

Wanda Little Fenimore
Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Florida State University Tallahassee, FL
School of Communication
Doctor of Philosophy

Hollins University Roanoke, VA
Master of Arts in Liberal Studies

Randolph-Macon Woman's College Lynchburg, VA
Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies

Fellowships, Grants & Awards

- Excel Funding Program for Liberal Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences – University of South Carolina (2024)
- RISE (Research Initiative for Summer Engagement) Grant – University of South Carolina Regional Campuses (2022)
- Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies Community College Faculty Fellowship (2020)
- Top Paper – American Society for History of Rhetoric Interest Group of Southern States Communication Association (2020)
- Top Paper – Rhetoric & Public Address Division of Southern States Communication Association (2019)

Teaching Experience

2023 – present Associate Professor of Speech Communication

2015 – 2023 Assistant Professor of Speech Communication
University of South Carolina – Sumter

- MART 110/FAMS 110 Media Culture (online)
- SPCH 140 Public Communication (f2f, hybrid, online)
- SPCH 145 Online Communication (online)
- SPCH 331 Organizational Communication (online)
- Advising

2023 – present Adjunct Instructor

University of South Carolina – Aiken

- COMM 241 Public Speaking (online)
- COMM 351 Persuasion (online)

Teaching Experience (continued)

- 2012 – 2015 Visiting Assistant Professor of Rhetoric
Hampden-Sydney College
- RHET 102 Principles of Good Writing
 - Black and White Public Discourse about Race Relations
 - Sport & Society
 - RHET 210 Public Speaking
 - RHET 310 Advanced Public Speaking
- 2010 – 2012 Florida State University
- Instructor
- SPC 1017 Fundamentals of Communication, Honors
 - COM 4930 Sport, Media & Gender
- Co-Instructor
- MMC 2000 Introduction to Mass Media
 - COM 4935 Sports and the Media
- Teaching Assistant
- SPC 1017 Fundamentals of Communication (Lab Instructor)
 - SPC 2608 Public Speaking (Lab Instructor: Face-to-Face & Hybrid)
 - COM 3332 Communication Technology & Contemporary Society (Online)
 - SPC 3210 Contemporary Human Communication (Face-to-Face & Online)
- 2008 – 2010 Adjunct Instructor
Randolph College
- COMM 102 Introduction to Mass Media
 - COMM 204 Communication Technologies & Culture
 - COMM 241 American Broadcasting
 - COMM 388 Sports and the Media
 - COMM 425 Exploring Media Theories
 - COMM 494 Senior Thesis (co-taught)

Center for Teaching Excellence Certificates

- Teaching Towards Inclusive Excellence
- COLT – Carolina Online Learning & Teaching
- Master Class – Assessment & Bloom's Taxonomy

Publications

Nikki Haley's Lessons from the New South (Lexington, 2023).

The Rhetorical Road to Brown v. Board of Education: Elizabeth and Waties Waring's Campaign
(University Press of Mississippi, 2023).

Publications (continued)

“‘Freedom is Everybody’s Job’: Elizabeth Waring’s Rhetorical Strategies to Dismantle Jim Crow.” *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 24, no. 4 (2021): 645-683.

<https://muse.jhu.edu/article/850848>

“Memorials to the Empire in a Postcolonial Age: Materiality and Rhetorical Performance of the Queen Victoria Memorial in London.” *Carolinas Communication Annual* (2018): 37-51.
<https://www.scribd.com/document/388249173/2018-Carolinas-Communication-Annual>

Entries for Sadie T. M. Alexander, Daisy Bates, Anne McCarty Braden, 1968 Miss America Protest, Shirley Muldowney, Jo Anne Robinson, and Elizabeth Avery Waring in *Women in American History: A Social, Political, and Cultural Encyclopedia and Document Collection*, edited by Peg A. Lamphier and Rosanne Welch. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2017.

“Bad Girls: From Eve to Britney” in *Mental Illness in Popular Media: Essays on the Representation of Disorders*, edited by Lawrence Rubin. 146-164. Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, 2012.

“Who Wins with NASCAR on ESPN?” in *The Business of Entertainment*, vol. 3, edited by Robert C. Sickels, 83-99. Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers, 2009.

Book Reviews

Review of Richard Gergel, *Unexamined Courage: The Blinding of Sgt. Isaac Woodard and the Awakening of President Harry S. Truman and Judge J. Waties Waring*. *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 24, no. 4 (2021): 748-751. <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/850855>

Review of Joan Quigley, *Just Another Southern Town: Mary Church Terrell and the Struggle for Racial Justice in the Nation’s Capital*. H-SAWH, H-Net Reviews, March, 2017.
<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=46709>

Works in Progress

Mrs. Ruby Cornwell: Changemaker and Citizen. Book manuscript.

“‘The Need for Changing’: John Henry McCray’s Multi-Modal Activism in 20th Century South Carolina,” journal article for submission to *Journal for the History of Rhetoric*.

Invited Lectures and Panels

Keynote Speaker, Festival of Speaking and Listening, Sewanee: University of the South, April 21, 2025.

Invited Panelist, “Fearless Speech.” Southern Colloquium on Rhetoric, Norfolk, VA, April 4, 2025.

Invited Panelist, “One Hundred Years of Women Debating the Equal Rights Amendment: An Interdisciplinary Conversation.” Carolinas Communication Association Convention, Furman University, November 8, 2024.

Invited Panelist, “*Brown v. Board of Education* at 70: Rhetoric, Race, and America’s Unfinished Conversation.” Southern Colloquium on Rhetoric, Frisco, TX, April 5, 2024.

Invited Lectures and Panels (continued)

Discussant, "Characters and Caricatures: The Fiery Rhetoric of South Carolina Governors." Roundtable at 92nd Annual Convention of the Southern States Communication Association, Greenville, SC, April 6 – 10, 2022.

Guest Lecturer, "Media Effects: Britney Spears & the Media," in COMM 275 Communication Theory, Coastal Carolina University, April 12, 2021.

Guest Lecturer, "The Woman Behind the Woman: White Allyship in the Archives," in RHET 331 Voices of American Women, Sewanee: The University of the South, March 29, 2021.

Guest Lecturer, "Media, Money & Mental Health," in RHET 491 Rhetoric of Mass and Social Media, Sewanee: The University of the South, October 14, 2020.

Selected Professional Conference Presentations

"Respectability and Resistance: The Public-Spirited Women of the Phillis Wheatley Literary and Social Club." Presented at Triennial Conference of the Southern Association of Women Historians, Daytona, FL, June 19 – 22, 2025.

"'Choice' and 'Local Control': Project 2025 Resurrects the Rhetoric of Massive Resistance," invited panelist for "Project 2025: Restoring the U.S. 'to its Original Moorings.'" Presented at 95th Annual Convention of the Southern States Communication Association, Norfolk, VA, April 2 – 6, 2025.

"Porgy in Charleston: Local Resistance to 'Separate but Equal,'" presented at Southeastern American Studies annual convention, New Orleans, LA, March 6 – 8, 2025.

"'Available Means': Changing Rhetorical Definitions through Black Activism." Presented at the 24th Biennial conference of the International Society for the History of Rhetoric, Vancouver, Canada, July 23 – 26, 2024.

"A Part of and Apart from: Public Memory of J. Waties Waring in Charleston." Presented at Carolinas Communication Association Annual Convention, Greensboro, NC, September 28 – 30, 2023.

"A Radical Heart: Mrs. Cornwell Gets Arrested." Presented at 93rd Annual Convention of the Southern States Communication Association, St. Petersburg, FL, April 12 – 16, 2023.

"Unity, Jobs, and Hugs: Nikki Haley's Lessons from the New South." Presented at 93rd Annual Convention of the Southern States Communication Association, St. Petersburg, FL, April 12 – 16, 2023.

"Haley v. Obama: The Fight Over South Carolina's Voter ID Law." Presented at 108th National Communication Association Convention, New Orleans, LA, November 17 – 20, 2022.

Selected Professional Conference Presentations (continued)

"From 'Separate, But Equal' to Living Legacy: The Plessy and Ferguson Foundation."

Panelist on Advocacy on Behalf of the Louisiana "Others" presented at 108th National Communication Association Convention, New Orleans, LA, November 17 – 20, 2022.

"Breaking the Code: Racism in News Media's Coverage of 1964 National Democratic Party Convention." Presented at the 23rd Biennial Conference of the International Society for the History of Rhetoric, The Netherlands, August 2 – 6, 2022.

"The Resilience of Memory: Nikki Haley's Appeals to Nostalgia." Presented at 92nd Annual Convention of the Southern States Communication Association, Greenville, SC, April 6 – 10, 2022.

"The Need for Changing: John H. McCray's Resilient Resistance to White Supremacy." Presented at 92nd Annual Convention of the Southern States Communication Association, Greenville, SC, April 6 – 10, 2022.

"Opera in Greenville: 75th Anniversary of the Lynching of Willie Earle." Roundtable at 92nd Annual Convention of the Southern States Communication Association, Greenville, SC, April 6 – 10, 2022.

"'An American Swastika': The Confederate Flag at the South Carolina Statehouse." *Top paper – American Society for the History of Rhetoric Interest Group. Accepted for presentation at the 90th Annual Convention of the Southern States Communication Association, Frisco, TX, April 1 – 5, 2020. **** Canceled

"What is Already Guaranteed to Us': Modjeska Simkins, Civil Liberties, and the Civil Rights Fight." Accepted for presentation at the 90th Annual Convention of the Southern States Communication Association, Frisco, TX, April 1 – 5, 2020. **** Canceled

"The Year to Decide Between Freedom and New Slavery: Judge J. Waties Waring's 1950 Rhetorical Campaign." Accepted for presentation at the 19th Biennial Conference of the Rhetoric Society of America, Portland, OR, May 21 – 24, 2020. **** Canceled

"Insider and Outsider: Elizabeth Waring's Speech to the (Black) Charleston YWCA." *Top Paper – Rhetoric & Public Address. Presented at 89th Annual Convention of the Southern States Communication Association, Montgomery, AL, April 3 – 7, 2019.

"At the Crossroads of Change: African American Women's Rhetoric & Activism." Roundtable held at National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African-American Culture, Alabama State University during Southern States Communication Association Convention, Montgomery, AL, April 3 – 7, 2019.

"Keep that Big Mouth of Yours Shut: The Rhetorical Effects of Elizabeth Waring's Speeches against Segregation." Presented at 18th Biennial Conference of Rhetoric Society of America, Minneapolis, MN, May 31 – June 3, 2018.

Selected Professional Conference Presentations (continued)

"Judge J. Waties Waring's Transcendent Persona in 'The Struggle for Negro Rights.'"

Presented at 87th Annual Convention of Southern States Communication Association, Greenville, SC, April 5 – 9, 2017.

"From 'Heritage, not Hate' to #RemovetheFlag: The Confederate Flag in South Carolina."

Presented at Carolinas Communication Association Annual Conference, Wilmington, NC, September 30 – October 1, 2016.

"Danica's Dilemma: Play by the (Gendered) Rules or Not Play at All?" Paper presented at

National Communication Association Annual Convention, Las Vegas, NV, November 19 – 22, 2015.

"Navigating the Past: Remembering J. Waties Waring's 'Indelible Contributions.'"

Presented at Carolinas Communication Association Annual Conference, Charleston, SC, October 2 – 3, 2015.

"The Spectacle of Danica Patrick." Paper presented at A Mirror of Our Culture: Sport and

Society in America, St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI, May 22 – 24, 2012.

"Michael Vick: Condemnation and Redemption." Paper presented at the North American

Society for the Sociology of Sport conference, Minneapolis, MN, November 2 – 5, 2011.

"Elizabeth Waring: The Witch of Meeting Street." Paper presented at the Florida

Communication Association conference, Orlando, FL, October 13 – 15, 2011.

"Queering Prime Time: The Case of Denny Crane and Alan Shore of *Boston Legal*." National

Popular Culture/American Culture Association conference, San Antonio, TX, April 20 – 23, 2011.

"Stereotypes of African-American Quarterbacks in the NFL: The Case of Michael Vick."

Paper presented at A Mirror of Our Culture: Sport and Society in America, St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI, May 26 – 28, 2010.

Service to the University

Local Campus – Sumter

- Chair, Faculty Rights and Responsibilities; Vice-chair, Tenure & Promotion; Faculty/Staff Professional Development; Faculty Research Seminar; Research & Productive Scholarship Committee; Cultural Events Committee; Athletics Committee; Faculty searches

University System

- USC Columbia Faculty Senate, Provost's Advisory Committee on Women's Initiatives, Instructional Development Committee, RISE reviewer, Discover U of SC Reviewer (undergraduate and graduate research)

Service to the Profession

- 1st Vice President – Carolinas Communication Association
- Coordinating Committee – Southern Colloquium on Rhetoric
- Reviewer for Mellon/Community College Faculty Fellowship (American Council for Learned Societies)
- Feminist Scholar of the Year Committee (ORWAC)
- Chair, American Society for History of Rhetoric Interest Group of Southern States Communication Association (2018-2020)
- Editorial Board, *Carolinas Communication Annual* (2016-18, 2023)
- *Ad Hoc* Reviewer for Carolinas Communication Association, *Feminist Media Studies*, National Association for Women's Studies, National Communication Association, *Southern Communication Journal*, Southern States Communication Association, University of California press, *Virginia Social Science Journal*

Professional Association Memberships

Biographers International Association
Carolinas Communication Association
International Society for the History of Rhetoric
Southeastern American Studies Association
Southern Association of Women Historians
Southern States Communication Association

References

Available upon request