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EDUCATION

- 1996 – 1999 **University of Georgia Ph.D. Program in Speech Communication, Athens, Georgia**
- Ph.D. in Speech Communication (Rhetoric) with a 4.0 GPA.
 - Major Advisor: Celeste Michelle Condit
 - Awarded a University-wide research assistantship first and third years.
 - Served as Assistant Debate Coach.
- 1991 – 1993 **Wake Forest University M.A. Program in Communication, Winston-Salem, North Carolina**
- M.A. in Communication (Rhetoric) with a 4.0 GPA.
 - Major Advisors: Allan Louden & John Llewellyn
 - Received teaching assistantship.
 - Served as Assistant Debate Coach.
- 1985 – 1989 **Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia**
- B.A. in Political Science. Graduated in top 25% of class.
 - Two-time participant in elimination rounds of National Debate Tournament (NDT)
 - Coached and taught in first national Urban Debate League (UDL)

EMPLOYMENT

- 2015 – Present **Senior Lecturer, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia**
- Course Director, Speech 2050 (2015 - Present)
 - Course Director, Speech 1500 (Fall 2020 - Present)
 - Director of Assessment, Speech 2050 (2106 - Present)
 - Member Communication Department Executive Committee (2019 - Present)
 - Member, College of Arts & Sciences Executive Committee (Fall 2021 - Present)
 - Member, Regents Advisory Committee on Communication (2019 - December 2021)
 - Department Non-Tenure Track Promotion & Tenure Manual Revision Committee (2014 - Present)
 - Chair of the Communication Department Scholarship and Alumni Outreach committee (2018 - 2020)
- 2006 – 2015 **Director of Debate & Senior Lecturer, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia**
- Achieved historic high marks in competitive debate success at national tournaments, national rankings, the National Debate Tournament, and the CEDA National Tournament
 - Averaged 4.6/5 in student evaluations of instruction (all courses)
 - Served as planner and Director of the GSU National College Debate Tournament
 - Chair, Communication Department Lecturer Promotion & Tenure Manual Revision Committee (2014-2015)
 - Member of the University Promotion & Tenure Committee for Lecturers (2011-2013)
 - Member of the Communication Department Scholarship and Alumni Outreach committee
- 2001 – 2006 **Director of Debate & Lecturer, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia**
- Achieved historic high marks in competitive debate success at national tournaments, national rankings, and CEDA National Tournament
 - Averaged 4.7/5 in student evaluations of instruction (all courses)
 - Served as planner and Director of the GSU National College Debate Tournament
 - Served as Director of the GSU Intercollegiate Debate Institute (2006)
 - Planned, hosted, and served as Director for the GSU One-Day High School Workshop (2001-2006)
 - Member of the University Subcommittee for the Assessment of Critical Thinking in the Humanities
- 2000 – 2001 **Lecturer & Assistant Director of Debate, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia**
- 1999 – 2000 **Visiting Instructor, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia**
- 1998 – 2002 **Director of Operations, Emory National Debate Institute, Atlanta, Georgia**
- Authored first edition of *The Policy Debate Manual*, the ENDI's first formal curricular document

COURSES TAUGHT (15)

Applied Graphic Communication • Argumentation • Business and Professional Communication • Communication & Diversity • Communication Research & Information Technology • Desktop Editing & Publishing • Introduction to Human Communication • Mass Communication Research • Media, Culture & Society • Persuasion • Political Campaign Communication • Principles of Debate • Public Speaking • Rhetorical Theory & Criticism • Special Topics: Presidential Terrorism Discourse • Special Topics: A Rhetorical Perspective on Harry Potter

PUBLICATIONS

First Author:

The hard truths of work-life balance in debate [solicited article]. October 1, 2018. Policydb8.com. URL: <https://www.policydb8.com/articles.html/debate-culture/the-hard-truths-of-work-life-balance-in-debate-r20/>.

The Policy Debate Manual: A comprehensive introduction to the theory and practice of competitive debate [with Abi Williams]. 2008. This text is informally self-published, but is distributed through debate camps and urban debate leagues across the country and internationally to thousands of students every year.

A research-based justification for debate across the curriculum. *Argumentation and Advocacy*. 2000 (Winter).

The strange discourse of The X-Files: What it is, what it does, and what is at stake. *Critical Studies in Mass Communication*. 1999 (June).

Well regulated: A rhetorical analysis of the modern American militia movement. Doctoral dissertation, University of Georgia, 1999.

Audiences matter: How incomplete argument derailed liberal claims in the wake of Oklahoma City [with Edward Panetta]. In J. F. Klumpp (Ed.), *Argument In a Time of Change: Definitions, Frameworks, and Critiques*. Proceedings of the Tenth NCA/AFA Conference on Argumentation. 1998. Annandale, VA: NCA.

Contributing Author and Editor:

Baran, Stanley, Tim Harrower & Joe Bellon. 2019. *Introduction to Mass Communication: Media Literacy and Culture* (10th ed., Custom Reader, GSU). New York: McGraw-Hill. ISBN: 9781264008216.

With Michael Rhoades and Carol Winkler:

What is debate? A video (20 minutes) available nationally through technical assistance training via U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Administration and Institute of Law and Justice, Youth Engagement in Violence Prevention Toolkit (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 2009).

Benefits of debate. A video (21 minutes) available nationally through technical assistance training via U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Administration and Institute of Law and Justice, Youth Engagement in Violence Prevention Toolkit (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 2009).

Coaching debate. A video (42 minutes) available nationally through technical assistance training via U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Administration and Institute of Law and Justice, Youth Engagement in Violence Prevention Toolkit (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 2009).

How to debate. A video (16 minutes) available nationally through technical assistance training via U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Administration and Institute of Law and Justice, Youth Engagement in Violence Prevention Toolkit (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 2009).

Teaching debate. A video (30 minutes) available nationally through technical assistance training via U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Administration and Institute of Law and Justice, Youth Engagement in Violence Prevention Toolkit (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 2009).

As a Committee Member:

A rationale for intercollegiate debate in the twenty-first century. In Allan D. Loudon (Ed.), *Navigating Opportunity: Policy Debate in the 21st Century*. Wake Forest National Debate Conference. 2010. New York: International Debate Education Association.

Editor and Assembler of Original Manuscript:

Clarke, Clifford H. and G. Douglas Lipp. *Danger and Opportunity: Resolving Conflict in U.S.-Based Japanese Subsidiaries*. 1998. Yarmouth, ME: Intercultural Press.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Debate Judging in the 21st Century: Hope and Concern for Providing a Pedagogical Learning Environment (Respondent). 2021. Southern States Communication Association Convention. Virtual.

A New Hope or Revenge of the Sith? Jon Ossoff and the Rhetoric of Media Expectations. 2018. Southern States Communication Association Convention. Nashville, TN.

Grimms and Wesen and Difference, Oh My! Modern Fairy Tale Retellings as Arguments About Difference in "Grimm." 2017. National Communication Association Convention. Dallas, TX.

Honoring Our Legacy and Expanding Our Relevance: New Perspectives About Online Teaching and Learning (Presenter). 2017. National Communication Association Convention. Dallas, TX.

Thanks Obama! Preparing for and Embracing the Meme-ification of the 2016 Presidential Debates. 2015 National Communication Association Convention. Las Vegas, NV.

Campaign 2012: Connecting Political Campaigns with the Practice and Principles of Academic Debating (Chair). 2013 National Communication Association Convention. Washington, DC.

Communicating Choices and Consequences in Political Argument: A Roundtable Discussion of the 2012 Campaign Debates (Panelist). 2013 Southern States Communication Association Convention. Louisville, KY.

Social movements and constitutive rhetoric: Which public does the militia address? Presented at the 1999 National Communication Association Convention. Chicago, IL.

Explaining militia victimage: The functionality of government as scapegoat. Presented at the 1998 National Communication Association Convention. New York, NY.

Negative persona in presidential politics. Presented at the 1998 National Communication Association Convention. New York, NY.

The myth is out there: Third-order signification and shadow myth in The X-Files. Presented at the 1997 National Communication Association Convention. Chicago, IL.

Audiences matter: How incomplete argument derailed liberal claims in the wake of Oklahoma City. Presented (as first author, with Edward Panetta) at the 1997 NCA/AFA Conference on Argumentation. Alta, Utah.

Information technology: The plague ship of organizational communication. Presented at the 1992 Speech Communication Association Convention. Chicago, IL.

COACHING HIGHLIGHTS

- Qualified teams for the National Debate Tournament (NDT) in 2001, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2014, and 2015. This represents over 70% of GSU's historic qualifications for the tournament.
- Coached teams to the elimination rounds of the NDT at Emory, Wake Forest, the University of Georgia, and Georgia State University.
- Qualified first GSU female debater and first GSU debaters of color for the NDT.
- Became first debate coach ever to qualify a team of former Urban Debate League (UDL) debaters for the NDT. Also, first coach ever to qualify more than one team of former UDL debaters for the NDT.
- Coached GSU teams to multiple historic best achievements in both the NDT and CEDA Nationals tournaments.
- Led the GSU squad to historic high achievements in every metric of participation and national rankings.
- Named Coach of the Year for NDT District 6 (2015 & 2008)
- Named Outstanding Coach of the Southeast CEDA region (2006)
- Developed the GSU college debate tournament into one of the most prestigious regular-season debate tournaments in the U.S.
- Hosted the Southeast CEDA Regional Championship Tournament and District 6 NDT Qualifier (2001 – 2009)
- Designed and managed the GSU Debate Team web site (www.gsudebate.org).
- Solely responsible for all administrative aspects of GSU debate including travel planning, budgeting, accounting, fundraising, recruiting, social media management, and hiring and supervising work-study students.

GRANT & OUTREACH WORK

- Investigator, “Computer Assisted Debate Project,” \$99,703, Project Safe Neighborhoods — Preventing Gun and Gang Violence, Department of Justice, 2009.
- Investigator, “Computer Assisted Debate Project,” \$96,630, Project Safe Neighborhoods — Anti-Gun Initiative, Department of Justice, 2007-2008.
- Developed the initial vision statement and organizational structure for the National Debate Project, a consortium of educational institutions aimed at providing debate skills and opportunities for students in underserved schools and communities in Georgia and throughout the U.S. To date the National Debate Project has attracted over \$1.5 million in grant funding.
- Wrote and designed the Policy Debate Manual, which is distributed to students and debate programs by the Urban Debate movement. Over 10,000 copies of this manual have been distributed throughout the US and in South Korea.
- Co-authored, edited, and designed the first UDL-oriented debate institute curriculum for high school students.
- Authored and designed the first UDL-oriented debate institute curriculum for middle school students.
- Provided research, design, and consulting services for multiple successful debate outreach grant projects, including the Milwaukee UDL, The Debate Center at GSU, and the Atlanta UDL.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Member of the Editorial Board for *Contemporary Argumentation & Debate*
- Reviewer for *Argumentation & Advocacy*
- Historical Archivist for the National Debate Tournament (2008–2012)