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EDUCATION

Ph.D., anticipated May 2027, Communication Studies, University of Georgia. Athens, Georgia.
Certificates: Urban and Metropolitan Studies (Geography) & University Teaching (Education)
Committee: Barbara A. Biesecker, Roger Stahl, & Maryam Ahmadi
Dissertation: On Reading the City: Real Abstraction and Urban Rhetorical Formalism

M.A., 2023, Communication Studies, Texas Tech University. Lubbock, Texas.
Committee: Catherine L. Langford, Megan Condis, & Eliane Bisanz
Thesis: The Rhetoric of Spatial Reproduction: Urban Rhetoric & the Enjoyment of Structural Fantasy

B.S., 2020, Marketing, University of Wisconsin. La Crosse, Wisconsin.
Minors: Political Science & Sociology

A.A.S., 2016, Video and Motion Graphics, Madison Media Institute. Madison, Wisconsin.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Arch Ready Professionalism Certificate, UGA Career Center. University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. September 2025.

Intern, City Planning: NPU Taskforce. Department of City Planning, City of Atlanta. Summer 2024.

International Semiotic Summer School in Prague: Visual Metaphor. *International Semiotics Institute*, hosted by Charles University, Prague, Czechia. July 23–28, 2023.

Asynchronous Online Learning Workshop. Texas Tech University Graduate School. Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas. April 2023.

Groundwork Instructional Development Program. Texas Tech University Graduate School. Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas. January 2022.

The Cross-Disciplinary Doctoral Colloquium. Institute for Studies in Pragmaticism. Texas Tech University, Lubbock Texas. Fall 2022 and Spring 2023.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

Graduate Teaching Assistantship. University of Georgia, Department of Communication Studies. Fall 2023–Spring 2027.

Editorial Assistant, *Rhetoric and Public Affairs*, edited by Catherine L. Langford. April 2022–May 2023.

Research Assistantship. Texas Tech University, Department of Communication Studies. Fall 2022–Spring 2023.

Graduate Teaching Assistantship. Texas Tech University, Department of Communication Studies. Fall 2021–Spring 2023.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Graduate School Doctoral Fellow Award. Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia, Athens, GA. 2023–2027. \$7,000 (Annually).

2026 Celest Condit Graduate Research Award. Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia, Athens, GA. April 26, 2026.

Top Student Paper in the Rhetoric and Public Address Division, Award for “The Metaphors of Growth: Rhetoric’s Role in Philanthropic Development,” presented at *96th Annual Southern States Communication Association Convention*, Birmingham, AL. April 11, 2026.

Top Student Paper in the Game Studies Division for “Form, Procedure, and Neoliberal Governmentality in *Cities: Skylines*,” paper presented at *NCA 111th Annual Convention*, Denver, CO, November 22, 2025.

2025 Robert Bostrom Young Scholar Award for Top Student Paper in Conference at *95th Annual Southern States Communication Association Convention*, Norfolk, VA. April 5, 2025.

Top Student Paper in the Rhetoric and Public Address Division for “Rethinking ‘Resilience’ in the Rhetoric of Urban Planning,” presented at *Southern States Communication Association*, Norfolk, VA. April 4, 2025.

Outstanding Research Award. Department of Communication Studies, Texas Tech University. Lubbock, TX. April 28, 2023.

Runner-Up for Best Paper Competition. Award for “The Suburban Technique: Southbridge and Structural Fantasy,” presented at *Texas Tech Arts & Humanities Conference*. Lubbock, TX, November 3, 2022. \$150.

Gary Burns Graduate Student Travel Grant Award for “The Prison of Social Reproduction: Althusser, Bourdieu, and *American Psycho*,” presented at *Midwest Popular Culture Association*. Chicago, Illinois, October 14, 2022. \$100.

Vera L. Simpson Speech Communication Association Membership Award. Department of Communication Studies, Texas Tech University. Lubbock, TX, April 27, 2022. \$80.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

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

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

Wood, Jack. “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/>.

COMPETITIVELY SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Wood, Jack. “Syntactic Skylines: Real Abstraction, Temporality, and Urban Rhetorical Formalism.” *NCA 112th Annual Convention*, New Orleans, LA. November 21, 2026.

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

INVITED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- Panel Chair. "Breaking News: Rhetoric, Memory, and the Sensory Politics of News Coverage." Rhetoric & Public Address Division, *96th Annual Southern States Communication Association (SSCA) Convention*, Birmingham, AL. April 11, 2026.
- Panel Chair. "Visual Rhetorics of Art, Space, Museums, and Activism." Activism and Social Justice Division, *National Communication Association (NCA) 111th Annual Convention*, Denver, CO. November 21, 2025.
- Panel Chair. *Infrastructure of Oppression*, 2023 National Communication Association Conference, National Harbor, MD. November 19, 2023.
- Panel Chair. *Rhetoric, Composition, and Popular Culture I: Rethinking Rhetorics of Daily Life*, 2023 Popular Culture Association Conference, San Antonio, TX. April 8, 2023.

SELECTED TEACHING

- COMM 3200: Business and Professional Communication. Instructor-of-Record. Modality: in-person. University of Georgia, Fall 2026.

COMM 3600: Small Group Communication. Instructor-of-Record. Modality: in-person. University of Georgia, Spring 2026.

COMM 3300: Introduction to Rhetorical Criticism. Instructor of Record. Modality: in-person. University of Georgia, Spring 2026.

COMM 1110: Introduction to Public Speaking. Instructor-of-Record. Modality: in-person. University of Georgia, Fall 2023–present.

COMM 1500e: Introduction to Interpersonal Communication. Instructor-of-Record. Modality: Online, Asynchronous. University of Georgia, Summer 2025.

COMM 3300e: Introduction to Rhetorical Criticism. Instructor-of-Record. Modality: Online, Asynchronous. University of Georgia, Summer 2024.

COMM 1110: Introduction to Public Speaking. Graduate Teaching Assistant. Modality: in-person. University of Georgia, Spring 2024.

COMS 2300: Public Speaking. Instructor-of-Record. Modalities: in-person, asynchronous online. Texas Tech University, Summer 2022–Spring 2023.

COMS 2300: Public Speaking. GTA Lab Instructor. Modality: in-person. Texas Tech University, Fall 2021–Spring 2022.

INVITED LECTURES

“Rhetorics of Belonging (Home): McAlister’s ‘Materialist Aesthetic.’” Presented in COMM 3340: Visual and Material Rhetoric, instructor: Barbara A. Biesecker, University of Georgia. Spring 2025.

“Rhetorical Misrecognition and Spatial Enthymemes: A Psychoanalytic View of Space.” Presented at *International Semiotic Institute*, Prague, Czechia. July 26, 2023.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION AND DEPARTMENT

Reviewer. *2026 Southern States Communication Association Conference*. Rhetoric & Public Address Division. Birmingham, AL.

Secretary. *American Society for the History of Rhetoric*. Southern States Communication Association. 2025–2026.

Treasurer. *Communication Studies Grad Student Forum*. University of Georgia, Department of Communication Studies, Athens, GA. 2025–2026.

Reviewer. *2025 National Communication Association Conference*. Critical and Cultural Studies Division, Economics, Communication, and Society Division, Political Communication Division, & Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division.

Contestant Judge. *University of Georgia Public Speaking Competition*. Department of Communication Studies, Athens, GA, April 2024.

Reviewer. *2023 National Communication Association Conference*. Critical and Cultural Studies Division & Economics, Communication, and Society Division.

Contestant Judge. *Speak Up! Speech Competition*, College of Media and Communication, Texas Tech University. Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, and Spring 2023.

Co-Chair. *Campus Workers of Georgia, University of Georgia Chapter*, Athens, GA. 2023–2024.; Treasurer for 2024–2025.

Committee Member. Education Department Board, *Industrial Workers of the World (IWW)*, Chicago, IL. April 2022–2025.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Student Member. *American Planning Association*. Spring 2024–Present.

Member. *Southern States Communication Association*. Spring 2023–Present.

Member. *Popular Culture Association*. Fall 2022–Present.

Student Member. *Rhetoric Society of America*. Fall 2022–Present.

Member. *Midwest Popular Culture Association*. Spring 2022–Spring 2023.

Member. *National Communication Association*. Spring 2022–Present.

Member. *Graduate Student Society*, Texas Tech University. Fall 2021–Spring 2023.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Sergeant, E-5. United States Marine Corps (0311). 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Division, New Orleans, LA. 2012–2020.

REFERENCES

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