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Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Rhetoric & Communication, Northwestern University, 1997.

Bachelor of Arts, Communication Studies, University of Kansas, 1988.

Academic Positions

Professor of Rhetoric, Department of English Language and Literature and Program in Rhetoric & Communication, University of South Carolina, 2007-present.

Associate Professor of Rhetoric, Department of Communication Arts, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2005-2007.

Assistant Professor of Rhetoric, Department of Communication Arts, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2002-2005.

Assistant Professor of Rhetoric, Department of Communication Studies, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1997-2002.

Sr. Instructor, Department of Communication Studies, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1995-1996.

Lecturer, Department of Rhetoric, University of California-Berkeley, 1992-1995.

Research & Honorary Appointments

Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, Cape Town, South Africa, January 2002-2018.

Core Faculty, Global Studies Program, University of South Carolina, 2019-2021.

Honorary Research Associate, Centre for Rhetoric Studies, University of Cape Town, South Africa, 2000-present.

Affiliated Faculty, African Studies Program, University of South Carolina, 2007-2017.

Faculty, African Studies Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison, August 2002-2007.

Visiting Scholar, Department of Rhetoric, University of California, Berkeley, 1999-2000.

Editorial Appointments

Editor, *Philosophy & Rhetoric*, January 2018-present.

Associate Editor, *Philosophy & Rhetoric*, December 2016-December 2017.

Book Review Editor, *Philosophy and Rhetoric*, January 2005-2017.

Acting Editor, *Philosophy & Rhetoric*, September-December 2008.

Research Fellowships & Grants

Partner Investigator, Discovery Project, Australian Research Council, 2012-2018.

Project Title: *Resistance, Recognition, and Reconciliation in Australia – Lessons from South Africa and Northern Ireland*. A collaborative project running 2012-18.

Co-Investigator, Blue Skies Research Grant, South African National Research Foundation, 2011, 2012-14.

Project title: *Surveillance, Intelligence, and Forms of Rhetorical Control in Democratic Discourse*. A collaborative project with Philippe-Joseph Salazar (Cape Town) and Dominique de Corcelles (CNRS, Paris); 2011 grant renewed for 2013-14.

Carolina Core Course Development Grant, USC College of Arts & Sciences, 2012.

George and Linda Hamel Faculty Research Award, University of Wisconsin, March 2007.

A.W. Mellon Foundation Humanities Workshop Award, The Humanities Center, University of Wisconsin, 2006.

(Co-Awarded for the workshop “In the Name of Difficult Words: The Time, Poetics and Ethics of Testimony”)

Global Studies Faculty Research Award, University of Wisconsin, Fall 2005-2006.

Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation Faculty Development Grant, University of Wisconsin Graduate School, Summer 2005.

International Research Fellowship, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, Cape Town, South Africa, 2001.

Fellowship on Peace and Security in a Changing World, Social Science Research Council – MacArthur Foundation, January 1999-December 2000.

Faculty Research and Development Grant, University of North Carolina, 1997, 1998.

Williamson Course Development Grant, University of North Carolina, 1996.

Awards

2010 Rhetoric Society of America Annual Book Award.

Awarded for *With Faith in the Works of Words: The Beginnings of Reconciliation in South Africa, 1985-1995* .

Golden Anniversary Monograph Award, National Communication Association, November 2004.

Awarded for: "Reconciliation: A Rhetorical Concept/ion."

Golden Anniversary Monograph Award, National Communication Association, November 2002.

Awarded for: "Making History in a Time of Transition: The Rhetorical Occasion, Constitution, and Representation of South African Reconciliation."

Books

The African Renaissance and the Afro-Arab Spring: A Season of Rebirth? Co-edited and introduced with Charles Villa-Vicencio and Ebrahim Moosa. (Washington DC/Cape Town: Georgetown University Press/University of Cape Town Press, 2015).

In the Balance: South Africans Debate Reconciliation. Co-edited with Fanie du Toit. (Cape Town: Jacana Press, 2010).

Inventing the Potential of Rhetorical Culture. Edited and introduced. (College Park, PA: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2010).

Faith in the Works of Words: The Beginnings of Reconciliation in South Africa, 1985-1995. (Cape Town: David Philip/Lansing: Michigan State University Press, June 2009).

Truth and Reconciliation in South Africa: The Fundamental Documents. Co-Edited and introduced with Philippe-Joseph Salazar (Cape Town: David Philip and New Africa Books, 2007).

Pieces of the Puzzle: Keywords on Reconciliation, Transitional Justice and Social Reconstruction. Co-edited and introduced with Charles Villa-Vicencio (Cape Town: OneWorld Books, 2005)

Provoking Questions: An Assessment of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Recommendations and their Implementation. Edited and introduced (Cape Town: Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, 2005).

To Repair the Irreparable: Reparation and Reconstruction in South Africa. Co-edited and introduced with Charles Villa-Vicencio (Cape Town: David Philip, 2004, Second Printing 2006).

The Provocations of Amnesty: Memory, Justice and Impunity. Co-edited and introduced with Charles Villa-Vicencio (Cape Town: David Phillip, 2003).

Through Fire with Water: Violence, Transition, and the Potential for Reconciliation in Africa – Fifteen Case Studies. Co-edited and introduced with Charles Villa-Vicencio (Cape Town: David Phillip, 2003).

Monographs in Progress

Mask: An American Allegory

The Barbarism of Transitional Justice.

Book Chapters

“With Paradoxes to Spare: Human Rights Language as Such.” In *The Routledge Companion on Human Rights and Literature*. Eds. Sophia McClennen and Alexandra Schultheis Moore (London: Routledge, 2015), 405-13.

“The Potential of an African Assertion – Once More, in the Name of a Renaissance.” In *The African Renaissance and the Afro-Arab Spring: A Season of Rebirth?* Eds. Charles Villa-Vicencio, Erik Doxtader, Ebrahim Moosa. (Washington DC/Cape Town: Georgetown University Press/University of Cape Town Press, 2015), 171-192.

« *Samedi 8 mars 2014: rapport sur le surf* » (Surf Report : 8 March 2014). In *Poussières du monde*, eds. Jean-Luc Hinsinger and Emmanuel Lemieux (Paris: Éditions François Bourin, 2014), 116-19.

- "Contra la corriente: Recordando la Publicidad de la Amnistía Sudafricana." In *Lesas Humanidad*, eds. Claudia Hilb, Philippe-Joseph Salazar, Lucas Martin (Buenos Aires: Katz Editores, 2014), 138-160.
- "Coming to terms with a declaration of barbarous acts." In *Re/Framing Identifications*, ed. Michelle Baliff (Long Grove: Waveland Press, 2013), 116-130.
- "A Question of Forgiving Words." In *Public Forgiveness in Post-Conflict Contexts*, eds. Bas van Stokkomom, Neekle Doorn, & Paul van Tongeren (Cambridge: Intersentia Press, 2012), 107-123.
- "A Question of Confession's Discovery." In *Human Rights Rhetoric: Traditions of Testifying and Witnessing*, eds. Arabella Lyon and Lester Olsen (New York: Routledge, 2012).
- "A Critique of Law's Violence Yet (Never) to Come: United Nations' Transitional Justice Policy and the (Fore)closure of Reconciliation." In *Theorising Post-Conflict Reconciliation: Agonism, Restitution & Repair*, ed. Alexander Hirsch (New York: Routledge, 2011), 27-64.
- "The Faith and Struggle of Beginning (with) Words: On the Turn Between Reconciliation and Recognition." In *Philosophy and Rhetoric in Dialogue: Redrawing Their Intellectual Landscape*, ed. Gerard Hauser (University Park: Penn State Press, 2008), 119-146.
- "The Entwinement of Argument and Rhetoric: A Dialectical Reading of Habermas' Theory of Communicative Action." In *Readings on Argumentation*, eds. Angela J. Aguayo and Timothy R. Steffensmeier (State College Park: Strata, 2008), 297-309.
- "Amnesty," in *Pieces of the Puzzle: Keywords on Reconciliation, Transitional Justice and Social Reconstruction*. Co-edited and introduced with Charles Villa-Vicencio (Cape Town: OneWorld Books, 2005), 39-46.
- "Reparation," in *Pieces of the Puzzle: Keywords on Reconciliation, Transitional Justice and Social Reconstruction*. Co-edited and introduced with Charles Villa-Vicencio (Cape Town: OneWorld Books, 2005), 25-33.
- "The Matter of Words in the Midst of Beginnings: Unraveling the 'Relationship' Between Reparations and Reconciliation," in *To Repair the Irreparable: Reparation and Reconstruction in South Africa*, eds. Erik Doxtader & Charles Villa-Vicencio (Cape Town: David Philip, 2004), 115-148.

“Easy to Forget or Never (Again) Hard To Remember? History, Memory and the ‘Publicity’ of Amnesty,” in *The Provocations of Amnesty: Memory, Justice and Impunity*, eds. Charles Villa-Vicencio & Erik Doxtader (Cape Town: David Phillip, 2003), 121-155.

“Burundi: Permanent Deadlock or Tentative Peace?” [with Yeki Mosomothane] in *Through Fire with Water: Violence, Transition, and the Potential for Reconciliation in Africa – Fifteen Case Studies*, eds. Erik Doxtader and Charles Villa-Vicencio (Cape Town: David Phillip, 2003), 65-88.

“Angola: The Beginning of Hope for Peace,” [with Ricky Khaukha] in *Through Fire with Water: Violence, Transition, and the Potential for Reconciliation in Africa – Fifteen Case Studies*, eds. Erik Doxtader and Charles Villa-Vicencio (Cape Town: David Phillip, 2003), 107-28.

“Namibia: The Jigsaw Puzzle of Democracy,” [with Edmond Tiku] in *Through Fire with Water: Violence, Transition, and the Potential for Reconciliation in Africa – Fifteen Case Studies*, eds. Erik Doxtader and Charles Villa-Vicencio (Cape Town: David Phillip, 2003), 329-48.

“In the Name of Reconciliation: The Faith and Works of Counterpublicity,” in *Counterpublics and the State*, eds. Robert Asen and Daniel Brower (Albany: SUNY Press, 2001), 59-85.

“Beginning the Middle,” in *Transcending a Century of Injustice*, ed. Charles Villa-Vicencio (Cape Town, IJR, 2000), 130-36.

Special Journal Issues

Editor, “What Cannot Be Said?” Special Issue of *Philosophy & Rhetoric*, 55.1 (March 2022).

Editor, “In the Midst of Covid-19.” Special issue of *Philosophy & Rhetoric*, 53.3 (May 2020).

Editor, “Inventing the Potential of Rhetorical Culture.” Special issue of *Philosophy and Rhetoric*, 41:4 (December 2008).

Articles

“Messianic Hopes at the Moral Carnival – The [Rhetorical] Question of Advocating for the Humanities, for Now,” *Acta Juridica*. 2022.

“Rhetorical Hesitancy,” *Philosophy & Rhetoric* 55.1 (2022) (Under pseudonym).

- "Masking: Response-ability, in Unsteady, Broken Breaths," *Philosophy & Rhetoric* 53.4 (2020): 336-344 (Under pseudonym).
- "The Quietude of Transitional Justice – Five Rhetorical Questions," *African Yearbook of Rhetoric* 10 (2020). Selected for inclusion and reprinted in the Yearbook's 10th anniversary volume.
- "With No Sanction for Lying: Recollecting the Potential of a Few Dispossessing Words," *African Yearbook of Rhetoric* 8 (November 2019): 163-77.
- "Zōon Logon Ekhon – The (Dis)Possession of an Echo," *Philosophy & Rhetoric* 50:4 (2017): 452-472.
- "The Recognizability of Recognition: Fragments in the Name of a Not Yet Rhetorical Question," *Philosophy & Rhetoric* 48:4 (2015): 379-412.
- "Harmonizing Drones," *Cosmopolis-A Review of Cosmopolitics* 2015: 51-62.
- "The Quietude of Transitional Justice – Five Rhetorical Questions," *African Yearbook of Rhetoric* 6:1 (2015): 23-38.
- "Contending with Violent Words; or, The Afterthought of (In)civility," *Philosophy & Rhetoric* 44:4 (2011): 403-423.
- "A Question of Confession's Discovery," *Rhetoric Society Quarterly* 41:3 (2011): 267-281.
- "Between the Signs of Transition's Justice," *African Yearbook of Rhetoric* 2:1 (2011): 21-29.
- "Addressing Animals," *Philosophy & Rhetoric* 44:1 (2011): 79-80.
- "The Rhetorical Question of Human Rights – A Preface," *Quarterly Journal of Speech* 96:4 (2010): 353-379.
- "In theory, a flirting question," *Pre/Text* 20:1-4 (2010), 145-163.
- "Reading Otherwise Than Being: Asking After Patience," Co-authored with John Muckelbauer, *JAC* 29:3 (2010): 493-509.
- "For Today, There will be a Speech (and a Song) Tomorrow," *Philosophy & Rhetoric* 41:4 (2008): 311-323.
- "Published Works of Thomas B. Farrell," *Philosophy & Rhetoric* 41:4 (2008): 488-93.

- "The (Rhetorical) Question of Exception, For Now," *Communication and Critical Cultural Studies* 5:2 (June 2008): 212-218.
- "The Faith and Struggle of Beginning (with) Words: On the Turn Between Reconciliation and Recognition," *Philosophy & Rhetoric* 40:1 (2007): 119-146.
- "An African Assertion? The Question of Reconciliation's Place in a Time of Emergency," *The Public* XII (4) (December 2005): 45-61.
- "La réconciliation avant la réconciliation: la «précédence» sud-africaine," *Le Genre Humain* 43 (2004): 243-63.
- "The Potential of Reconciliation's Beginning: A Reply," *Rhetoric and Public Affairs* 7 (Fall 2004), 378-390.
- "Works of Faith, Faith of Works: A Reflection on the Truth and Justification of Forgiveness," *Quest: An African Journal of Philosophy* (March 2004): 50-61.
- "Reconciliation - A Rhetorical Concept/ion," *Quarterly Journal of Speech* 89 (2003): 267-292.
- "A Note on the 'Potential' Experience of Rhetorical/Theory," *Review of Communication* (2003).
- "Introduction," *The South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Transitional Justice: A Select Bibliography*," *Journal of Law and Religion*, 16 (2001): 69-72.
- "Middle Voices in Transition: The Form of Public Speech in Post-TRC South Africa," *Javnost - The Public, Journal of the European Institute of Communication and Culture* VIII (2001): 23-34.
- "Making History in a Time of Transition: The Rhetorical Occasion, Constitution, and Representation of South African Reconciliation," *Rhetoric and Public Affairs* 4 (2001): 223-260.
- "Reconciliation in a State Of Emergency: The Middle Voice of 2 Corinthians," *The Journal for the Study of Religion* 14 (2001): 47-66.
- "Loving History's Fate, Perverting the Beautiful Soul: Scenes of Felicity's Potential," *Cultural Studies* 15 (2001): 206-221.
- "Characters in the Middle of Public Life: Consensus, Dissent and Ethos," *Philosophy and Rhetoric* 33 (2000): 336-369.

“The Materials of Transition: Reconciliation and Reparations in Contemporary South Africa,” *Proceedings of the AFA/SCA Conference on Argumentation*, (Annandale, VA: SCA/AFA, 1999).

“Public Opinion and the Legacy of the Cold War,” *American Diplomacy: An Electronic Journal of Commentary, Analysis, and Research on American Foreign Policy and Its Practice* 3 (Spring 1998).

“Learning Public Deliberation through the Critique of Institutional Argument,” *Argumentation and Advocacy* 31 (Spring 1995): 185-203.

“The Entwinement of Argument and Rhetoric: A Dialectical Reading of Habermas’ Theory of Communicative Action,” *Argumentation and Advocacy* 28 (1991): 51-63.

“The Mediation of Public and Technical Spheres of Argument: A Re-evaluation of Contemporary Debate Practice,” *Controversy: Proceedings of the Seventh AFA/SCA Conference on Argumentation*, (Annandale, VA: SCA/AFA, 1991), 452-57.

“The Exception as the Rule: The Role of Evidence in Academic Debate,” *Spheres of Argument: Proceedings of the Sixth AFA/SCA Conference on Argumentation*, (Annandale, VA: SCA/AFA, 1989), 422-26.

Short Articles and Essays

“In the midst of...?” *Philosophy & Rhetoric* 53:3 vi-ix.

“The Contemporary (Im)possibility of Debate” *Philosophy & Rhetoric* 52.1 (2019), 47-8.

“In Transition, a Moment for Gratitude,” *Philosophy & Rhetoric* 51.1 (2018): v-vii.

“Editor’s Note – On (Post) Truth,” *Philosophy & Rhetoric* 51.4 (2018): v-vii.

“In the name of becoming rhetoric,” *Philosophy & Rhetoric* 46:2 (2013): 231-33.

Critical Bibliographies

“SARS-CoV-2 & COVID 19 – 2020 – Select resources and readings, with an emphasis on humanities-based and critical-theoretical inquiry.” Available at <projectrhetoric.com>.

“The South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission – An Online Bibliography of Works.” Version 4.0 (2011). Available at <www.ijr.org.za>.

Encyclopedia Essays and Entries

“South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission” in *The Encyclopedia of Transitional Justice*, ed. L. Stan (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020).

Entries on “Politics of Memory” and “Right to Truth,” in *The Encyclopedia of Transitional Justice*, ed. L. Stan (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020).

Website

Project Rhetoric: www.projectrhetoric.com

Op-Ed Essays, Reviews and Media Appearances

“A World and a Word without Mandela,” *The State*, Columbia, SC, 7 December 2013.

Television Interviews, WIS, WLTX, WOLO, WACH, Columbia, SC, 5-6 December 2013.

“The Representation of Waste,” *Daily Maverick*, Cape Town, RSA, 25 June 2013.

“The Question of an Unspoken Poverty,” *Reconciliation Barometer*, Cape Town, RSA, 10:4 (2012) 4-6.

“Between Reconciliation and Rule of Law,” *Cape Times*, Cape Town, RSA, 5 August 2009.

Invited Commentary on 2008 Presidential Election, WACH-TV, Columbia, SC, 21 January 2009.

“Proper Reconciliation Means A Collective Undertaking to Make History,” *Cape Times*, Cape Town, RSA, 13 April 2008.

“Arguments for Reconciliation,” *Cape Times*, Cape Town, RSA, 26 September 2007.

“What Exactly is Reconciliation?” *Cape Times*, Cape Town, RSA, 21 January 2004, 9.

“Debate about Debate will Build Democracy,” *Sunday Independent*, National Edition, RSA, 13 May 2001, 8.

“Building A Culture of Debate,” *Cape Times*, Cape Town, RSA, 6 June 2001, 8.

“Critique of the Final Round of the 1990 National Debate Tournament.”
Championship Speeches, 1990.

“Critique of the Final Round of the 1989 National Debate Tournament.” *Report on the 43rd National Debate Tournament, 1989.*

Academic Conference Direction

Co-Director, *Punctuating Rhetoric – The 7th Conference on Rhetorical Theory*, Columbia, SC, 4-5 October 2019.

Co-Director, *Turning Rhetoric – The 6th Conference on Rhetoric Theory*, Columbia, SC, 13-14 October 2017.

Co-Director, *Rhetoric’s Conceit – The 5th University of South Carolina Conference on Rhetorical Theory*, 2-3 October 2015.

Co-Director, *Rhetoric’s Conceit – The 4th University of South Carolina Conference on Rhetorical Theory*, 10-12 October 2013.

Co-Director, *Becoming Rhetoric – The 3rd University of South Carolina Conference on Rhetorical Theory*, 13-15 October 2011.

Co-Director, *Rhetorical Questions – The 2nd University of South Carolina Conference on Rhetorical Theory*, University of South Carolina, 17-18 October 2009.

Co-Director, *Engaging Rhetorical Theory – The Inaugural University of South Carolina Conference on Rhetorical Theory*, University of South Carolina, University of South Carolina, 24-26 October 2008.

Director and Organizer, *‘Coming to Terms’ with Reconciliation: Critical Perspectives on the Practice, Politics, and Ethics of Transitional Justice*, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 10-11 November 2006.

Director and Organizer, *The Development of Rhetoric – Biennial Conference of the Association for Rhetoric and Communication in Southern Africa*, Cape Town, 25-27 June 2006.

Organizing Committee, *Figures of Democracy*. A conference convened at Concordia University, Montreal, Canada, 13-15 October 2005.

Co-convenor, *Rhetoric and Democracy: About an African Athens*. An international conference convened at the University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa, 8-15 June 2004.

Organizer, *After Amnesty? Restorative Justice, Prosecutions and Nation-Building*. A conference convened at the University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, October 4-5, 2001.

Lectures, Seminars, and Conference Papers

“Language in the Midst of Violence.” Paper to be presented at the 2020 meeting of the Rhetoric Society of America. Portland, OR, May 2020 – Cancelled due to COVID-19

“Hearing Rhetoric.” Lecture to be presented at “Incomprehensible Rhetoric,” a conference convened at the University of Cape Town School of Law, 23-24 April 2020 – Postponed due to COVID-19

“Apostrophe’s Question.” Paper presented at the 2019 Conference on Rhetorical Theory. Columbia, SC, October 2019.

“The Unspeakable Question of Language in the Midst of Violence.” Invited Paper delivered at “Recognition, Reparation, and Reconciliation: The Light and Shadow of Historical Trauma,” a conference convened at the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa, December 2018.

“Fifty Years of Philosophy & Rhetoric: Re-Inventing in Relation.” Meeting of the Rhetoric Society of America, Minneapolis, MN, May 2018.

“The Response-ability of Philosophy and Rhetoric.” Paper presented at the Meeting of the National Communication Association, Dallas, TX, November 2017.

“The Remaining Question of Barbarism,” Paper presented at the Meeting of the National Communication Association, Dallas, TX, November 2017.

“Recognizing Language in Transition.” Invited lecture delivered to the Department of Communication Studies, University of Nevada-Reno, November 2017.

“*Zōon Logon Ekhon* – Or, a notion of what goes around comes around.” Paper presented at the Conference on Rhetorical Theory, Columbia, SC, October 2017.

“In the name of (re)turning to things – or not: A few words on phenomenological appeals to plausibly deniable tropologies.” Paper presented at the Conference of the National Communication Association, November 2016.

“At the threshold of words beginning origins.” Paper presented at the Meeting of the Rhetoric Society of America, May 2016.

"Experience, in a word amidst the violence. Invited Lecture. University of Georgia, February 2016.

"Troubling Words of Reconciliation" Remarks presented at the conference on Resisting Reconciliation, University of Melbourne, March 2016.

"Is it Soup Yet? Some ABC's of Academic (Distr)activism." Paper presented at the University of South Carolina Conference on Rhetorical Theory, October 2015.

"The Lessons of Reconciliation in South Africa." Remarks delivered at the Workshop on Resistance to Reconciliation, University of Melbourne, 23 July 2015.

"Messianic Hopes at the Moral Carnival: The Question of the Humanities for Now." Invited Keynote Lecture at the 8th Annual Graduate and Undergraduate Research Symposium in the Humanities, University of Northern Iowa, 11 April 2014.

"Resistance to Reconciliation: Moving between South Africa and Northern Ireland, Remarks delivered at the Workshop on Resistance to Reconciliation in Northern Ireland," Queen's University, Belfast, 26 November 2013.

"Lines Building Words Taking Place," Paper delivered at the USC Conference on Rhetorical Theory, Columbia, 11 October 2013.

"Secrets of Governmentality," Paper at the Workshop of Discourses of Surveillance and Secrecy, University of Cape Town, 17 September 2013.

"The Meaning of Reconciliation's Opposition," Remarks delivered at the Workshop on Resistance to Reconciliation in South Africa, University of Cape Town Law School, 19 April 2013.

"Topos, Tropos, Taal(Stryd): In a Place Turning (on) the Question of Language as Such."

Invited lecture delivered to the Department of Communication Lecture Series, University of Kansas, 6 March 2013.

"Coming to Terms with a Declaration of Barbarous Acts." Paper delivered at the Meetings of the Rhetoric Society of America, Philadelphia, May 2012.

"The Kony2012 Campaign - Justice or Vigilantism?" Presentation to the Roosevelt Institute, Columbia, SC, April 2012.

"Surveying Appearances," Presentation to the Blue Skies-NRF Group on Surveillance, Intelligence, and Forms of Rhetorical Control in Democratic Discourse, Buenos Aires, Argentina, November 2011.

"And Now, A Word – Asking too Much." Paper delivered at the 3rd University of South Carolina Conference on Rhetorical Theory, Columbia, SC, October 2011.

"The Terrain of Human Rights Discourse." Rhetoric Society of America Summer Institute, University of Colorado, June 2011.

"Rhetorical Questions of Surveillance." Meeting of the NRF Blue Skies Working Group on Surveillance, Intelligence and Forms of Rhetorical Control in Democratic Discourse," Paris, May 2011.

"Contending with Violent Words," Keynote address delivered to the 4th Annual Carolina Rhetoric Conference, Columbia SC, February 2011.

"Forgiving Words." Paper delivered at the Meetings of the National Communication Association, San Francisco, November 2010.

"The Messianic Event, in a Word." Paper delivered at the Meetings of the National Communication Association, San Francisco, November 2010.

"Words of Truth in a Toolbox, Rules of Law in No Time at All: United Nations' Transitional Justice Policy and the Critique of Legal Violence to Come." Invited plenary lecture delivered at the 2010 Public Address Conference, Pittsburgh, October 2010.

"Off the Wall – Questions of Reconciliation," Lecture delivered at the launch of *In the Balance – South Africans Debate Reconciliation*, Cape Town, July 2010.

"In the Name of a Rhetorical Question." Paper delivered at the Meetings of the Rhetoric Society of America, Minneapolis, May 2010.

"Forgiving Speaking." Invited Paper delivered at the Centre for Ethics, Nijmegen University, The Netherlands, March 2010.

"Transitional Justice – Toward A Critique of Violence," Paper delivered at the Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, March 2010.

"In the Name of Peace, Speaking for (the) Wrong Time," Invited Lecture delivered at on the occasion of the visit of the Dali Lama, Florida Atlantic University, February 2010.

"In Theory, A Flirting Question." Paper delivered at the USC Conference on Rhetorical Theory, Columbia SC, October 2009.

"Recollecting the Beginning of Reconciliation." Lecture delivered upon the launch of *With Faith in the Works of Words*, Cape Town, South Africa, 5 August 2009.

- "Transition Beyond Law." Invited presentation, NGO-Forum on the African Union's Approach to the International Criminal Court, Cape Town, South Africa, 31 July 2009.
- "The Future of Transitional Justice." Invited paper delivered at the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation Forum, Cape Town, South Africa, 29 July 2009.
- "Perceptions of Justice." Invited Presentation to the UCT-Romanian Initiative on Transitional Justice, Cape Town, South Africa, 27-28 July 2009.
- "Between the Signs of Transition's Justice." Paper delivered at the Future of Human Rights - 11th Comparative Literature Conference, 27 February 2009.
- "A Commendable Clash." Invited Lecture, A Long Road to Redress - Revisiting the TRC Recommendations, Cape Town, South Africa, October 2008.
- "Is there a question of rhetorical theory?" Paper delivered to the Inaugural USC Conference on Rhetorical Theory, Columbia, SC, October 2008.
- "Recognizing Human Rights - The Preface of a Rhetorical Question." Invited Plenary Lecture, Public Address Conference, University of Wisconsin, September 2008.
- "Recollecting the Rhetorical Economy of Human Rights Discourse: Richard McKeon, the UNESCO Philosophers' Committee and the Faith of a Universal Declaration." Paper delivered at the Biennial Meetings of the Rhetoric Society of America, Seattle, May 2008.
- "Nonsense without Stilts? The Rhetorical Question of Reconciliation in the UN's Discourse on Transitional Justice." Invited Lecture, African Studies Symposium, University of South Carolina, April 2008.
- "Before the Law, A Constitutive Sacrifice: Reconciliation's Place in the South African Transition." Paper Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture and Humanities, University California, Berkeley, March 2008.
- "Rigging an Undecidable Balance: The Contemporary UN Discourse of Transitional Justice." Paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, New York, October 2007.
- "Reconciliation and Restorative Justice in Transition," Invited Lecture delivered to the International Centre for Transitional Justice/Institute for Justice and Reconciliation Fellows Program, Cape Town, October 2007.
- "The Question of the Benefit," Invited Lecture delivered on the occasion of the

launch of *Truth and Reconciliation in South Africa – The Fundamental Documents*, Centre for the Book, Cape Town, September 2007.

“The Forgotten History of Reconciliation in South Africa,” Invited University Lecture, Northern Illinois University, May 2007.

“Recognizing Reconciliation,” Invited Lecture delivered to the Department of English, University of South Carolina, April 2007.

Participant, *Western Journalism’s Portrayal of African Cultures and Crises*, Madison, Wisconsin, 13 March 2007.

“Resisting (Exceptional) Words, Beginning a Critique of (Law’s) Violence,” Invited Paper, Harvard University School of Law, March 2007.

“The Potential of Reconciliation’s Difficult Words,” Talk delivered at the symposium ‘*Coming to Terms’ with Reconciliation*, University of Wisconsin – Madison, November 2006.

“Understanding the South African Transition,” Lecture delivered under the auspices of the UW-Madison Professional Development School, April 2006.

“Beginning with a Critique of Violence: Reconciling Truth, Amnesty and Reparation in South Africa.” A. Craig Baird Lecture, University of Iowa, February 2006.

“Assuming History in the Name of Recognition.” Invited paper delivered at the seminar *Communication as Humanistic Inquiry*, Boston, November 2005.

“Reconciling Recognition.” Paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, Boston, November 2005.

“Spreading the Good Word: Misrecognizing Reconciliation’s Globalist Currency.” Paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, Boston, November 2005.

“A Brief History of South Africa.” Invited lecture delivered at the SALT – Wisconsin Away Program, Cape Town, November 2005.

“Hard Hearts, Bad Infinity, and the Struggle to Become: On the Turn between Reconciliation and Recognition.” Paper presented at the *Figures of Democracy* Conference, Montreal, October 2005.

“Beginning with a Critique of Violence: Reconciling Truth, Amnesty and

Reparation in South Africa." Invited lecture to the African Studies Seminar, University of Wisconsin – Madison, September 2005.

"On Not Defining Reconciliation." Invited lecture to the Department of Communication, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada, March 2005.

"Reconciling Judgment: Truth, Amnesty, and Reparation in South Africa." Invited lecture to the Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada, March 2005.

"Too (little) Silence," Invited paper delivered at the symposium *Remembering Derrida*, Sponsored by the Center for the Humanities, Madison, November 2004.

"Ten Years of Potential: Reconciliation in South Africa's Second Decade of Democracy." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, November 2004.

"Writing the Individual Research Grant." Invited paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, November 2004.

"Unraveling 'Roles': Or, the Rhetorical Question of 'Dit is Ons Erns.'" Paper presented at the Alliance of Rhetoric Societies Conference, Evanston, Illinois, September 2003.

"Reconciliation (be)fore the Law." Invited paper delivered at the *Symposium on Law, Rhetoric and Democracy in Post-Apartheid South Africa*, Fondation Singer-Polignac and Institut de France, Paris, June 2003.

"The Memory of South African Amnesty." Lecture delivered to the African Studies Seminar, University of Wisconsin – Madison, January 2003.

"Traveling with Rhetorical Baggage: A Note on the 'Potential' Experience of Theory." Paper presented at the seminar *What does Rhetorical Theory Do?* Convened at the Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, November 2002.

"On (not) Defining Reconciliation." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, November 2002.

"In the Middle of Reconciling Speech." Paper presented at *Discourses of Violence, Discourses of Community*, 8th Biennial Public Address Conference, University of Georgia, October 2002.

"Transgressive Erotics, Desire's Politics: Rhetorical 'Play' in the Field of Public

Life." Paper presented at the 5th *African Symposium on Rhetoric*, National University of Lesotho, July 2002.

"The Public Politics of Reconciliation." Invited lecture given to the Political Studies – Rhetoric Colloquium, Baylor University, April 2002.

"Deliberating about Reconciliation." Invited lecture given to the Rhetoric Colloquium, Northwestern University, March 2002.

"Theorizing Rhetorical Invention." Invited lecture given to the Rhetoric Studies Colloquium, University of Cape Town, September 2001.

"Debate and South African Civil Society." Lecture delivered to the faculty and students of the *Community Arts Project*, Cape Town, February 2001.

"Between Institution and Invention: The Middle Voice of Public Speech." Paper presented at the conference *Qu'est-ce que la Parole Publique?*, Collège International de Philosophie, Paris, June 2001.

"Reconciliation in a State of Emergency: A Time of Rhetoric or a Rhetorical Time?" Paper presented at the conference *Theology and Rhetoric*, University of Cape Town, South Africa, September 2000.

"Post-Amblés are not Afterthoughts: The Rhetorical Logic of the South African Transition." Paper presented at the 4th *African Symposium on Rhetoric*, University of Zambia, Lusaka, Zambia, August 2000.

"Is It Reconciliation if We Say It Is? The Rhetorical Problem of the South African Transition." Paper presented at conference *Peace-building in Africa*, convened by the Social Science Research Council (USA), Cape Town, South Africa, June 2000.

"The 'Truth' of Reconciliation." Lecture presented to the Political Science Seminar, University of California, Berkeley, November 1999.

"The Play of Potential and Perversion: What is a 'Felicity' in History?" Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, November 1999.

"The Faith of the Word: Theology, Testimony and Truth at the TRC." Paper presented at the conference *Truth in Politics*, University of Cape Town, September 1999.

"Material Memory: Towards a Political Economy of Reconciliation." Paper

- presented at the AFA/SCA Conference on Argumentation, Alta, Utah, 1999.
- "The History of South African Reconciliation." Lecture presented at the Jesuit School of Theology, University of California, Berkeley, March 1999.
- "Systems (of Systems) in Search of Norms: Reading the Revolution in Military Affairs as an Institutional Argument." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, November 1998.
- "Rhetorical Questions in the Middle of Public Life." Paper presented at the seminar *Rhetorics of Public Life*, convened at the Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, November 1998.
- "Reconciliation as a Rhetorical Problem." Invited lecture presented at the MacArthur Foundation and Social Science Research Council Fellows Meeting, San Salvador, May 1998.
- "A Rose in the Heart of the Present: Faith, History, and the Reconciliation of Public Life." Paper presented at the AFA/SCA Conference on Argumentation, Alta, Utah, July 1997.
- "Dissident Publics and the Inventions of *Ethos*." Paper presented at the Biannual Meetings of the Rhetoric Society of America, Tucson, May 1996.
- "Public Argument after History: Institutional Risk Management in the Post-Cold War Era." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, November 1994.
- "The Risks of Identity: Inventing Public Space in the Age of the Enclave." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, November 1994.
- "Sensualists without Heart, Specialists without Spirit: Colonization and the Public Good." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, November 1993.
- "Dialectics of Public Life: Invention, Disobedience and Identity." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, November 1993.
- "Inventing Deliberation: The Theory and Practice of Public Argument in Post-Communist Eastern Europe." Paper presented at the Eighth AFA/SCA Conference on Argumentation, Alta, Utah, 1993.
- "Reconstructing Politics: An Inquiry in the Status of Public Argument in Eastern

Europe.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, 1992.

“Reflection as Empowerment: The Relationship between Argumentation and Habermas’ Theory of Self-Reflective Knowledge.” Paper presented at the Fifth Biennial Wake Forest Conference on Argumentation, Winston-Salem, NC, 1991.