

John Banister

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Highly motivated educator with 9 years of experience leading college classrooms; awarded for excellent teaching performance; challenged students through innovative public policy debate approach to the introductory public speaking course. Published 4 peer-reviewed essays in the past 3 years while serving as instructor of record for 6 different courses. Demonstrated capacity for managing large-scale projects and personnel. Serves State of Georgia and the nation as an ordinance officer in the Army National Guard, currently appointed as a support operations officer for supply at the battalion level.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Argumentation | Legal Rhetoric | Authority | Public Speaking Pedagogy | Leadership
Deliberation | Professional Communication | Classical Rhetorical Theory | Freedom of Expression

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Communication Studies (2021)

University of Georgia
Dissertation: *Defending Judicial Authority: Legitimation Argument Strategies of the Roberts Court*
Adviser: Thomas M. Lessl

M.A. Rhetoric, Composition, and Professional Communication (2015)

Iowa State University
Thesis: *Epideictic Memories of War: Reconceiving the Classical Funeral Oration as Exigence-driven discourse*
Adviser: Jean Goodwin

B.A. Speech Communication (2011)

Iowa State University

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Visiting Lecturer (AUG 2022–Present)

University of Georgia
Department of Communication Studies

Courses Taught

COMM 1110, Intro to Public Speaking
COMM 1500, Intro to Interpersonal Communication
COMM 3200, Business and Professional Communication

Instructor of Record (2015–2021)

University of Georgia
Department of Communication Studies

Courses Taught:

COMM 1100/1110, Intro to Public Speaking
COMM 1500, Intro to Interpersonal Communication
COMM 2200, Rhetoric & Society

COMM 3300, Rhetorical Criticism

COMM 3310, Freedom of Speech

Teaching Assistant for:

COMM 4500, Communication in Close Relationships

Future Faculty Fellow (2018–2019)

University of Georgia

Center for Teaching and Learning

Graduate Teaching Assistant (2013–2015)

Iowa State University

Department of English

Courses Taught:

SPCM 212, Fundamentals of Public Speaking

SCHOLARSHIP

Current Projects

- Monograph: *Defending Judicial Authority: Legitimation Controversy and Argument Strategy of the Late Roberts Court*
- Article: “Debate for Everyone: Integrating Public Debate in the Basic Communication Course”

Peer Reviewed Publications

- Banister, J. (2023). Judicious invention: Flexible application of judicial doctrine in the Roberts Court’s voting rights jurisprudence. *Communication Quarterly* 71(1), 21-41. doi: 10.1080/01463373.2022.2100268
- Banister, J. (2022). On performativity and compelled commercial speech: Toward a workable standard. *Communication Law Review* 22(1), 74–103. Available at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hw5F4LM-Yvxve7x9pX9g4pAopo89s_79/view

****Awarded James Madison Prize for Outstanding Scholarship in First Amendment Studies**

- Banister, J. (2021). The dissociations of John Roberts: National Federation of Independent Business and the discontents of judicial supremacy. *Argumentation and Advocacy* 57(2), 123–139. doi: 10.1080/10511431.2021.1897275
- Banister, J. (2020). Narrativizing the surge: From quagmire to counterinsurgency in Iraq. *Western Journal of Communication* 84(5), 568–585. doi: 10.1080/10570314.2020.1738021
- Banister, J. (2014). Special occasion speaking. In L. Lefebvre (Ed.) *A speechmaker's reference*. Boston, MA: Pearson Custom Publishing.

Competitively Selected Conference Papers

- Banister, J. (2022) “On performativity and compelled commercial speech: toward a workable standard.” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association. New Orleans, LA.
- Banister, J. (2021). Textualism, the universal audience, and intentional constraints in the Roberts Court's voting rights jurisprudence. A paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association. Seattle, WA. ****Top Paper in Argumentation and Forensics Division**
- Banister, J. (2021). Reflections on judicial authority: Legitimation controversies and *Dignitas* at the Supreme Court. A paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association. Seattle, WA.
- Banister, J. (2020). From Obamacare to SCOTUSCare: Chief Justice John Roberts' dissociations in National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius. A paper accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Southern States Communication Association. Frisco, TX. ****Conference cancelled due to COVID 19**

- Banister, J. (2018). Antilogies and sophistic method: Protagoras, Antisthenes, and the strong case for rhetoric.” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern States Communication Association. Nashville, TN, April 2018.
- Banister, J. (2018). The pedagogical utility of the Toulmin model in the 21st century.” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association. Dallas, TX, November 2017 ****Top Student Paper in Basic Course Division**
- Banister, J. (2018). Dissent and transnational solidarity in independent hip-hop. A paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association. Dallas, TX.
- Banister, J. (2017). In search of the private: Rereading Hannah Arendt in the social networking age. A paper presented at the biennial AFA/NCA Alta Conference on Argumentation. Alta, UT, July 2017.
- Banister, J. (2017). Narrativizing the Iraq surge: A rhetorical history. A paper presented at the annual meeting of the annual meeting of the Southern States Communication Association Annual Convention. Greenville, SC.
- Banister, J. (2015). Demosthenes' epideictic advocacy: Rethinking the classical funeral oration as exigence-driven discourse” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association. Las Vegas, NV.
- Banister, J. (2014). Apuleius' Apologia and the aesthetic end of rhetoric. A paper presented at the Central States Communication Association Annual Convention. Minneapolis, MN.

Conference Discussion Panel Involvement

- *Panelist* – “Finding PLACE after Debate: What debaters do after debate ends.” A presentation at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association. New Orleans, LA, November 2022.
- *Chair* – “Gendered Expectations: Opportunities and Challenges in the Public Speaking Classroom” A presentation at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association. Las Vegas, NV, November 2015.
- *Panelist* – “Eyes, Ears, and Mouths: Engaging Past Theory after a Paradigm Shift.” A forum presentation at the annual meeting of the American Folklore Society. Long Beach, CA, October 2015.
- *Panelist* – “Converging for Collaboration: Theory, pedagogy, and practice of collaborative learning strategies in communication classrooms” A discussion presentation at Central States Communication Association Annual Convention. Madison, WI. ****Top Panel in the Communication Education Division**

AWARDS & INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Teaching and Research Awards

- James Madison Prize for Outstanding Research in First Amendment Studies, Southern States Communication Association (2023)
- Top Paper, National Communication Association, Argumentation and Forensics Division (2021)
- Osborne Fellowship, University of Georgia (2020–2021)
- Dr. Lawrence W. Hugenberg Top Student Paper Award, National Communication Association, Basic Course Division (2017)
- Top Panel, Central States Communication Association, Communication Education Division (2015)
- Teaching Excellence Award, Iowa State University (2015)
- Travel Awards
 - University of Georgia, Department of Communication Studies (2015, 2017, 2018)
 - Iowa State University, Graduate College (2014, 2015)
- Freda Hunke Fellowship, Iowa State University (2013)

Invited Presentations and Writings on Teaching

- Banister, J. (2019). Surviving your first year as a teaching assistant,” *GRADTeach Magazine* 23, 3–4.
- “Strategies for Efficient Grading.” A breakout workshop facilitated at University of Georgia’s New TA/LA orientation (co-led with K.C. Jones and Jeffrey Robert). Athens, GA August 2018.
- “Choosing an adviser and making the most of coursework: some tradeoffs” A guest lecture presented to a gathering of COMM 8020. Athens, GA. October 2017 & October 2018.
- “Teaching online as a graduate student: Some reflections” A guest lecture presented to a gathering of COMM 8010. Athens, GA. October 2017.
- “Making the most of your speech communication degree” A panel presentation to graduating students in the B.A. program in Speech Communication. Ames, IA, May 2015.
- “Speaking at Special Occasions” A lecture presented to two large lecturing gatherings of Speech Communication 212, Ames, IA, November 2014.
- "Presenting at Conferences as a Graduate Student." A symposium presentation for graduate students in the Department of English on successful research presentation at professional conferences. Ames, IA. October 2014.

MILITARY SERVICE

Support Operations Officer for Supply (April 2023–Present)

110th Combat Support Sustainment Battalion, Tifton, GA

Company Executive Officer (September 2021–April 2023)

277th Support Maintenance Company, Kennesaw, GA

Maintenance Platoon Leader (June 2020–September 2021)

277th Support Maintenance Company, Kennesaw, GA

Commissioned Officer Candidate (October 2019-May 2020)

3-11 Infantry Regiment, Fort Benning, GA

Military Education

- Transportation of Hazardous Materials, Camp Robinson, AR (2023)
- Logistics Officer Leader Course, Army Logistics University, Fort Lee, VA (2021)
- Platoon Leadership Strategies, Clay National Guard Center, Marietta, GA (2020)
- Infantry Tactics and Leadership, U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, GA (2020)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Editorial Board Member

- *Communication Law Review* (2021–)

Vice Chair, Elect

- Freedom of Speech Division, Southern States Communication Association (2023–2026)

Division Secretary

- Communication and Law Division, National Communication Association (2022—2024)

Ad Hoc Manuscript Reviewer

- National Communication Association, Various Divisions and Interest Groups (2016–)
- *Southern Communication Journal* (2017–2019)
- Southern States Communication Association, Rhetoric and Public Address Division (2017–2020)

Teaching Mentoring as Future Faculty Fellow (2018–2019)

- New TA/LA Orientation, Organizer and Breakout Leader
- Facilitator, Mid-semester Formative Evaluations and New TA Coaching

President, Communication Studies Graduate Forum (2016–2017)

- Represented graduate students at faculty meetings; organized of social and professional development programs for current and prospective graduate students; assisted in recruitment of graduate students and faculty

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- National Communication Association
- Southern States Communication Association
- Military Officers Association of America

REFERENCES

- Dr. Peter O’Connell, poconnell@uga.edu; 706-542-4179
Associate Professor and Chair of Communication Studies
University of Georgia
- Dr. Thomas M. Lessl, tlessl@uga.edu; 706-542-4893
Professor of Communication Studies
University of Georgia
- Dr. Bjørn Stillion Southard, bjorn@uga.edu; 706-542-4893
Associate Professor of Communication Studies and Director of Debate
University of Georgia
- Captain Bethany Chisley, bethany.r.chisley.mil@army.mil, 678-569-7246
Commander
277th Support Maintenance Company, Georgia Army National Guard