

**Michael K. Middleton**  
**Curriculum Vitae**

Associate Professor of Argumentation & Public Discourse  
Director of Graduate Studies

Department of Communication  
University of Utah  
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**Education**

**Ph.D.** University of Utah, 2011, Communication

Academic Areas: Rhetoric, Argumentation, Social Movements, Performance & Cultural Studies, Critical Theory, Globalization & Neoliberalism

Dissertation: “Becoming War-Machines: Neoliberalism, Critical Politics, and Singularities of Struggle”

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Leonard Hawes (chair), Dr. Suhi Choi, Dr. Marouf Hasian, Dr. Tom Huckin, Dr. Mary Strine

**Graduate Certificate in Conflict Resolution**

University of Utah, 2011, Department of Communication

Emphasis Areas: Negotiation, Mediation, Group Dialogue Processes

Program Director: Michelle Hawes

**M.A.** California State University, Long Beach, 2006, Communication Studies

Academic Areas: Rhetoric, Popular Culture

*Distinguished Graduate in Communication*

Thesis: “Playing with Meaning: Complexity, Interactivity and Semiotic Excess in *Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas*”

Thesis Committee: Dr. Karen Rasmussen (chair), Dr. Ann Johnson, Dr. Mitch Reyes

**B.S.** Northern Arizona University, 2004, Speech Communication

Academic Areas: Speech Communication, Political Science

*Summa Cum Laude*

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## Honors & Awards

- 2021 College of Humanities Distinguished Service Award
- 2018 Utah State Legislature: House Concurrent Resolution 3, recognizing the exemplary accomplishments of the John R. Park Debate Society
- 2018 *Western Journal of Communication*, Outstanding Publications Reviewer Award
- 2017 University of Utah, Department of Communication, Faculty Member of the Year
- 2017 National Parliamentary Debate Association, Season-Long National Championship
- 2017 Pt. Loma Nazarene University, Quintilian Award for Excellence in Forensics Education
- 2016 National Communication Association, Critical/Cultural Studies Division, Outstanding Book Award
- 2016 University of Utah, "Beacons of Excellence" Award, John R. Park Debate Society
- 2015 University of Utah, Department of Communication, Faculty Service Award
- 2015 National Speech & Debate Association, Wasatch District, Communicator of the Year Award
- 2015 Utah Debate Coaches Association, Community Supporter of the Year Award
- 2012 Western States Communication Association, B. Aubrey Fisher Outstanding Journal Article Award

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## Scholarship

### Books

- 2018 Senda-Cook, Samantha, Aaron Hess, **Michael K. Middleton**, and Danielle E. Endres. *Readings in Rhetorical Fieldwork*. New York: Routledge, 2018.
- 2015 **Middleton, Michael K.**, Aaron Hess, Danielle E. Endres, and Samantha Senda-Cook. *Participatory Critical Rhetoric: Theoretical and Methodological Foundations for Studying Rhetoric In Situ*. Lanham, Lexington Books, 2015.

### Review Essays

Chang, Briankle. "Participatory Critical Rhetoric: Theoretical and Methodological Foundations for Studying Rhetoric In Situ [Book Review]." *CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*, 53, 2016, 1608-1609.

McKerrow, Raymie. "Participatory Critical Rhetoric: Theoretical and Methodological Foundations for Studying Rhetoric in Situ [Book Review]." *Women's Studies in Communication*, 41.1, 2018, 82-84.

Penman, Will. "Participatory Critical Rhetoric: Theoretical and Methodological Foundations for Studying Rhetoric in Situ [Book Review]." *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, 103.1-2, 2017, 98-202.

Journal Articles

- 2020 Hess, Aaron, Samantha Senda-Cook, Danielle Endres, and **Michael K. Middleton**. "(Participatory) Critical Rhetoric: Critiqued and Reconsidered." *International Journal of Communication*, 14.1, 2020.
- 2019 Lawson, Sean T. and Michael K. Middleton. "Is 'Pearl Harbor' Still a Valid Cyber Metaphor?" *Fifth Domain*, July 25, 2019. (<https://www.fifthdomain.com/2019/07/25/is-pearl-harbor-still-a-valid-cyber-metaphor/>).
- Lawson, Sean T. and **Michael K. Middleton**. "Cyber Pearl Harbor: Analogy, Fear, and the Framing of Cyber Security Threats in the United States, 1991-2016." *First Monday*, 24.3, 2019 (<https://firstmonday.org/ojs/index.php/fm/article/view/9623/7736>).
- 2016 Endres, Danielle, **Michael K. Middleton**, Samantha Senda-Cook, and Aaron Hess (Eds.). "Special Issue: Rhetorical Fieldwork." *Cultural Studies ↔ Critical Methodologies*, 16.6, 2016, 511-580.
- Middleton, Michael K.**, Samantha Senda-Cook, Aaron Hess, and Danielle Endres. "Contemplating the Participatory Turn in Rhetorical Criticism." *Cultural Studies ↔ Critical Methodologies*, 16.6, 2016, 571-580.
- Endres, Danielle, Aaron Hess, Samantha Senda-Cook, and **Michael K. Middleton**. "In Situ Rhetoric: Intersections Between Qualitative Inquiry, Fieldwork, and Rhetoric." *Cultural Studies ↔ Critical Methodologies*, 16.6, 2016, 511-524.
- 2014 McHendry Jr, George F., **Michael K. Middleton**, Danielle E. Endres, Samantha Senda-Cook, and Megan O'Byrne. "Rhetorical Critic(ism)'s Body: Affect and Fieldwork on a Plane of Immanence." *Southern Communication Journal*, 79.4, 2014, 293-310.
- \*Middleton, Michael K. "SafeGround Sacramento and Rhetorics of Substantive Citizenship." *Western Journal of Communication*, 78.2, 2014, 119-133. \*Lead article.
- Middleton, Michael K. "Housing, Not Handcuffs: Homeless Misrecognition and SafeGround Sacramento's Homeless Activism." *Communication, Culture, & Critique*, 7.3, 2014, 320-337.

- 2011 \***Middleton, Michael K.**, Samantha M. Senda-Cook, and Danielle E. Endres. "Articulating Rhetorical Field Methods: Challenges & Tensions." *Western Journal of Communication* 75.4, 2011, 386–406. \*Winner: 2011 B. Aubrey Fisher Article of the Year Award from Western Journal of Communication.

### Book Chapters

- 2019 Lawson, Sean and **Michael K. Middleton**. "Communication Studies of/and Cybersecurity." *The Handbook of Communication and Security*. Routledge, 2019.
- 2018 Senda-Cook, Samantha, **Michael K. Middleton**, and Danielle E. Endres. "Rhetorical Cartographies: (Counter)Mapping Urban Spaces." *Field Rhetoric*, edited by Candice S. Rai and Caroline G. Druschke, The University of Alabama Press, 2018.
- 2016 Senda-Cook, Samantha, **Michael K. Middleton**, and Danielle E. Endres. "Interrogating the Field." *Text+Field*, edited by Robert Asen, Sarah McKinnon, and Karma Chavez, Pennsylvania State University Press, 2016.
- 2015 Anderson, James A., and **Michael K. Middleton**. "Epistemological movements in the field of communication." *A Century of Communication Studies: The Unfinished Conversation*, edited by Pat J. Gerhke and William M. Keith, New York: Routledge, 2015.

### Conference Proceedings

- 2020 Cheesewright, Kyle and **Michael K. Middleton**. "Modernizing Racism: The Localization of Settler-Colonial Logics in Utah House Bill 93." *Selected Papers from the 21<sup>st</sup> Biennial Conference on Argumentation*, edited by Dale Hample. Washington, DC: AFA/NCA, 2019.
- 2018 **Middleton, Michael K.** and Kevin A. Johnson. "Critical Deliberation Under Fire?: Milblogging, Free Speech, and the "Soldiers' Protocol to Enable Active Communication Act." *Networking Argument: Selected Papers from the 20<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference on Argumentation*, edited by Carol Winkler. Washington, DC: AFA/NCA, 2018.
- 2015 Johnson, Kevin A., and **Michael K. Middleton**. "The Irony of Originalist Arguments in Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission." *Recovering Argument: Selected Papers from the 20<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference on Argumentation*, edited by Randall Lake, Washington, DC, AFA/NCA, 2018.
- 2011 Johnson, Kevin A. and **Michael K. Middleton**. "Challenging the "Givens" of Political Life: Social Movements and the Destructive Orgy of Unreason." *Reasoned Argument and Social Change: Selected Papers from the 17<sup>th</sup> Biennial*

*Conference on Argumentation*, edited by Robert C. Rowland, Washington, DC, AFA/NCA, 2011.

- 2009 **Middleton, Michael K.** and Nicholas A. Russell. "It's Bigger than Hip-Hop": Don Imus and the Racial Enthymeme." *The Functions of Argument and Social Context: Selected Papers from the 16<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference on Argumentation*, edited by Dennis Gouran, Washington, DC, AFA/NCA, 2010.

*Creative/Public Scholarship*

- 2019 Public Debate & Discussion Forum: "*The British Are Coming: A Public Debate Featuring the British National Debate Team.*" Event Partners: National Communication Association's Committee for International Discussion and Dialogue and the English Speaking Union's British National Debate Team.

*Alliance for a Better Utah Election Debate Series: SLC Mayoral Primary.* Participating candidates: David Ibarra, David Garbett, Erin Mendenhall, Jim Dabakis, Luz Escamilla, Richard Goldberger, Rainer Huck, Stan Penfold

- 2018 *Alliance for a Better Utah Election Debate Series.* Participating Candidates/Speakers (6 events: 3 debates, 3 forums): Brian Zehnder, Kathleen Riebe, Steve Waldrip, Deana Froerer, Brad Bonham, Suzanne Harrison, Bjorn Jones, Jeff Wright, Daniel Magelby, Michael Crespin, Michael Li, Colleen Grogan, Phillip Singer, Norman Waitzman, Rylee Curtis, Jeffrey Anderson, Miriam Boeri, and Michael Melendez.

*Alliance for a Better Utah Election Debate Series.* Participating Candidates (2 debates): Jen Dailey-Provost, Jacquelyn Orton, Darin Mann, Igor Laminsky, Derek Kitchen, and Jennifer Plumb.

Public Debate & Discussion Forum: "*Inequitable Futures: A Debate & Panel Discussion Exploring Equalization of School Funding.*" Guest Speakers: Senator Howard Stephenson – Utah Legislature, Representative Tim Quinn – Utah Legislature, and Justin Anderson – Utah County Democratic Party (Vice-Chair).

- 2017 Public Debate & Discussion Forum: "*2017 Committee for International Discussion and Dialogue's British Debate Tour.*" Event Partners: National Communication Association's Committee for International Discussion and Dialogue and the English Speaking Union's British National Debate Team.

Public Debate & Discussion Forum: "Appreciation vs. Appropriation: A Conversation about the University of Utah's Drum and Feather." Guest Speakers: Professor Danielle Endres.

- 2016 *Alliance for a Better Utah Election Debate Series*

Participating Candidates (4 debates): Lisa Cummins, Erin Preston, Zach Robinson, Robert Spendlove, Karen Kwan, Macade Jensen, Bruce Cutler, and Christine Passey.

Public Debate & Discussion Forum: “*Voices from a Post-Genocide Generation: A Public Debate Featuring the Rwandan National Debate Team.*” Event Partners: IDebate Rwanda.

Public Debate & Discussion Forum: “*Utah Debates Japan: A Public Debate Featuring the Japanese National Debate Team.*” Event Partners: National Communication Association’s Committee for International Discussion and Dialogue and the Japanese Debate Association’s Japanese National Debate Team.

2015 Public Debate & Discussion Forum: “*The British Are Coming: A Public Debate Featuring the British National Debate Team.*” Event Partners: National Communication Association’s Committee for International Discussion and Dialogue and the English Speaking Union’s British National Debate Team.

Public Debate & Discussion Forum: “*Pollution Solution: A Debate About Utah’s Environment.*” Guest Speakers: Senator Scott Jenkins – Utah Legislature, Brian Moench – Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment, Terry Marasco – Utah Clean Air Alliance, and Lea Peacock – Utah Petroleum Association.

2014 *Alliance for a Better Utah Election Debate Series*  
Participating Candidates (5 debates): Jenny Wilson, Micah Bruner, Fed Cox, Michael D. Lee, Jani Iwamoto, Sabrina Petersen, Bruce Cutler, Diane Lewis, Earl Tanner, Christine Passey.

Public Debate & Discussion Forum: “*Don’t Shoot: The National Debate Over Police Body Cameras.*” Guest Speakers: Chief Chris Burbank – SLC Police Department, Randall K. Edwards – Civil Rights Attorney, Representative Paul Ray – Utah Legislature, and Anna Brower – Utah ACLU.

Public Debate & Discussion Forum: “*After Tiller (Film Screening).*” Guest Speaker: Heather Stringfellow – Utah Planned Parenthood

2013 Public Debate & Discussion Forum: “*Life Divided: The National Debate Over Immigration Reform.*” Guest Speakers: Tony Yapias – Proyecto Latino de Utah, Robert Wren – UFIRE, Jean Hill – SLC Catholic Diocese, and Arturo Morales-Llan – Legal Immigrants for Immigration Law Reform.

Public Debate & Discussion Forum: “*Under the Gun: The National Debate over Gun Control.*” Guest Speakers: Clark Aposhian – Utah Shooting Sports Council, Steve Gunn – Utah Gun Violence Prevention Center, Jean Hill – Salt Lake Catholic Diocese, Mitch Vilos – Gun Law Attorney, Maryann Martindale – Alliance for a Better Utah, and Sen. Allen Christensen (R – District 19).

2012 Public Debate & Discussion Forum: “*Whose Choice?: Debating Women’s Access to Contraception.*” Guest Speakers: Gayle Ruzicka – Utah Eagle Forum, Heather Stringfellow – Utah Planned Parenthood, Representative Brad Daw (R – District 60), and Representative Carol Spackman-Moss (D – District 37).

Public Debate & Discussion Forum: “*Let’s Talk About Sex: The Comprehensive Sex Education Controversy in Public Schools.*” Guest Speakers: Irish Times National Debate Champions.

2011 Public Debate & Discussion Forum: “*Time for Revolution?: Debating the #OCCUPY Movement.*” Guest Speakers: Salt City Slam and David Rovics.

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### Professional Publications

2011 **Middleton, Michael K.** and Nicholas A. Russell. “Service-Oriented Forensics: Civic Engagement, Community Dialogue, and the Promise of Democratic Participation.” *Rostrum*, vol. 85, no. 2, Oct. 2011, pp. 13-17.

2006 Middleton, Michael K. *Participation for All: A Youth Parliament Handbook (Expanded Edition)*. New York, International Debate Education Association, 2006/7.

2005 Middleton, Michael K. *Participation for All: A Youth Parliament Handbook*. New York, International Debate Education Association, 2005.

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### Grant Activity

2018 American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship Application (Rejected).

2018 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship Application (Rejected).

2015 College of Humanities International Travel Grant. Amount Received: \$1,000

2014 University of Utah, Tanner Humanities Center Research Micro-grant. Amount Received: \$1,300.

2013 University of Utah, University Teaching Committee Grant. Amount Received: \$1,655.

2013 College of Humanities International Travel Grant. Amount Received: \$1,000

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### Competitive Papers & Conference Presentations

2019 Cheesewright, Kyle and **Michael K. Middleton**. “Modernizing Racism: The Localization of Settler-Colonial Logics in Utah House Bill 93.” Competitive

Paper Presentation at the Biennial Alta AFA/NCA Argumentation Conference (Alta, UT; July 2019)

**TOP PAPER:** Jordan, Jason and **Michael K. Middleton**. “Defining Excellence Through Exclusion: Who Gets to Advocate with Evidence?” Competitive Paper Presentation at the Western States Communication Association Annual Conference (Seattle, WA; February 2019).

2017 Middleton, Michael K. “American Life at the Economic Margins: Rhetoricians Engage Recent Bestsellers on Poverty.” Conference Presentation (Panelist) at the National Communication Association Annual Conference (Dallas, TX; November 2017).

Middleton, Michael K. “The Emerging Legacy and Relevance of Participatory Critical Rhetoric.” Conference Presentation (Respondent) at the National Communication Association Annual Conference (Dallas, TX; November 2017).

**Middleton, Michael K.** and Kevin A. Johnson. “Critical Deliberation Under Fire?: Milblogging, Free Speech, and the “Soldiers’ Protocol to Enable Active Communication Act.” Competitive Paper Presentation at the Biennial Alta AFA/NCA Argumentation Conference (Alta, UT; July 2017)

Middleton, Michael K. “Whither Rhetorical Theory?” Conference Panel Presentation at the Western States Communication Association Annual Conference (Salt Lake City, UT; February, 2017).

2016 Middleton, Michael K. “Virtual Homelessness: Spent and the Neoliberal Spectator of Housing Insecurity.” Conference Presentation at the National Communication Association Annual Conference (Philadelphia, PA; November 2016).

Lawson, Sean T., and **Michael K. Middleton**. “Cyber Pearl Harbor: Analogy, Fear, and the Framing of Cybersecurity Threats in the United States, 1991-2016.” Competitive Paper Presentation at the Institute for Information Policy Workshop on Legal and Policy Dimensions of Cybersecurity. (Washington, DC; September 2016).

Middleton, Michael K. “Presenting Research Using Participatory Approaches.” Conference Panel Presentation at the Rhetoric Society of America Annual Conference (Atlanta, GA; May 2016).

2015 Middleton, Michael K. “From Critical Scholar to Activist-Scholar: The Politics of Participatory Critical Rhetoric.” Conference Presentation at the National Communication Association Annual Conference (Las Vegas, NV; November 2015)



Johnson, Kevin A., and **Michael K. Middleton**. “The Irony of Originalist Arguments in Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission.” Competitive Paper Presentation at the Biennial Alta AFA/NCA Argumentation Conference (Alta, UT; July 2015)

Senda-Cook, Samantha, **Michael K. Middleton**, and Danielle Endres, “Rhetorical Cartographies: (Counter)Mapping Urban Spaces,” Competitive Paper Presentation at the Conference on Communication and the Environment (Boulder, CO; June 2015)

**Middleton, Michael K.**, and James A. Anderson. “Claim and value: Sixty years of rhetorical, critical and empirical research.” Competitive Paper Presentation at the International Communication Association Annual Conference (San Juan, Puerto Rico; May 2015).

**Middleton, Michael K.** Accentuating the Positive in Forensics Research: Navigating Assimilation, Power, and Identity in Debate Spaces (Respondent). Competitive Panel at the 2015 Western States Communication Association Annual Conference (Spokane, WA; February 2015).

2014

**Middleton, Michael K.**, and James A. Anderson. “Communication: The Unfinished Conversation.” Invited Panel Presentation at the National Communication Association Annual Conference (Chicago, IL; November 2014)

**Middleton, Michael K.**, and James A. Anderson. “Developments in empirical and rhetorical communication theory.” Competitive Paper Presentation at the International Communication Association Annual Conference (Seattle, WA: June 2014)

Middleton, Michael K., et. al. “Forensics Praxis: Points of Transfer between Practice, Pedagogy, and Theory.” Conference Presentation at the Western States Communication Association Annual Conference (Anaheim, CA: February 2014). Respondent.

Middleton, Michael K., et. al. “Transferring Mediation Certification Programs into Departments of Communication Studies: Program Development, Assessment, Improvement, and Impact.” Conference Presentation at the Western States Communication Association Annual Conference (Anaheim, CA: February 2014). Respondent.

2013

Anderson, James and **Michael K. Middleton**. “Epistemological Movements in the Field of Communication in the U.S.” Conference Presentation at the National Communication Association Annual Conference (Washington, D.C.; November 2013).

Senda-Cook, Samantha, **Michael Middleton**, and Danielle Endres, “Interrogating the Field,” selected as part of a pre-conference at National Communication Association Conference, Washington, D.C.; November, 2013.

**Middleton, Michael K.**, and Kevin A. Johnson. “Ranciere’s ‘communities of sense,’ the aesthetic regime of argument, and argumentative spheres of political expression.” Competitive Panel Presentation at the Alta Argumentation Conference. (Salt Lake City, UT; July 2013).

Anderson, James A., and **Michael K. Middleton**. “Epistemological Movements in the Field of Communication in the U.S.” Preconference Presentation at the International Communication Association Annual Conference (London, UK; June 2013).

Middleton, Michael K. “Rhetorics of Substantive Citizenship: Homelessness, Political Exclusion, and Critical Dialogue.” Competitive Paper Presentation at the International Communication Association Annual Conference (London, UK; June 2013).

Middleton, Michael K. “Forensics Pedagogy & Practice: A Roundtable Discussion.” Panel Presentation at the Western States Communication Association Annual Conference (Reno, NV; February 2013).

2012

Middleton, Michael K. “Everyone Deserves a Place to Be: Homelessness, Political Exclusion, and Dissensus as Oppositional Discourse.” Competitive Paper Presentation at the National Communication Association Annual Conference (Orlando, FL; November 2012).

**Middleton, Michael K.**, Samantha Senda-Cook, and Danielle Endres. “Accessing the Material, Embodied, and Everyday Discourses of Rhetorical Communities.” Roundtable Discussion at the Western States Communication Association Annual Conference (Albuquerque, NM; February 2012).

Russell, Nicholas A. and **Michael K. Middleton**. “In Her Name We Pray: Public Argument, *the Gnostic Gospels*, and Feminist Argument.” Competitive Paper Panel at the Western States Communication Association Annual Conference (Albuquerque, NM; February 2012).

McHendry, George F., **Michael K. Middleton**, Samantha Senda-Cook, Danielle Endres, and Megan O’Byrne. “Transecting Rhetorical Field Methods: Doing Rhetorical Criticism on a Plane of Immanence.” Competitive Paper Panel at the Western States Communication Association Annual Conference (Albuquerque, NM; February 2012).

2011

**Middleton, Michael K.**, Antonio De La Garza, and Robyn Moreno. "Competitive Debate Teams & Community Engagement: A Case Study." Invited Panel Presentation at the Bennion Center Engaged Faculty Institute.

Johnson, Kevin A. and **Michael K. Middleton**. "Challenging the "Givens" of Political Life: Social Movements and the Destructive Orgy of Unreason." Competitive Panel Presentation at the Alta Argumentation Conference. (Salt Lake City, UT; July 2011).

Middleton, Michael K. "Dissensus, Oppositional Communities, and "SafeGround Sacramento's" Homeless Activism." Competitive Panel Presentation at the Western States Communication Association Annual Conference (Monterrey, CA; February 2011).

2010

**Middleton, Michael K.**, and Leonard C. Hawes. "Globalization, Human Rights, and Rhetorical War-Machines: Mapping the Terrain of Nomadic Politics." Competitive Paper Presentation at the "Bridging Theory and Practice: Marxism, Communication and Social Change" mini-conference at the National Communication Association Annual Conference (San Francisco, CA; November 2010).

Russo, M. Rosie, **Michael K. Middleton**, and Nicholas Russell. "It's Getting Hot in Here, so Take Off All Your Clothes": Blatant Sexism, Climate Change and Environmental Rhetoric." Competitive Paper Presentation at the National Communication Association Annual Conference (San Francisco, CA; November 2010).

Russell, Nicholas A., **Michael K. Middleton**, Marouf Hasian, and Sean Lawson. "Flipping for Sides: Counterinsurgency Doctrines, Obama's 'Long War,' and the Debates about U.S. Military Policy in Afghanistan." Competitive Paper Presentation at the National Communication Association Annual Conference (San Francisco, CA; November 2010).

Middleton, Michael K. "Masked Performance: Visibility, Anonymity and the Globalization Politics of the Zapatistas." Competitive Paper Presentation at the National Communication Association Annual Conference (San Francisco, CA; November 2010).

**Middleton, Michael K.**, Samantha M. Senda-Cook, and Danielle Endres. "Articulating Rhetorical Field Methods: Challenges & Tensions." Competitive Paper Presentation at the National Communication Association Annual Conference (San Francisco, CA; November 2010).

**TOP STUDENT PAPER:** Middleton, Michael K. "Ya Basta!: The Zapatistas and Political Aesthetics." Competitive Paper Presentation at the Western States Communication Association Annual Conference (Anchorage, AK; March 2010)

**TOP PAPER:** Middleton, Michael K. “Everything for Everyone...Nothing for Ourselves: The Zapatistas and the (Outlaw) Discourse of Globalization.” Competitive Paper Presentation at the Western States Communication Association Annual Conference (Anchorage, AK; March 2010)

Middleton, Michael K. “Rhetoric of a “Social Netwar”: Anti-Globalization Politics and the Zapatista Uprising.” Competitive Paper Presentation at the Western States Communication Association Annual Conference (Anchorage, AK; March 2010)

Middleton, Michael K. “Imprisoned Speech: Prisoners and the First Amendment in *Beard v. Banks*.” Competitive Paper Presentation at the Western States Communication Association Annual Conference (Anchorage, AK; March 2010)

2009 **Middleton, Michael K.** and Nicholas A. Russell. “‘It’s Bigger Than Hip Hop’: Don Imus and the Racial Enthymeme.” Competitive Panel Presentation at the Alta Argumentation Conference. (Salt Lake City, UT; July 2009).

Middleton, Michael K. “Masked Performance: Visibility, Anonymity and the Globalization Politics of the Zapatistas.” Competitive Paper at the Radical Intersections: Performance across Disciplines Graduate Conference in Performance Studies (Northwestern University). (Evanston, Il.; April 2009).  
*\*\*did not present due to illness*

2008 Middleton, Michael K. “Divisions as Enabling or Constraining: Discussing Intersections between Rhetoric, Ethnography, and Performance.” Competitive Panel Presentation at the National Communication Association Annual Conference (San Diego, CA; November 2008)

**TOP PAPER PANEL:** Middleton, Michael K. “Scott Panetti, The Legal Characterizations of Rights of the Mentally Ill, and the U.S. Supreme Court’s Involvement in Public Debates About the Abolition of Capital Punishment.” Competitive Paper Presentation at the National Communication Association Annual Conference (San Diego, CA; November 2008)

Middleton, Michael K. “Global Trauma/Grassroots Activism: Ecologies and Bodies in the Age of Globalization.” Competitive Paper Presentation at the Association for the Study of Literature & Environment-UK (Edinburgh, Scotland; July 2008).

Russell, Nicholas A. and **Michael K. Middleton.** “The Stained-Glass Ceiling: Public Argument and the (Re)Construction of the Divine Feminine in the *Gnostic Gospels*.” Competitive Panel Presentation at the Western States Communication Association Annual Conference (Denver, CO; February 2008).

**TOP PAPER PANEL:** Russell, Nicholas A. and **Michael K. Middleton.** “One Night in Paris: Paris Hilton, Pornography, and Popular Culture.” Competitive Paper Presentation at the Western States Communication Association Annual Conference (Denver, CO; February 2008).

2007 **TOP PAPER PANEL:** Middleton, Michael K. “Reconstituting an *Interrupted Life*: Women-in-Prison, Vernacular Discourse and Counterpublicity.” Competitive Paper Presentation at the National Communication Association Annual Conference (Chicago, IL; November 2007)

Middleton, Michael K. “Playing with Meaning: Interactivity and Oppositionality in *Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas*.” Competitive Paper Presentation at the Western States Communication Association Convention (Seattle, WA; February 2007).

Middleton, Michael K. “Windtalkers and Warriors: Reconstructing National Identity in War Film.” Competitive Paper Presentation at the Western States Communication Association Convention (Seattle, WA; February 2007)

2006 **Middleton, Michael K** and Nicholas A. Russell. “In the Post-structural Archive: Sexuality, Politics, and the History of Queer Resistance.” Competitive Paper Presentation at the National Communication Association Annual Conference (San Antonio, TX; November 2006).

Middleton, Michael K. “Polysemy, Poaching and Popular Culture: Oppositional Readings in *Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas*” Competitive Paper Presentation at the National Communication Association Annual Conference (San Antonio, TX; November 2006).

Middleton, Michael K. “Transformational *Ethos*: Bill Clinton’s 1992 DNC Acceptance Speech as a Model of (Re)Framing Character” Competitive Paper Presentation at the Western States Communication Association Convention (Palm Springs, CA; February 2006).

Middleton, Michael K. “Narrowing the Forum: Mutually Preferred Judging and Parliamentary Debate.” Competitive Panel Presentation at the Western States Communication Association Convention (Palm Springs, CA; February 2006).

Dunbar, Norah E., Kristine Clancy, Amanda Coho, Jennifer Graham, **Michael K. Middleton**, Raven Pfister, and Kaci Sewell. “A Thematic Analysis of Communication Advice Offered by Popular Self-Help Books.” Competitive Paper Presentation at the Western States Communication Association Convention (Palm Springs, CA; February 2006).

2005 **TOP PAPER PANEL:** Middleton, Michael K. "Adbusters' Blackspot Campaign

and the Visual Rhetoric of Movements." Presented as part of the Top Student Papers in Rhetoric at the National Communication Association Convention (Boston, Mass.; November 2005).

**TOP PAPER PANEL AND DEBUT AWARD: Middleton, Michael K., Matthew Volz, & Aaron Johnson.** "Countercultures And Coded Communication: A Critical Study Of Communication In Head Shops." Presented as part of the Top Papers in Language and Social Interaction at the Western States Communication Association Convention (San Francisco, CA; February 2005).

Middleton, Michael K. "The Facts about "Fact Debate." Competitive Panel Presentation at the Western States Communication Association Convention (San Francisco, CA; February 2005).

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**Invited Presentations & Colloquia:**

- 2019 "Effective Public Speaking & Oral Argument" Invited Lecture by the University of Utah Model Arab League (Salt Lake City, UT; February 2019).
- 2018 "Principles of Public Speaking & Effective Communication." Presentation at the Utah Department of Workforce Services: Refugee Services Office Annual Education & Training Program (Salt Lake City, UT; March 2018)
- 2017 "Principles of Public Speaking & Effective Communication." University of Utah Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid (Salt Lake City, UT; December 2017)
- "Principles of Public Speaking & Effective Communication." University of Utah College of Humanities Academic Advisors (Salt Lake City, UT; October 2017)
- "Principles of Public Speaking & Effective Communication." Presentation at the Utah Department of Workforce Services: Refugee Services Office Annual Education & Training Program (Salt Lake City, UT; March 2017)
- 2014 "Principles of Oral Argumentation: A Communication Perspective." Keynote Presentation at the Utah Attorney General's Annual Continuing Legal Education Conference (Salt Lake City, UT; November 2014).
- "Sixty Years of Theory: Lessons from Analysis." Communication Colloquium at the University of Utah Department of Communication Colloquium Series. (Salt Lake City, UT; November 2014). Co-Presenter: James A. Anderson.
- 2012 "Effective Argumentation: A Communication Perspective." Invited presentation at the Utah Attorney General's Annual Continuing Legal Education Conference. (Sandy, UT; October 2012).

- 2011 “Forensics and College Success.” Invited Lecture for the Wasatch Home School Debate League. (Salt Lake City, UT; December 2011).
- 2010 “Forensics and College Success.” Invited Lecture for the Wasatch Home School Debate League. (Salt Lake City, UT; December 2010).
- 2007 “One Night in Paris: Paris Hilton, Pornography, and Popular Culture.” University of Utah Communication Department’s Graduate Student Colloquium. (Salt Lake City, UT; November 2007).

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### **Professional Experience**

- 2019-Present Associate Professor & Director of Forensics, Department of Communication, University of Utah. Courses Taught include: Public Speaking, Rhetorical Criticism, Gender and Communication, Communication and Social Responsibility, Contemporary Social Movements, Forensics Practicum.
- 2011-2019 Assistant Professor & Director of Forensics, Department of Communication, University of Utah. Courses Taught include: Public Speaking, Rhetorical Criticism, Gender and Communication, Communication and Social Responsibility, Contemporary Social Movements, Forensics Practicum.
- 2006-2011 Graduate Teaching Fellow, Department of Communication, University of Utah. Courses Taught include: Public Speaking, Rhetorical Criticism, Gender and Communication, Communication and Social Responsibility, Contemporary Social Movements, Forensics Practicum.
- 2004-2006 Teaching Assistant, Department of Communication Studies, California State University, Long Beach. Courses taught include: Public Speaking, Essentials of Argumentation, and Small Group Communication.
- 2003-2004 Supplemental Lab Instructor, School of Communication, Northern Arizona University. Provided supplemental instruction in the University’s Summer Outreach Program. Responsibilities included providing additional instruction in communication skills and college preparation. Focused on at-risk students, i.e., low-income, minority, and first-generation students.
- 2001-2005 Instructor, CDE National Debate Institute. Taught supplemental classes in forensics competition. Courses taught include: Modern Philosophy, Contemporary Philosophy, Basic Argumentation, and Introductory Debate.

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### **Teaching Experience**

- University of Utah    COMM 7001: Foundations of Communication  
                                   COMM 7980: Independent Study: Forensics Administration & Pedagogy  
                                   COMM 7980: Independent Study: Rhetorical Field Methods

COMM 7460: Rhetoric of Social Movements  
 COMM 7400: Rhetorical Theory & Criticism  
 COMM 7390: Rhetorical Methods  
 COMM 5420: Contemporary Social Movements  
 COMM 4270: Forensics Lab  
 COMM 3270: Forensics Practicum  
 COMM 3460: Communication Criticism  
 COMM 3070: Communication and Gender  
 COMM 3050: Theoretical Perspectives on Communication  
 COMM 3030: Communication and Social Responsibility  
 COMM 2020: Communication Theory & Everyday Life  
 COMM 1270: Analysis of Argument  
 COMM 1020: Principles of Public Speaking

CSU-Long Beach    COMM 130: Essentials of Public Speaking  
                           COMM 131: Essentials of Argumentation  
                           COMM 132: Small Group Discussion

Northern Arizona    SC 111: Fundamentals of Public Speaking

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### **Supervisory Committees & Mentorship**

#### Graduate

2020-Present	M.A.	Committee Member, Alexis Vega
2020-Present	M.A.	Committee Member, Kaylee Mulholland
2020-Present	Ph.D	Committee Member, Elise Homan
2020-Present	Ph.D	Committee Member, Allison Blumling
2020-Present	Ph.D.	Committee Member, Frank Gigray
2017-Present	Ph.D	Committee Member, Kourtney Maison
2018-2021	Ph.D	Committee Member, Duncan Stewart (completed)
2019-2021	Ph.D	Committee Member, Oscar Mejia (completed)
2020-2021	M.A.	Committee Member, Frank Gigray (completed)
2019-2020	M.A.	Committee Chair, Katelyn Brooks (completed)
2017-2019	Ph.D.	Committee Member, Benjamin Mann (completed)
2013-2019	Ph.D.	Committee Co-Chair, Jason Jordan (completed)
2011-2019	Ph.D.	Committee Chair, Maurianna Shelbourn (completed)
2017-2019	M.A.	Committee Member, Eunice Kim (completed)
2014-2018	Ph.D.	Committee Member, Robert Layne (completed)
2016-2017	Ph.D.	Committee Member, Angel Maldonado (completed)
2016-2017	Ph.D.	Committee Member, Sumiko Martinez (completed)
2013-2017	Ph.D.	Committee Member, Amy Williams (completed)
2011-2015	Ph.D.	Committee Member, Sarah Mathis (completed)
2011-2015	Ph.D.	Committee Member, Nick Paliewicz (completed)
2011-2014	M.A.	Committee Member, Robyn Moreno (completed)



2011-2012 M.A. Committee Member, Jacquelyn Evans (completed)

#### Undergraduate

2014-2015 Undergraduate Research Opportunity, Duncan Stewart

2011-2012 University Student Experts in Teaching, Leilani Harvey

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#### **Forensics Experience**

2018-Present Secretary, International Forensics Association

2011-Present Director of Forensics. University of Utah. Directed a full-service (debate & individual events) forensics team at a Research I institute. Responsibilities included supervising graduate student coaches, high school outreach, and public debate programming; managing team budget; cultivating donor and other support.

2017-2019 Tournament Director, National Parliamentary Debate Association National Championship Tournament

2015-2017 President, National Parliamentary Debate Association

2013-2017 President, Western Forensics Association

2013-2015 Vice-President, National Parliamentary Debate Association

2009-2011 Co-Director of Forensics. University of Utah. Directed an expanding parliamentary debate team at a Research I institute. Responsibilities included coaching, administrative duties, and developing outreach and public events programming

2006 - 2007 Assistant Director of Forensics. University of Utah. Coached an expanding parliamentary debate team at a Research I institute. Responsibilities included coaching, administrative duties, and developing outreach and public events programming.

2004 -2007 Researcher/Author, West Coast Debate Publishing, Inc. Responsibilities included researching and producing monthly argumentation briefs for multiple issues. Accepted briefs were published on a monthly basis.

2004-2006 Consultant, International Debate Education Association. Provided consultation and support developing an international program to facilitate youth participation in community issues. Responsibilities included developing a textbook to facilitate instruction and participation, as well as developing a collaborative forensics format to encourage youth participation.

2004 -2006 Graduate Assistant/Assistant Coach, California State University-Long Beach. Coached a large, multi-cultural forensic squad participating in individual events

and parliamentary debate. Responsibilities included coaching, administrative duties, and research.

2001 – 2003 Assistant Coach, Sinagua High School. Helped coach a large individual events and debate program. Responsibilities included coaching, transportation, tournament hosting, and budget.

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## Service

### Discipline:

2019-Present Editorial Board Member, *Communication & Critical/Cultural Studies*  
2018-Present Secretary, International Forensics Association  
2020-2022 Chair, Western Forensics & Argumentation Association  
2019-2021 Committee Member, American Forensics Association Research Committee  
2018 B. Aubrey Fisher Award Selection Committee, *Western Journal of Communication*  
2015-Present Editorial Board Member, *Western Journal of Communication*  
2015-Present Ad Hoc Reviewing, *Communication Monographs*  
2015-Present Ad Hoc Reviewing, *Journal of Communication Inquiry*  
2015-Present Ad Hoc Reviewing, *Management Communication Quarterly*  
2013-Present Ad Hoc Reviewing, *Southern Communication Journal*  
2013-Present Ad Hoc Reviewing, *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies*  
2011-Present Reviewer, WSCA Annual Conference: Western Forensics & Argumentation Association, Media Studies, Rhetoric  
2011-Present Reviewer, NCA Annual Conference: Rhetoric & Public Address, Critical/Cultural Studies  
2019-2020 Vice-Chair, Western Forensics & Argumentation Association  
2015-2017 President, National Parliamentary Debate Association  
2013-2017 President, Western Forensics & Argumentation Association  
2013-2015 Vice-President, National Parliamentary Debate Association  
2013-2015 Ad Hoc Reviewing, *Western Journal of Communication*  
2011-2015 Chair, National Parliamentary Debate Association, Professional Development & Outreach Committee  
2007-2008 Editor/Editor-Elect, Rocky Mountain Communication Review

### University/Department:

2021 College of Humanities Student Convocation Speaker Selection Committee  
2021-Present College of Humanities Diversity Committee  
2021-Present Director of Graduate Studies  
2021-Present Executive Committee, Department of Communication  
2021-Present Member, Council of Dee Fellows  
2010-Present Member, University Undergraduate Commencement Speaker Selection Committee  
2019-2022 Department of Communication Graduate Committee  
2015-2021 Host, Utah Tournament of Excellence (Annual Event, Approx. 50 HS students)

2015-2021 Host, John R. Park Forensics Symposium (Annual Event; Approx. 100 HS students)

2011-2021 Course Supervisor, COMM 1270: Essentials of Argument

2009-2021 Host, Great Salt Lake Invitational (Annual Event, featuring over 20 colleges and universities and more than 250 college competitors).

2009-2019 Host, Beehive Bonanza High School Tournament (Annual Event, featuring over 600 high school students, teachers, and parents).

2016-2018 Department of Communication Graduate Committee

2013-2018 Department of Communication Scholarship Committee

2015-2016 Department of Communication Undergraduate Committee

2014-2015 Department of Communication Community-Engaged Learning Committee

2011-2013 Member, Vice-Presidential Taskforce on Re-imagining General Education, Fall 2011-Spring 2012

Community:

2009-2021 Director, John R. Park Public Debates. Organizing public debates and dialogues focused on political and social issues of state-wide and national importance. Responsibilities included recruiting guest speakers, supervising advertising efforts, and organizing student participation.

2009-2021 Director, Utah Forensics High School Outreach. Organizing volunteer judging, coaching, clinics, and other support for local high schools with limited forensics resources.

2017-2020 Parliamentarian, Utah Parent-Teacher Association

2012-2020 Selection Committee Member, *Deseret News* Sterling Scholar Awards

2018 Moderator/Host, 2018 Utah Election Debate Series. Sponsored by Alliance for A Better Utah.

2017 Moderator/Host, Utah Congressional District 3 Special Election Debate. Sponsored by Alliance for A Better Utah.

2016 Moderator/Host, 2016 Utah State Legislature Election Debate Series. Sponsored by Alliance for A Better Utah and KCPW radio.

2015 Topic Paper Reviewer. National Federation of State High School Associations, Policy Debate Division.

2014-2015 Member, Utah Debate Commission Board of Directors

2014 Moderator/Host, 2014 Utah State Legislature Election Debate Series. Sponsored by Alliance for A Better Utah and KCPW radio.

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**Professional Associations**

2017-Present International Forensics Association

2013-Present International Communication Association

2005-Present National Communication Association

2005-Present Western States Communication Association

2018-2021 National Forensics Association

2013-2018 American Forensics Association

2001-2019 National Parliamentary Debate Association