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Education

Ph.D., Communication, University of Oklahoma, 2003
Emphases: Culture and Social Interaction, Qualitative Communication Research
Dissertation: *The Built Environment as Communication: Totality, Alterity, and Dissociation in Urban and Suburban Spaces*. Awarded Outstanding Qualitative Dissertation, Department of Communication, University of Oklahoma.
Major Professor: Dr. Eric Kramer
Representative Courses:
Language Perspectives on Communication Research
Rhetoric, Composition, Gender, and Technology
Philosophy of Language
Phenomenology
Directed Reading/Independent Study (Gebser, Nietzsche, Mumford)
Directed Reading/Independent Study (Husserl)
Directed Reading/Independent Study (Derrida, Habermas)
Research Task Force (Studying the effects of television on domestic space)
18th/19th Century Rhetorical Theory
Classical Rhetorical Theory
Modern Theories of Rhetoric
International Communication
Free Speech
Comparative Research Methods
Qualitative Research Methods (Ethnography)
Research Design I (Intermediate Statistics)
Political Advertising
Seminar in Political Communication (Teaching Political Communication)
The Rhetorical Presidency
History of Communication
Issues in Communication Theory and Research
Introduction to Graduate Study
Instructional Problems In Communication

M.A., Communication Studies, Texas Tech University, 1995

Emphasis: Rhetorical Theory and Criticism

Thesis: *Rastaman Vibration: The Rhetoric of Bob Marley*.

Major Professor: Dr. David Williams

Representative Courses:

Seminar in Interpersonal Communication (Distance and its effects on interpersonal relationships)

Seminar in Organizational Communication (Talk at Work: Conversation Analytic Approaches to Organizational Settings)

Theories of Persuasion

Theories of Rhetoric

Intercultural Communication

Qualitative Research Methods

Quantitative Research Methods

Communication Theory

Seminar in Rhetorical Theory--Social Movements

Independent Research in Rhetorical Theory (Classical Rhetorical Theory)

Communication Instruction in Higher Education

Communication and Consulting

B.A., Communication Studies, Texas Tech University, 1993

B.A., Philosophy, Texas Tech University, 1993

Publications

Worth, D. (Forthcoming). Awards As Multidiscursive Artifacts. *National Forensic Journal*. *Invited Submission*

Worth, D. & Reed, W. (in press). Women of Color and the Parliamentary Debate Experience. *Parliamentary Debate: The Journal of the National Parliamentary Debate Association*.

Worth, D. (2003). Magic, will, and discourse: Rhetoric as technology. *Integrative Explorations: Journal of Culture and Consciousness*, 7(1), 186-196.

Worth, D. (2003). Atomization and communication anxiety: Modernity and the mobile telephone. *Intersections: The Journal of Global Communication and Culture*, 2(5), 167-176.

*A revised version of this has been accepted as part of McIlwain, Charlton D. (ed.) (Forthcoming), *Philosophy and Method in Cultural Criticism*. New Jersey: Hampton Press.

Worth, D. (2002). Increasing forensics research: Recognizing our strengths. *National Forensic Journal*, 20(1), 66-70. *Invited submission.*

Williams, D.E., McGee, B.R., & Worth, D.S. (2001). University student perceptions of the efficacy of debate participation: An empirical investigation. *Argumentation and Advocacy*, 37, 198-209.

Worth, D. S. (2000). Expressions of modernity: New York City as perspectival mental-rationality. *Integrative Explorations: Journal of Culture and Consciousness*, 6 (1), 101-111.

Williams, D.E. & Worth, D.S. (1996). Judging the space/time case in parliamentary debate. *Southern Forensic Journal*, 1, 52-57.

Manuscripts Under Review

“Otherness™.” Under review by *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies*. Semiotic exploration of import/export stores as communication artifacts.

“Revolution by the Establishment: The Rhetoric of Vigor in the Federalist Society.” Under review at *Quarterly Journal of Speech*.

Manuscripts In Progress

The Built Environment as Communication: Totality, Alterity, and Dissociation in Urban and Suburban Spaces.

Under contract with Hampton Press. Revision of dissertation for publication in book form.

“Phenomenology of interpersonal telecommunication.”

This manuscript is a long monograph. I expect outlets for this piece to be interdisciplinary outlets that publish longer works or possibly a book chapter in an edited collection. It explicates Merleau-Ponty’s concept of the Chiasm and Levinas’ concept of the Face and will build on these concepts in further phenomenological research on interpersonal encounter.

“Electronic Agoras(?): Cyberspace and the fragmentation of democratic communication.”

This is a revision of a paper I presented at NCA. It explores the concept of “cyberspace” as a spatializing phenomenon and as inherently divisive rather than unifying. I expect to submit this to *Rhetorica* or *Rhetoric and Philosophy*.

“Violence as Inter-civilizational Communication: Mutlidiscursivity in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.”

This manuscript is an expansion of concepts outlined in “Magic, Will, and Discourse: Rhetoric as Technology,” published in *Integrative Explorations*. Potential publication outlets are those publishing longer pieces, as with the piece above.

“Discourse and Consciousness: Evidence of emerging modernity in Isocrates’ *Antidosis*.”
This piece explores Isocrates’ writing as evidence of civilizational rhetorical developments outlined by Jean Gebser. Potential publication outlets are *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, *Rhetoric Society Quarterly*, or *Rhetorica*.

“Space, communication, and competitive settings: The case of the forensic tournament.”
This ethnographic study is under revision and will be sent to a forensic outlet such as *Argumentation and Advocacy* or the *Journal of the National Parliamentary Debate Association*.

Other Publishing-Related Activity

Member of board of referees and edition editors for edited annual *Communication, Comparative Cultures and Civilizations*, published by Hampton Press. Ongoing.

Editorial Board, *Parliamentary Debate: The Journal of the National Parliamentary Debate Association*, 2006-present.

Manuscript reviewer for *Journal of Applied Communication Research*, Fall 2000.

Academic Experience

Director of Forensics, Lecturer in Humanities, School of Humanities, Rice University, July 2003-present.

Adjunct Graduate Faculty, University of Oklahoma Advanced Programs in Sembach, Germany, September-October, 2005.

Assistant Director of Forensics and Lecturer in Humanities, School of Humanities, Rice University, July 2002-July 2003.

Director of Forensics, Department of Communication/Honors College (joint appointment), University of Oklahoma, Fall 1998-Spring 2002.

Instructor, Junior Statesmen Summer School at Princeton University, July 2005, July 2004, July 2003, July 2002, July 2001, July 2000, July 1999, July 1998.

Instructor, Rose State College, Department of Humanities, Rose State College, Oklahoma City, OK, Spring, 2000.

Instructor, Tiger Debate Institute, Fort Hays State University, Fort Hays, KS, August 1998.

Assistant Director of Forensics, Department of Communication, University of Oklahoma, Fall 1997-Spring 1998.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Communication, University of Oklahoma, Fall 1997-Spring 2002.

Assistant Director of Forensics and Lecturer, Department of Communication Studies, Texas Tech University, Fall 1995-Spring 1997.

Instructor, Department of Speech Communication, South Plains College, Fall 1995-Spring 1996.

Graduate Teaching Assistant and Forensics Coach, Department of Communication Studies, Texas Tech University, Fall 1993-Spring 1995.

Courses Taught

Graduate Seminar in Intercultural Communication, COMM 6432
Communication and Argumentation COMM 3483, HUMA 309
Leadership and Communication HUMA 311
Nonverbal Communication COMS 3331
Persuasion COMS 3313
Political Communication
Rhetorical Criticism HUMA 202
Rhetorical Theory HUMA 302
Theories of Rhetorical Communication HUMA 302
Business and Professional Communication COMS 2358
Intercultural Communication LOVE 235
Fundamentals of Speech SPCH 1213
Introduction to Speech Communication SPCH 1311
Practicum in Forensics COMM 2111, HUMA 210, HUMA 310
Public Speaking COMS 2300
Honors Public Speaking COMS 2300

Convention Papers

Worth, D. (2009). Memory and interpretation on the southern Great Plains. Paper to be presented at the Cultural Studies Association Annual Conference, Kansas City, MO, April 2009.

Worth, D. (2007). Semiotics of the trophy case. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

Worth, D. (2007). Sprawl or Art? Contemporary lived space as efficient modernity. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

- Worth, D. (2006). The mask becomes the face: Reading the Land Ordinance of 1785. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Jean Gebser Society, California State University—Sacramento, Sacramento, CA.
- Worth, D. (2005). Ordering Memory: Spatialization and monuments. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Jean Gebser Society, Rice University, Houston, TX.
- Worth, D. (2005). Globalization and Signalic Representation of the Other. Paper presented at the International Philosophy Conference on Globalization, Rafael Landívar University, Guatemala City, Guatemala, August 2005.
- Worth, D. (2004). Tabula Rasa: Multidiscursivity and changing meaning on the Llano Estacado. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Jean Gebser Society, Norman, OK.
- Worth, D. (2003). Security as totality. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Jean Gebser Society, New York University, New York, NY.
- Worth, D. (2002). The rhetorical reclamation of a moment: Remaking "9:02" in the Oklahoma City National Memorial. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Mindt, T., Reed, W., & Worth, D. (2002). The economics of participation: Affording forensics at the personal level. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Worth, D. (2002). Not exactly the geography of nowhere: Multi-discursivity in urban and suburban settings. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Jean Gebser Society, Santa Fe, NM.
- Worth, D. (2001). Electronic Agoras(?): Cyberspace and the fragmentation of democratic communication. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Worth, D. (2001). Consciousness and interpersonal telecommunication: Gebser, the Internet, and the cell phone. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Reed, W. & Worth, D. (2001). Debating as a Woman of color: Race and gender in the Parliamentary debate experience. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Worth, D. (2001). Magic, will, and discourse: Rhetoric as technology. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Jean Gebser Society, University of Ohio, Athens, OH.

Worth, D. (2000). The spatialization of ethics: Space and measurement in Aristotle's Nichomachean Ethics. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Seattle, WA.

Worth, D. (2000). Exploring the forensics community: The need for stronger research. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Seattle, WA.

Worth, D. (2000). Abstraction and communication: The spacelessness of cyberspace. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Jean Gebser Society, University of Windsor, Windsor, Canada.

Worth, D. (1999). Theoretical roots of Ethnography of Communication: Austinian speech act theory. Paper presented at National Communication Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

Worth, D. (1999). Atomization and communication anxiety. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Jean Gebser Society, Governors State University, Chicago, IL.

Worth, D. (1999). The power of naming: Performative constitution and cultural resignification in Excitable Speech: A politics of the performative. Paper presented at the Central States Communication Association/Southern States Communication Joint conference, St. Louis, MO. *Top Three Paper in Graduate Studies award*

Worth, D. (1998). Expressions of modernity: New York as mental-perspectival rationality. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Jean Gebser Society, Shepherd College, Shepherd's Town, WV.

Worth, D. (1995). Toward a more complete rhetorical theory of metaphor: The connotative approach. Paper presented at the Texas Conference on Communication, Lubbock, TX.

Worth, D. (1994). Murray Edelman: Arguments on meaning in political language. Paper presented at the Texas Conference on Communication, Lubbock, TX.

Other Convention Activity

Manuscript reviewer for the Forensics Division, Southern Speech Communication Association Annual Conference, 2007.

Respondent, The Rhetoric of Pope John Paul II, National Communication Association Annual Convention, San Antonio, TX, 2006.

Respondent, Communicative tensions in Social Movement Theory: Collective identity as the symbolic and the structural. National Communication Association Annual Convention, Boston, MA, 2005.

Conference host and director for 2005 International Jean Gebser Society Annual Conference at Rice University.

Manuscript reviewer for the 2005 Annual Conference of the Jean Gebser Society, Rice University.

Chair, Signs of “authenticity:” Cultural explorations of the semiotics of identity. National Communication Association Annual Convention, Miami, FL, 2003.

Manuscript reviewer for Communication and the Future division, National Communication Association Annual convention, Miami, FL, 2003.

Manuscript reviewer for the Annual Conference of the Jean Gebser Society, Norman, OK, 2004.

Invited panel participant, “I lost the team”: An analysis of graduate assistant training in forensics. National Communication Association Annual Convention, Miami, FL, 2004.

Manuscript reader/paper selection committee for Graduate Student division, National Communication Association Conference, Seattle, WA, November 2000.

Manuscript reader/paper selection committee for Communication Scholar Conference, Norman, OK, Fall 2000.

Invited panel participant: Achieving success as a graduate student. Sooner Communication Conference, Norman, OK, Fall 1999.

Manuscript reader/paper selection committee for Sooner Communication Conference, Norman, OK, Spring 1999, Fall 1999.

Panel participant: Exploring competitive opportunities in college forensics. Oklahoma Speech Theatre Communication Association conference, Edmond, OK, 1998.

Professional Affiliations

National Communication Association (Semiotics, Critical and Cultural Studies, Communication and the Future, Rhetorical Theory, and Argumentation and Forensics division affiliations)

International Jean Gebser Society

Texas State Historical Association

American Forensics Association

National Parliamentary Debate Association

Texas Intercollegiate Forensics Association

Awards

Outstanding Qualitative Dissertation, Department of Communication, University of Oklahoma, Awarded April 2004.

2001 Carol and Barbara Hickey American Forensics Association District III Service Award. The winner of this service award is selected by vote by the forensics students from approximately 20 schools.

Selected Accomplishments in Forensics

Coached AFA-NIET national champion in Persuasive Speaking, 2007.

Coached Texas state championship team 2004, 2003, 2002.

Achieved national ranking of number 1 during 2005-06, 2006-07 seasons.

Coached Eleventh Place National Championship debate team. National Parliamentary Debate Association National Championship Tournament, 2004.

Coached 5 students to qualification for the 2004 American Forensics Association-National Individual Events Tournament in Long Beach, CA., 2004

Coached Sixth Place National Championship debate team, National Parliamentary Debate Association National Championship Tournament 2003.

Coached 7 students in 12 events to qualification for the 2002 American Forensics Association-National Individual Events Tournament in Peoria, IL., including Fourth Place national champion in communication Analysis (Rhetorical Criticism).

Coached top ten persuasive speaker at 2002 Interstate Oratorical Association Championships.

Coached 3 students in 4 events to qualification for the 2001 American Forensics Association-National Individual Events Tournament in Fairfax, VA.

Coached 2 students in 6 events to qualification for the 2000 American Forensics Association-National Individual Events Tournament in Omaha, NE.

Coached top 10 persuasive speaker at the 127th annual (1999) Interstate Oratorical Association Championships.

Coached Second Place national champion in After Dinner Speaking, 1996 American Forensics Association-National Individual Events Tournament in Gainesville, FL.

Coached 4 students in 10 events to qualification for the 1999 American Forensics Association-National Individual Events Tournament in Tuscaloosa, AL.

Coached 3 students in 7 events to qualification for the 1998 American Forensics Association-National Individual Events Tournament in Phoenix, AZ.

Coached 1999 Oklahoma state championship team.

Tab Room Administrator, American Forensics Association National Individual Event Tournament, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001.

Conference/Tournament Director for Rice invitational speech and debate tournament, 2004, 2003, 2002. Hosted approximately 200 people.

Conference/Tournament Director for Sweetheart Swing-the University of Oklahoma's speech and debate tournament which annually hosts approximately 300 competitors and coaches, 2001, 2000, 1999.

Host/coordinator American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament District III Qualifier, 2001, 1999. Hosted approximately 200 people.

Assistant Conference/Tournament Director for 1998 Sweetheart Swing-the University of Oklahoma's speech and debate tournament which annually hosts approximately 300 competitors and coaches.

Service

Member, Sport Management Program Steering Committee, Department of Kinesiology, Rice University, 2008-2010.

Faculty Associate, Lovett College, Rice University, 2007-present.

Advisor to Director of Forensics position design for Hofstra University, Department of Communication, 2007.

Chair of Rules and Standards Committee, National Parliamentary Debate Association, 2007-present.

Divisional Advisor, Lovett College, Rice University, 2006-07.

Vice President, International Jean Gebser Society, 2004-2006.

Resident Faculty Associate (Faculty in Residence), Lovett College, Rice University, 2003-2007.

Faculty Associate, Brown College, Rice University, 2002-2003

American Forensic Association National Individual Events Tournament District III Chair, 2004-2007.

Member of National Committee (policymaking body), American Forensic Association National Individual Events Tournament, 2004-present.

National Parliamentary Debate Association District III Chair, 2001-2003.

Served on search committee for Department of Communication, University of Oklahoma: Political Communication at Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor with Tenure level, 2000.

American Forensics Association-National Individual Events Tournament District III committee, 2005, 2004, 2001-2002, 2000-2001, 1998-1999.

Tournament Administration (Tabulation Room), American Forensics Association-National Individual Events Tournament, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000.

Alternate to American Forensics Association-National Individual Events Tournament District III committee, 1999-2000.

References

Dr. Eric Kramer, Professor, Department of Communication, Burton Hall, 610 Elm, Room 101, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, 73019-2081. (405) 325-2349. kramer@ou.edu.

Dr. Kathleen Welch, Professor, Department of English, Gittinger Hall, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, 73019. (405) 325-4661. kwelch@ou.edu.

Dr. David Williams, Professor, Department of Communication Studies, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, 79409. (806) 742-3911, doc.williams@ttu.edu.

Dr. Charlton McIlwain, Assistant Professor, Culture and Communication, New York University, New York, New York. (212) 992-9495. cdm1@nyu.edu.

