

JACK WOOD

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Communication Studies

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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	University of Georgia, Athens Major: Communication Studies Certificates: Urban and Metropolitan Studies & University Teaching Dissertation: "Reading the City with Real Abstraction and Social Form" Advisors: Barbara A. Biesecker, Roger Stahl, Maryam Ahmadi, Andy Herod	2028
M.A.	Texas Tech University Major: Communication Studies Thesis: "The Rhetoric of Spatial Reproduction" Advisors: Catherine L. Langford, Megan Condis, Eliane Bisanz	2023
B.S.	University of Wisconsin, La Crosse Major: Business Administration in Marketing Minors: Political Science & Sociology	2020
A.A.S.	Madison Media Institute Video and Motion Graphics	2016

ACADEMIC EXPERTISE

- City Planning
- Post-Structuralism
- Real Abstraction
- Space/Place
- Historical Materialism
- Psychoanalysis
- Rhetorical Form
- Trope/Figure
- Political Economy
- Public Discourse
- Rhetorical Theory
- Urban Development

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assignments

Editorial Assistant	<i>Rhetoric and Public Affairs</i> , MSU Press Editor: Catherine L. Langford	2022-23
Research Assistant	Communication Studies, Texas Tech University Researcher: Catherine L. Langford	2022-23

Peer-Reviewed Articles

(Under Review) Jack Wood, "Rhetoric and Totality in the Age of Immediacy: The Urban Governance of Rockefeller Resilience," *Philosophy and Rhetoric*, submitted August 11, 2026.

(Under Review) Catherine L. Langford and Jack Wood. "Dystopian Memorializing in the 9/11 Memorial Museum," *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, submitted January 1, 2026.

Jack Wood, "Stick-To-The-Script: Established Rationality and Organizational Politics in Cinema," *UWL Journal of Undergraduate Research* 23, no. 1 (2020): 1–19.
<https://www.uwlax.edu/urc/juronline/volume-xxiii-2020/>.

Conference Papers

- Jack Wood, "Syntactic Skyscrapers: Real Abstraction, Temporality, and Urban Rhetorical Formalism" (paper presented at *NCA 112th Annual Convention*, New Orleans, LA, November 21, 2026).
- Jack Wood, "A Rhetoric of Immediacy in Urban Governance" (paper presented at *NCA 112th Annual Convention*, New Orleans, LA, November 20, 2026).
- Jack Wood, "The Metaphors of Growth: Rhetoric's Role in Philanthropic Development" (paper presented at *96th Annual Southern States Communication Association Convention*, Birmingham, AL, April 11, 2026).
- *Jack Wood, "Form, Procedure, and Neoliberal Governmentality in *Cities: Skylines*" (paper presented at *NCA 111th Annual Convention*, Denver, CO, November 22, 2025).
- Jack Wood, "Rockefeller Resilience: Platform Capitalism and Urban Governance" (paper presented at *NCA 111th Annual Convention*, Denver, CO, November 21, 2025).
- *Jack Wood, "Rethinking 'Resilience' in the Rhetoric of Urban Planning" (paper presented at *95th Annual Southern States Communication Association Convention*, Norfolk, VA, April 4, 2025).
- Jack Wood, "The City and Spatial Rhetoric: Toward an Urban Methodology" (paper presented at *NCA 109th Annual Convention*, National Harbor, MD, November 19, 2023).
- Jack Wood, "Hyperdevelopment: Sign Value and the Rhetoric of the Urban Commodity" (paper presented at *NCA 109th Annual Convention*, National Harbor, MD, November 17, 2023).
- Jack Wood, "Enjoying Segregation in the Suburbs" (paper presented at *Popular Culture Association Conference*, San Antonio, TX, April 8, 2023).
- *Jack Wood, "The Suburban Technique" (paper presented at *Texas Tech Arts & Humanities Conference*, Lubbock, TX, November 3, 2022).
- *Jack Wood, "The Prison of Social Reproduction: Althusser, Bourdieu, and American Psycho" (paper presented at *Midwest Popular Culture Association*, Chicago, IL, October 14–16, 2022).
- Jack Wood and Bethany K. White, "#GIRLBOSS: Enjoying the Patriarchy" (paper presented at *NCA 108th Annual Convention*, New Orleans, LA, November 18, 2022).
- Jack Wood, "Student Perceptions of Instructor Self-Branding" (paper presented at *National Conference on Undergraduate Research*, San Diego, CA, April 14, 2021).
- **Top Paper Award*

Research Awards

Graduate School Doctoral Fellow Award	2023-27
Graduate School, University of Georgia	
Amount: \$7,000 Annually	
2026 Celest Condit Graduate Research Award	2026
Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia	
Top Student Paper in Rhetoric and Public Address	2026
Southern States Communication Association	
Top Student Paper in Game Studies	2025
National Communication Association	
2025 Robert Bostrom Young Scholar Award	2025
Southern States Communication Association	
Top Student Paper at Conference	
Top Student Paper in Rhetoric and Public Address	2025
Southern States Communication Association	
International Student Travel Grant	2023
International Semiotics Institute	
Award: Attendance and Travel to Prague, Czechia	

Outstanding Research Award Department of Communication Studies, Texas Tech University	2023
Runner-Up for Best Paper Competition Award Texas Tech Arts and Humanities Conference Amount: \$150	2022
Gary Burns Graduate Student Travel Grant Award Midwest Popular Culture Association Amount: \$100.	2022
Vera L. Simpson Speech Communication Association Membership Award Department of Communication Studies, Texas Tech University Amount: \$80.	2022

Research Development

Arch Ready Professionalism Certificate UGA Career Center, University of Georgia	2025
Internship Department of City Planning, City of Atlanta Neighborhood Planning Unit Taskforce	2024
Graduate Student International Summer School International Semiotics Institute Focused on Visual Metaphors in Urban Space Hosted at Charles University, Prague, Czechia	2023
The Cross-Disciplinary Doctoral Colloquium Institute for Studies in Pragmaticism, Texas Tech University	2022-23

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assignments

Graduate Teaching Assistantship University of Georgia, Department of Communication Studies	2023-
Graduate Teaching Assistantship Texas Tech University, Department of Communication Studies	2021-23

Selected Teaching

Instructor-of-Record (In-Person)

Introduction to Public Speaking (COMM 1110) Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia	2023-27
Business and Professional Communication (COMM 3200) Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia	2026
Introduction to Public Speaking (COMM 1110) (Accelerated, Short Semester) Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia	2026
Small Group Communication (COMM 3600) Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia	2026
Introduction to Rhetorical Criticism (COMM 3300) Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia	2026
Public Speaking (COMS 2300) Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia	2022-23

Instructor-of-Record (Online, Asynchronous/Hybrid)

Introduction to Interpersonal Communication (COMM 1500e)	2025
Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia	
Introduction to Rhetorical Criticism (COMM 3300e)	2024
Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia	
Public Speaking (COMS 2300)	2022-23
Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia	

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Public Speaking (COMM 1110)	2024
Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia	
Public Speaking (COMS 2300)	2021-22
Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia	

Invited Lectures

“Rhetorics of Belonging (Home): McAlister and Architectural Form”	2025
COMM 3340: Visual and Material Rhetoric	
Host: Barbara A. Biesecker	
Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia	
“Rhetorical Misrecognition and Spatial Enthymemes: A Psychoanalytic View of Space”	2023
Presented at Graduate Student Summer School	
Host: International Semiotic Institute	
Chares University, Prague, Czechia	

Teaching Development

Asynchronous Online Learning Workshop	2023
Graduate School, Texas Tech University	
Groundwork Instructional Development Program	2022
Graduate School, Texas Tech University	

SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Discipline

<i>Secretary</i>	
American Society for the History of Rhetoric	2025-

Conference

<i>Panel Chair</i>	
Southern States Communication Association Conference	2026
<i>Division:</i> Rhetoric and Public Address	
National Communication Association Convention	2025
<i>Division:</i> Activism and Social Justice	
National Communication Association Convention	2023
<i>Division:</i> Critical and Cultural Studies	
Popular Culture Association Conference	2023
<i>Division:</i> Rhetoric, Composition, & Popular Culture	

Reviewer

Southern States Communication Association Conference	2026
<i>Division:</i> Rhetoric and Public Address	
National Communication Association Conference	2025
<i>Divisions:</i> Critical and Cultural Studies	
Economics, Communication, and Society	
Political Communication	
Rhetorical and Communication Theory	
National Communication Association Conference	2023
<i>Divisions:</i> Critical and Cultural Studies	
Economics, Communication, and Society	

Department

Treasurer	UGA Comm Studies Grad Student Forum	2025-26
Judge	UGA Public Speaking Competition	2024
	Speak Up! Speech Competition, Texas Tech University	2021-23
Member	Graduate Student Society, Texas Tech University	2021-23

Community

Treasurer	UGA Chapter, Campus Workers of Georgia	2024-25
Trustee	Education Department Board, Industrial Workers of the World	2022-25
Chair	UGA Chapter, Campus Workers of Georgia	2023-24

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Planning Association	2024-
Southern States Communication Association	2023-
Popular Culture Association	2022-
Rhetoric Society of America	2022-
National Communication Association	2022-

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Squad Leader	United States Marine Corps	2012-20
	Honorable Discharge	
	Rank: Sergeant (E-5)	
	MOS: Infantry Rifleman (0311)	

REFERENCES

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