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### **Professional Summary**

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Professor, Department of Communication, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign,  
2015-present.

University Scholar, University of Illinois system, 2017-20.

Public Voices Fellow with The Op Ed Project, University of Illinois system, 2019-20.

Fellow, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2016-17.

Associate, Center for Advanced Study, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign,  
2015-16.

Associate Head, Department of Communication, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign,  
2015-present. (On leave 2016-17.)

Conrad Humanities Scholar, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of  
Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2012-2017.

Interim Associate Dean, Graduate College, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign,  
January-August 2015.

Associate Professor, Department of Communication, University of Illinois at Urbana-  
Champaign, 2005-2015.

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Communication, University of Illinois at Urbana-  
Champaign, 2010-2014.

Director of Oral and Written Communication (CMN 111-112), University of Illinois at Urbana-  
Champaign, 1999-2009.

Assistant Professor, Department of [Speech] Communication, University of Illinois at Urbana-  
Champaign, 1999-2005.

Affiliated (zero-time) appointments in Center for Writing Studies (2004-present), Program in  
Art History (2006-present), and Department of Gender and Women's Studies (2009-  
present), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

William S. Vaughn Visiting Fellow, Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt  
University, 2006-2007.

## **Education**

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- Ph. D.            Communication Studies, Northwestern University  
Degree Awarded: June 1999  
Concentration: Rhetorical Studies
- M. A.            Communication, University of Maine  
Degree Awarded: May 1995  
Concentration: Rhetorical Studies
- B. A.            University of St. Thomas (St. Paul, Minnesota)  
Degree Awarded: May 1992 (*summa cum laude*; Aquinas Scholar)  
Majors: Communication; Journalism  
Minor: English

## **Research**

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### National Research Awards, Honors, and Grants

- Distinguished Scholar Award, Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division, National Communication Association, 2021.
- National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Open Book Award, 2020. Award shared with University of Illinois Press that will fund an open access, e-book version of Photographic Presidents: Making History from Daguerreotype to Digital.
- National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellowship for University Teachers, 2016-17. Awarded to facilitate work on book project, Photographic Presidents: Making History from Daguerreotype to Digital.
- Winans-Wichelns Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Rhetoric and Public Address, National Communication Association, 2016. For Making Photography Matter: A Viewer's History from the Civil War to the Great Depression.
- Outstanding Book Award, Visual Communication Division, National Communication Association, 2015. For Making Photography Matter: A Viewer's History from the Civil War to the Great Depression.
- William S. Vaughn Visiting Fellow, Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University, 2006-07.
- Golden Monograph Award, National Communication Association, 2006. For "Recognizing Lincoln: Image Vernaculars in Nineteenth Century Visual Culture." Rhetoric & Public Affairs 8 (Spring 2005): 31-58.
- New Investigator Award, Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division, National Communication Association, 2005. Given to a scholar who has developed a substantive and innovative research program within eight years of receiving the doctoral degree.
- Excellence in Visual Communication Research Award, Visual Communication Division, National

Communication Association, 2005. For “Recognizing Lincoln: Image Vernaculars in Nineteenth Century Visual Culture.” Rhetoric & Public Affairs 8 (Spring 2005): 31-58.

Diamond Anniversary Book Award, National Communication Association, 2004. For Picturing Poverty: Print Culture and FSA Photographs (Smithsonian, 2003).

### Campus Research Awards, Honors, and Grants

University Scholar, 2017. Status awarded to University of Illinois system faculty (three campuses) who have demonstrated excellence across all areas of scholarship, teaching, and service.

Associate, Center for Advanced Study, University of Illinois, 2015-16. Competitive, campus-wide research fellowship awarded to tenured faculty.

Conrad Humanities Professorial Scholar, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Illinois, 2012-2017. Awarded to associate professors in the college “who are established or emerging leaders with exceptionally strong scholarly recognition and significant promise for continued achievement.”

Arnold O. Beckman Award, Campus Research Board, University of Illinois, October 2014. For Photographic Presidents; named a project of “unusual distinction and promise.”

Arnold O. Beckman Award, Campus Research Board, University of Illinois, October 2012. For Making Photography Matter; named a project of “unusual distinction and promise.”

Humanities Release Time Award, Campus Research Board, University of Illinois, Spring 2004.

Campus Research Board Grant, University of Illinois, May 2000.

Dissertation Award, School of Speech, Northwestern University, May 1999.

### Publications

#### *Books*

Finnegan, Cara A. Photographic Presidents: Making History From Daguerreotype to Digital. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2021.

- Pre-publication reviews in Publisher’s Weekly, Foreword Reviews, and Booklist

Finnegan, Cara A. Making Photography Matter: A Viewer’s History from the Civil War to the Great Depression. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2015. (Paperback 2017.)

- Winner of Winans-Wichelns Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Rhetoric and Public Address, National Communication Association, 2016.
- Winner of Outstanding Book Award, Visual Communication Division, National Communication Association, 2015.

- Reviewed by SHGAPE (Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era, 2015), Journal of American History (2016), American Historical Review (2016), Choice (2015), Southern Journal of History (2016), Annals of Iowa (2016), Journal of American Studies (2017), Technology and Culture (2017), Quarterly Journal of Speech (2018), Rhetoric & Public Affairs (2018), Rhetoric Society Quarterly (2018).

Olson, Lester C., Cara A. Finnegan, and Diane S. Hope, eds. Visual Rhetoric: A Reader in Communication and American Culture. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2008.

- Reviewed in Journal of Communication (2008), Quarterly Journal of Speech (2009), Southern Journal of Communication (2010).

Finnegan, Cara A. Picturing Poverty: Print Culture and FSA Photographs. Washington, DC: Smithsonian Books, 2003.

- Winner of Diamond Anniversary Book Award, National Communication Association, 2004.
- Reviewed in American Historical Review (2006), Quarterly Journal of Speech (2006), Technology and Culture (2006), American Quarterly (2005), Journal of Canadian History (2005), Journal of American Studies (2004), Journal of American History (2004), American Periodicals (2004), Argumentation and Advocacy (2004), Columbia Journalism Review (2003), Journalism History (2003).

### *Articles and Book Chapters*

Bruce, Caitlin F. and Cara A. Finnegan. "Visual Rhetoric in Flux: A Conversation," Rhetoric & Public Affairs, 24.1-2 (2021): 89-108.

Finnegan, Cara A. "Read Before Archiving," Journal for the History of Rhetoric 23.1 (2020): 107.

Finnegan, Cara A. "The Daguerreotype, Republican Style, and Theories of the Public Image." Explorations in Media Ecology, 17.4 (2018): 459-64.

Finnegan, Cara A. "The Critic as Curator." Rhetoric Society Quarterly, 48.4 (2018): 405-410.

Finnegan, Cara A. "Slave Photographs in *Lincoln*." Rhetoric & Public Affairs, 18.1 (2015): 129-34.

Finnegan, Cara A. and Marissa Wallace, "Origin Stories and Dreams of Collaboration: Rethinking Histories of the Communication Course and the Relationships Between English and Speech," Rhetoric Society Quarterly 44.5 (2014): 401-426. Lead essay.

Finnegan, Cara A. and Anita J. Mixon. "Art Controversy in the Obama White House: Performing Tensions of Race in the Visual Politics of the Presidency." Presidential Studies Quarterly 44.2 (June 2014): 244-66.

Finnegan, Cara A. "Picturing Presidents: Visual Politics Inside the Obama White House." In The Rhetoric of Heroic Expectations: Establishing the Obama Presidency. Eds. Jennifer Mercieca and Justin Vaughn (College Station: Texas A&M Press, 2014), 209-34.

- Kang, Jiyeon and Cara A. Finnegan. "Gross Iconoclasm." Argumentation and Advocacy (Winter 2013): 228-230.
- Finnegan, Cara A. and John M. Murphy. "Introduction: Lincoln's Rhetorical Worlds." Rhetoric & Public Affairs (Fall 2010): 343-47.
- Finnegan, Cara A. "Studying Visual Modes of Public Address: Lewis Hine's Progressive Era Child Labor Rhetoric." In The Handbook of Rhetoric and Public Address. Eds. Michael Hogan and Shawn J. Parry-Giles (London: Blackwell Publishing, 2010). 250-70.
- Finnegan, Cara A. "'Liars May Photograph': Image Vernaculars and Progressive Era Child Labor Rhetoric." POROI: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Rhetorical Analysis and Invention 5.2 (November 2008): 94-139.
- Finnegan, Cara A. "Rhetoric and Visuality." The International Encyclopedia of Communication (ed. Wolfgang Donsbach), Volume 9. Wiley-Blackwell (Oxford, UK and Malden, MA), 2008. 4364-66. Revised and updated 2014 with co-author Katie L. Irwin.
- Finnegan, Cara A. and Jennifer Jones Barbour. "Visualizing Public Address." Rhetoric & Public Affairs 9 (Fall 2006): 489-532.
- Finnegan, Cara A. "FSA Photography and New Deal Visual Culture." American Rhetoric in the New Deal Era: Volume 7 of Rhetorical History of the United States. Ed. Thomas Benson. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University Press, 2006. 115-55.
- Finnegan, Cara A. "What is This a Picture Of? Some Thoughts on Images and Archives." Rhetoric & Public Affairs 9 (Spring 2006): 116-23.
- Finnegan, Cara A. "Communication as Vision." Communication As...Perspectives on Theory. Eds. Gregory J. Shepherd, Jeffrey St. John, and Ted Striphas. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2006. 60-66.
- Finnegan, Cara A. "Recognizing Lincoln: Image Vernaculars in Nineteenth Century Visual Culture." Rhetoric & Public Affairs 8 (Spring 2005): 31-58. Reprinted in Lester C. Olson, Cara A. Finnegan, and Diane S. Hope, eds. Visual Rhetoric: A Reader in Communication and American Culture (Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE, 2008).
- Finnegan, Cara A. and Jiyeon Kang. "'Sighting' the Public: Iconoclasm and Public Sphere Theory." Quarterly Journal of Speech 90 (November 2004): 377-402. Lead essay.
- Finnegan, Cara A. "Review Essay: Visual Studies and Visual Rhetoric." Quarterly Journal of Speech 90 (May 2004): 231-48.
- Finnegan, Cara A. "Doing Rhetorical History of the Visual: The Photograph and the Archive." Defining Visual Rhetorics. Eds. Charles Hill and Marguerite Helmers. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum, 2004. 195-214.
- Finnegan, Cara A. "Survey and Survey Graphic." Poverty in the United States: An Encyclopedia. Eds. Gwendolyn Mink and Alice O'Connor. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2004. 700.

- Finnegan, Cara A. "Elastic, Agonistic Publics: John Dewey's Call for a Third Party." Argumentation and Advocacy 39 (Winter 2003): 161-73.
- Finnegan, Cara A. "Image Vernaculars: Photography, Anxiety, and Public Argument." Proceedings of the 5th Conference of the International Society for the Study of Argumentation. Ed. Frans H. van Eemeren et al. Amsterdam: Sic Sat, 2003. 315-18.
- Finnegan, Cara A. "Documentary as Art in *U.S. Camera*." Rhetoric Society Quarterly 31 (Spring 2001): 37-67.
- Finnegan, Cara A. "The Naturalistic Enthymeme and Visual Argument: Photographic Representation in the 'Skull Controversy'." Argumentation and Advocacy 37 (Winter 2001): 133-49.
- Finnegan, Cara A. "Social Engineering, Visual Politics and the New Deal: FSA Photography in *Survey Graphic*." Rhetoric & Public Affairs 3 (Fall 2000): 333-62.
- Finnegan, Cara A. "Darkening O.J.: Visual Argument and Controversy." Argument at Century's End: Reflecting on the Past and Envisioning the Future. Ed. Thomas A. Hollihan. Annandale, VA: National Communication Association, 2000. 235-43.
- Finnegan, Cara A. "The Appearance of Argument: Public Space and Public Time in the Documentary Photograph." Argument in a Time of Change: Definitions, Frameworks, Critiques. Ed. James F. Klumpp. Annandale, VA: National Communication Association, 1997. 208-13.
- Reviews*
- Finnegan, Cara A. "Revealing the Visual Logics of Sensational News," review of Amanda Frisken, Graphic News: How Sensational Images Transformed Nineteenth-Century Journalism (University of Illinois Press, 2019), Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era, 20.1 (Jan. 2021): 196. Invited.
- Finnegan, Cara A. Review of Jane Aspinwall and Keith Davis, Golden Prospects: Daguerreotypes of the California Gold Rush (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2019), Western Historical Quarterly, 51.4 (2020). Invited.
- Finnegan, Cara A. Review of Tanya Sheehan, Study in Black and White: Photography, Race, Humor (University Park: Penn State Press, 2018), Journal of American History, 107.3 (Dec. 2020). Invited.
- Finnegan, Cara A. Review of Laurie M. Gries, Still Life with Rhetoric (Logan: Utah State University Press, 2015), Quarterly Journal of Speech 103.4 (2017): 415-18. Invited.
- Finnegan, Cara A. Review of Sharon Ann Musher, Democratic Art: The New Deal's Influence on American Culture (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2015), for Journal of American History, 103.1 (2016): 243. Invited.
- Finnegan, Cara A. Review of Carol Quirke, Eyes on Labor: News Photography and America's Working Class (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012), for American Historical Review, 118.4 (2013): 1202-1203. Invited.

- Finnegan, Cara A. Review of Amy Louise Wood, Lynching and Spectacle: Witnessing Racial Violence in America, 1890-1940 (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2009), Southern Communication Journal, 75.5 (2010): 527-30. Invited.
- Finnegan, Cara A. Review of Kate Sampsell-Willmann, Lewis Hine as Social Critic (Oxford: University Press of Mississippi, 2009), Rhetoric & Public Affairs 13.4 (Winter 2010): 741-45. Invited.
- Finnegan, Cara A. Review of Richard Steven Street, Everyone Had Cameras: Photography and Farmworkers in California, 1850-2000 (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2008), American Historical Review (October 2010): 1170-1171. Invited.
- Finnegan, Cara A. Review of Robert Hariman and John Louis Lucaites, No Caption Needed: Iconic Photographs, Public Culture, and Liberal Democracy (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2007), Rhetoric Society Quarterly 40 (Winter 2010): 94-97. Invited.
- Finnegan, Cara A. Review of Anne Whiston Spirn, Daring to Look: Dorothea Lange's Photographs and Reports from the Field (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2008), Quarterly Journal of Speech 95 (Nov. 2009): 471-73.
- Abelmann, Nancy, Susan G. Davis, Cara A. Finnegan, and Peggy J. Miller. "What is StoryCorps, Anyway?" Review of Dave Isay, Listening Is An Act of Love: A Celebration of American Life From The Storycorps Project (New York: Penguin Press, 2007), Oral History Review 36.2 (2009): 255-60.
- Finnegan, Cara A. Review of Amos Kiewe, FDR's First Fireside Chat: Public Confidence and the Banking Crisis (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2007), Rhetoric & Public Affairs 12.2 (2009): 337-39. Invited.
- Finnegan, Cara A. Review of John Raeburn, A Staggering Revolution: A Cultural History of Thirties Photography (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2006), American Historical Review (December 2007): 1564-65. Invited.
- Finnegan, Cara A. Review of Michael Kammen, Visual Shock: A History of Art Controversies in American Culture (New York: Knopf, 2006). Rhetoric & Public Affairs 10.4 (Winter 2007): 741-44.
- Finnegan, Cara A. Review of David Holloway and John Beck, eds., American Visual Cultures (London: Continuum, 2005). Quarterly Journal of Speech 92 (August 2006): 322-24.
- Finnegan, Cara A. Review of Geoffrey L. Buckley, Extracting Appalachia: Images of the Consolidation Coal Company, 1910-1945 (Athens, OH: Ohio University Press, 2004). Journal of Appalachian Studies 12 (Spring 2006): 162-63. Invited.
- Finnegan, Cara A. Review of Colleen McDannell, Picturing Faith: Photography and the Great Depression (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2004). American Historical Review (February 2006): 221-22. Invited.

Finnegan, Cara A. "Television as Historian." Review of Gary R. Edgerton and Peter C. Rollins, eds., Television Histories: Shaping Collective Memory in the Media Age (Lexington: University of Kentucky Press, 2001). Review of Communication 3 (April 2003): 154-57. Invited.

*Invited Lectures*

"Photographic Presidents," Department of Political Science, Clemson University, Nov. 2021.

"Photographic Presidents," Evanston History Center, Evanston, Illinois, Oct. 2021.

"Photographic Presidents: How Photography and the Presidency Grew Up Together," International Photography Museum and Hall of Fame, St. Louis, May 2021. (virtual)

"The Candid Camera Presidents: Herbert Hoover and Franklin Roosevelt." University of Southern California Visual Studies Institute, March 2020.

"Presidents and the History of Photography," DePauw University Undergraduate Honors Conference, April 2019.

"Barack Obama and the Age of Social Media," Bernard Brock Memorial Lecture, Wayne State University, March 2019.

"The Last Photographs of William McKinley," Visual Rhetoric Symposium, Northwestern University, Feb. 2019.

"What Studying Presidents Can Teach Us About the History of Photography," presentation to the University of Illinois Board of Trustees meeting, Sept. 2018.

"Barack Obama's Visual Archive." Penn State Information and Humanities Conference, Sept. 2018.

"Photographic Archives for Our Times: Barack Obama in the Age of Social Media." J. Jeffrey Auer Lecture, Department of English, Indiana University, April 2018.

"The Camera Politic: American Presidents and the History of Photography from the Daguerreotype to the Digital Revolution." Keynote Lecture, University of St. Thomas Undergraduate Communication Research Conference, April 2016.

"The Fleeting Visual Politics of the Candid Camera." Bruce Gronbeck Lecture, University of Iowa, Feb. 2016.

"A Presidency in Pictures." Chicago Humanities Festival, Nov. 2015. Video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HuoIX68sW5Y&feature=youtu.be>

"Herbert Hoover and the Fleeting Visual Politics of the Candid Camera." Texas A&M University, Sept. 2015.



- “The Presidential Camera: Histories of Photography through the Executive Lens.” Department of Communication, Georgia State University, Oct. 2014.
- “How Photography Has Changed in the Last Twenty-Five Years.” Invited presentation for panel on Media, Technology, and the Humanities at Robert Penn Warren Center’s 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Vanderbilt University, Sept. 2013.
- “Picturing the Presidents: Authorizing Obama Through White House Art.” Rhetoric Forum, University of Richmond, April 2013.
- “Photography Good, But Hell of a Subject for a Salon’: Reading Photography’s Viewers.” Department of Communication Arts and Sciences, Penn State University, February 2012.
- “Photography Good, But Hell of a Subject for a Salon’: Reading Photography’s Viewers.” Department of English, University of Wisconsin-Madison, December 2011.
- “Reading Photography’s Viewers: Public Reception of Photographs from the Civil War to the Great Depression.” Department of English, Carnegie Mellon University, October 2011.
- “The Flickr President: The Visual Politics of the Obama White House.” Invited plenary speaker for American Cultures in a Digital Age conference, Vanderbilt University, March 2011.
- “The Visual Politics of Childhood.” Plenary response, Biennial Public Address Conference, University of Pittsburgh, September 2010.
- “Images of Art/The Art of the Image: Visual Politics in the Obama White House.” Obama Phenomenon Conference, Texas A&M University, March 2010.
- “Visualizing the Economic Downturn.” American Studies Program, Vanderbilt University, February 2009.
- Invited response to Elizabeth Young’s lecture, “Portrait and Parody: Lincoln in Visual Culture,” Lincoln and Cultural Value symposium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, November 2008.
- “Speaking of Photography: Recognition and the Art of Imagining Visual Politics.” Invited plenary speaker for Visible Memories Conference, Syracuse University, October 2008.
- “Viewing the Visual Republic.” Plenary response, Biennial Public Address Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, September 2008.
- “Blogging Visual Politics.” Keynote panel at Fourth Kern Conference on Visual Communication, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY, April 2008.
- “The Mumler Spirit Photographs Trial: Visual Culture, Rhetorical Response, and the Sanctioning of Imagination.” Department of Communication, University of Alabama, March 2008.
- “Photography’s Publics: Viewer Agency and the Mumler Spirit Photographs Trial.” Third Midwest Winter Workshop, Indiana University, January 2008.

- “The Mumler Spirit Photographs Trial: Visual Culture, Rhetorical Response, and the Sanctioning of Imagination.” College of Communication, University of Texas, December 2007.
- “Picturing Poverty: American Documentary Photography in the 1930s.” University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA, February 2007.
- “Praising Photography’s Witness: Hurricane Katrina and the Visual Tradition of the FSA.” Department of Communication, University of Memphis, December 2006.
- “Teaching Visual Rhetoric.” Peabody School of Education, Vanderbilt University, November 2006.
- “Praising Photography’s Witness: Image Vernaculars and American Visual Traditions.” Plenary speaker, Biennial Public Address Conference, Vanderbilt University, October 2006.
- “Image Vernaculars: Rhetorics of Photography in American Public Culture.” Third Kern Conference on Visual Communication, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY, April 2006.
- “The Visual Politics of American Poverty.” Keynote address, Communication Day, Eastern Illinois University, February 2006.
- “Visualizing the Working Child: Image Vernaculars of Progressive Era Child Labor Rhetoric.” School of Communication, Northwestern University, July 2005.
- “Visualizing Democratic Deliberation.” Brigrance Colloquy on Rhetoric and Democratic Citizenship, Wabash College, April 2005.
- “Recognizing Lincoln: Image Vernaculars of Nineteenth Century Visual Culture.” Department of Speech Communication, University of Georgia, March 2005.
- “The Circulation of the FSA Photographs in 1930s Print Culture.” Franklin Delano Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, Hyde Park, NY, March 2005.
- “Picturing Poverty: FSA Photographs in LOOK Magazine.” Department of Communication Arts, University of Wisconsin-Madison, May 2002.
- “Images of Poverty in Depression Photography.” Department of Communication Studies, Northwestern University, May 2000.

*Conference Presentations*

- “Scholarship as Creative Work/Creative Work as Scholarship,” panelist for RSA Remote event sponsored by Rhetoric Society of America, March 2021.
- “Inviting Vision: A Roundtable on the Present and Future of Visual Rhetoric.” (Did not present; RSA 2020 was cancelled due to the COVID-19 global pandemic.)

- “Archiving History, Archiving Identity: Visual Culture and the Rhetorical Construction of History, Politics, and Subjects,” National Communication Association, Dallas, TX, Nov. 2017.
- “The Candid Camera and the Changing Visual Values of Political Space.” International Society for the History of Rhetoric, London, UK, July 2017.
- “Visual Communication Scholar Spotlight: Cara Finnegan.” National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA, Nov. 2016.
- “Pursuing Grant-Funded Research in Communication: Challenges and Opportunities Across the Discipline.” Panel discussion, National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA, Nov. 2016.
- “Archival Activism.” Panel discussion, National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA, Nov. 2016.
- “*Fortune* Magazine and the New Visual Politics of the Candid Camera.” Print Matters: Histories of Photography and Illustrated Magazines Workshop, CUNY/Rutgers/New York Public Library, April 2016.
- “On Becoming Professional.” Roundtable for graduate students and junior faculty at National Communication Association, Chicago, IL, November 2014.
- “Writing a Microhistory of the Verbal Communication Course at the University of Illinois: Archival Lessons and Challenges.” Co-authored with Marissa Wallace. Paper presented at National Communication Association, Chicago, IL, November 2014.
- “Rhetorical Studies’ Origin Stories: How a Local Example Challenges our Histories of the Communication Course.” Co-authored with Marissa Wallace. Paper presented at Rhetoric Society of America, San Antonio, TX, May 2014.
- “Visualizing the Authentic Lincoln.” Paper presented at National Communication Association, Washington, D.C., November 2013.
- “Honoring the Life and Work of Diane S. Hope.” Paper presented at National Communication Association, Washington, D.C., November 2013.
- “Doing Visual Politics in Real Time: Reading the Optics of Now.” Invited organizer of “supersession” panel at Rhetoric Society of America conference, Philadelphia, May 2012.
- “The Visual Voices of Children in the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Child Labor Debate.” Paper presented at the National Communication Association, New Orleans, November 2011.
- “Barbie Zelizer on Imagination.” Invited panelist for discussion of Zelizer’s *About to Die: How News Images Move the Public*. National Communication Association, New Orleans, November 2011.
- “Authorizing Obama: Flickr’s Presidential Rhetoric.” Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, St. Louis, August 2011.

- “The Role of Context and Archival Research in the Criticism Course.” Panel organizer and presenter, NCA Summer Conference on Teaching Rhetorical Criticism/Critical Inquiry, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA, July 2010.
- “The Role of Writing in the Criticism Course.” Panel organizer and presenter, NCA Summer Conference on Teaching Rhetorical Criticism/Critical Inquiry, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA, July 2010.
- “The Rhetorical Criticism Course as a Writing Course.” Spotlight session on rhetorical criticism pedagogy at Rhetoric Society of America conference, Minneapolis, May 2010.
- “The Legacy of Northwestern’s Rhetoric Program.” Panel participant, Northwestern University Conference to Honor David Zarefsky, Evanston, IL, May 2009.
- “Seeing Ghosts: The Mumler Spirit Photography Trial and the Politics of Viewership.” Rhetoric Society of America conference, Seattle, WA, May 2008.
- “Amateurs Arise: Experiments in Old/New Media.” Rhetoric Society of America conference, Seattle, WA, May 2008.
- “Performative Traditions of Visual Rhetoric: Farm Security Administration Photography After Hurricane Katrina.” National Communication Association convention, Chicago, IL, November 2007.
- “The Visual Canary in the Mineshaft of Communication: How Intellectual Property Shapes Intellectual Activity.” Participant in roundtable discussion at National Communication Association convention, Chicago, IL, November 2007.
- “Speaking of Photography: Visual Culture, Historical Images, and the Problem of Response.” Visual Democracy Conference, Center for Global Communication and Culture, Northwestern University, November 2007.
- “The Working Child as Productive Citizen: Image Vernaculars of Pro-Child Labor Rhetoric.” Rhetoric Society of America conference, Memphis, TN, May 2006.
- “Multimodality, Visuality, Publicity.” National Communication Association, Boston, MA, November 2005.
- “Pursuing Photographic Artifacts.” National Communication Association, Boston, MA, November 2005.
- “The Working Child as Productive Citizen.” Alta Argumentation Conference, Alta, UT, August 2005.
- “Reflections on *Picturing Poverty: Print Culture and FSA Photographs*.” National Communication Association, Chicago, IL, November 2004.
- “Image Vernaculars and Iraq War Photography.” Rhetoric Society of America, Austin, TX, May 2004.

- “Varieties of Visual Experience.” Participant in panel discussion on merging the practice of visual art with scholarship. National Communication Association, Miami, FL, November 2003.
- “Borrowed Words, Borrowed Images.” National Communication Association, Miami, FL, November 2003.
- “Visual Rhetoric and Social Change.” Invited organizer for Keynote “Master Panel” on Visual Rhetoric, William Kern Conference on Visual Communication: Rhetorics and Technologies, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY, April 2003.
- “Rhetorical Circulation and Visual Politics.” Presenter at Keynote “Master Panel” on Visual Rhetoric, William Kern Conference on Visual Communication: Rhetorics and Technologies, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY, April 2003.
- “Visual Culture in Action: Visual Rhetorics of Public Affairs.” Organizer and co-chair (with Anne T. Demo) of day-long pre-conference seminar exploring intersections of rhetorical studies and visual culture. National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA, November 2002.
- “Circulation, Visual Culture, and the Public: Is Public Sphere Theory Iconophobic?” Seminar presentation (co-authored with Jiyeon Kang) at “Visual Culture in Action: Visual Rhetorics of Public Affairs” seminar, National Communication Association, November 2002.
- “Image Vernaculars: Photography, Anxiety, and Public Argument.” International Society for the Study of Argumentation, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, June 2002.
- “What is the Place of Rhetorical History in Visual Rhetoric?” Rhetoric Society of America, Las Vegas, NV, May 2002.
- “Visual Rhetoric and Rhetorical History: Exploring the Connections,” organizer and presenter for roundtable discussion. National Communication Association, Atlanta, GA, November 2001.
- “Progressive ‘Activism’ vs. New Deal ‘Propaganda’: Re-Reading the Photographic Practices of Dorothea Lange.” National Communication Association, Atlanta, GA, November 2001.
- “Dewey in Context,” invited presenter for roundtable discussion, “Radicalizing the Roots of Public Sphere Studies: John Dewey in the Twenty-First Century.” National Communication Association, Atlanta, GA, November 2001.
- “The Lincoln Daguerreotype Controversy: Rhetorics of Recognition and Identification in Digital Culture.” Visual Communication: Rhetorics and Technologies conference at Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY, March 2001.
- “The Lincoln Daguerreotype Controversy.” National Communication Association, Seattle, WA, November 2000.
- “Not Intended for Framing: Documentary as Art in *U. S. Camera*.” Rhetoric Society of America, Washington, DC, May 2000.

“Visual Rhetorics and the Myth of the Migrant: The FSA Visualizes ‘The Real Joads’.” National Communication Association, Chicago, IL, November 1999.

“Social Engineering and Photographic Representation: Resistance of the Icon to the Logos in *Survey Graphic*.” Top Three Paper in American Studies Division, National Communication Association, Chicago, IL, November 1999.

“Images in Controversy: ‘Wooden Nickel Pictures’ and Photographic Representation in the Depression.” Top Three Paper in Argumentation and Forensics Division, National Communication Association, New York, NY, November 1998.

“Photography and Emotion: An Analysis of Dorothea Lange’s ‘Migrant Mother’.” National Communication Association, New York, NY, November 1998.

“Articulating the Between-Space: Photography and Mimesis.” National Communication Association, Chicago, IL, November 1997.

“What If Your Wilderness Is My Home? The Boundary Waters Controversy.” Speech Communication Association, San Diego, CA, November 1996.

“Unity in Diversity: Official English Redefines America.” Speech Communication Association, San Diego, CA, November 1996.

“Threads of Charity: The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt in a Comic Frame.” Speech Communication Association, San Antonio, TX, November 1995.

“Discourses of Charity: Reclaiming Burke’s Comic Frame.” Eastern Communication Association, Pittsburgh, PA, April 1995.

“A Performance of Mourning: The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt as Personal Narrative.” Western States Communication Association, Portland, OR, February 1995.

“Production for Reproduction: Grunge, Benjamin and the Challenge to Popular Culture.” Eastern Communication Association, Washington, DC, April 1994.

## **Teaching**

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### Teaching and Service Awards and Honors

Faculty Mentoring Award, Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division, National Communication Association, 2017.

LAS Faculty Fellow, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Teaching Academy (LASTA), University of Illinois, 2009-2010.

Campus Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award, University of Illinois, 2005-06.

Dean’s Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences,

University of Illinois, 2005-06.

James A. Hagan Teaching Fellow, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Illinois, 2004-2005. \$3000.00 grant for course development.

Alumni Discretionary Fund Award, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Illinois, 2003-2004. \$1000.00 award for exceptional service to the College.

“List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent By Their Students,” University of Illinois. 36 semesters (every semester eligible since joining the faculty in Spring 1999).

Teaching Assistant Fellow, Searle Center for Teaching Excellence, Northwestern University, 1997-98.

### Courses Taught at the University of Illinois

#### *Graduate Courses (CMN 538)*

Rhetoric in Context  
Writing Rhetorical Histories  
Current Issues in Rhetorical Theory  
The Problem of the Public  
Concepts in Visual Rhetoric  
Advanced Historical and Critical Methods  
Visual Politics of U.S. Public Culture  
Visual Rhetoric: The Farm Security Administration Photography Project  
Rhetorics of Sight, Sound, and Sense  
Writing in Graduate School (CMN 529)  
Picturing Health (online Health Communication master’s program; CMN 595)

#### *Combined Graduate/Undergraduate “Bridge” Courses*

Gender and Rhetoric (CMN 450)  
Rhetorical Criticism (CMN 423)

#### *Undergraduate Courses*

Photography and Public Life (CMN 396)  
Visual Politics (CMN 340)  
Visual Politics online (CMN 340 – course designer)  
Oral and Written Communication I & II (CMN 111-112)  
Art History (History of Photography), Odyssey Project (Spring 2011)

*Plus various independent study courses at graduate and undergraduate level*

### Courses Taught at Northwestern University (1995-1998)

The New Rhetoric and the Rhetorical Turn (Comm E25): Teaching assistant  
Contemporary Issues in Freedom of Speech (Comm C30-1): Teaching assistant  
Public Speaking (GSP A02): Sole instructor

Courses Taught at the University of Maine (1993-95)

Fundamentals of Public Communication (SPC 103): Sole instructor

**Interdisciplinary Campus Engagement at the University of Illinois**

Co-moderator, “*RBG: Virtual Conversation with the Filmmakers*,” Women and Gender in Global Perspectives program panel discussion about Ruth Bader Ginsburg documentary with directors Julie Cohen and Betsy West, Feb. 2021.

Moderator, “Publishing the Second Book” panel, University of Illinois Press symposium, Feb. 2020.

“History of Writing and Speaking Courses at Illinois.” With Kelly Ritter. Center for Writing Studies Brownbag, March 2018.

“Photographing George Washington: Presidents, Portrait Photography, and the Building of National Memory.” Center for Advanced Study symposium, April 2016.

Art History instructor, Odyssey Project, Spring 2011.

Moderator, Keynote Session (featuring Marita Sturken), Memory and the Visual Conference, Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities, April 2011.

“The Flickr President: The Visual Politics of the Obama White House.” Modern Art Colloquium, School of Art and Design, April 2011.

Rhetorical Studies Reading Group, sponsored and funded by Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities. Co-founder 2006-07; participant/co-leader 2006-2011.

Director, “Lincoln’s Rhetorical Worlds” Speaker Series, Fall 2008-Fall 2009. PI on grant funded by Lincoln Bicentennial Committee. Grant amount: \$14,750.00.

“Election 2008: Rhetoric and Politics.” Organizer/moderator for Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities panel, October 2008.

“The Mumler Spirit Photographs Trial and the Sanctioning of Imagination.” Modern Art Colloquium, School of Art and Design, February 2008.

“FSA Photography After Hurricane Katrina.” Department of Speech Communication Colloquium, November 2007.

American Studies Working Group, sponsored by the Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities, 2000-2005. Co-founder.

“Recognizing Lincoln: Image Vernaculars in Nineteenth Century Visual Culture.” Center for Writing Studies Brown Bag Series, December 2004.



“Image Vernaculars: A Rhetorical History of Photographic Evidence.” Modern Art Colloquium, School of Art and Design, April 2004.

“Recognizing Lincoln: Image Vernaculars in Nineteenth Century Visual Culture.” American Studies Working Group, April 2004.

Visual Culture Reading Group, sponsored by the Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities, 2001-2002. Co-founder.

“Picturing Poverty: Print Culture and FSA Photographs.” Presentation to Negotiating Text and the Arts Reading Group, Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities, March 2004.

“Photography and Print Culture: The Case of the FSA.” Modern Art Colloquium, School of Art and Design, March 2002.

“Audience(s) In and Around *The Domain of Images*.” Exploring *The Domain of Images* Symposium, Center for Advanced Study, April 2001.

Center for Advanced Study, “Initiative on *The Domain of Images*,” Spring 2001.

## **Service**

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### Disciplinary Service

#### *External Department Reviewer*

Department of Communication Studies, Colorado State University, 2019

#### *Promotion and Tenure Reviewing*

External reviewer for tenure and promotion case (doctoral institution), 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021.

External reviewer for promotion to full professor case (doctoral institution), 2017 (2), 2018, 2019 (2).

External reviewer for promotion to full professor case (liberal arts institution), 2013, 2018.

External reviewer for tenure and promotion case (liberal arts institution), 2012, 2015, 2018, 2021.

External reviewer for tenure and promotion case (research/MA institution), 2012, 2015, 2019.

#### *Editorial Service*

Advisory Board, Penn State University Press Series in Transdisciplinary Rhetoric

Advisory Board, University Press of Mississippi Race, Rhetoric, and Media series

Book review editor, Quarterly Journal of Speech, 2010-2013.

Co-editor, "Lincoln's Rhetorical Worlds," special issue of Rhetoric & Public Affairs, Fall 2010.

Editorial Board, Rhetoric & Public Affairs, 2008-present.

Editorial Board, Rhetoric Society Quarterly, 2016-present.

Editorial Board, Rhetoric Review, 2008-2014.

Editorial Board, Quarterly Journal of Speech, 2005-2010; 2017-present.

Editorial Board, Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies, 2006-2008.

Editorial Board, Communication Studies, 2004-2006.

Reviewer, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2005-2006.

Textbook reviewer, 1999-2009. Allyn and Bacon; Bedford/St. Martin's; Oxford; McGraw-Hill.

Invited Manuscript Reviewer

International Journal of Communication, 2014

Academy of Management Review, 2013

Advances in the History of Rhetoric, 2011

Communication Theory, 2010

Visual Communication Quarterly, 2008, 2020

Western Journal of Communication, 2008, 2009

Philosophy and Rhetoric, 2005

Rhetoric & Public Affairs, 2005, 2006, 2007

Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies, 2005

Rhetorica Scandinavia, 2005

Journal of American History, 2005-2006, 2013

Rhetoric Society Quarterly, 2004, 2010

Argumentation and Advocacy, 2002

Presidential Studies Quarterly, 2001, 2008, 2017

Communication Review, 2001

Southern Communication Journal, 1998, 2017, 2021

College English, 2016

Communication Quarterly, 2017

Photography and Culture, 2020

Lehigh University Press, 2014 (book manuscript)

Bloomsbury Press (UK), 2014 (book proposal)

University of Alabama Press, 2011 (book proposal)

University of South Carolina Press, 2011 (book proposal)

University of Illinois Press, 2008, 2009, 2015 (book manuscripts)

Southern Illinois University Press, 2008 (book manuscript)

University of Copenhagen, 2009 (book manuscript)

Ohio State University Press, 2018 (book manuscript)

University of Texas Press, 2018 (book manuscript)

*Professional Organization Service*

National Communication Association

Publications Council, 2018-20  
 Midcareer Scholar's Writing Retreat, co-facilitator, 2018  
 Judge, James L. Golden Student Essay in Rhetoric Award, 2014  
 Nominating Committee, 2010-2011  
 Co-organizer, NCA Summer 2010 Conference on Criticism Pedagogy, 2008-2010  
 Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division  
   Immediate Past Chair, 2010-2011  
   Chair, 2009-2010  
   Vice Chair, 2008-09 (planned 2008 convention program)  
   Vice Chair-Elect, 2006-07  
   Nominating Committee (chair, 2000; member, 2005)  
   Awards Committee (chair, 2004; member, 2002-2003)  
   Paper Reviewer, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011  
   Panel Chair, 2000  
   Respondent, 2004, 2007, 2009  
 Public Address Division  
   Nichols Award Committee, 2010  
   Chair, Winans-Wichelns Book Award Committee, 2005  
   Campbell-Benson Prize Committee, 2016-18 (chair 2018)  
   Respondent, 2014  
 American Studies Commission: Paper Reviewer, 1999, 2000  
 Environmental Studies Commission: Panel Chair, 2002  
 Argumentation and Forensics Division: Respondent, 2006  
 Visual Communication Division  
   Awards Committee member, 2004  
   Respondent, 2004, 2006, 2007  
   Panel Chair, 2004, 2005  
   Paper Reviewer, 2006  
 Assistant Conference Coordinator, Doctoral Honors Conference, 1998

Rhetoric Society of America

Co-organizer, Visual Rhetoric Mini-Institute, 2020 RSA Conference (cancelled)  
 Co-Director, 2016 RSA Conference, Atlanta (2014-2016)  
 Board of Directors, 2010-2013 (elected by full membership)  
 Associate Director, 2013 RSA Institute at University of Kansas  
 Workshop Co-Leader (with Anne Demo), RSA Institute, June 2013  
 Chair, RSA Awards Committee, 2010-2012  
 Nominating Committee, 2011  
*Rhetoric Society Quarterly* editor search committee, 2010  
 Senior Scholar, Research Network, 2010 and 2012 RSA conferences  
 Hauser Award (Top Student Paper) committee, 2010  
 Panel Chair, 2000, 2006, 2008, 2012, 2014  
 Panel Respondent, 2006, 2010  
 Session organizer for RSA panel slot at NCA, 2017

Conference submission reviewer, 2014, 2018  
Co-organizer, RSA 2020 conference mini-institute on Visual Rhetoric

Midwest Winter Workshop, 2006-14: speaker and faculty mentor, keynote speaker 2020

### University of Illinois Service

#### *University System*

University Scholars Selection Committee and Subcommittee Chair, 2019-20, 2020-21

Featured Researcher, Board of Trustees meeting, Sept. 2018

Participant, Board of Trustees Retreat, July 2017

Search Committee, Director of University of Illinois Press, 2015

#### *Urbana-Champaign Campus*

Provost's Public Engagement Task Force, 2019-20, Fall 2020

HRI/Mellon Interseminars Working Group and Steering Committee, 2018-2021

University of Illinois Alumni Association, invited speaker for "Alumni College" virtual event, Feb. 2021. Presented a virtual talk, "Photographic Presidents: How Photography and the Presidency Grew Up Together."

Emerging Areas in the Humanities Strategic Plan Task Force, 2017-18

National/International Scholarships Program, Beinecke scholarship application review committee, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Campus Strategic Plan faculty-staff workshop, Dec. 2017

Presenter, NEH Fellowship Information Session, Office of Vice Chancellor for Research, 2017.

Search Committee, Director of Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities, 2015.

Advisory Committee, Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities (IPRH), 2009-2011.

Stewarding Excellence, Chancellor's Project Team (review of Graduate College), 2010.

Director, CMN 111-112: Oral and Written Communication, 1999-2009.

Campus representative to the State of Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Communication panel, 2010-2011.

Occasional reviewer of proposals to Campus Research Board.

*College of Liberal Arts and Sciences*

LAS Dean Search Committee, 2020-21 (appointed)

LAS COVID Fall Semester Planning Committee, 2021 (appointed)

LAS Executive Committee, 2018-20 (elected)

LAS Policy Development Committee, 2017-18 (appointed)

Department of Spanish, LAS, ad hoc committee for faculty salary equity review, March-April 2018

Advisory Board, Trowbridge Initiative in American Cultures, 2017-20

Chair, Spanish and Portuguese Department Head Evaluation Committee, 2015-16.

Faculty Presenter for New Student Recruitment events, 2015, 2016, 2018.

Art in Architecture Committee for Lincoln Hall, 2012-2014.

Executive Committee, Center for Writing Studies, multiple years over time

Graduate Programs Committee, Center for Writing Studies, 2003-present

Faculty Fellow, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Teaching Academy, 2009-2010.

Search Committee for Director of Liberal Arts and Sciences Teaching Academy (LASTA), 2009.

Committee on Committees, 2008-2010.

Committee for Review of Head of Writing Studies, Spring 2008.

Humanities Council Scholarship and Honors Committee, 2004-2006.

Subcommittee on Oral Assessment, Center for Writing Studies, December 2000.

*Graduate College*

Graduate College Leadership Award committee, 2018

Graduate College Image of Research Award committee, 2015, 2016, 2018

Interim Associate Dean, January-August 2015. Areas of emphasis: Humanities and arts courses, programs, and policy; interdisciplinary initiatives; training for directors of graduate study and department contacts; faculty mentoring of graduate students.

Graduate College Conversations on the Humanities group, 2013-14.

Graduate College Mentoring Workshop, Participant/Moderator, Spring 2011.

“Scholarly Writing as Creative Work,” workshop for Graduate College Career Services Office, 2004-2008.

*School of Art and Design*

Faculty Juror, Arena Artium (graduate student paper competition), College of Fine and Applied Arts, Spring 2004.

*Department of Communication*

Associate Head, 2015-present (appointed; on leave during 2016-17). Duties include: coordinating undergraduate instruction (e.g., class schedule, instructional assignments, instructional budget), curricular review, advising the Head on personnel, budget, and curricular matters, serving ex officio on department advisory committee, overseeing intra-department communication and social media activity, participating in staff searches, coordinating department newsletters.

Director of Graduate Studies, 2010-2014 (appointed).

Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, 2007-2011 (appointed).

*Committee Work*

Advisory committee, 2005-2006; 2007-2009 (elected); 2016, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 (ex-officio)

Diversity/Equity working group, 2008 (appointed); 2021 (ex-officio)

Faculty search committee, 2004-05; 2007-08; 2008-09; 2009-2010; 2010-2011 (appointed).

Graduate Admissions and Financial Aid committee, 2001-2003 (appointed); 2010-2014 (chair).

Merger committee, 2006 (appointed).

Illini Tradition Awards committee, 2000-2001; 2009-2010; 2017-18 (appointed); chair 2018-19.

Capricious Grading committee, 1999-2000; 2005-2006; 2009-2010 (elected).

Ad hoc committee on the undergraduate curriculum, 2005-2006; 2007-08 (appointed).

Colloquium committee, 2002-2004 (appointed).

Teaching observations for third-year review, tenure, and promotion cases, 2007-present

Research narrative drafts for tenure-track and specialized faculty promotion cases, 2012-present

Official department mentor to junior faculty colleagues, 2014-present.

Presenter, professional development sessions for graduate students, 2001-present.

*Advising/Mentoring* (all at University of Illinois unless noted)

Doctoral advising (current students)

Pamela Axtman-Barker, Communication  
Daniel DeVinney, Communication  
John Moist, Communication (ABD)  
Gabriela Tscholl, Communication

Doctoral advising (former students)

Richard Besel, Ph.D., Speech Communication, 2007  
Troy Cooper, Ph.D., Communication, 2014  
Katie Irwin, Ph.D., Communication, 2017  
Robin Jensen, Ph.D., Speech Communication, 2007  
Jennifer Jones Barbour, Ph.D., Speech Communication, 2006  
Jiyeon Kang, Ph.D., Communication, 2009  
Jillian Klean-Zwilling, Ph.D., Communication, 2017  
Anita Mixon, Ph.D., Communication, 2017  
Laura Stengrim, Ph.D., Communication, 2016 (co-advisor)

Doctoral committees (current students)

Andrew Bowman, English/Writing Studies  
Katie Bruner, Communication (ABD)  
Ana Lisa Eberline, Communication  
Wallace Golding, Communication  
Bryan Reckard, Communication (ABD)  
Emily Rodriguez, Communication  
Lauren Seitz, Communication

Doctoral committees (former students)

Donovan Bisbee, Ph.D., Communication, 2020  
George Boone, Ph.D., Communication, 2015  
Peter Campbell, Ph.D., Communication, 2013  
Gisela Carbonell-Coll, Ph.D., Art History, 2009  
Kevin Coe, Ph.D., Speech Communication, 2008  
Donovan Conley, Ph.D., Speech Communication, 2004  
Jeremy Engels, Ph.D., Speech Communication, 2006  
Mattea Garcia, Ph.D., Communication, 2011  
Gregory Goodale, Ph.D., Speech Communication, 2007  
Ian Hill, Ph.D., Communication, 2012  
José Izaguirre, Ph.D., Communication, 2020  
Kathleen Lamp, Ph.D., Communication, 2009

Mark LaVoie, Ph.D., Communication, 2016  
 Jennifer Mercieca, Ph.D., Speech Communication, 2003  
 Sabrina Marsh, Ph.D., Communication, 2012  
 Christa Olson, Ph.D., English/Writing Studies, 2010  
 Vincent Pham, Ph.D., Communication, 2011  
 James Purdy, Ph.D., English/Writing Studies, 2006  
 Pamela Saunders, Ph.D., English/Writing Studies, 2017  
 Rohini Singh, Ph.D., Communication, 2016  
 Jonathan Stone, Ph.D., English/Writing Studies, 2015  
 Allwyn Tellis, Ph.D., Speech Communication, 2006  
 Adam Thomas, Ph.D., Art History, 2014  
 David Tokarz, Ph.D., Communication, 2019  
 Courtney Caudle Travers, Ph.D., Communication, 2014  
 Marissa Lowe Wallace, Ph.D., Communication, 2016  
 Nikki Weickum, Ph.D., Communication, 2019

Master's program advising (former students)

Lauren Buisker, M.A., Communication, 2021  
 Katie Bruner, M.A., Communication, 2015  
 Troy Cooper, M.A., Speech Communication, 2006  
 Kate Ditetwig-Morris, M.A., Communication, 2014  
 Robin Jensen, M.A., Speech Communication, 2003  
 Daniel Larson, M.A., Speech Communication, 2003  
 Sarah Mannone, M.A., Speech Communication, 2006  
 Paul McKean, M.A., Communication, 2013  
 Vincent Pham, M.A., Speech Communication, 2006  
 Allison Vernon, M.A., Communication, 2021  
 Cuixia Zhu, M.A., Communication, 2015

Master's exam committees (former students)

Elizabeth Aronson, M.A., Speech Communication, 2006  
 Donovan Bisbee, M.A., Communication, 2014  
 Nicole Campbell, M.A., Communication, 2021  
 Peter Campbell, M.A., Speech Communication, 2008  
 Jeremy Engels, M.A., Speech Communication, 2004  
 Victoria Fields, M.A., Communication, 2021  
 Mattea Garcia, M.A., Speech Communication, 2006  
 Wallace Golding, M.A., Communication, 2020  
 Michelle Hals, M.A., Speech Communication, 2001  
 Abby Miller Harmon, M.A., Speech Communication, 2007  
 Kimberlyn Harrison, M.A., Communication, 2021  
 Adrienne Hendee, M.A., Speech Communication, 2006  
 Jaime Hough, M.A., Communication, 2011  
 Marissa Lowe, M.A., Communication, 2011  
 Sabrina Marsh, M.A., Speech Communication, 2008  
 Steven Pedigo, M.A., Speech Communication, 2003  
 Matt Pitchford, M.A., Communication, 2014  
 Rachel Reon, M.A., Communication, 2018  
 Sara Roncero-Menendez, M.A., Communication, 2016  
 Sarah Simeziane, M.A., Communication, 2010  
 Rohini Singh, M.A., Communication, 2011



David Tokarz, M.A., Communication, 2013

Undergraduate students

Aerian Brown, internship sponsor, 2010  
Meagan Brown, internship sponsor, 2010  
Ryan Croke, research assistantship, 2004  
Stephanie Florence, internship sponsor, 2009  
Sara Haley, teaching assistantship, 2000  
Adrienne Hendee, research assistantship, 2004  
Andrea Kowalisyn, honors thesis, 2010  
Katherine Kuhn, honors thesis, 2011  
Linda Lee, teaching assistantship, 2000  
Chad Warner, senior capstone project advisor, 2009  
Ann White, research assistantship, 2010-2011  
Ann White, teaching assistantship, 2009  
Reginald Wynne, internship sponsor, 2010

**Public Engagement, Media Commentary, and Creative Work**

Producer and co-host of Chatting The Pictures, a biweekly webcast that analyzes news photos of the week in conjunction with the non-profit media literacy site Reading the Pictures. Multiple episodes may be found at <https://www.readingthepictures.org/category/program/chatting-the-pictures>. January 2018-present.

Podcast appearances related to the publication of *Photographic Presidents*: History Unplugged; This American President; New Books Network; Plodding Through the Presidents (March-September 2021).

Author Q&As for *Photographic Presidents*:

Deborah Kalb, "Author Q&A: Cara Finnegan," May 19, 2021, <https://deborahkalbbooks.blogspot.com/2021/05/q-with-cara-finnegan.html>

Debra Domal, "Pondering Presidential Photography With Cara Finnegan," Smile Politely, June 3, 2021. [https://www.smilepolitely.com/culture/pondering\\_presidential\\_photography\\_with\\_cara\\_finnegan/](https://www.smilepolitely.com/culture/pondering_presidential_photography_with_cara_finnegan/)

Popular media reviews of *Photographic Presidents*:

Pete Souza, Instagram Review, May 28, 2021, <https://www.instagram.com/p/CPat84rlD4J/>.

Air Mail, "Short List: Books to Read This Week," June 23, 2021, <https://airmail.news/books/2021/6/short-list-8>.

Debra Domal, "Photographic Presidents Deftly Explores Changing Visual Values of the Presidency," *Smile Politely*, June 30, 2021, [https://www.smilepolitely.com/culture/photographic\\_presidents\\_deftly\\_explores\\_the\\_changing\\_visual\\_values\\_of\\_the/](https://www.smilepolitely.com/culture/photographic_presidents_deftly_explores_the_changing_visual_values_of_the/).

PetaPixel, "Great Reads on Photography," Aug. 22, 2021, <https://petapixel.com/2021/08/22/great-reads-in-photography-august-22-2021/>.

Featured guest, "Photography and the Presidents," on *The Roundtable Perspective*, Lakeshore PBS, June 4, 2021.

Quoted in *The Independent (UK)*: Nathan Place, "Biden and Harris Keep Posting the Same Photo; Here's Why," *The Independent (UK)*, March 17, 2021.

Cara Finnegan, "Photography Has Always Needed the Presidents," *History News Network*, Feb. 28, 2021. <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/179364>.

Research featured in Craig Chamberlain, "New History of Photography Focuses on Presidents," *University of Illinois News Bureau*, Feb. 9, 2021. <https://news.illinois.edu/view/6367/2091437586>.

Cara Finnegan, "Capitol Artwork a Symbolic Participant in Trump White Supremacist Riot," *Reading the Pictures*, Jan. 10, 2021. <https://www.readingthepictures.org/2021/01/capitol-art-trump-riot/>.

"News Photography Expanded: Reading the Pictures with Michael Shaw and Cara Finnegan," part of the (virtual) Photo Vogue Festival in Milan, Italy, sponsored by Italian *Vogue* magazine. Nov. 2020.

Moderator, panel discussion: "Documenting History: Protests, Ethics, and the Photograph," *International Center of Photography*, New York City, July 2020.

Reading The Pictures advisory board, 2019-present.

Creator of *Scholarly Writing as Creative Work* monthly newsletter, 2019-present. <http://www.carafinnegan.com/scholarly-writing-as-creative-work.html>.

Quoted in *New York Times*: Julia Jacobs, "Painter Brushes Trump Into Seat at Exclusive Club," *New York Times*, Oct. 17, 2018. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/17/us/trump-painting-republicans.html>

"The Timeless Lessons of Photography." *LAS News*, November 2017. <http://www.las.illinois.edu/news/article/?id=23981&key=/news/2017/lasexpertsfinnegan17/>.

"Visual Politics of Refugee Photography." Workshop for United Minority Relief (Univ. Illinois Student Group)'s Refugee Awareness Week, April 25, 2017.

“Key Pictures from Trump’s First 100 Days.” Panelist for Reading the Pictures Salon, Apr. 7, 2017. Video available at: <http://www.readingthepictures.org/2017/04/trump-100-days-salon/>.

Interviewed for “Melania Trump’s Official Portrait Was Released.” *Boston Globe*. April 4, 2017. <https://www.bostonglobe.com/lifestyle/2017/04/04/the-white-house-released-official-photo-first-lady-what-with-crossed-arms/6jttQ65PsZfWEaoF83n9ON/story.html>.

Interviewed for “What Melania Trump’s Official Portrait Says About the First Lady.” *BBC Newsbeat*. April 4, 2017. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsbeat/article/39494832/what-melania-trumps-official-portrait-says-about-the-new-first-lady>

Quoted in “What Melania Trump’s Portrait Says About Her.” *News.Com Australia*. April 5, 2017. <http://www.news.com.au/lifestyle/real-life/news-life/what-melania-trumps-portrait-says-about-her-as-petition-calls-for-her-to-move-to-the-white-house/news-story/a73cb3575b8b52de6f45f95eeb18455a>.

Interviewed for Damien Leloup, “Is Zuckerberg Appearing in the Image of a Presidential Candidate?” *Le Monde*, March 2, 2017.

“Presidential Art,” WCIA-TV Morning Show, Feb. 21, 2017. Available at: <http://www.illinoishomepage.net/the-morning-show/presidential-art/660708716>

“Presidents and Photography,” WDWS News Hour, Feb. 2, 2017. Available at [http://static.news-gazette.com/sites/all/files/audio/2017/02/07/170207\\_Cara\\_Finnegan.mp3](http://static.news-gazette.com/sites/all/files/audio/2017/02/07/170207_Cara_Finnegan.mp3)

Interviewed for “What’s So Strange about Trump’s White House Portrait? Experts Explain.” *Vox.com*, Jan. 26, 2017. Available at: <http://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2017/1/26/14376784/trump-portrait-white-house-experts-explain>.

Research featured in Craig Chamberlain, “Will the White House Continue to Use Photos as a Media Tool?” *Inside Illinois*, Dec. 20, 2016. Available at <https://news.illinois.edu/blog/view/6367/442842>.

Making Photography Matter featured on WORT’s “A Public Affair,” (Madison, WI), Dec. 2, 2015. Audio at <http://www.wortfm.org/makingphotographymatter/>.

“A Presidency in Pictures,” Chicago Humanities Festival, Nov. 2015. Video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HuoIX68sW5Y&feature=youtu.be>

Research featured in Craig Chamberlain, “How We View Lincoln May Say More About Us than About Him,” *Inside Illinois*, April 2, 2015. Available at: <https://news.illinois.edu/blog/view/6367/204378>.

Research featured in Craig Chamberlain, “Civil War Photos Gave Carnage a Wide View,” *Inside Illinois*, 19 June 2013. See also accompanying video feature, “Photographing the Civil War,” at [http://news.illinois.edu/news/13/0619civil\\_war\\_photos\\_CaraFinnegan.html](http://news.illinois.edu/news/13/0619civil_war_photos_CaraFinnegan.html).

Moderator, Reading the Pictures (formerly BagNews) Salon, 2008-2012, 2014-present. Real-time, online discussion of visual politics and news images. Archived at: <http://www.readingthepictures.org/salon>. Topics included Campaign 2008, Michelle Obama, Haiti Earthquake, Gulf Coast Oil Spill, Capture of Bin Laden, Occupy Wall Street, White House Visual Access, Ukraine, Surveillance Culture, Migrant Crisis, Campaign 2016.

Research featured in Craig Chamberlain, "Inside View of White House Online Is Not What It Seems," Inside Illinois, March 4, 2010: 1, 5. See also online narrated slideshow at <http://news.illinois.edu/news/10/0304photos.html>.

Coordinator, "Lincoln's Rhetorical Worlds" Speaker Series, University of Illinois, Fall 2008-Fall 2009. PI on grant funded by University of Illinois Lincoln Bicentennial Committee. Grant amount: \$14,750.00.

John R. Finnegan, Sr. and Cara A. Finnegan, "Birth of a Resort: The Chase Hotel and the Rise of Lakeside Tourism." Minnesota History 61.6 (Summer 2009): 272-283.

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Co-curator, "More than One: New Contemporary Prints and Multiples." Vanderbilt University Fine Arts Gallery, 2007. Exhibition dates: October 4 – December 7, 2007.

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