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EDUCATION

B.A. in Philosophy (Minor: American History)

University of West Georgia — Carrollton, GA | May 2010

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Argumentation theory, policy debate pedagogy, competitive forensics, critical thinking instruction, curriculum development for competitive debate across formats (policy, parliamentary, World Schools), and the design of immersive summer institutes for advanced student learners.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Head Debate Coach (2015–Present) · Interim Director (2024–2025)

University of West Georgia — Carrollton, GA

- Tripled program scope from varsity policy to a multi-format program (NDT/CEDA, British Parliamentary, World Schools, IPDA, CARD, Ethics Bowl) serving all experience levels.
- Consistently fielded nationally competitive squads reaching NDT and CEDA Nationals elimination rounds on the lowest budget of any NDT/CEDA subscribing institution.
- Co-founded Team Georgia (World Schools); built international partnerships and MOUs with debate organizations in Jamaica, Tanzania, and Rwanda.
- Responsibilities include academic advising, recruitment, and graduate assistant supervision.

Debate Coach (2018–2022)

North Broward Preparatory School — Coconut Creek, FL

- Coached one of the country's most decorated high school programs: TOC Champions (2019), NDCA Baker Award #1 nationally (2018, 2020), Florida State Champions (2020, 2021, 2022).

Assistant Director of Debate (2012–2015)

Gonzaga University — Spokane, WA

- Research director and primary argument coach for the top college program in the Pacific Northwest; multiple NDT qualifiers, tournament champions and finalists.

Debate Coach (2009–2012)

Johns Creek High School — Johns Creek, GA

- Co-founded the program; won a Georgia State Championship and TOC qualification in the program's third year.

Debate Coach (2004–2006)

Highland Park High School — Dallas, TX

- Coached team to TOC semifinals (featured in 2007 HBO documentary *Resolved*); won USC and College Prep Round Robins, UC-Berkeley, 2004 Texas State Championship; Finalists at 2005 Barkley Forum.

Assistant Debate Coach (2002–2003)

Michigan State University — East Lansing, MI

- Part of coaching staff for MSU's 2003 NDT Championship team.

Debate Coach (1999–2001)

Grand Rapids Christian High School — Grand Rapids, MI

- Coached team to the Michigan State Championship semifinals — best finish in program history.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Part-Time Instructor, Philosophy (2015–2024)

University of West Georgia — Carrollton, GA

- PHIL 2020 – Introduction to Critical Thinking (core curriculum): 33 sections, ~30 students each, with a strong public speaking and research/composition component. Average student evaluation: 4.5/5.0.

Part-Time Instructor, Communication (2015–Present)

University of West Georgia — Carrollton, GA

- COMM 1115 – Debate Practicum: supervised individual student practices and advised student service projects for the debate team.

Graduate Student Instructor, Speech Communication (2013–2014)

Georgia State University — Atlanta, GA

- SPCH 1000 – Human Communication: 10 standalone sections of 35 students each; consistently averaged 4.5+/5.0 on student evaluations.

Instructor & Curriculum Co-Director, Summer Debate Workshops (1999–Present)

Multiple Institutions (Gonzaga, UC-Berkeley, Northwestern, MSU, USD, Chattahoochee HS)

- Designs and delivers curricula for all experience levels and workshop lengths (1–5 weeks), including classrooms exceeding 30:1 student-teacher ratios.
- Currently curriculum co-director for the Gonzaga Debate Institute Scholars — a top-tier workshop for advanced high school debaters. Consistently rated a top instructor on student evaluations.

COMPETITIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- Coached two Tournament of Champions (TOC) winners and three TOC top speakers in policy debate.
- Two NDCA Baker Award winners — #1 ranked program nationally (2018, 2020).
- State champions in Georgia, Florida, and Texas.
- Collegiate: NDT champions, CEDA finalists, eight first-round NDT qualifiers, Novice National Championship winners.
- NDT District 2 Critic of the Year (2013); most preferred critic at the NDT across multiple years.