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Education

Ph. D., Speech Communication, University of Illinois, 2003.
M. A., Communication, University of the Pacific, 1997.
B. A., Communication, University of the Pacific, 1995.

Positions Held

Associate Professor, Department of Communication, Texas A&M University,
August, 2009-present.
Assistant Professor, Department of Communication, Texas A&M University,
2003- July, 2009.

Books

Jennifer R. Mercieca, Founding Fictions, University of Alabama Press,
forthcoming, 2010.

Refereed Articles

Published

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "The Irony of the Democratic Style," Rhetoric & Public Affairs 11 (2008): 441-449.

Stephen J. Hartnett & Jennifer R. Mercieca, "Four Theses on the Death of Presidential Rhetoric in an Age of Empire," Presidential Studies Quarterly 37 (2007): 599-619.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "The Culture of Honor: How Slaveholders Responded to the Abolitionist Mail Crisis of 1835," Rhetoric & Public Affairs 10 (2007): 51-76.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "Choice, Loyalty, and Safety: The Construction of a Distinctly American Imagined Nationalism," (Review Essay) Rhetoric & Public Affairs 9 (2006): 279-302.

Stephen J. Hartnett & Jennifer R. Mercieca, "Has Your Courage Rusted?": National Security and The Contested Rhetorical Norms of Republicanism in Post-Revolutionary America, 1798-1801," Rhetoric & Public Affairs 9 (2006): 79-112.

Jennifer R. Mercieca & James Arnt Aune, "A Vernacular Republican Rhetoric: William Manning's *Key of Liberty*," The Quarterly Journal of Speech 91 (2005): 119-143. (lead essay)

Refereed Book Chapters

Jennifer R. Mercieca & Justin S. Vaughn, "The Post-Rhetorical Legacy of George W. Bush," Perspectives on the Legacy of George W. Bush, Michael Orlov Grossman and Ronald Eric Matthews Jr., Eds, (Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing), 2009, 31-52.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "The Lyceum: Humble, Republican, Dignified," Rhetorical History of the United States, Stephen Browne, Ed, Michigan State University Press, forthcoming.

James Jasinski & Jennifer R. Mercieca, "The Constitutive Approach to Effect and the Alien and Sedition Acts," Rhetoric and Public Address in the Twenty-First Century: A Handbook, Shawn J. Parry-Giles and J. Michael Hogan, Eds, Blackwell Press, forthcoming.

Invited Book Chapters

National Task Force on the President and Democratic Deliberation, Presidential Rhetoric, James Arnt Aune, Ed, (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2008), 251-272.

Book Reviews

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "Thomas Jefferson's Call to Nationhood," The Quarterly Journal of Speech 90 (2004): 519-521.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "Appropriate[ing] Women's Dress," Argumentation & Advocacy 39 (2003): 293-295.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "Jefferson on Jefferson," Rhetoric & Public Affairs 6 (2003): 580-581.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Jennifer R. Mercieca, Conjuncture: A Study of America's Discursive Crises.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "On the Political Role of Demagoguery," preparing for submission to Rhetoric & Public Affairs.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "A Republican Public Sphere," preparing for submission to The Quarterly Journal of Speech.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "The Archetypes of the Revolution: Cincinnatus, Cicero, and Catiline in the Founders' Political Imagination," preparing for submission to either American Quarterly or Rhetoric & Public Affairs.

Honors, Awards, Grants and Fellowships

Scholarly & Creative Activities Grant, Texas A&M University, 2009-2010, \$10,000 to support my work on Conjuncture: A Study of America's Discursive Crises.

International Course Development Grant, Texas A&M University, 2008, \$500 to support course development for Comm 327 and Comm 460.

Fellow, American Studies, Glasscock Humanities Center, Texas A&M University, 2007-2008, \$1,500 to support my work on The Irony of Apathetic Democratic Citizens: Order, Control, and Safety in American Political Theory.

Scholarly & Creative Activities Grant, Texas A&M University, 2007-2008, \$10,000 to support my work on The Irony of Apathetic Democratic Citizens: Order, Control, and Safety in American Political Theory.

Technological Innovation in the Classroom Grant, Texas A&M University, Summer 2006, \$2,500.

Liberal Arts Faculty Research Enhancement Program, 2006, \$2,500 to support my work on The Irony of Apathetic Democratic Citizens: Order, Control, and Safety in American Political Theory.

Honors Course Development Grant, Texas A&M University, 2005-2006, \$2,000.

Fellow, Communication, Glasscock Humanities Center, Texas A&M University, 2003-2004, \$1,500 to support my work on Founding Fictions.

University of Illinois' *Incomplete List of Teachers Ranked Excellent*, 2000-2001, 2002-2003.

Invited participant, National Communication Association's "Doctoral Honors Seminar," Northwestern University, Chicago, August 2000.

Finalist, "Bostrom Student Paper Award," Southern States Communication Association, New Orleans, March, 2000.

"Top Competitive Student Paper," Argumentation and Forensics Division of the National Communication Association, New York, 1998.

Conference Papers

Jennifer R. Mercieca & Justin Vaughn, "The Post-Rhetorical Presidency." American Political Science Association Annual Convention, Boston, MA August, 2008.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "Agonists and Antagonists in the Democratic Paradox." Rhetoric Society of America Bi-annual Conference, Seattle, WA, May, 2008.

Jennifer R. Mercieca & Justin Vaughn, "The Post-Rhetorical Legacy of George W. Bush." Symposium on the Legacy of George W. Bush, Mount Union College, March 1, 2008.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "Extra-Judicial Constitutional Argument: The Virginia & Kentucky Resolutions." Public Address Division, National Communication Association, November, 2007.

Jennifer R. Mercieca & M. Elizabeth Thorpe, "Tory Responses to the Colonial Rebellion: Traitors or Patriots?" Public Address Division, National Communication Association, November, 2006.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "Theory and Practice in Antebellum Rhetoric: Jefferson's Rhetoric of Republicanism." Public Address Division, National Communication Association, November, 2005.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "Economic Argument in the Age of Federalism." NCA/AFA Summer Conference on Argumentation, Alta, Utah, August, 2005.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "Deliberative Democracy without Democracy; Or, Why we should Call Deliberative Democracy Deliberative Republicanism." Public Address Division, National Communication Association, Chicago, November, 2004.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "Economic Stability, Social Control, and the Whiskey Rebellion." Public Address Division, National Communication Association, Chicago, November, 2004.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "America's Obsession with the BIG: The Mammoth Cheese." Public Address Division, National Communication Association, Chicago, November, 2004.

National Taskforce on the President and Deliberative Democracy, Texas A&M Presidential Rhetoric Conference, March, 2004.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "The Abolitionists Mail Crisis of 1835, the Rhetoric of Loyalty and the Problem of *Imperia in Imperio*." Public Address Division, National Communication Association, Miami, November, 2003.

Conference Papers (Continued)

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "Is There a Rhetorical Tradition?" Working Group position paper, Alliance of Rhetoric Societies, Northwestern University, September, 2003.

Jennifer R. Mercieca and Stephen J. Hartnett, "Free Speech, Dissidents as Traitors, and the Question of Republicanism in the 1798 Alien and Sedition Acts." Public Address Division, National Communication Association, New Orleans, November, 2002.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "Conflicting Visions of Civic Engagement in the Last Words of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, July Fourth, 1826." Rhetoric Society of America, Las Vegas, May, 2002.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "Future Directions in Rhetorical History." Invited Roundtable Participant for the Annual Texas A & M Conference on Presidential Rhetoric, February, 2002.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "To Every Man, Woman, and Child in our Republic: The Lyceum Movement and American Republicanism." Public Address Division, National Communication Association, Atlanta, November, 2001.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "Producing the Apathetic Citizen: Order, Control, and Safety in American Political Theory." American Studies Division, National Communication Association, Atlanta, November, 2001.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "The Rule of *Eunomia* and the Role of Rhetoric in the Athenian *Polis*: Good Order, and the Fall of Democracy." History of Rhetoric Division, National Communication Association, Seattle, November, 2000.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "Big Science, Big Pharmaceuticals, Big Government, and Small Ethics: The Rhetoric of the Human Genome Project." Rhetoric of Science and Technology Division, National Communication Association, Seattle, November, 2000.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "Re-Visioning Rhetoric as Epistemology and Social Critique." Rhetoric and Communication Theory Division, National Communication Association, Seattle, November, 2000.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "The Clinton Defense: Ignoble Argument and the Death of Meaning in Debate." Bostrom Student Panel, Southern States Communication Association, New Orleans, March, 2000.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "'Well, that depends on what the meaning of 'is' is, doesn't it?': The Clinton Scandal and the Death of Meaning." Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division, National Communication Association, Chicago, November, 1999.

Conference Papers (Continued)

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "Keeping the Faith: Apocalyptic and Jeremiadic Discourse at the End of the Millennium." Religious Communication Division, National Communication Association, Chicago, November, 1999.

Jennifer R. Mercieca and Trevor G. Potts, "Problems in the Public Sphere: Rationality, Protest, and Democracy." Argumentation and Forensics Division, National Communication Association, New York, November, 1998. (Top Student Paper)

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "Millenarians on the Fringe: Heaven's Gate and Branch Davidians." Religious Communication Division, National Communication Association, New York City, November, 1998.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "Offensive Communication by Protest Movements: The Media's Response to ACT-UP/ NY's Tactics." Political Communication Interest Group, Central States Communication Association, Chicago, March, 1998.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "Networking in a Global Environment: A Graduate Student's Guide to Connecting on the Internet." Graduate Student Division, National Communication Association, Chicago, November, 1998.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "Patterns of Imagery Directed at Women of the Aryan Nations: A Rhetoric of Intimidation." Western States Communication Association, Monterey, CA, March, 1997.

Jennifer R. Mercieca, "Apologetic Eulogies for Presidents who left Office in Disgrace: Nixon and Johnson." Western States Communication Association, Pasadena, CA, March, 1996.

Guest Lectures and Invited Presentations

Guest Lecture, COMM 460, "Henry David Thoreau and the Obligations of American Citizenship," January 25, 2007.

Guest Lecture, AMST 300, "Thomas Jefferson and American Citizenship," December 5, 2006.

Texas A&M University Political Theory Group, "The Deaths of Adams and Jefferson and the Celebration of the Romantic Republican Fiction, July 4, 1826," November 7, 2005.

Guest Lecture, COMM 308, "On-Line Archival Research Methods" (four different sections, 2004-2005)

Guest Lecture, PHIL 414, "Nietzsche on Rhetoric and Truth," November 15, 2005.

Guest Lectures and Invited Presentations (Continued)

Panelist, Wiley Lecture Series, "Voter Apathy and the 2000 Presidential Election," Texas A&M University, February 10, 2004.

Courses Taught

Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University, 2003-present

COMM 659 Graduate Seminar: Civil Society & Citizenship
COMM 649 Graduate Seminar: American Political Rhetoric to 1865
COMM 640 Graduate Seminar: Rhetorical Theory
COMM 460 Rome in the Imagination of the American Founders
COMM 460 The Rhetoric of Rights and Safety in U. S. History
COMM 460H The Rhetoric of Rights and Safety in U.S. History
COMM 460 Rhetoric & Activism
COMM 460 Rome in the Imagination of the American Founders
COMM 431 Social Movements
COMM 327 American Oratory
COMM 301 The Rhetorical Tradition
COMM 243H Argumentation Theory & Practice
COMM 243 Argumentation Theory & Practice
COMM 203 Public Speaking

Graduate Student Advising

Ph. D. Chair:

Elizabeth Thorpe

Ph. D. Dissertation Co-Chair

Marisa Hill

Dissertation Committee Member:

Jeremiah Hickey, degree completed December, 2008.

Brady Creel

Susan Patterson (English)

Christie Maloyed (Political Science)

Ted Brown (Political Science)

Ryan Malphurs

Jonathon Jones

Master's Chair:

Kathryn Kelly, degree completed December, 2007.

Zoe Hess

Master's Committee Member:

Paul Stob, degree completed May, 2004.

Adria Battaglia, degree completed August, 2005.

Autumn Caviness

Joshua Butcher, degree completed August, 2006.

Texas A&M Department of Communication Service

Obama Phenomenon Conference Planner, 2009-2010.

Graduate Committee Member, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2009-2010.

Rhetoric Faculty Search Committee Member, 2005-2006, 2006-2007.

Presidential Rhetoric Conference Planning Committee Member, 2004-2005.

Texas A&M College of Liberal Arts Service

Communication Department Representative, Liberal Arts Council, 2007-2010.

Study Abroad Faculty, Santa Chiara Study Center, Castiglion Fiorentino, Italy, Fall 2008.

Texas A&M University Service

American Studies Advisory Council Member, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008.

Moderator, Wiley Lecture Series, "Constitution Day Debate," Texas A&M University, September 19, 2005.

Interviewer, Harry S Truman Scholarship Nominees, University Honors Office, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008.

Elected Offices

Secretary, Public Address Division, National Communication Association, 2006-2009.

Awards Committee, Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division, National Communication Association, 2005-2008.

Representative to the NCA Resolutions Committee, Public Address Division, National Communication Association, 2005-2006.

Representative to the NCA Resolutions Committee, Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division, National Communication Association, 2004-2005.

Nominating Committee Member, Rhetoric and Communication Theory Division, National Communication Association, 2003-2004.

Nominating Committee Member, Public Address Division, National Communication Association, 2003-2004.

Editorial Review

Communication Theory, guest reviewer.

Rhetoric & Public Affairs, guest reviewer.

Management Communication Quarterly, guest reviewer.

Public Address Division, National Communication Association Conference,
2004, 2008.

American Studies Division, National Communication Association Conference,
2006.

Memberships

National Communication Association
Rhetoric Society of America
American Studies Association