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Education

Ph.D Communication and Culture, Indiana University, 2003
M.A. Speech Communication, Indiana University, 1998
M.Div. Princeton Theological Seminary, 1996
B.S. Speech Communication and Philosophy, Bradley University, 1993

Teaching Experience

Marian University (Assistant Professor, 2004-10, Associate Professor, 2010-present)
Indiana University (Visiting Assistant Professor, 2003-04)

Administrative Appointments

University Ombudsperson faculty/staff and admin. problem-solving, dispute resolution (2022-present)
Department Chair 9 full-time faculty/staff, 3 university programs directors (2011-2022)
Presiding Officer of the Faculty Assembly moderate all-faculty body, rep. to board of trustees (2016-19)
Director of Forensics recruiting, manage coaching staff and travel, alumni development (2007-2017)
Director of Communication Program scheduling, manage budget and part-time faculty (2004-2011)

Administrative Service Highlights

Faculty Development Rearticulated the annual faculty evaluation process, chaired promotion and tenure committee, chaired 12 search committees, faculty mentor and primary evaluator.
Strategic Planning Provided model for department-level strategic plans, launched new programs (forensics, speaking center, student media), project needs/cost of staffing and resources for programs.
Recruiting Regularly speak at events for prospective students and parents, developed marketing materials for multiple programs, visit area high schools, set recruiting goals and track engagement.
Budget Stewardship Oversee four program budgets, justify capital expenses and new hires, assess space needs, review risks and opportunities for co-curricular programs.
Curriculum Design Create and assess curricula in communication, collaborated on program design in liberal arts, overhauled online courses, assessed two-year college curricula, facilitated proposal for honors program.

University Service Highlights

Teaching and Learning Committee institutional outcomes, program assessment (2011-2019)
Promotion and Tenure Committee (2017-18, 2019-2021)
Campus Ministry workshops, retreats, preaching, pastoral care (2005-present)
Peace and Justice Studies Program launched and facilitated living-learning community (2006-2020)

Selected Courses Taught

The Art of Dialogue
Conflict Transformation
Speech Writing
New Media and Digital Culture
Listening and Community
Prophetic Social Criticism
Myth and Metaphor
Prophets, Mystics, and Heretics: Voices from the Franciscan Tradition

Professional Leadership and Community Activity

Parish Associate, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, IN	2005-2021
Parish Associate, Fairview Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, IN	2021-present
Pulpit Supply, Whitewater Valley Presbytery	2004-present
Editorial Board, National Forensic Journal	2013-present
Indiana Forensic Association (Vice President, President, Tournament Director)	2011-2017
National Forensic Association (executive council)	2011-2016
Clergy Sexual Misconduct Response Team, Whitewater Valley Presbytery	2014-16
Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Whitewater Valley Presbytery	2010-12

Selected Scholarship

Presentations / Workshops on the Art of Dialogue
(Sienna College, 2019. Lilly Teaching Conference, 2019. Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities, 2018. Marian University, 2017.)

Presentations / Workshops on Boundaries, Balance, and Systems Theory
(Lilly Teaching Conference, 2019. Marian University, 2019.)

“What Forensics Did For Me.” *Speaker and Gavel*. 54:2, Winter 2017.

Conference Papers and Presentations on Speech and Debate Education.
(National Communication Association. 2009, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)

Conference Papers on the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the debate over LGBT ordination.
(National Communication Association. 2004, 2007)

Selected Presentations at Marian University

“Franciscan Leadership” for Student Government Association. 2023.

“The Art of Listening” Marian University College of Medicine. 2021.

“Christians in Dialogue and Conflict” Lecture for San Damiano Scholars. 2018

“Success and Student Engagement” Scholarship Day. 2018.

“The Journey of Forgiveness” Faith and Ideas Series. 2018.

“Academic Integration” Student Orientation. 2018.

“Leading from the Middle” Department Chairs’ Workshop. 2017

“How to Make a Big Decision” Faith and Ideas Series. 2016

“Discerning Your Academic Journey” Student Orientation Talk. 2016.

Honors and Awards

National Forensic Association Distinguished Service Award	2013
National Forensic Association Hall of Fame	2000
National Champion in Persuasive Speaking (NFA)	1993

*A complete list of 25 courses taught plus all scholarship and service activities is available upon request.