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Education

Georgia State University, Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Currently Enrolled

- Primary Concentration: Rhetoric and Politics
- Committee: Dr. Carol Winkler, Dr. David Frank, Dr. Tim Barouch

Ball State University, Masters of the Arts (MA), 2014

- Primary Concentration: Rhetorical Criticism
- Secondary Concentration: Interpersonal Communication

DePauw University, Bachelors of the Arts (BA), 2010

- Primary Concentration: Political Science
- Secondary Concentration: Middle East Studies

Research Interests: Argumentation, Anti-Semitism, Visual Rhetoric, Social Movements, and Terrorism

Professional Experience

Instructor of Communication, Department of English, University of South Carolina, 2022-Present

Limited-Term Instructor of Communication, Department of English, University of South Carolina, 2021-2022

Visiting Instructor of Rhetoric, Department of Rhetoric, Wabash College, 2020-2021

Graduate Teaching Assistant / Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Communication, Georgia State University, 2017-2020

Presidential Fellow, Transcultural Violence and Terrorism Initiative, Georgia State University, 2015-2017

- Coding visual analyses of terrorist propaganda
- Creating training in coding propaganda texts

Instructor of Communication, Department of English, Morehouse College, 2016-2017

- Teach courses in communication for the Department of English
- Coach the Morehouse Forensics Team

Assistant Director of Debate, Morehouse College, Atlanta 2015-2017

Forensics Specialist, Quality Enhancement Program, Wiley College, 2014-2015

- Gather data on academic preparedness and communication apprehension from all first- and second-year students
- Facilitate implementations of debate curriculum in courses within English and Sociology departments (15 total implementations per semester)

Graduate Assistant Debate Coach, Department of Communication Studies, Ball State University, 2012-2014

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Communication Studies, Ball State University, 2012-2014

Head Speech and Debate Coach, Columbia City High School (IN), 2010-2012

Courses Taught

University of South Carolina

Argumentation, SPCH 260

Online Public Communication, SPCH 145

Public Communication, SPCH 140

Wabash College

Public Speaking & Democratic Participation, RHET 101

Georgia State University

Argumentation, SCOM 2710

Public Speaking, SCOM 1500

Human Communication, SCOM 1000

Morehouse College

Debate Practicum, HCOM 457

Argumentation & Debate, HCOM 335

Public Speaking, HCOM 253

Wiley College

Academic Success, GESS 1300

Ball State University

Argumentation and Debate, COMM 220 [Teaching Assistant]

Fundamentals of Public Communication, COMM 210

Awards & Honors

Top Student Paper Panel, Argumentation and Forensics Division, National Communication Association Annual Conference, 2018

Presidential Fellowship, Department of Communication, Georgia State University, 2015-2017

“World Tour Initiative” International Travel Award, Department of Communication Studies, Ball State University, 2013

Publications

Articles

- El Karhili, N., Hendry, J., Kackowski, W., El Damanhoury, K., **Dicker, A.**, and Winkler, C.K. (2021). Islamic/State: Daesh's visual negotiation of institutional positioning. *Journal of Media and Religion*, 20(2), 79-104.
- Winkler, C.K., El Damahoury, K., **Dicker, A.**, Luu, Y, Kaczowski, W., and El Karhili, N. (2020). Considering the military-media nexus from the perspective of competing groups: The case of ISIS and al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula. *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict*, 13(1), 3-23.
- Winkler, C., El Damanhoury, K., **Dicker, A.**, & Lemieux, A.F. (2019). Images of death and dying in ISIS media: A comparison of English and Arabic print publications. *Media, War, & Conflict*, 13(3). 248-262. [First published online in 2018]
- Winkler, C.K., El Damanhoury, K., **Dicker, A.**, & Lemieux, A.F. (2019). The medium is terrorism: Transformation of the about to die trope in Dabiq. *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 31(2), 224-243 [First published online in 2016]
- El Damanhoury, K., Winkler, C., Kaczowski, W., & **Dicker, A.**, (2018). Examining the military-media nexus in ISIS's provincial photography campaign. *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict*, 11(2), 89-108.
- Dicker, A.**, & Klinger, G. (2014). *A poem without words: Visual argumentation and the photography collections of the Black Panther Party*. International Society of the Study of Argumentation Conference Proceedings, Amsterdam: ISSA, 300-308.

Book Chapters

- Dicker, A.**, and Wernecke, C. (2021). *Apologia, argument, and philosophical pairs in American political discourse*. In D. Hample (Ed.). *Local theories of argument: Selected works from the 21st NCA/AFA Alta conference on argumentation*. New York, NY: Routledge.
- Dicker, A.**, (2018). Escaping the "broken middle": Establishing argumentative presence within association and disassociation. In C. Winkler (Ed.). *Networked argument: Selected works from the 20th NCA/AFA Alta conference on argumentation*. New York, NY: Routledge.

Articles in Progress

- Digital public memorializing at the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe in Berlin*
Keywords: national memory, digital memorialization, counter-memorials

Conference Presentations

- Dicker, A.** (2022). *Jewish rhetorics – legacies and futures (l'dor v'dor)*. Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Conference, Baltimore, MD.
- Dicker, A.** (2020). *Trumping up faith: The use of religious rhetoric in the Trump impeachment*. National Communication Association Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
- Dicker, A.** (2020). *Analyzing the limits of hospitality from the New York University Presidential Awards*. Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Conference, Portland, OR. [COVID-19 Conference Cancellation]
- Dicker, A.** (2019). *Silencing the Holocaust as affective Antisemitism on American college campuses*. National Communication Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD. [Panel Chair and Panelist]
- Dicker, A.** (2019). *Apologia, argument, and philosophical pairs in American political discourse*. ACA/AFA Summer Conference on Argumentation, Alta, UT.
- Dicker, A.** (2019). *How competing groups responded to ISIS's "ups and downs" to their media campaigns*. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Dicker, A.** (2018). *Escaping the "broken middle": Arguments for particular audiences using dissociative disruption*. National Communication Association Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, UT. **[Top Student Paper Panel, Argumentation and Forensics Division]**
- Dicker, A.** (2018). *Toward the affective turn in social movement theory*. Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- Dicker, A.** (2017). *Defending the "Domestic Foreigner": Jews and Muslims as "Un-American"*. ACA/AFA Summer Conference on Argumentation, Alta, UT.
- Dicker, A.** (2017). *#UCIntifada: The Future of BDS on American College Campuses*. Morehouse College Interdisciplinary Symposium on Social Justice, Social Movements, and Activism at Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA.
- Dicker, A.** (2017). *Counterpublics and the Universal Audience*. Southern States Communication Association Annual Conference, Greenville, SC.
- Dicker, A.** (2016). *Visual interpellation in Dabiq's "Selected 10"*. National Communication Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia.
- Lemieux, A.F., Winkler, C., Simati, M., El Damanhoury, K., & **Dicker, A.** (2016). *An analytical comparison of behavioral change appeals in Al-Shabaab's Gaidi Mtaani and ISIL's Dabiq*. National Communication Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Winkler, C., **Dicker, A.**, & El Damanhoury, K. (2016). *Visual and sound strategies in ISIS Propaganda*. VOX-POL Conference, Dublin, Ireland.

Winkler, C., Lemieux, A., **Dicker, A.**, & El Damanhoury, K. (2016). *Validating Extremism: Daesh's use of authority in al-Naba' infographics*. International Society for the Study of Argument/Wake Forest University Biennial Argumentation Conference, Venice, Italy.

Dicker, A. (2016). *Reducing recidivism: Prison reform through higher education*. 6th Annual Conference on Scholarly Teaching, Atlanta, GA.

Winkler, C., Lemieux, A., **Dicker, A.**, & El Damanhoury, K. (2016). *Visual communication strategies of ISIL's Dabiq magazine*. International Studies Association – International Communication Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Lemieux, A., Winkler, C., **Dicker, A.**, & El Damanhoury, K. (2015). *Dissecting Dabiq: A critical analysis of potential, role, and impact of ISIL's English language magazine*. National Communication Association Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

Dicker, A., & Klinger, G. (2014). *A poem without words: Visual argumentation and the photography collections of the Black Panther Party*. International Society of the Study of Argumentation Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

University Service

Faculty Senate (Elected Three-Year Term, University of South Carolina)
Quality Enhancement Plan [QEP] Committee (Graduate Student Representative, Georgia State University)
Student Government Association (Graduate Student Representative, Ball State University)

Reviewer for Journals & Conferences

Media, War & Conflict (Journal)
National Communication Association (Conference)
Rhetoric Society of America (Conference)
Southern States Communication Association (Conference)

Competitive Workshop Participation

RSA Summer Institute (2019), Baltimore, MD.

Emerging Lines of Inquiry in the New Generation of Memory Studies Scholarship [Seminar led by Dr. Bradford Vivian & Dr. Katherine Mack]

Rethinking Religious Rhetorics [Workshop led by Dr. Jeff Ringer & Dr. Paul Lynch]

RSA Summer Institute (2017), Bloomington, IN.

Argumentation [Workshop led by Dr. David Zarefsky]

Grant Research

Researcher, “Mobilizing Media: A deep and comparative analysis of magazines, music, and videos in the context of terrorism.” U.S. Department of Defense Minerva Initiative 2015-2017. (Principle Investigator: Dr. Anthony Lemieux)

Researcher, “Documenting the Virtual Caliphate.” U.S. Department of Defense Minerva Initiative #N00014-16-1-3174 2018-Present. (Principle Investigator: Dr. Mia Bloom)

Memberships

National Communication Association (NCA)
Rhetoric Society of America (RSA)
Southern States Communication Association (SSCA)
Sigma Pi Alpha (Political Science Honors Society)