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Academic Positions

Teaching Track Instructor 8/16/2023 → Current / University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC / Courses taught: Public Speaking and Online Communication.

International Admissions Analyst 10/2022 → 1/2023, Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, AR

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Instructor of Record 8/2016 → 5/2021 Georgia State University in Atlanta, GA / Courses Taught: Fundamentals of Human Communication (online and small class), Argumentation, Public Speaking, and Rhetorical Theory and Criticism.

Lecturer 8/2015 → 5/2016 Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, GA / Courses Taught: Public Speaking.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Instructor of Record 8/2013 → 8/2015 Georgia State University in Atlanta, GA / Courses Taught: Fundamentals of Human Communication (large lecture, lab, and small class) and Persuasion.

Writing Tutor 1/2011 → 11/2011 Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX / General Writing Tutor and Athletics Tutor for Pre-Fall Entering First Year Students.

Publication

Cates, C.M., Dr. M Lane Bruner, and Joe Moss. "Recuperating the Real: Ontical Cartography's Promise for Rhetoric." *Philosophy and Rhetoric*. 50.2 (2018). 151-175.

Conference Presentations

Cates, C.M. (2026) v-AI-olence at Southern States Communication Association, April 8-12, Birmingham, Alabama.

Cates, C.M. (2025) The Structure of Play: An Analysis of Game Manager Discourse on and the Rules of TTRPG's at Southern States Communication Association, April 2-6, Norfolk, Virginia.

Cates, C.M. (2025) Constructing Trans* Memory: A Content Analysis of university Statements in Support of Trans* Peoples at Southern States Communication Association, April 2-6, Norfolk, Virginia.

Cates, C.M. (2024) Disambiguating Rhetorical Force: Conviction, Coercion, and Persuasion at Southern States Communication Association, April 6, Frisco, Texas.

Cates, C.M. (2023) Military Technology and American Exceptionalism: Materializing the Myth at Southern State Communication Association, April 12-16, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Cates, C.M. (2018) On Statist Reason. Presented at National Communication Association, November 8-11, Salt Lake City.

Cates, C.M. (2018) Panel on Data Science and Political Communication. Presented at Southern States Communication Association, April 5th, Nashville.

Cates, C.M. (2017) Panel on Thomas Rickert's Ambient Rhetoric. Presented at National Communication Association, November 16-19, Dallas.

Cates, C.M. (2015) Institutionalization, the Rhetorical Presidency, and Postmodernity. Presented at Southern States Communication Association, April 8-12, Tampa.

Cates, C.M. (2015) Interdisciplinary Pedagogy: Suggestions from Fine Arts and Engineering a Quasi-Autoethnography. Presented at Southern States Communication Association, April 8-12, Tampa.

Current Research

The Limits of Rhetoric: Conviction, Persuasion, Coercion, and Violence.

Education

Georgia State University 2016 → 2022 Doctorate in Rhetoric and Politics \ Dissertation: “Naturalism and Process Ontology for Rhetorical Theory and Methodology: Reconsidering the Ideological Tautology.”

Chair: Dr. David Cheshier.

Georgia State University 2013 → 2015 Master of Arts in Human Communication and Social Influence

Valdosta State University 2012 → 2013 Bachelor of Arts in English

Southern Methodist University 2008 → 2011

Service and Awards

Faculty Senator for 2024-2025 Term at University of South Carolina

American Association of University Professors Member

SPCH 145 – Online Communication Textbook Review Committee

Ceramics Lab Manager for Cola Makers’ Space, October 2023 to Present

Fall 2021 Provost Dissertation Grant Recipient

Special Reviewer for Issue 22.4 of *Rhetoric and Public Affairs*

Southern States Communication Association 2018, 2019, 2020, 2023, and 2024 Undergraduate Honors Conference Reviewer and Sometimes Panel Chair or Respondent.

2019-2020 Communication Graduate Student Association President

2018 Democracy Day at Georgia State Planning Committee