3): 210-227.
- 2011 Matthew Bost and Ronald Walter Greene. “Affirming Rhetorical Materialism: Enfolding the Virtual and the Actual.” *Western Journal of Communication*. 75 (4): 440-444.
- Book Reviews:*
- 2017 Review of *Kant’s Philosophy of Communication* by G. L. Ercolini. *Advances in the History of Rhetoric*. 20.2: 221-223.

### **Academic Grants, Awards and Honors**

- 2015 Recipient of Willamette University Council on Diversity and Social Justice and Center for Law, Religion and Democracy grants to host Dr. Kirt Wilson as a guest speaker on Willamette’s campus.
- 2014 Participant in Mellon Foundation-funded Liberal Arts Research Cooperative (LARC) grant for curricular development awarded to Willamette’s Department of Civic Communication and Media
- 2013 Recipient of the Michael Calvin McGee Award for best graduate student submission, Alta Conference on Argumentation
- 2012 Top Theory Paper Panel Selection, Kenneth Burke Society, Annual Convention of the National Communication Association
- 2008 Top Paper Panel Selection, Public Address Division, Annual Convention of the National Communication Association.

### **Selected Conference Presentations**

- “The Cause of the Self: Materialist Spirituality, Cultural Appropriation and the Rhetoric of Mindfulness.” Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA, November 2016.
- “A Minimum of Life’s Pleasures: Affirmative Biopolitics, Kairos and Resistance.” Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Convention, Atlanta, GA, May 2016.
- “The Figuring of the Earth: Nonhuman Agency and Rhetorical Capture in the Discourse of *Terroir*”. Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Convention, Atlanta, GA, May 2016.
- “Subjects Errant: Theorizing Rhetoric as a Poetics of Relation”. Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Convention, San Antonio, TX, May 2014
- “Action and Motion as Limits to Burke’s Materialism”. Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Orlando, FL, November 2012.

“Democracy and Its Death Drive(s): Event and the Reframing of Subjectivity in Democratic Style”. Rhetorical Society of America, Philadelphia, PA, May 2012.

“Specters in France: Audience and Historical Subjectivity in Marx’s Paris Commune Speech”. Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA, November 2011.

“Crafting a ‘New Language’: Reflections on Karl Marx and Political Style”. Preconference, “Revolutionary Voices: Marxism and Communications Studies” Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA, November 2011.

### **Memberships, Professional Organizations**

2008-Present	National Communication Association
2012-Present	Rhetoric Society of America

### **Professional Service:**

#### *Journals and Publications:*

2017	Reviewed for <i>Women’s Studies in Communication</i>
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#### *National Communication Association:*

2017	Panel Respondent for Rhetoric and Communication Theory Division
2012-2014	Reviewer for Critical/Cultural Studies Division
2011-Present	Reviewer for Rhetoric and Communication Theory Division
2011, 2015	Reviewer for Public Address Division

#### *Rhetoric Society of America:*

2017	Reviewer for Biennial Convention
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#### *Professional Service: Whitman College*

2017	Collaborated with Whitman Rhetoric faculty to host the Second Annual Pacific Northwest Rhetoric, Race and Media Conference
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#### *Professional Service: Willamette University*

2015-2016	Faculty Advisor, Rainbow Alliance (Willamette LGBTQIA student organization)
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### **Courses Taught:**

#### *Whitman College:*

Senior Seminar: Advanced Rhetorical Criticism	RHET 487
Roots of Rhetoric	RHET 330/CLAS 371
Visual Rhetoric	RHET 260
Rhetoric, Gender and Sexuality	RHET 250
Introduction to Rhetoric and Public Culture	RHET 230

*Willamette University:*

Public Speaking  
Analysis of Public Discourse  
Topics in Civic Communication: Freedom of Speech  
Rhetorics of Sex and Gender

CCM 101  
CCM 220W  
CCM 360  
CCM 365

Persuasion, Propaganda and the Mass Media  
Rhetorical Criticism  
Media and Society

RHET 232  
RHET 261W  
RHET 320

*University of Minnesota:*

Introduction to Public Speaking  
Introduction to the Analysis of Argument  
Freedom of Speech  
Communication Ethics

COMM 1101  
COMM 1313W  
COMM 3631  
COMM 3625