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Teaching Experience

Bethel University, Arden Hills, Minnesota

Professor and Chair of Communication Studies; Director of Forensics (1997-present)
Tenure earned Spring 2002, renewed Fall 2007-Spring 2014

Taught Persuasion, Basic Communication, Argumentation and Debate, Media Communication, American Public Address, Advanced Public Speaking, Rhetorical Criticism and Senior Seminar. Developed and taught new courses in Communication Technology, Political Communication, Rhetoric of Science and Technology, Rhetoric of Religion, Television Criticism, Rhetoric of Katrina, and a forensics practicum. Performed undergraduate and graduate advising. Taught Introduction to Communication Studies, Contemporary Issues, Public Presentations, Qualitative Research, Quantitative Research, Rhetorical Analysis and Master's Thesis courses in the M.A. program.

Created first edition of general guidelines document for M.A. program, as well as the first edition of guidelines for the comprehensive examination. Served as member of various master's committees. Chaired Institutional Technology and Academic Advisory Services (formerly Academic Computing) Committee and Honors Committee. Served as acting director of graduate program and as co-director of Post-Secondary Teaching Certificate program (sabbatical replacement).

Palm Beach Atlantic College, West Palm Beach, Florida

Assistant Professor of Communication and Director of Forensics (1995-1997)

Taught Introduction to Mass Media, Persuasion, Advanced Communication Studies (Advanced Public Speaking), Argumentation and Debate, and Communication and Critical Thought (public speaking). Developed new courses in Television Criticism, Political Communication, Ethical Implications in Communication, Communication Technology, and a forensics practicum.

Member and secretary of the Academic Computing Committee (1995-1997), and served on the review and organizing committee for Faith in the Christian Community conference.

Also set up WWW site for School of Arts and Sciences, including Communication, Forensics, English, History, Mathematics, Biology and Religion/Philosophy (approximately 20 WWW pages).

Teaching Experience

St. Joseph's Seminary, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Instructor (Seminary Extension)

(1994)

Taught two homiletics courses, involving basic public speaking and lecturing, as well as sermon construction.

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Graduate Fellow

(1992-1995)

Taught Interpersonal Communication, Public Speaking, and Business and Professional Speaking on volunteer basis.

Had student win university-wide Informative Speaking Contest (Nov. 1993)

University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

Graduate College Fellow and Graduate Instructor

(1989-1992)

Taught variety of Rhetoric Dept. courses, which were integrated reading, writing and speaking courses. Responsible for 100% of course content.

Also was member of departmental Speaking Lab (August 1990 - May 1992). Helped students overcome speech anxiety, as well as assisted with speech preparation and delivery. Worked extensively with ESL students.

North Central College, Naperville, Illinois

Assisted with Argumentation and Debate course (March - May 1991). Helped judge one-half of in-class debates.

Education

Louisiana State University

Doctor of Philosophy, Speech Communication (Rhetoric/Public Address), 1995

Major Professor: Ken Zagacki

Dissertation Title: *Counting on You: The Rhetoric of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Standards.*

University of Iowa

Master of Arts, Communication Studies (Rhetorical Studies), 1992

Major Professor: Donovan Ochs

North Central College

Bachelor of Arts (Honors degree), Mathematics and Speech Communication/Theater, 1989

Secondary Education emphasis

Forensics Experience

Bethel University

Director of Forensics

(1997-Present)

- Hosted Bethel Royal Invitational (2001, 2007), Mid America Forensics League Tournament (2003), Minnesota Intercollegiate Forensics Invitational (2005)
- Hosted Novice Nationals Individual Events/Parliamentary Debate Tournament (1998)
- Tournament Director, Novice Nationals (1997-present; co-director 1997-1998)
- Tournament Director, National Christian College Forensics Invitational (2002-present)
- Expanded program to include all individual events, parliamentary and NFA-LD debate.
- Expanded student participation to 24-30 active team members and 125 students completing departmental participation requirements.
- Expanded scholarship program for incoming students.
- Team has won 15 national championships (nine individual and two parli team at National Christian College Forensics Invitational; 2006 Overall team sweepstakes championship and 2007 Individual Events team championship at NCCFI; three individuals at Novice Nationals)
- Coached NPDA All-American (2007)

Palm Beach Atlantic College

Director of Forensics

(1995-1997)

- Started forensics program in individual events and parliamentary debate.
- Hosted Sailfish Invitational Tournament, including IE, CEDA, and Parliamentary debate (1996)
- Helped co-organize and ran tab room for Florida First Parliamentary Debate Tournament (1997)
- Started scholarship program (1996-1997)
- Team won limited entry division, Florida Intercollegiate Forensics Association state tournament and had four finalists at Novice Nationals (1997)

Louisiana State University

Worked on a volunteer basis with the CEDA debate team (1992-1994).

North Central College

Worked as a volunteer assistant coach (1989-1992). Traveled with the team to tournaments in Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

Internal and External Service

Internal Committee Assignments

Bethel University

Chair, Department of Communication Studies	(Spring 2006-present)
Acting Director, Master of Arts in Communication	(January - July 2006)
Co-Director, Post-Secondary Teaching Certificate	(Fall 2006-Spring 2007)
Department Chairs Advisory Committee	(February 2006 - present)
Graduate Academic Advisory Committee	(January 2006 - May 2006)
Academic Computer Committee/ITSAAC	(1998-present)
Chairperson	(1998-2001, 2005-2007)
Ad Hoc Human Research Subcommittee	(1998-2000)
Institutional Review Board	(2000-2004)
Honors Committee	(2004-present)
Chairperson	(2005-2007)
World Wide Web Committee	(2005-2007)
–University wide committee charged with overseeing Bethel’s internet presence.	
Blink Committee	(2006-2007)
–Served as faculty representative to content committee and committee of the whole.	
Electronic Communications Committee	(2007-present)
–University wide committee charged with overseeing Bethel’s portal and internet presence.	

Palm Beach Atlantic College

Academic Computer Committee	(1995-1997)
Secretary	(1996-1997)

Internal Departmental Service

Bethel University

Maintained departmental website. Added 45 new pages of content. (1997-present)
Departmental website conforms to WCAG guidelines for accessibility (AA and AAA level)

Created first draft of departmental handbook and first set of guidelines for comprehensive exams for M.A. in Communication program

Worked as part of ITS-Testers group. Helped to test email programs/settings before campus-wide deployment, as well as worked on departmental template for all departmental websites to “AAA” accessibility standards.

Co-wrote curriculum revision proposal for Communication Studies major (Fall 2005), and wrote justification statement for name change in major.

Internal and External Service

National Christian College Forensics Association

Wrote extemporaneous and parliamentary debate topics (1999, 2000)
 Chair, Extemporaneous Topics committee (2000)
 Tournament Director and Webmaster (2002-present)
Responsibility for scheduling tournament, taking entries, and directing 3-day tournament (involves 200+ people, nearly 600 entries.)

Religious Speech Communication Association

Section Chair, Curriculum and Instruction (1994-1997)

National Forensics Association

Member of Impromptu Topics Committee (1998)
 Webmaster, NFA Webpage (1997-present)
<http://comm.bethel.edu/nfa/index.html>
 Created and maintained 190 individual webpages
 Converted *National Forensic Journal* and placed more than 235 articles online.

National Parliamentary Debate Association

Webmaster, NPDA Webpage (1998-2008)
<http://comm.bethel.edu/npda/index.html>
 (Maintained 90 individual webpages)
 Converted *Parliamentary Debate* journal and placed more than 70 articles online
 Member, Human Subjects Committee (1999-2002)
 Appointed to Executive Council (2001-present)
 Served on Constitutional Review Committee (2001, 2003, 2004-2006)
 Member of Publications Committee (2001-present)
 Appointed to Ethics Review Ad Hoc Committee (2003)
 Appointed to Professional Development Committee (2003-2007)

Minnesota Intercollegiate Forensics Association

Elected to Executive Committee (2005-present)
 (Three times elected by peer coaches in state)
 Host of state tournament (2005)

Council of Forensic Organizations

(Overall coordinating body for 15 national forensic organizations)
 Secretary (2006-present)
 Member (1998-present)

Pi Kappa Delta

Wrote extemporaneous topics for national tournament (1999)

Debate Watch '96

Co-State Coordinator

--Conducted two focus groups

(1996)

Southern Speech Communication Association

Webmaster, Popular Culture Division

(1996-2002)

Twin Cities Forensics League

Wrote Extemporaneous and Parliamentary Topics for various tournaments

(1999-2002, 2005-present)

Honors and Awards

Bethel University

Recognized seven times for meeting course objectives in top 10% of college

(1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006)

External Coaching Awards:

Named outstanding coach, Minnesota State-Mankato tournament

(2004)

Named outstanding coach, National Christian College Forensics Invitational

(2003)

Named outstanding coach, Creighton/Concordia tournament (inaugural award)

(2002)

Louisiana State University:

Graduate College Fellow

(1992-1995)

Graduate Student/Faculty Liaison

(1993-1994)

Elected by fellow graduate students

University of Iowa:

Teaching/Research Fellow

(1989-1991)

Presented at Departmental PhD Seminar

(1991)

North Central College:

Illinois PTA Scholarship

(1985-1986)

College Scholar (NCC Honors Program)

(1985-1989)

Presidential Scholar

(1985-1989)

(Academic, top 12 of entering class)

Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities

(1988)

Outstanding Senior, Speech Communication/Theater

(1989)

Editorial Activity

Associate Editor, *National Forensic Journal*, 2005-present.

Associate Editor, *Parliamentary Debate*, 2006-present.

Associate Editor, Communication and Theater Association of Minnesota Journal, 1998-present.

Reviewer, Wisconsin Communication Association Journal, 2002.

Invited Reviewer, Kentucky Communication Association Journal, 2000.

Publications

Dreher, Michael. "Component-Based Forensic Participation: Using Components to Build a Traditional Team." *Southern Journal of Forensics* 2.3 (Fall 1997), 236-243.

Dreher, Michael. "Issues of Argument in Contemporary Public Address/Limited Prep Events." *Southern Journal of Forensics* 2.4 (Summer 1997).

Dreher, Michael. "Landmark Essays on Kenneth Burke." *Southern Communication Journal* 61.1 (1995): 91-92.

Conference Papers

Dreher, Michael. "The Value of Forensic Programs to the Departments Who Sponsor Them: Why Should Communication Departments Support Competitive Speech Teams?" Presented at NCA, Chicago, 2007.

Dreher, Michael. "Revealing the Heart of the Heartland: Exploring the Rhetoric of Brokeback Mountain." Presented at NCA, San Antonio, 2006.

Dreher, Michael. "An Examination of Judging Philosophies: What Are the Philosophies of Forensics Organizations?" Presented at NCA, Miami, 2003.

Dreher, Michael. "The Nerdy Forensicator: Examining the Expectations of Other Students." Presented at NCA, New Orleans, 2002.

Dreher, Michael. "An Examination of National Sweepstakes Systems: What Are We Rewarding?" Presented at NCA, New Orleans, 2002.

Dreher, Michael. "Keeping the Minnesota State Tournament More Collegial." Presented at NCA, Atlanta, 2001.

Dreher, Michael. "Agitating Parents: The Rhetoric of the Revised NCTM *Standards*." Presented at NCA, Seattle, 2000.

Dreher, Michael. "Which Brings Me to the Following Quotation: A Cost Benefit Analysis of Alternative Artifacts in Impromptu Speaking." Presented at NCA, New York City, Fall 1998.

- Dreher, Michael. "Moving Mathematically Through Communication ... or Is It Communicating About Math? Explorations in the Rhetoric of Mathematics." Presented at NCA, Fall 1998.
- Dreher, Michael and Harold Mixon. "Toward a Rhetoric of Inerrancy." Presented at SCA Seminar, San Antonio, Fall 1995.
- Dreher, Michael. "Building Community in the Face of Dissension: A Rhetorical Analysis of the Baptist Message." Presented at SCA, New Orleans, Fall 1994.
- Dreher, Michael. "Is It 'More Complicated Than That?' Examining Daniel Vestal's CBF Address in Light of Burke." Presented at SCA, New Orleans, Fall 1994.
- Dreher, Michael. "What is Mathematicalism? Toward a Rhetoric of Mathematics." Presented at SSCA, Norfolk, Virginia, Spring 1994.
- Dreher, Michael. "Evangelical Capitalism and Narrative Pluralism: The Use of Narrative in the Evangelical Book Market." Presented at SSCA, Norfolk, Virginia, Spring 1994.
- Dreher, Michael. "Communication Theory and Religious Practice: Resolving the Personal Paradox." Presented at SCA, Miami Beach, 1993.
- Dreher, Michael. "Common Ground: Striking a Balance Between Argumentative Context and Social Context." Presented at SCA, Atlanta, 1991.
- Dreher, Michael. "An Approach for Studying a Rhetoric of Mathematics." Presented at Iowa Communication Association, Iowa City, 1991.
- Dreher, Michael. "An Analysis of Teacher-Student Communication in the Secondary Mathematics Classroom." Presented at SCA, San Francisco, 1989 and at the Undergraduate Honors Conference, DePauw University, 1989.
- Paine, Richard E. and Michael Dreher. "Cory Aquino: Analysis of the Media's Portrayal of Female Leadership 'Under Fire.'" Presented at CSCA, 1988.
- Paine, Richard E. and Michael Dreher. "Pat Robertson: Messiah or Ideologue? (Pat Robertson as Politician)" Presented at SSCA/CSCA, 1987.

Conference Presentations

- Dreher, Michael. "Developing Programs of Literature." Presentation to District 4 Forensics Workshop, St. Cloud State University, September 2005.
- Dreher, Michael. "Who Me? What Do I Have to Publish?" (Presentation about *CTAM Journal*). Presented at CTAM, Mankato, 2005.
- Dreher, Michael. "Approaches to the Rhetoric of Religion Course." Presented at NCA, Atlanta, 2001.
- Dreher, Michael. "Approaches to Mass Media at a Liberal Arts College." Presented at CTAM, Mankato, 2001.
- Respondent to panel: "Forensics in the New Millenium." Presented at NCA, Seattle, 2000.

Dreher, Michael. "Engagement with Other Disciplines: Lesson and Models for Undergraduate Communication Programs: Art, English, Communication and Media Studies." Presented at NCA, Seattle, 2000.

Kuster, Tom, Michael Dreher, and Phil Voight. Presentation on Parliamentary Debate. Presented at the Communication and Theater Association of Minnesota, Fall 1998.

Dreher, Michael. "Promoting Group Norms with the Novice Forensics Team: How Do we Get Students to Take the Lead?" Presented at SCA, Chicago, 1997.

Dreher, Michael and Tammy Schexnaider. "Forensics and the Young Married Couple: When Two Worlds Collide." Presented at SCA, Chicago, 1997.

Dreher, Michael and Richard E. Paine. "Implications of Generation X in Teaching Style: What Should we Do With Our Teaching?" Presented at SCA, San Diego, 1996.

Master's Thesis Committee Work

Committees Chaired:

Glenn Hansen (completed August 1999)

Paper derived from thesis received "Top 3" award in Political Communication, National Communication Association Conference, Seattle, 2000

Tonia Shupien (completed July 2000)

Marita Meinerts (completed July 2001)

Jann Stumbo (completed June 2002)

Terri Ricci (completed August 2002)

Mark Hyde (completed September 2002)

Daniel Werder (completed January 2006)

Lori Pierce (completed February 2006)

Shawna Warner (completed May 2006)

Pat Lawton (completed June 2006)

Lindsay Norman (completed June 2006)

Marcia Soto (completed June 2007)

Sarah Olson (completed August 2007)

Matthew Kelly

Daunn Monte

Betty Skoglund

Tara Ivory

Mindy Nuhring

Todd Wold

Christine Lindquist

Committees As Second Member:

Heidi Koopman (completed May 1999)
Carl Estey (completed November 1999)
Laura Christiansen Watkins (completed January 2000)
Marguerite Hegman (completed June 2000)
Laurieann Miller (completed August 2000)
Shelby Starck (completed January 2001)
Jill Rosckes (completed July 2001)
Bev Hinkel (completed July 2001)
Kelly McClellan (completed December 2001)
Melissa Landin (completed June 2003)
Noelle Schaffer (completed June 2003)
Judith Olson (completed June 2003)
Jill Jarvis (completed May 2004)
Lisa Como (completed April 2005)
Jeri Middlebrook-Vogel (completed June 2005)
Melissa Borths (completed June 2005)
Jeffrey Swenson (completed February 2006)
Amy Thompson (completed June 2006)
Marian Meyer (completed June 2006)
Julie Smith (completed August 2006)
Sandra Johnson (defended October 2006)
David Broza (completed April 2007)
Nicholas Wellen (completed May 2007)
Mark Kretschmar (completed June 2007)
Tamara Schmitz (completed September 2007)
Kathryn Zielenski Dona (completed November 2007)
Kathleen Greenwood

Committees As Third Member:

Derick Lyngholm (completed September 2002)
Brian Larson (completed November 2002)
Shiloh Gideon-Sjorstrom (completed February 2003)
Suzanne Koelling (completed June 2003)
Renee Jernander (completed February 2005)
Katie Kraining (completed February 2005)
Brett Dumke (completed June 2007)

Organizations

American Forensics Association

National Communication Association

National Forensic Association

National Parliamentary Debate Association

Religious Communication Association

National Christian College Forensics Association

Communication and Theater Association of Minnesota

Pi Kappa Delta (Highest Distinction in Order of Forensics and Instruction)

Guild of Accessible Web Designers (see <http://www.gawds.org>)

Research Interests

- Rhetoric of Mathematics
- Rhetoric of Religion
- Political Rhetoric
- Communication Technology