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Education

Texas A&M University, 2013, Ph.D., Rhetoric and Public Affairs
University of Cincinnati, 2009, M.A., Communication
Western Kentucky University, 2007, B.A., Communication and Sociology

Research Interests

First Amendment and Religious Communication

Appointments at Vanderbilt

Senior Lecturer, 2015-Present
Lecturer, 2014-2015

Teaching at Vanderbilt

CMST 1002: Introduction to Communication Studies
CMST 1500: Fundamentals of Public Speaking
CMST 2110: Persuasion
CMST 2120: Business Communication
CMST 3000: Rhetoric of the American Experience, 1640-1865
CMST 3001: Rhetoric of the American Experience, 1865-1945
CMST 3050: Histories of Public Communication
CMST 3120: Rhetoric of U.S. Religion
CMST 3140: Communication and the First Amendment
AMER 2700: Religion, Politics, and American Culture
CAL 1800: Speaking, Leading, Engaging

Invited Lectures and Consulting at Vanderbilt

Lecture - "Public Speaking and Presentation Skills" at Vanderbilt Next Steps Self Advocacy and Leadership (SAIL) Program (2025)
Lecture - "We All Have Something to Say" at Vanderbilt Next Steps Summer Institute (2023)
Lecture - "We All Have Something to Say" at Vanderbilt Next Steps Summer Institute (2022)
Consulting - Next Steps Self Advocacy and Leadership (SAIL) Program (2022)

Service at Vanderbilt

Department of Communication Studies Governance Committee
Department of Communication Studies Assessment Committee
Vanderbilt Major Showcase: Pathways to the Future (2024)
Immersion Project Advisor, 2023-present
Honor's Thesis Committee (2023)
Vanderbilt Visions Faculty VUceptor, 2018-present
Director of Lambda Pi Eta (CMST Honor Society), 2016-present (record-setting membership)
Undergraduate Advisor, 2016-present

Honors at Vanderbilt

Madison Sarratt Prize for Excellence in Teaching and the Ellen Gregg Ingalls Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching (Nominated)

Grants at Vanderbilt

Immersion Mini-Grant (Spring 2025)

Scholarship at Vanderbilt

Dustin A. Wood (May 25, 2017). "Tennessee's Campus Free Speech Protection Act – A Victory For Free Speech?" National Communication Association, *Communication Currents*, Available Online: <https://www.natcom.org/communication-currents/tennessee%E2%80%99s-campus-free-speech-protection-act-%E2%80%93-victory-free-speech>

Immersive Educational Experiences at Vanderbilt

Visits to First Amendment Center Protest Exhibit (Course: Communication and the First Amendment)

Visits to The Hermitage, home of President Andrew Jackson (Course: Histories of Public Communication)

Visits to Wightman Chapel, historic site of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. speech (Course: Rhetoric of U.S. Religion)

One Small Step workshops (Course: Business Communication)