**Alexander William Morales**

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**EDUCATION**

2023 **Ph.D. in Communication Studies**

University of Georgia—Athens, GA

Dissertation: The Rhetoric of David Hume’s *Enquiry*: Enacting Mitigated Skepticism in the Scottish Enlightenment

2017  **M.A. in Communication**

University of South Florida—Tampa, FL

Thesis: The Rhetoric of Scientific Authority: A Rhetorical Examination of *An Inconvenient Truth*

2015  **B.S. in Communication Studies**

Appalachian State University—Boone, NC

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

2023 - Present **Assistant Professor of Teaching/ Coordinator**

Department of Communication & Film, University of Memphis

2018 - 2023 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia

2017 - 2018 **Adjunct Instructor**

Department of English, University of South Carolina

2015 - 2017 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

Department of Communication, University of South Florida

**RESEARCH**

**Publications**

Morales, Alexander William. (Forthcoming) “Politics as Ethos: James M. Buchanan and the Rhetoric of Public Choice Economics.” Edited by Chris Coyne, Don Boudreaux, and Brian Kogelmann. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.

Morales, Alexander William. (2022) “Why Didn’t I Pick a Fight About X?: An Inquisitive Response to Harris.” *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective* 11 (1): 1-6. <https://wp.me/p1Bfg0-6qv>.

Morales, Alexander William. (2021) “An X Too Far: A Review of Randy Allen Harris’s Landmark Essays on Rhetoric of Science: Case Studies and Issues and Methods.” Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective 10 (5): 20-24.  <https://wp.me/p1Bfg0-5Pu>.

Morales, Alexander William. (2020) “Informative Speaking.” *The Art and Craft of Public Speaking*. Edited by Bjørn Stillion Southard. University of Georgia: 124-140.

Morales, Alexander William. (2020) “Presentation Aids.” *The Art and Craft of Public Speaking*. Edited by Bjørn Stillion Southard. University of Georgia: 175-189.

Bell, Travis R., Morales, Alexander William, and Robb, Jaime. (2017) “Communities of Practice, Media Dependency, and Surveillance: A Virtual Search for Supremacy in Fantasy Football.” *Reconstruction: Studies in Contemporary Culture*, 17(1).

**Manuscripts Under Review**

Morales, Alexander William. (Revise & resubmit) “Enlightenment Rhetoric Reconsidered: Discursive Transcendence in David Hume’s ‘Of Eloquence.’” *Philosophy & Rhetoric.*

Morales, Alexander William. (Revise & resubmit) “Skepticism as Ethos: David Hume’s Response to the Epistemological Revolution.” *Quarterly Journal of Speech*.

**Selected Works in Progress**

Morales, Alexander William. “The Shame of Not Speaking Spanish: Julián Castro and Rhetorical Silence.” (Manuscript in progress).

**FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, & DISTINGTIONS**

**Fellowships**

2022 - 2023 SEC Emerging Scholars Fellowship, Southeastern Conference Provosts and the Graduate School, University of Georgia

* + - * 1 of 3 doctoral candidates representing UGA in the SEC Emerging Scholars Program.

2018 - 2022 Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center at George Mason University

* + - * Awarded four, year-long research and seminar fellowships in philosophy, politics, and economics.

2021 Don Lavoie Fellowship, Mercatus Center at George Mason University

* + - * Research award to explore Austrian, Virginia, and Bloomington perspectives in political economy and applied policy research.

2019Jane M. Green and Rufus K. Green Graduate Fellowship,Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, University of Georgia

2018 Osborn Fellowship, The Graduate School, University of Georgia

**Research & Travel Grants**

2022 Domestic Travel Grant, Graduate School, University of Georgia ($800)

2021 NCA Student Caucus Travel Grant, La Raza Caucus ($300)

2021 Hayek Fund Research Grant, Institute for Humane Studies ($750)

2021 Domestic Travel Grant, Graduate School, University of Georgia ($575)

2020 Graduate Research Grant, Willson Center for Humanities and Arts, University of Georgia ($1,212)

2019 Hayek Fund Research Grant, Institute for Humane Studies ($400)

2019 Hayek Fund Research Grant, Institute for Humane Studies ($500)

**Honors & Distinctions**

2023 Top Paper Award, Philosophy and Ethics Interest Group, Southern States Communication Association

2022 The President’s Bronze Volunteer Service Award, AmeriCorps

2021 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Georgia

2020 Top Paper Award, Kenneth Burke Interest Group, Southern States Communication Association

2020 Top Paper Panel, Association for the Rhetoric of Science, Technology, and Medicine, National Communication Association

2020 Jerold L. Hale Graduate Student Service Award, Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia

2020 Blue Key National Honor Society, University of Georgia Chapter

**CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

**Competitively Selected Papers**

Presenter. “Skeptical Baconianism: David Hume and the Controversy on Miracles.” (2023) Southern States Communication Association Conference. American Society for the History of Rhetoric Interest Group. St. Petersburg, FL.

Presenter. “Skepticism as Ethos: Antithesis, Presence, and the Epistemological Revolution.” (2023) Southern States Communication Association Conference. Philosophy & Ethics Interest Group. St. Petersburg, FL. **Top Paper Award.**

Presenter. “Skepticism, Rhetoric, and David Hume.” (2022) National Communication Association Conference. Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division. New Orleans, LA.

Presenter. “La Conversación: Health Campaigns Targeting Hispanic Audiences.” (2022) Southern States Communication Association Conference. Kenneth Burke Interest Group. Greenville, SC.

Presenter. “The Al Gore Problem: Scientific Ethos as a Relational Function of Narrative.” (2022) Southern States Communication Association Conference. Rhetoric & Public Address Division. Greenville, SC.

Presenter. “Enlightenment Rhetoric Reconsidered: Discursive Transcendence in David Hume’s ‘Of Eloquence.’” (2021) Religious Communication Association Preconference. Seattle, WA.

Presenter. “Whither Creative Agency?: Rethinking Rhetoric through an Austrian Economic Perspective.” (2021) Southern States Communication Association Conference. Philosophy & Ethics Interest Group.

Presenter. “The Keynesian Trap: Dual Uptakes of Keynesian Rhetorical Style.” (2020) National Communication Association Conference. Economics, Communication, and Society Division. Indianapolis, IN.

Presenter. “Metaphorical or Metaphysical: The Function of Objects in Rhetorical Theory.” (2020) National Communication Association Conference. Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division. Indianapolis, IN.

Presenter. “Epistemology as Ideology: Scientism, Socialism, and Friedrich A. Hayek.” (2020) National Communication Association Conference. Association for the Rhetoric of Science, Technology, and Medicine. Indianapolis, IN**. Top Paper Panel.**

Presenter. “The Economics Behind Inventing Rhetorical Situations.” (2020) Southern States Communication Association Conference. Kenneth Burke Interest Group. Frisco, TX**. Top Paper Award.** [cancelled due to COVID-19]

Presenter. “Friedrich A. Hayek’s Enlightenment Romance: Contrasting French and Scottish Traditions.” (2020) Southern States Communication Association Conference. American Society for the History of Rhetoric Division. Frisco, TX. [cancelled due to COVID-19]

Presenter. “Translation as a Problematic Necessity.” (2019) Association for the Rhetoric of Science, Technology, and Medicine Pre-conference, Baltimore, MD.

Presenter. “Adam Smith’s Lectures on Rhetoric: An Illustration using Burkean Rules of Grammar.” (2019) Southern States Communication Association Conference. Kenneth Burke Society Interest Group. Montgomery, AL.

Presenter. “Spontaneous Order as Rhetorical Invention: Interpreting Hayekian Economics through the Rhetorical Tradition.” (2019) Southern States Communication Association Conference. History of Rhetoric Division. Montgomery, AL.

Presenter. “Rhetorical History of Enlightenment.” (2018) Association for the Rhetoric of Science, Technology, and Medicine Pre-conference, Salt Lake City, UT.

Presenter. “Piety of the Enlightenment: Tensions in the Remembrance of Science.” (2018) Southern States Communication Association Conference. Kenneth Burke Society Interest Group. Nashville, TN.

Presenter. “Visual Rhetoric as Scientific Persuasion.” (2018) Southern States Communication Association Conference. Rhetoric & Public Address Division. Nashville, TN.

Presenter. “The Metaphoric Construction of the Space Frontier: Politics of Scientific Innovation.” (2017) Southern States Communication Association Conference. Kenneth Burke Society Interest Group. Greenville, SC.

Presenter. “Disciplining the Fantasy Space.” (2016) North American Society for the Sociology of Sport Annual Conference, Tampa, FL.

**Chaired Panels & Panel Discussions**

Panelist. “The Future of the La Raza Caucus: An Open Forum.” (2022) National Communication Association Conference. New Orleans, LA. La Raza Caucus.

Chair. “Selected Papers from the Kenneth Burke Society.” (2021) Southern States Communication Association Conference. Kenneth Burke Society Interest Group.

Panelist. “The La Raza Caucus Responds to the 2020 Election.” (2020) National Communication Association Conference, Indianapolis, IN. La Raza Caucus.

Chair. “Deleuzian Concepts at the Crossroads of Philosophy and Rhetoric.” (2020) National Communication Association Conference, Indianapolis, IN. Philosophy of Communication Division.

**Invited & Guest Lectures**

Colloquium Presenter. “Skepticism as Ethos: Hume’s Response to the Epistemological Revolution.” (2022) University of Georgia

Lecturer. “Public Speaking Pedagogy,” (2021) University of Georgia (Graduate Practicum taught by Bjørn Stillion Southard)

Lecturer. “Latinx Identity and Burkean Analysis,” (2021) University of Georgia (Undergraduate course taught by Kesha James)

Lecturer. “Enlightenment Rhetoric: Locke, Hume, Adorno and Horkheimer” (2021) Invited Lecture, University of Georgia (Graduate seminar taught by Barbara Biesecker)

Lecturer. “Latino Candidates, Audiences, and the Presidency,” (2020) University of Georgia (Undergraduate course taught by Edward Panetta)

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**University of Memphis,** Department of Communication & Film

(2 sections as instructor of record)

* COMM 2381, Oral Communication

**University of Georgia**, Department of Communication Studies

(15 sections as instructor of record)

* COMM 1110, Introduction to Public Speaking
* COMM 1500, Interpersonal Communication
* COMM 3300, Introduction to Rhetorical Criticism
* COMM 3310, Rhetoric of Science (Topics in Public Communication)
* COMM 4320, Political Campaign Communication (Teaching Assistant)

**University of South Carolina,** Department of English

(8 sections as instructor of record)

* SPCH 140, Fundamentals of Public Communication
* SPCH 145, Online Public Communication

**University of South Florida,** Department of Communication

(5 sections as instructor of record)

* COM 2000, Introduction to Communication (Teaching Assistant)
* SPC 2608, Public Speaking

**ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE**

**Grant Writer,** Christ is Relief, Inc., Athens, Georgia (2022)

* A humanitarian, non-profit organization dedicated to providing relief to communities in the wake of natural disasters. To date, I have written grant proposals totaling $150,000 for disaster relief efforts for this organization.

**Research Consultant**, Spoken with Authority, Washington D.C. (2018)

* A presentation skills consultancy that elevates the presence of professionals and promotes inclusion in organizations. I provided research on the benefits of sustained communication consultancy as well as pertinent literature on code switching, race, and whiteness in organizational contexts.

**SERVICE**

**University Service**

2021 - 2022 Spotlight Scholar Co-Chair, Department of Communication, University of Georgia

2020 - 2021 Graduate Student Council Member, Graduate Student Association, University of Georgia

2020 - 2021 Diversity and Inclusion Council Member, Graduate Student Association, University of Georgia

2020 - 2021 Secretary, Blue Key National Honor Society, University of Georgia Chapter

2020 Recruitment Liaison, Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia

2019 - 2020 Treasurer, Communication Studies Graduate Forum, Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia

2018 Communication Studies Graduate Form Member, Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia

2018 Committee Member, USC Speech Competition, Speech Communication and Rhetoric Program, University of South Carolina

2017 Event Director, Speak Out Competition, Department of Communication, University of South Florida

2017 Pedagogy Potluck Volunteer, Department of Communication, University of South Florida

2016 Committee Member, Speak Out Competition, Department of Communication, University of South Florida

2015 Round Table Participant, “Lowering the Divide,” Department of Communication, University of South Florida

2015 Committee Member, Graduate Communication Association, Department of Communication, University of South Florida

2014 - 2015 Vice Chair of Public Relations and Marketing,Club Council, Appalachian State University

**Service to the Profession**

2023 - 2024 Vice Chair Elect, Kenneth Burke Society Interest Group, Southern States Communication Association

2021 - 2023 Secretary, American Society for the History of Rhetoric Interest Group, Southern States Communication Association

2019 - 2022 Graduate Student Representative, Economics, Communication, and Society Division, National Communication Association

2019 - 2022 Secretary, Kenneth Burke Society Interest Group, Southern States Communication Association

Ongoing- Conference Paper Reviewer

* Association of the Rhetoric of Science, Technology, and Medicine Division, NCA
* Economics, Communication, and Society Division, NCA
* Rhetoric and Public Address Division, SSCA
* Kenneth Burke Society Interest Group, SSCA
* American Society for the History of Rhetoric Interest Group, SSCA

**PROFESSONAL DEVELOPMENT**

2023 Contributor, Speaking Prose: New Conversations Between the Humanities and the History of Economics, Nijmegen, Netherlands

2021 Ethics Bowl Judge, Department of Philosophy, Georgia State University

2021 Three Minute Thesis Competitor, Willson Center for Humanities and Arts, University of Georgia

2021 Atlanta Day Participant, Blue Key National Honor Society Sponsored Event, Georgia Governor’s Office, Atlanta, GA

2020 Academic Research Seminar, Liberalism and Its Critics, Institute for Humane Studies

2012 Research Technician, Department of General Surgery, Medical University of South Carolina

**MEMBERSHIPS**

Southern States Communication Association

National Communication Association

Association for the Rhetoric of Science, Technology, and Medicine

Religious Communication Association

**REFERENCES**

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