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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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| ***Lafayette College***  Assistant Professor, Department of English | 2020 – Present |
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| ***Carnegie Mellon University***  Instructor, Gender Studies  Instructor, First-Year Writing Program  Instructor, Department of English | 2018 – 2020  2014 – 2017  2017 |
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**EDUCATION**

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| ***Carnegie Mellon University*** |  |
| Doctor of Philosophy | Rhetoric | May 2020 |
| Dissertation: “Private Parts, Public Selves:  The Co-construction of Safe Sex before the Discovery of HIV”  Chair: Andreea Deciu Ritivoi |  |
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| Master of Arts | Rhetoric | May 2014 |
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| ***St. Edward’s University*** |  |
| Bachelor of Arts | English Writing & Rhetoric  *summa cum laude* | May 2013 |
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**PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES**

“‘Whatever happened to our great gay imaginations?’: The invention of safe sex and the visceral imagination,” *Quarterly Journal of Speech,* 107. 1 (2021): 26-48.

“Decoupling sex and intimacy: the role of dissociation in early AIDS prevention campaigns,” *Argumentation and Advocacy* 55. 3 (2019): 211-229.

**REVIEW ESSAYS**

**[Invited]** Review of *The Borders of AIDS: Race, Quarantine, and Resistance* by Karma R. Chávez. *Peitho: Journal for the Coalition of Feminist Scholars in the History of Rhetoric & Composition* 23. 3 (2021): <https://cfshrc.org/article/review-of-the-borders-of-aids-race-quarantine-and-resistance/>

**WORKS IN PROGRESS**

“Materializing Asymptomatic Disease: Mask-wearing and Embodied Risk.” *Rhetoric of Health & Medicine*. Invited for resubmission.

“Dialogue on Unprecedented Pandemic Rhetorics,” with Lisa DeTora, Lisa Keränen, Michael Klein, Sara DiCaglio, Julie Homchick Crowe, Brynn Fitzsimmons, Melissa Nichols, Tristin Hooker. Drafting for submission to *Rhetoric of Health & Medicine*.

**[Lead author]**

“Sensory Paideia: Toward a transgenerational template for sensuous action,” article manuscript in process.

*AIDS and Embodied Risk: The Invention of Safe Sex before the Discovery of HIV,* monograph in process.

**AWARDS FOR SCHOLARSHIP**

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| **Winner**: American Society for the History of Rhetoric Dissertation Award | 2020 |
| Dietrich College Presidential Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship  *Carnegie Mellon University* | 2019 |
| Summer Dissertation Completion Fellowship  *Carnegie Mellon University* | 2019 |
| Qualifying Exam Summer Reading Fellowship  *Carnegie Mellon University* | 2016 |

**AWARDS FOR TEACHING**

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| **Winner:** English Department Graduate Student Teaching Award  *Carnegie Mellon University* | 2018 |
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| Nomination: Dietrich College Graduate Student Teaching Award  *Carnegie Mellon University* | 2018 |

**INTERVIEWS AND INVITED TALKS**

“Addressing Public Crises & Conflicts within Rhetorics of Science, Health & Medicine,” Retórica Elevada. University of Utah (April 2021).

Capitol Attack Panel. Co-sponsored by Delta Gamma and Women in Law. Lafayette College (January 2021).

Professionalization Series. Strategies for the Academic Job Market. Carnegie Mellon University. (May 2020)

“What might the early years of the AIDS crisis have to teach us about COVID-19?” *re:verb: A Podcast about Politics, Culture, and Language in Action*. Carnegie Mellon University. (May 2020)

“Fluid rhetorics and the visceral imagination: Membranes as a locus of invention.” Three Rivers RSA Colloquium. Carnegie Mellon University. (May 2019)

**SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES**

“Spatializing Risk: Bathhouse Sex, Queer Biocitizenship, and a Porous Paedia for a Viral Culture,” 20th Biennial Rhetoric Society of America Conference. *Proposal under review* [submitted August 10, 2021]

“The Proper Space for Sex: Spatial Rhetorics, Biosexual Citizenship, and the Controversy over San Francisco’s Bathhouses,” Rhetoric of Health and Medicine Symposium*.* Remote. (September, 2020)

“Strategic Enclaving: The Limits of Publicity,” 19th Biennial Rhetoric Society of America Conference, Portland, OR (May 2020)

**\**Conference subsequently canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic.***

“Making the Body Matter: A Roundtable Discussion,” a roundtable discussion with Karma Chávez, Jay Dolmage, Chris Earle, Debra Hawhee, Annie Hill, Jo Hsu, Jenell Johnson, Stephanie Larson, and Christa Teston. 19th Biennial Rhetoric Society of America Conference, Portland, OR (May 2020)

**\**Conference subsequently canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic.***

“Resuscitating Revision: The Role of Revision Practices in the Performance of Biomedical Expertise.” Conference on College Composition and Communication, Pittsburgh, PA (March 2019)

“‘On me, not in me’: The fluid rhetoric of early AIDS prevention,” Rhetoric of Health and Medicine Symposium*.* Orlando, FL. (September 2019).

“The Force of Pity: Moral Moods and a Rhetoric of Moral Citizenship,” with Andreea Ritivoi. Rhetoric Society of America, Minneapolis, MN (May 2018)

“The Emergence of a New Sexual Ethic?: Social, Medical, and Political Arguments in the Gay Community before the Discovery of HIV,” Rhetoric Society of America, Atlanta, GA (May 2016)

**COURSES TAUGHT**

***Lafayette College***

Fall 2021

First-Year Seminar: Invention

English 350: The Rhetoric of Health and Medicine

Spring 2021

English 350: Contemporary Rhetorical Theory

English 202: Outbreak: Narratives of Contagion

Fall 2020

English 202: Introduction to the Rhetoric of Health and Medicine

English 350: Conflict! Argument and the Public Sphere

***Carnegie Mellon University***(2014-2020)

*As instructor of record*

English 76-101: Interpretation & Argument

English 76-241: Introduction to Gender Studies

English 76-786: Language & Culture

*As teaching fellow/assistant*

Grand Challenge Freshman Seminar 66-117: Political Rhetoric (teaching fellow)

Tepper School of Business 45-898: Writing for Managers (teaching assistant)

English 76-378/778: Literacy: Educational Theory and Community Practice (teaching assistant)

**ADDITIONAL TEACHING AND WRITING POSITIONS**

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| ***Carnegie Mellon University*** |  |
| Graduate Teaching Fellow, Eberly Center for Teaching Excellence | 2016-2018 |
| First-Year Writing L2 Student Placement Assessor | 2015-2018 |
| Communication Consultant, Global Communication Center | 2013-2014 |

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Participant,** “Pleasure: Theory, Aesthetics, and Philosophy,” Brooklyn Institute for Social Research (September – October 2021).

**Participant,** Workshop on “Pandemic Rhetorics.” Facilitated by Øyvind Ihlen, Sine Nørholm, Lisa Keränen, Jens Elmelaund Kjeldsen, Lisa Melonçon, Shaunak Sastry, J. Blake Scott. Rhetoric Society of America Institute. Remote (June 2021)

**Participant,** *Oral History Training Institute*.Science History Institute. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (January 2021)

**Participant**, Seminar on “Medical Rhetoric in the Archives.” Facilitated by Jordan Jack and Robin Jensen. Rhetoric Society of America Summer Institute. University of Maryland, College Park. (June 2019)

**Participant**, *Rhetoric of Health and Medicine Symposium*. Cincinnati, Ohio. (September 2017)

**Participant**, Seminar on “Queer Archival Immersion.” Facilitated by Charles Morris III, E. Cram, K.J. Rawson, and Eric Darnell Pritchard. Rhetoric Society of America Summer Institute. Indiana University, Bloomington. (June 2017)

**Participant**, Workshop on “Academic Leadership.” Facilitated by David Kaufer and Vicki Gallagher. Rhetoric Society of America. Atlanta, Georgia. (May 2016)

**Participant**, Technology Enhanced Learning Bootcamp. Facilitated by the Eberly Center for Teaching Excellence. Carnegie Mellon University. (May 2015)

**INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE**

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| ***Carnegie Mellon University*** |  |
| Dietrich College Diversity Task Force and Strategic Plan Committee | 2020 |
| Founding Editor, re:verb: A Podcast about Politics, Culture, and Language in Action |  |
| President, Three Rivers Rhetoric Society of America Graduate Student Chapter | 2015 |
| Co-organizer, Rhetoric & Resistance: A Graduate Student Symposium | 2017 |

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

*Ad hoc* Reviewer – *Rhetoric Society Quarterly* (x1)

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Rhetoric Society of America (RSA)

National Communication Association (NCA)

Association for the Rhetoric of Science, Technology, and Medicine (ARSTM)

American Society for the History of Rhetoric (ASHR)