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*Curriculum Vita*

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Texas Tech University  
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**PROFILE**

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I am a rhetorical scholar interested in legal and political discourses. My research primarily focuses on the nexus between constitutional interpretation and federalism. Thus, I frequently examine legal opinions, statutory laws, and political discourse. I also study the memorialization of legal and public texts and the practice of service learning in social justice contexts.

**EDUCATION**

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**Ph.D. Communication Arts & Sciences, 2005**

The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania  
Dissertation: *A Matter of Interpretation: Justice Antonin Scalia's Textualist Approach to Constitutional Interpretation*

**M.A. Speech Communication, 2000**

Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas  
Thesis: *Nation v. State: Rhetorical Invention in the Federalism Controversy*

**B.S. Political Science, 1997 *Cum Laude***

Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas

**ARTICLES AND BOOK REVIEWS**

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Catherine L. Langford. "Consumer Student or Citizen Student? The Clash of Campus Speech Codes and Free Speech Zones." *2006-2008 Free Speech Yearbook*.

Catherine L. Langford. "Speaking Social Justice in the Basic Course." *2008 Teaching Ideas for the Basic Communication Course*, 12.

Catherine L. Langford. "Speaking Ethically: A Case Study." *2008 Teaching Ideas for the Basic Communication Course*, 12.

Katie Langford. Review of *In the Name of Necessity: Military Tribunals and the Loss of American Civil Liberties* by Marouf Hasian, Jr. *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* (Fall 2008), 526-528.

Catherine L. Langford. "George H. W. Bush's Struggle with the 'Vision Thing,'" in Martin J. Medhurst, ed., *The Rhetorical Presidency of George H.W. Bush* (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2006), 19-36.

Catherine Langford. "Antonin Scalia," in Bernard K. Duffy and Richard W. Leeman, eds. *American Voices: An Encyclopedia of Contemporary Orators* (Greenwood Press Westport, Conn., 2005), 407-413.

Catherine L. Langford. "Mediating Religion: Justice Antonin Scalia's Non-Interpretivist Approach to the Religion Clauses," in G. Thomas Goodnight, ed., *Arguing Communication & Culture* (Washington, D.C.: National Communication Association, 2002), 360-370.

Catherine L. Langford. Review of *The Unfinished Bombing: Oklahoma City in American Memory* by Edward T. Linenthal. *Quarterly Journal of Speech* 88 (November 2002), 459-461.

#### **FORTHCOMING / ACCEPTED / PENDING**

Amy N. Heuman and Catherine L. Langford.\* "Tradition and Southern Confederate Culture: Manifesting Whiteness through Public Memory at Texas A&M University." In *Public Memory and Ethnicity*, G. Mitchell Reyes, ed. Under review at University of Alabama Press and Cambridge University Press. Co-constructed, collaborative manuscript.

Catherine L. Langford. "Facing Hunger: Increasing Social Consciousness Through Service Learning." *Communication and Creative Democracy: Theory, Case Studies, and Pedagogy*. Ed. Omar Swartz. Under review at Southern Illinois Press.

#### **UNDER REVIEW**

Catherine L. Langford. "Appealing to the Brooding Spirit of the Law: Good and Evil in Landmark Judicial Dissents." Under review at *Argumentation & Advocacy*.

Catherine L. Langford. "Decisional Liberty: Reason and Abortion in the Law." Under review at *Argumentation & Advocacy*.

Catherine L. Langford. "Race and Racism in the Collective Memory of the Law: A Rhetorical Analysis of Roger B. Taney and *Dred Scott v. Sandford*." Under review at *Advances in the History of Rhetoric*.

Catherine L. Langford. "Toward a Genre of Judicial Dissent: *Lochner* and *Casey* as Exemplars." Under review at *Communication Law Review*.

Catherine L. Langford. "Shut Up and Sing: The Dixie Chicks and the State of Free Speech in the United States." Under review at *Free Speech Yearbook*.

Veronica Juarez and Catherine L. Langford. "A Call to Peace: Mother Teresa's Nobel Peace Prize Lecture." Under review at *Journal of Communication & Religion*.

Catherine L. Langford. "Engaging Social Justice: Service Learning in the Social Movements Course." Under review at *Communication Teacher*.

## **IN PROGRESS**

Catherine L. Langford. "A Politics of Erasure: The Intersection of Race and Color-Blind Rhetoric in Supreme Court Opinions."

Amy Heuman, Catherine L. Langford, and Alberto Gonzalez. "The Economics of Apology: A Critical Race Analysis of 'Shock Radio.'"

Joaquin Borrego and Catherine L. Langford. "Social Justice and Service Learning."

David R. Dewberry and Catherine L. Langford. "Silencing Spectacles: The Freedom of Speech on Trial."

Catherine L. Langford and James Arnt Aune. *A Matter of Interpretation: Justice Antonin Scalia's Textualist Approach to Constitutional Interpretation*. Being edited to be submitted for review at New York University Press.

## **COMPETITIVE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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Catherine L. Langford. "A Politics of Erasure: The Intersection of Race and Color-Blind Rhetoric in Supreme Court Opinions." To be submitted for presentation at the 2009 joint conference of the National Communication Association and American Forensics Association.

Amy Heuman, Catherine L. Langford, and Alberto Gonzalez. "The Economics of Apology: A Critical Race Analysis of 'Shock Radio.'" Submitted to be presented at the 2009 convention of the National Communication Association.

David R. Dewberry and Catherine L. Langford. "Silencing Spectacles: The Freedom of Speech on Trial." Submitted to be presented at the 2009 convention of the National Communication Association.

Catherine L. Langford. "Written in Stone: The Arrangement of Memory." Paper presented the 2008 Rhetoric and Public Memory conference sponsored by Syracuse University and its "Public Memory Project," concurrent with the 2008 convention of the National Communication Association.

Catherine L. Langford. "'From Scene to Agent: A Burkean Analysis of the 'Living' Constitution.'" Paper presented at the 2008 convention of the National Communication Association.

- Catherine L. Langford. “‘Appealing to the Brooding Spirit of the Law’: Argumentation in Judicial Dissents.” Paper presented at the 2007 convention of the National Communication Association.
- Catherine L. Langford and Amy N. Heuman. “A Burning Desire: Texas A&M University Bonfire’s Ritualized Construction of Whiteness.” Paper presented at the 2007 Public Memory and Ethnicity Conference.
- Catherine L. Langford. “Decisional Liberty? Reason and Abortion in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*” Paper presented at the 2007 joint conference of the National Communication Association and American Forensics Association.
- Catherine L. Langford. “The Least Representative Branch: Democratic Shifts of the Supreme Court.” Paper presented at the 2006 convention of the National Communication Association.
- Catherine L. Langford. “Making (No) Law: Speech Codes on College Campuses.” Paper presented at the 2005 convention of the National Communication Association.
- Catherine L. Langford. “Guarding the Guardians: Conclusions and Implications of Antonin Scalia’s Rhetorical Practices.” Paper presented at the 2004 convention of the National Communication Association.
- Catherine L. Langford. “Judicial Decision-making in *Lawrence v. Texas*.” Paper presented at the 2003 convention of the National Communication Association.
- Catherine L. Langford. “A Crisis of Constitutional Authority: Roger B. Taney’s Physical and Intellectual Legacy in American Public Memory.” Paper presented at the 2002 convention of the National Communication Association.
- Catherine L. Langford. “Toward a Rhetoric of Dissent: Justice Antonin Scalia’s *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* as Exemplar,” presented at the 2002 convention of the National Communication Association.
- Catherine L. Langford. “The Anti-federalist Voice in Justice Antonin Scalia’s *A Matter of Interpretation*.” Paper presented at the 2002 convention of the National Communication Association.
- Catherine L. Langford. “Cruel and Unusual? Text, Context, and Case Precedent in Justice Scalia’s Eight Amendment Opinions.” Paper presented at the 2002 convention of the National Communication Association.
- Catherine L. Langford. “Identification, Motive, and Dialectic in *Employment Division v. Smith*.” Paper presented at the 2001 convention of the National Communication Association.

Catherine L. Langford. "Mediating Religion: Justice Antonin Scalia's Non-Interpretivist Approach to the Religion Clauses." Paper presented at the 2001 joint conference of the National Communication Association and American Forensics Association.

Catherine L. Langford. "A Matter of Interpretation: The Constitutional Topoi of Judicial Arguments in *United States v. Lopez*." Paper presented at the 2000 convention of the National Communication Association.

Catherine L. Langford. "In Search of a Vision: George Bush's Struggle with the Rhetorical Presidency." Paper presented at the 1999 convention of the National Communication Association.

Catherine L. Langford. "From *United States* to *United States*: Federalism and Constitutional Interpretation in the Case of *United States v. Lopez*." Paper presented at the 1999 joint meeting of the Southern States Communication Association and the Central States Communication Association.

Amy J. Tilton and Catherine L. Langford. "R.J.Reynolds' 'Kiddie Campaign': The Maturation of Joe Camel." Paper presented at the 1999 joint meeting of the Southern States Communication Association and the Central States Communication Association.

## **HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, and AWARDS**

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Affiliated Faculty, Community and Urban Studies at Texas Tech University, 2008-present.

Outstanding Faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences. 2005-2008.

TLTC (Teaching, Learning, and Technology Center) Faculty Service-Learning Fellowship. Texas Tech University. 2008-2009. \$1,500.

Selection of Course as S-Designated (Service Learning) for COMS 3318 "Persuasion and Social Movements." Spring 2009-2012.

Big XII Fellowship. Texas Tech University. 2007. \$2,500.

"Tribute to Teachers" Honoree. Selected by the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. April 2007.

Top Paper, Communication and Law Division, National Communication Association, 2007.

Top Paper, Communication and Law Division, National Communication Association, 2002.

Top Student Paper, Communication and Law Division, National Communication Association, 2001 & 2002.

Doctoral Honors Seminar, National Communication Association, 2001. One of nine rhetoric doctoral students nationwide competitively selected to attend.

## **SERVICE**

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Committee Member, Texas Tech University & Department of Communication Studies

- Curriculum Committee, Department of Communication Studies, 2007-present.
- Faculty Search Committee, Department of Communication Studies, 2007-2008.
- Journal Ranking Committee, Department of Communication Studies, 2007-present.
- Awards Committee, Department of Communication Studies, 2007-present.
- State Employee Charitable Campaign Coordinator, Department of Communication Studies, 2005 & 2008.
- Colloquium Committee, Department of Communication Studies, 2008-present.
- Summer Reading Program Book Selection Committee, Texas Tech University, 2006-present.
- NSEP (National Security Exchange Program) Scholarship Committee, Texas Tech University, 2006 & 2007.

National Communication Association

- Committee on Committees, 2007-present.
- Legislative Assembly, 2005 & 2006, 2008.
- Nominating Committee, 2005 & 2006.
- Wandering Scholar, 2006 & 2007.

Communication and Law Division of the National Communication Association

- Chair, 2005-2006, 2008-2009.
- Vice Chair, 2004-2005, 2007-2008.
- Panel Respondent, Top Papers, 2005, 2006, 2008.
- Panel Respondent, 2004.
- Reader/Reviewer, 2002-present.

Panel Respondent

- Communication and Law Division of the National Communication Association, 2004-2008.
- Texas A&M Conference on Presidential Rhetoric, "The White House and the Politics of Judicial Nominations," 2004.

Guest Lecturer

- COMS 5300: Communication Theories, "Modern Rhetorical Theories," Fall 2008.
- COMS 1300: Introduction to Communication, "Rhetoric in Communication Studies," Fall 2006.

- COMS 5307: Historical-Critical Research Methods, “Close Textual Analysis,” Spring 2006.
- Geography 2351: Regional Geography of the World, “Body Rhetoric in American Culture,” Texas Tech University, Fall 2005.
- Political Science 497E: Constitutional Law & Criminal Justice, “(II)Legal Gayness: The Supreme Court and Gay Identity from *Bowers* to *Lawrence*,” Fall 2003.
- The Junior Statesmen Foundation Summer Schools:
  - Georgetown University, “Introductory Lecture on How to Debate,” Summer 2003
  - Georgetown University, “Advanced Lecture on How to Debate,” Summer 2004
  - Stanford University, “Advanced Lecture on How to Debate,” Summer 2006

Book Review Editor, *Free Speech Yearbook*, 2006-2008.

Editorial Board, *Communication Law Review*, 2008-present.

Reviewer, *Journal of Communication and Religion*, 2008-present.

Advisor, Texas Tech University

- Tech Students for Election Reform, 2008.
- Tech Frisbee Golf, 2008.

Graduate Relations Officer for Graduate Forum at The Pennsylvania State University, 2001-2003.

Editorial Intern

- *Review of Communication*, The Pennsylvania State University, 2002.
- *Rhetoric and Public Affairs*, Texas A&M University, 1998-2000.

Community Service, Lubbock, Texas

- Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), 2008-present.
- Junior League of Lubbock, 2008-present.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**(96 Sections Total)**

**Texas Tech University**, Lubbock, Texas & Junction, Texas

Department of Communication Studies, Assistant Professor

COMS 6304 (Seminar in Rhetoric: Religious Communication)	2006,2007
COMS 6304 (Close Textual Analysis)	2008
COMS 5315 (Persuasion)	2006
COMS 5307 (Historical Critical Methods)	2008
COMS 3351 (Communication in Instruction and Training)	2004

COMS 3318 (Persuasion and Social Movements)	2007-2009
COMS 3315 (Political Campaign Communication)	2006-2008
COMS 3314 (Argumentation & Debate)	2005, 2007
COMS 3313 (Persuasion)	2009
COMS 3311 (Rhetoric of Western Thought)	2005-2008
- Junction Maymester Course	2007, 2008
COMS 2301 (Communication Theory)	2004-2005
IS 1100 (Tech Transition Freshman Seminar)	2005-2008

**The Pennsylvania State University**, University Park, Pennsylvania

Department of Communication Arts & Sciences. Graduate Teaching Assistant

SPCOM 201 (Rhetorical Theory)	2002-2003
SPCOM 100A (Effective Speech: Public Speaking)	2000-2004

College of Liberal Arts, Programs in Continuing Education. Instructor

SPCOM 497 (Effective Speech)	2002-2003
SPCOM 497D (Teaching Study Skills to At-Risk Students)	2003
SPCOM 497J (Shy Child in the Classroom)	2002-2004
SPCOM 497I (Rhetoric of the Clinton Presidency)	2001

World Campus, The Pennsylvania State University Distance Education Program. Course Designer & Instructor

SPCOM 321 (Rhetoric of Law)	2003-2004
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Schreyer Institute for Innovation in Learning, Leading Edge Academic Program (LEAP)

Training Participant/Instructor (Spring 2001, 2002)	
SPCOM 100A (Effective Speech)	2001-2002
<i>Coordinated with Human Geography and Communication &amp; Love</i>	

Human Resource Development Center. Instructor.

Writing for Clarity and Impact	Spring 2004
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**The Pennsylvania State University**, Altoona Campus, Altoona, Pennsylvania

Criminal Justice Program. Adjunct.

CJ 497C (Legal Research and Writing)	2003
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**Eastern University**, St. Davids, Pennsylvania

Department of Communication Studies. Adjunct.

COMS 411 (Senior Seminar: The Rhetoric of Church and State)	
Maymester 2004	

**Del Mar College**, Corpus Christie, Texas.

Department of Communication. Adjunct.

Speech 1315 (Public Speaking) at Del Mar College	Summer 2000
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**Texas A&M University**, College Station, Texas.

Department of Speech Communication. Graduate Assistant & Lecturer.

SCOM 203 (Public Speaking)	1999-2000
SCOM 203 (Public Speaking)	1998-1999
Center for Academic Enhancement. Lecturer. CAEN 101 (Succeeding in College)	1997-1998

## **GRADUATE COMMITTEES**

**Thesis Chair**, Prairie Endres Parnell: “I am (Wo)Man: The Rhetoric of Transidentity in Law, Politics, and Performance.” Defended in October 2008.

**Thesis Chair**, Veronica Juarez. “Give Until It Hurts: The Speeches and Letters of Mother Teresa.” Defended in October 2007.

**Thesis Chair**, Kevin Garner: Invisible to the Law: Identity Construction in *Romer v. Evans*. Proposed December 2008.

**Thesis Chair**, Brendan O’Grady. Proposal in progress.

**Thesis Chair**, David Braz. Proposal in progress.

**Thesis Chair**, Jessica Reynolds (Co-Chair). Proposal in progress.

**Thesis Chair**, Jennifer Howard. “Religion in Television: A Close-Text Analysis of *Charmed*.” Thesis in progress.

**Thesis Chair**, Seth Philips (Co-Chair). “A Rhetorical Analysis of the Rhetoric of Margaret Thatcher.” Thesis in progress.

**Committee Member**, Chris Joffrion, “Negotiating Identities: The Use of Dissonance Reduction Strategies in Responding to the Defense of Marriage Act,” Defended in June, 2006.

**Committee Member**, Marisa Harrison. “A Rhetorical Analysis of Justice Sunday: Critiquing a Person of Faith Symposium through the Rhetoric of Social Interaction.” Defended in March, 2008.

**Committee Member**, Sebastian Giraldo. “Positioning and Understanding: An Ethnographic Study of Soccer Culture in West Texas.” Thesis in progress.

**Committee Member**, Joshua Abbott. Proposal in progress.

**Committee Member**, Sarah Crim. Proposal in progress.

**Committee Member**, Kristin Gardner. Proposal in progress.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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### **Program Director**

The Junior Statesmen Foundation, San Mateo, CA & New Haven, CT Summer 2007

#### **University of Texas & Yale University**

I managed a \$890,000 budget, negotiated contracts, managed 27 employees, and oversaw 300 high school students at the University of Texas and Yale University.

The Junior Statesmen Foundation, San Mateo, CA & Palo Alto, CA Summer 2006

#### **University of Texas & Stanford University**

I managed a \$1.2 million budget, negotiated contracts, managed 38 employees, and oversaw 450 high school students at the University of Texas and Stanford University.

The Junior Statesmen Foundation, San Mateo, CA & Chicago, IL Summer 2005

#### **University of Texas & Northwestern University**

I managed a \$525,000 budget, negotiated contracts, managed twelve employees, and oversaw 300 high school students at the University of Texas and Northwestern University.

### **Assistant Program Director**

The Junior Statesmen Foundation, Washington, D.C. Summer 2003, 2004

#### **University of Texas & Georgetown University**

I managed a \$1.65 million budget, negotiated contracts, oversaw thirty-five employees, and directed 600 high school students at the University of Texas and Georgetown University.

### **Assistant Director of Effective Speech**

Communication Arts & Sciences, Pennsylvania State University 2002-2003

I created and implemented the Penn State Civic Advocacy Speaking Contest, helped direct graduate teaching assistant training, plan class activities for a graduate pedagogy seminar, and reviewed Penn State's On-Line Learning Environment, an electronic workbook for the basic public speaking course.

### **Consulting**

National Securities Exchange Program (NSEP) Scholarship 2006-2007

College of Engineering, Pennsylvania State University 2001 & 2002

College of Engineering, Pennsylvania State University 2004

Food Services Industry, Texas A&M University 1999-2000

### **Supervisor, Supplemental Instruction Program**

Center for Academic Enhancement, Texas A&M University 1997-1998

I hired, trained, and directed 20 Supplemental Instruction leaders. I planned and led weekly meetings and provided job proficiency evaluations.

**Advisor**

Delta Delta Delta, The Pennsylvania State University

2001-2004

I attended weekly chapter meetings, officer meetings, and disciplinary board meetings. I advised the collegiate chapter on policy, programs, and conduct, and served as a liaison with the alumni associations and national organization.