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Publications

Book

A Word from Our Sponsor: Admen, Advertising, and the Golden Age of Radio (New York: Fordham University Press, 2014).

Recipient of the 2016 **Broadcast Historian Award**, Library of American Broadcasting Foundation

Journal Articles (Peer Reviewed)

“Advertisers and American Broadcasting: From Institutional Sponsorship to the Creative Revolution.” *Business History Review* 95 (Autumn 2021): 447-481. doi:10.1017/S0007680521000222

“Inside a Broadcasting Blacklist: *Kraft Television Theatre*, 1951-55.” *Journal of American History* 105, no. 3 (December 2018): 589-616.

“*The March of Time* Radio Docudrama: *Time Magazine*, BBDO, and Radio Sponsors, 1931-39.” *American Journalism* 35, no. 4 (2018): 420-443.

Received **Article of the Year Award, 2018**

“Advertising, the Red Scare, and the Blacklist: BBDO, US Steel, and *Theatre Guild on the Air*, 1945-52.” *Cinema Journal* 55, no. 4 (2016): 55-83.

“The Problems with Sponsorship in Broadcasting, 1930s-50s: Perspectives from the Advertising Industry.” *Historical Journal of Film, Radio and Television* 31, no. 3 (Sept. 2011): 355-372.

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“Psychedelics and the Advertising Man: The 1960s ‘Countercultural Creative’ on Madison Avenue.” *Columbia Journal of American Studies* 4, no. 1 (2000): 114-127.

“Global Marketing and the New Hollywood: The Making of the ‘Always Coca-Cola’ Campaign.” *Media International Australia/Culture & Policy*, no. 86 (February 1998): 27-37.

“Frank and Anne Hummert’s Soap Opera Empire: ‘Reason-Why’ Advertising Strategies in Early Radio Programming.” *Quarterly Review of Film and Video* 16, no. 2 (1997): 113-132.

“Godfrey Flury’s Billboard Advertising Business: An Austin Ad Man in the 1910s and 1920s.” *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 98, no. 4 (April 1995): 569-83.

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- “Sponsorship,” Key Concepts in Advertising. *Advertising & Society Quarterly* 22, no. 2 (Summer 2021). <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/797068>
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- “Teaching the Relationship of Ads to Content in Media: A Lesson Plan and Assignment.” *Advertising & Society Quarterly* 20, no. 3 (October 2019). <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/734578>
- “Teaching about Social Media Influencers: A Lesson Plan for Digital Advertising Media Literacy.” *Advertising & Society Quarterly* 18, no. 2 (July 2017).
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- “When Big Business Was in Show Business: US Radio Before Television.” In *The Routledge Companion to Radio Studies*, eds. Jason Loviglio and Mia Lindgren (New York: Routledge, 2022).
- “When Worlds Collide: Sharing Historical Advertising Research on Tumblr.” In *The Arclight Guide to Media History and the Digital Humanities*, eds. Charles Acland and Eric Hoyt (REFRAME Books, University of Sussex, 2016).
- “The Best Thing on TV: 1960s US Television Commercials.” In *Films that Sell: Moving Pictures and Advertising*, eds. Nico de Klerk, Bo Florin & Patrick Vonderau (BFI’s Cultural Histories of Cinema Series, eds. Lee Grieveson and Haidee Wasson, 2016).
- “From Sponsorship to Spots: Advertising and the Development of Electronic Media.” In *Media Industries: History, Theory, and Method*, eds. Jennifer Holt and Alisa Perren (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2009): 69-80.

Work in process

- “Such a Feeling of Intimacy: Familial Bonds and Eastman Kodak’s Sponsorship of *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet* (1956-61).” In *Commercial Intimacy: Affinity and the Marketplace*, eds. Brenton Malin, Richard Popp, and Wendy Woloson (University of Pennsylvania Press, expected 2024).
- “The Kardashians as a Family Brand.” In *A Critical Reader in Kardashian Studies*, ed. Meredith Jones (Taylor & Francis, in press).
- “Detoxifying Leaded Gasoline: BBDO and Ethyl Gasoline Corporation, 1925-56.” In *Energy Imaginaries: Public Relations and the Moving Image*, eds. Marina Dahlquist and Patrick Vonderau (submitted for review at University of California Press).

Book in process

Sell-e-vision: Madison Avenue and Television in the 1950s-60s.

A “sequel” to *A Word from Our Sponsor*, this book project relies on primary research in archives, including those of the ad agencies J. Walter Thompson, BBDO, Benton & Bowles, to analyze how advertising agencies helped shape the first two decades of television’s industry, programming, and advertising.

Book and Film Reviews

Annie Berke, *Their Own Best Creations: Women Writers in Postwar Television* (Oakland: University of California Press, 2022). In *Journal of 20th Century Media History*, in press.

Walter Winchell: *The Power of Gossip* (American Masters documentary on PBS). In *American Jewish History Review* 105, nos. 1-2 (2021): 317-319.

Timothy D. Taylor, *The Sounds of Capitalism: Advertising, Music, and the Conquest of Culture* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2012) in *Historical Journal of Film, Radio and Television* 33, no. 4 (2013): 638-639.

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- “Experiential Advertising: The World of Coca-Cola.” *Flow: A Critical Forum on Media and Culture*, 6 December 2020. <https://www.flowjournal.org/2020/12/experiential-advertising/>
- “Family Influencers: The ACE Family.” *In Media Res: A Media Commons Project*, 10 January 2019. <http://mediacommons.org/imr/content/family-influencers-ace-family>
- “Radio Docudrama: The March of Time (1931-45).” *In Media Res: A Media Commons Project*, 30 May 2018. <http://mediacommons.futureofthebook.org/imr/2018/05/25/radio-docudrama-march-time-1931-45>
- “Friction Points in Influencer Marketing.” *Flow: A Critical Forum on Media and Culture*, 28 January 2018. <http://www.flowjournal.org/2018/01/influencer-marketing/>
- “In TV’s Shifting Landscape, Advertising Scramble to Adapt.” *The Conversation*, 21 March 2016. <https://theconversation.com/in-tvs-shifting-landscape-advertisers-scramble-to-adapt-53721>
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- Andrew Sullivan, “The Tail Becomes the Dog,” *The Dish*, 15 March 2014. <http://dish.andrewsullivan.com/2014/03/15/the-tail-becomes-the-dog/>
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- "Cynthia Meyers, author of A Word from Our Sponsor," *Hollywood 2.0* podcast by Peter Katz, 7 October 2014. <https://player.fm/series/hollywood-20/cynthia-meyers-author-of-the-book-a-word-from-our-sponsor> or <http://www.hollywood2.org/cynthia-meyers/>
- "Everything Old Is New Again," interview with Jeff Schechtman, Tellurion Media/Napa Broadcasting, 10 April 2014. <http://specific-gravity.blogspot.com/2014/04/advertising-and-golden-age-of-radio-or.html>
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- Alfred Lubrano, “Pre-Corona Virus TV Commercials Make Us Cringe,” 31 March 2020, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, <https://www.inquirer.com/life/coronavirus-tv-commercials-beer-ads-burger-king-ford-sandals-20200331.html>
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- Allyson McCabe, “In Ever Changing Music Industry, Cash for Hits Remains a Constant,” NPR *Morning Edition*, 17 January 2017. <http://www.npr.org/2017/01/17/509851163/in-an-ever-changing-music-industry-cash-for-hits-remains-a-constant>
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- “Must-Follow Marketing Minds on Twitter 2014” *Forbes.com*, 17 December 2013. <http://www.forbes.com/sites/scottgoodson/2013/12/17/must-follow-marketing-minds-on-twitter-2014/>
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- “Entertainment Industry Integration Strategies.” *IIST World Forum*, Institute for International Studies and Training, Tokyo, Japan, 15 March 2002. http://www.iist.or.jp/wf/magazine/0068/0068_E.html

Conference Presentations (Peer Reviewed)

- “Mining the Headlines for Plot Lines: *Armstrong Circle Theatre* (1950-63),” Joint Journalism and Communication History Conference, 13 May 2022 (online).
- “From *Circle Theater* to *Gidget*: Armstrong Cork’s Evolution as a Television Sponsor, 1950-66,” Society for Cinema and Media Studies, 1 April 2022 (online).
- “ ‘Such a Feeling of Intimacy’: Familial Bonds and Eastman Kodak’s Sponsorship of *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet* (1956-1961).” Reach Out and Touch Someone: A Conference on Commercial Intimacy and Personalization. Hagley Museum and Library, Wilmington, Delaware, 5 November 2021.
- “Detoxifying Leaded Gasoline: BBDO and Ethyl Gasoline Corporation’s Radio-Television Sponsorship, 1925-57.” Energy Imaginaries: Public Relations and Moving Images, Stockholm, Sweden, 21 October 2021 (online).
- “The Kardashians as a Family Brand.” Kimposium, London, 16 September 2021 (online).
- “Advertisers and American Broadcasting: The Rise and Fall of Single Sponsorship (1920s-1960s).” Swedish Advertising History Network, Stockholm, 9 September 2021 (online).
- “ ‘If You Want to Be Famous, Buy Shows; If You Want to Be Rich, Buy Spots’: The Ted Bates Agency and 1950s TV Advertising.” Society for Cinema and Media Studies, 21 March 2021 (online).
- “ ‘If You Want to Be Famous, Buy Shows; If You Want to Be Rich, Buy Spots’: The Ted Bates Agency and 1950s TV Advertising,” accepted to Society for Cinema and Media Studies, Denver, CO, April 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19).
- “Sponsorship and Blacklisting: Cases from the J. Walter Thompson Files,” Society for Cinema and Media Studies, Seattle, 16 March 2019.
- “Celebrity Association and the Soft Sell: Marketing Gelatin on 1930s Radio,” Researching New York 2018, University at Albany-State University of New York, 16 November 2018.
- “Television Commercials, Past and Present.” Flow Conference, The University of Texas at Austin, 29 September 2018.
- “Stalking the Wild Cranberry: The Making of a TV Commercial (1972).” *The Love That Speaks Its Name: Advertising Film*, New York University, New York, 11 April 2018.
- “The Voices of Time: Authenticity and Impersonation on *The March of Time* (1931-39).” Society for Cinema and Media Studies, Toronto, Ontario, 15 March 2018.
- “The Advertising Agency BBDO in Early Television.” Joint Journalism and Communication History Conference, New York University, New York, 10 March 2018.
- “Ozzie Nelson, Kodak, and J. Walter Thompson (1956-58): A Case Study of the Decline of Sponsor Program Control.” Society for Cinema and Media Studies, Chicago, 23 March 2017.
- “*The March of Time* (1931-45): Radio Docudrama, Sponsors, and BBDO.” Joint Journalism and Communication History Conference, New York University, New York, 11 March 2017.

- “Social Media Influencers: Creators, Celebrity, Content, Audiences, Brands.” Flow Conference, The University of Texas at Austin, 17 September 2016.
- “Blacklisting as an Advertising Strategy: J. Walter Thompson, Television Sponsors, and Anticommunist Activists, 1951-55.” Society for Cinema and Media Studies, Atlanta, GA, 2 April 2016.
- “The Struggle over Blacklisting on *Kraft Television Theatre*: J. Walter Thompson, Kraft, and Anticommunist Activists, 1951-55.” International Association for Media and History, Bloomington, IN, 18 June 2015.
- “The Decline of Sponsorship and the Rise of Commercialism on 1960s TV.” Society for Cinema and Media Studies, Montreal, Quebec, 28 March 2015.
- “Making the Past Visible: Best Practices and New Adventures in Digital and Material Archives.” Workshop participant, Society for Cinema and Media Studies, Montreal, Quebec, 26 March 2015.
- “Getting Clearance: Suspect Talent and the Blacklists at the J. Walter Thompson Advertising Agency, 1951-55.” Joint Journalism and Communication History Conference, New York University, New York, 21 March 2015.
- “Sponsors, Past and Present, and the Problem of Cultural Legitimacy.” Flow Conference, University of Texas at Austin, 12 September 2014.
- “The Problems of Branded Entertainment: BBDO, Sponsors, and Blacklists on Radio and Early Television.” Society for Cinema and Media Studies, Seattle, WA, 20 March 2014.
- “Branded Entertainment during the Golden Age of Radio.” The Joint Journalism and Communication History Conference, New York University, New York, 8 March 2014.
- “Salesmanship vs. Showmanship: Advertising Agencies in Radio during the 1930s-40s.” Business History Conference, Columbus, OH, 22 March 2013.
- “Radio with Pictures: How the Ad Industry in the 1940s Debated the Transition from Radio to TV.” Society of Cinema and Media Studies Conference, Chicago, IL, 9 March 2013.
- “Resist the Usual: Young & Rubicam’s Soft Sell Strategies in Radio Comedy Programming.” Society of Cinema and Media Studies Conference, Boston, MA, 22 March 2012.
- “Changing Industry Views of Audience Toleration of Commercials: Hulu vs. Netflix.” What Is Television? A Conference to Explore the Past, Present, and Future of Television, Portland, OR, 2 March 2012.
- “Dramatizing a Bar of Soap: Admen as the Showmen of Radio.” “On, Archives!” Conference, Wisconsin Center for Film and Theater Research, Madison, WI, 7 July 2010.
- “BBDO and US Steel on Radio and Television, 1948-52: The Problems of Sponsorship, New Media, and the Communist Threat.” “On, Archives!” Conference, Wisconsin Center for Film and Theater Research, Madison, WI, 9 July 2010.
- “The Typefaces of Radio: Translating Print Advertising Strategies into the Radio Medium.” Broadcast Educators Association, Las Vegas, NV, 17 April 2010.
- “Sponsorship on Radio: Why Did Some Admen Object?” The Radio Conference 2009: A Transnational Forum, Toronto, ON, 28 July 2009.

- “Who Owns the Time? Radio Networks vs. Advertising Agencies in the 1930s.” Broadcast Educators Association, Las Vegas, NV, 17 April 2008.
- “The Ad Man in 1940s Hollywood.” Society for Cinema and Media Studies, Philadelphia, PA, March 2008.
- “Thinking Outside the Tube: Advertiser and Network Perspectives on Changing Broadcast Television Business Models.” Society for Cinema and Media Studies, Vancouver, BC, March 2006.
- “The NBC-Universal Merger: Implications for the Television Industry.” Society for Cinema and Media Studies, Atlanta, GA, March 2004.
- “From Radio Ad Man to Radio Reformer: Senator William Benton and Corporate Liberal Discourses on Radio, 1930-1952,” Radio Conference: A Transnational Forum, University of Wisconsin, Madison, July 2003.
- “Promises and Threats of Digital Television Technologies: Corporate Strategies in the Brave New World of Entertainment.” Society for Cinema Studies, Washington, DC, May 2001.
- “Perception Is Everything: The Irresistible Rise of Talent Agents in 1980s Hollywood.” Society for Cinema Studies, Chicago, IL, March 2000.
- “The Role of Advertising Men in the Shaping of American Broadcasting.” International Communication Association, Montreal, Quebec, May 1997.
- “The Problem of Cultural Difference for Global Marketers: The Case of CAA’s Coca-Cola Television Commercials.” Accepted at Console-ing Passions: Television, Video and Feminism Conference, Madison, WI, April 1996.
- “Frank and Anne Hummert’s Soap Opera Empire.” Console-ing Passions, Seattle, WA, April 1995.

Conference Panel Chair/Organizer/Moderator

- Co-Convenor: “Advertising,” Business History Mid-Year Conference, 30 September 2022 (online).
- Chair: “Laughing on the Inside”: Cartoonists, Plugola, and Sponsorship in US Broadcasting History Society for Cinema and Media Studies, 1 April 2022 (virtual).
- Chair: “Broadcast Industry Transitions, 1930s-50s: Challenging Conventional Histories,” Society for Cinema and Media Studies, 21 March 2021 (remote).
- Chair: “Broadcast Industry Transitions, 1930s-50s: Challenging Conventional Histories,” accepted at Society for Cinema and Media Studies, Denver, CO, April 2020 [cancelled due to Covid-19].
- Chair: “Politics, Sponsorship, and Advertising in the 1950s TV Industry,” Society for Cinema and Media Studies, Seattle, March 2019.
- Convenor: “Television Commercials, Past and Present.” Flow Conference, The University of Texas at Austin, 29 September 2018.
- Convenor: “Social Media Influencers: Creators, Celebrity, Content, Audiences, Brands.” Flow Conference, The University of Texas at Austin, 17 September 2016.

- Chair: Metadata Committee panel, Radio Preservation Task Force Conference, Library of Congress, Washington, DC, 26 February 2016.
- Moderator: "Historicizing the Aesthetics of Emergent and Convergent Media," International Association for Media and History, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, 18 June 2015.
- Chair/organizer: "Broadcasting History, Misremembrance, and the Archival Record," Society for Cinema and Media Studies, Montreal, 28 March 2015.
- Moderator: "Resistance and Social Change," Joint Journalism and Communication History Conference, New York University, 21 March 2015.
- Chair/Convener: "Branded Entertainment: Digital Advertising and New TV Business Models," Flow Conference, University of Texas at Austin, 12 September 2014.
- Chair: "Branded Entertainment of the Past," Society for Cinema and Media Studies, Seattle, WA, 20 March 2014.
- Chair: "Radio in Transition, Past and Present," Society for Cinema and Media Studies, Chicago, IL, 9 March 2013.
- Moderator: "Media of Intentional Influence: Public Relations, Advertising, and Propaganda," The Joint Journalism and Communication History Conference, New York, March 2012.
- Chair: "The Eye vs. the Ear: Visuality in Radio History," Broadcast Educators Association, Las Vegas, NV, 17 April 2010.
- Moderator: "History" panels, The Radio Conference, Toronto, ON, July 2009.
- Chair: "Who Controls the Airwaves? Debates in Early Radio," Broadcast Educators Association, Las Vegas, NV, April 2008.

Invited Talks

- Invited participant,, *Advertising & Society Quarterly Colloquium*, Smithsonian National Museum of American History, Washington, DC, 17-18 November 2022.
- Guest speaker, Professor Kevin Curran's Business of Media class, 5 October 2022.
- Guest speaker, Professor Nora Patterson's graduate class, 9 February 2022.
- Guest speaker, Communications Proseminar, taught by Prof. Richard John, Columbia University, New York, 25 October 2021.
- Guest Speaker, "On Using Archival Materials," *Advertising & Society Quarterly* study group, 15 October 2021 (remote).
- Invited participant and moderator, *Advertising & Society Quarterly Colloquium*, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, 12 November and 15 November 2021 (remote).
- Guest speaker, Graduate Communications Seminar, taught by Prof. Richard John, Columbia University, 25 October 2021 (remote).
- Invited panelist, "Advertising in Popular Culture: *Doris Day Show*," *Advertising & Society Quarterly*, 24 September 2021 (remote).
- Guest speaker, CMJ 520: Media History, taught by Prof. Michael Socolow, University of Maine, 15 October 2020.

- Guest Speaker, Graduate media history course taught by Prof. Patrick File, Reynolds School of Journalism & Center for Advanced Media Studies, University of Nevada, Reno, 26 October 2016, 25 October 2017, 22 October 2018, 24 March 2020, 25 March 2021.
- Guest Speaker, Graduate Seminar, "Media Industries," taught by Prof. Alisa Perren, The University of Texas at Austin, 27 October 2016, 6 November 2018, 3 November 2020.
- Invited panelist, *Advertising as Cultural Heritage: Legacies of the Films that Sold*, Berlin, Germany, 20-22 May 2020 (postponed due to COVID-19).
- Invited participant, *Advertising & Society Quarterly Colloquium*, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, 10-11 October 2019.
- Panelist, "American Journalism Best Articles," American Journalism Historians Association, Dallas, Texas, 4 October 2019.
- Guest speaker, "Adventures in the Archives," Phi Alpha Theta Induction and Dr. Joseph Coady Department Dinner, College of Mount Saint Vincent, 1 May 2019.
- Guest speaker, Communications Proseminar, taught by Prof. Richard John, Columbia University, New York, 30 October 2018.
- Invited Participant, *Advertising & Society Quarterly Colloquium*, Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of American History, Washington, DC, 11-12 October 2018.
- Invited Participant, "Author Meets Critics: The Real Mad Men," *Advertising & Society Quarterly* 19, no. 3 (2018). <http://muse.jhu.edu/article/704489>
- Invited Participant, Author's Talk, Mara Einstein's *Advertising: What Everyone Needs to Know*, New York Public Library, Mid-Manhattan Branch, 11 April 2018.
- Guest Lecturer, "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet: Branded Content in Transition, 1956-58," Communication Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 8 November 2017.
- Invited Participant, "Commercial Broadcasting," *Radio Preservation Task Force 2: From Archive to Classroom*, Library of Congress, Washington DC, 4 November 2017.
- Invited Participant, *Advertising & Society Quarterly Colloquium*, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, 12-13 October 2017.
- Invited Participant, "Roundtable on Digital Advertising," *Advertising & Society Quarterly* 18 (no. 1), held at R/GA, New York, 10 November 2016. Video is accessed here: <http://muse.jhu.edu/article/652407>
- "Branded Entertainment During the Golden Age of Radio." The Kimberly Fund Dinner, College of Mount Saint Vincent, 24 September 2016.
- "Blacklisting as an Advertising Strategy: J. Walter Thompson and *Kraft Television Theatre*." Faculty Research Forum, College of Mount Saint Vincent, 21 April 2016.
- "A Word from Our Sponsor," Broadcast Educators Association, Las Vegas, NV, 18 April 2016.
- "When Worlds Collide: Sharing Historical Advertising Research on Tumblr." Moving Image Analytics: Research Infrastructures for Film Heritage, National Library of Sweden, Stockholm, 16 October 2015.
- Sabbatical Research Presentation. College of Mount Saint Vincent, 8 December 2014.

- “Branded Entertainment: Past and Present.” AEF Visiting Professor presentation, BBDO-NY, 10 June 2013. Video featured on the Advertising Educational Foundation website: http://www.aef.com/on_campus/professor/vpp/6000
- Faculty Research Forum, College of Mount Saint Vincent, 24 April 2013.
- Research Presentation. Lambda Pi Eta Communication Honor Society, College of Mount Saint Vincent, New York, 18 October 2012.
- “Dramatizing a Bar of Soap.” NY Old Time Radio Convention, Newark, NJ, 13 October 2012.
- “Television Broadcast Networks Face the Future: Thinking Outside the Box?” Faculty Lecture Series, College of Mount Saint Vincent, New York, 4 December 2006.
- “Entertainment Industry Integration Strategies.” Ministry of Economics, Trade, and Industry; the Institute for International Studies and Training; and the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry, Tokyo, Japan, February 2002.
- “Fine Tuning: Advertising Men and the Shaping of Commercial Radio in the 1930s.” Seminar on Technology, Society, and Culture; University of Delaware, Newark, 26 Sept. 1995.

Pedagogical Conference Presentations

- “Using *Inner Sanctum* to Teach Radio Storytelling.” Saving America’s Radio Heritage: Radio Preservation, Access, and Education Conference, sponsored by the Radio Preservation Task Force, Library of Congress, Washington, DC, 26 February 2016.
- “Basing Classroom Discussion on Students’ Contributions by Using Google Sites.” Excellence in Teaching Colloquium, College of Mount Saint Vincent, 21 January 2016.
- “Using Google Sites for Writing Assignments and Peer Feedback.” Writing to Learn Colloquium, College of Mount Saint Vincent, 18 May 2012.
- “Comparing Course Management Systems: Challenges for Faculty.” Excellence in Teaching Winter Colloquium, College of Mount Saint Vincent, 18 January 2012.
- “Careers after the BFA.” at Alumni Panel, School of Dance, College of Fine Arts, Ohio University, Athens, OH, 13 April 2012.
- “Course Wikis for Sharing Student Work.” Curriculum SwapShop on Using Social Media in the Classroom, Broadcast Educators Association, Las Vegas, NV, 15 April 2010.
- “YouTube in the Classroom: Strategies for Finding, Showing, and Sharing.” Excellence in Teaching Workshop, College of Mount Saint Vincent, 21 January 2010.
- “Online Writing Assignments: Blogs v. Wikis.” Writing to Learn Colloquium, College of Mount Saint Vincent, 15 May 2009.
- “The Art of Teaching the Business: Media Industries and the Critical Studies Curriculum,” workshop participant. Society for Cinema and Media Studies, Chicago, IL, March 2007.

Awards, Grants, Fellowships

Sabbatical. College of Mount Saint Vincent. Fall 2020-Spring 2021.

“Article of the Year, 2018,” for “*The March of Time* Radio Docudrama: *Time* Magazine, BBDO, and Radio Sponsors, 1931-39.” *American Journalism* 35, no. 4 (2018): 420-443.

Broadcast Historian Award for *A Word from Our Sponsor*, Library of American Broadcasting Foundation, 18 April 2016.

Course Release. College of Mount Saint Vincent, Fall 2016.

Faculty Fellow. International Radio and Television Society, Consumer Electronics Show, Las Vegas, NV, 4-8 January 2016.

Sabbatical. College of Mount Saint Vincent, Fall 2013-Spring 2014.

Grant. Carsey-Wolf Media Industries Research Fellowship, University of California – Santa Barbara, April 2014.

Grant. Alvin A. Achenbaum Travel Grant, Hartman Center for Sales, Marketing and Advertising History, Duke University, May 2014.

Faculty Fellow. Time Warner Thought Leadership Faculty Seminar, July 2012, July 2014.

Faculty Fellow. Visiting Professor Program, Advertising Educational Foundation, BBDO-NY, 3-14 June 2013.

Faculty Fellow. International Radio and Television Society, New York, 15-16 November 2011.

Faculty Fellow. National Association of Television Programming Executives, Miami Beach, FL, 24-26 January 2011.

Faculty Fellow. Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Foundation Faculty Seminar, Burbank, California, 11-15 November 2008.

Travel funding to conferences, College of Mount Saint Vincent, 2006-19.

Grant-in-Aid. Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society; Hagley Museum and Library, Wilmington, Delaware, 1995.

Grant. Shell Oil Co. Graduate Grant, Dissertation Research, University of Texas at Austin, 1995.

Fellowship. University of Texas Graduate Preemptive Fellowship, 1992-94.

James Aronson Award for Outstanding Masters’ Thesis, Hunter College, 1992.

Consulting

Moving Image Advertising Project, Stockholm University, Sweden, 16 October 2015.

Invited Lecturer at Ministry of Economics, Trade, and Industry; the Institute for International Studies and Training; and the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry, Tokyo, Japan, February 2002.

“Entertainment Industry Integration Strategies.” Report commissioned by the Japan External Trade Organization, 2001.

Industry Conference Attendance

Visiting Professor Program, Advertising Educational Foundation, 7-9 June 2022 (virtual)

Moderator, Visiting Professor Program, Advertising Educational Foundation, New York, 7-11 June 2021

Moderator, Advertising Educational Foundation, Virtual Panel, 3 December 2020

Moderator, Visiting Professor Program, Advertising Educational Foundation, New York, 23 October 2020

Moderator, Visiting Professor Program, Advertising Educational Foundation, New York, 1-5 June 2020

Best of Cannes 2018, The Paley Center for Media, New York, 18 July 2018

Giants of Broadcasting, Library of American Broadcasting Foundation, New York, NY, 6 October 2016

National Association of Broadcasters, Las Vegas, NV, 18-19 April 2016

International Radio and Television Society Faculty Seminar, Consumer Electronics Show, Las Vegas, NV, 4-8 January 2016

“Gaming the System: Branded Entertainment for Producers,” PGA New Media Council East, New York, NY, 30 September 2015

Time Warner Thought Leadership Faculty Seminar, New York, NY, 21-22 July 2014

Branded Content, New York, NY, 18 March 2014

Media Summit NY 2014, New York, NY, 4-5 March 2014

Advertising Week, New York, NY, 23-36 September 2013

Advertising Educational Foundation, Visiting Professor Program, New York, NY, 3-14 June 2013 (BBDO, JWT, Ogilvy, R/GA, TVP, Google)

“Ad Tech,” Producer’s Guild of America, 29 April 2013

“Branded Entertainment,” Producer’s Guild of America, New York, NY, 3 October 2012

Time Warner Thought Leadership Faculty Seminar, New York, NY, 23-24 July 2012

“New Media, New Demand Measurement,” CITI, Columbia University, New York, 25 June 2012

“Reaching Consumers in the Digital Age: Marketing, Ad Sales, and Promotion at Today’s Media Companies,” International Radio and Television Society Faculty Seminar, New York, NY, 15-16 November 2011

Faculty Fellow, National Association of Television Programming Executives, Miami Beach, FL, 22-25 January 2011

“Transitioned Media,” Columbia Institute of Tele-Information, Columbia University, New York, 21 May 2010

National Association of Broadcasters, Las Vegas, 16 April 2010

“User Generated Content: From Threat to Opportunity,” Columbia Institute of Tele-Information, Columbia University, New York, 17 April 2009

Faculty Seminar, Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Foundation, Burbank, CA, 11-15 November 2008

National Association of Broadcasters, Las Vegas, 16 April 2008

“Digital Television: Beyond HD and DTV,” Columbia Institute for Tele-Information, New York, New York, 2 November 2007

Advanced Media Panels, sponsored by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, New York City, 2006-08

Professional Activities & Service

Memberships

Business History Conference, 2022-
 Radio Preservation Task Force, 2014-present
 Society for Cinema and Media Studies, 1995-present
 Broadcast Education Association, 2001-present
 International Association of Media and History, 2015-present
 Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (Los Angeles), 2008
 National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (New York), 2005-07
 International Communication Association, 1995-2000

Leadership roles

Co-Director, Eastern Region, and Metadata Director, Radio Preservation Task Force, National Recording Preservation Board, Library of Congress, 2014-2017
 Co-chair, Radio Studies Scholarly Interest Group, Society for Cinema & Media Studies, 2013-16

Referee/Judge/Reviewer/Committee Member

Grant Panelist, Documentary Film, Division of Public Programs, National Endowment for the Humanities, 12 April 2021
 Faculty-Student Screening Committee, Peabody Awards, January 2015, January 2016, January 2017, January 2018, January 2019, January 2020, January 2021, January 2022
 Grant Panelist, Humanities Collections and Reference Resources, Division of Preservation and Access, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, DC, 6 November 2014
 Reviewer, Library of American Broadcasting Foundation History Award, 2018, 2020, 2022
 Editorial Board, *Journal of 20th Century Media History*, 2022-
 Editorial Board, *Advertising & Society Quarterly*, 2018-present
 Editorial Board, *Journal of Radio and Audio Media*, 2018-present
 Editorial Board, *Media Industries Project Research*, 2014-present
 Selection Committee, Visiting Professor Program, Advertising Educational Foundation, New York, March 2014, March 2017, March 2020
 External Program Reviewer, SUNY Oneonta, November 2020
 External Program Reviewer, Queens College, 2019
 External Promotion Reviewer, Drew University, January 2021
 Doctoral Dissertation Committee, External Member, David Noell, Columbia University, New York, 27 March 2020
 Doctoral Dissertation Committee, External Member, Jeremy Groskopf, "Profit Margins: The American Silent Cinema and the Marginalization of Advertising," Georgia State University, June 2013

Judge, Faculty Video Competition, Broadcast Education Association, 2011, 2013, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

External Reviewer, grant proposal, Denison University, 2013

Conference paper reviewer, History Division, Broadcast Educators Association, 2012, 2016

Conference proposal reviewer, Joint Journalism and Communication History Conference, 2012

Conference proposal reviewer, Broadcast Education Association, 2016

Member, Editorial Collective, *The Velvet Light Trap*, 1992-94

Manuscript Reviewer

University of Georgia Press, 2022

University of Texas Press, 2019, 2022

University of California Press, 2016

Oxford University Press, 2015

Indiana University Press, 2015

Advertising & Society Quarterly, 2021

American Journalism, 2020, 2021

Television and New Media, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Journal of Cinema and Media Studies, 2019

Media Industries Journal, 2015, 2018, 2020

Endeavor, 2017

Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly, 2015

Business History Review, 2014

College Literature Review, 2014

Historical Journal of Film, Radio, and Television, 2011

Journal of Radio and Audio Media, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2017, 2018

Education

Ph.D., Radio-Television-Film, Critical/Cultural Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, 2005

Dissertation: "Admen and the Shaping of American Commercial Broadcasting, 1926-1950"

M.A., Communications, Hunter College, City University of New York, 1992

Thesis: "Expendable Assets: Creatives and Creativity in the American Advertising Industry of the 1950s and 1960s"

James Aronson Award for Outstanding Masters' Thesis, Hunter College, 1992

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Dance, summa cum laude, 1983; Bachelor of General Studies, 1981

Ohio University, Athens

Teaching Experience

Professor, Communication Dept., College of Mount Saint Vincent, 2019-21

Associate Professor, Communication Dept., College of Mount Saint Vincent, 2010-19

Assistant Professor, Communication Dept., College of Mount Saint Vincent, 2005-2010

Instructor, Communication Dept., College of Mount Saint Vincent, 2004-2005

Introduction to Media Studies

Media Programming and Management

TV Studio Production

TV Sitcom Production

Video Field Production

New Media and Society

Internship

First Year Experience

Freshman Seminar: Advertising, Popular Culture, and Celebrity

Introduction to Broadcasting

Broadcast Programming

TV Production

New Technologies and Media

Senior Seminar

Honors Theses: Susan Young, 2011; Nicole-Ashley Carumba, 2016; Kayla Juarbe, 2020

Instructor, School for Continuing and Professional Studies, Department of Film, Video & Broadcasting, New York University, 1999-2004

The Business of Entertainment (16 semesters)

Instructor, Journalism and Technical Communication Department, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, 1997-98

Videotape Editing

Electronic Field Production

Teaching Assistant, Radio-Television-Film Dept., The University of Texas at Austin, 1993-94

History of Electronic Media

Television Production I

Teaching Assistant, Film & Media Studies Department, Hunter College, 1991-92, 1998

Introduction to Media Studies

College Service

Committee Chair

Faculty Development Committee, 2014-18
 Institutional Technology Committee, 2010-13
 Working Group 2, Middle States Self-Study (Co-Chair), 2010-11
 Undergraduate Committee, 2006-08
 Undergraduate Committee (Vice Chair), 2005-06

Committee Member

Faculty Senate, 2018-20
 Faculty Promotion Committee, 2017
 Faculty Mentor, Stefanie Vuotto, Psychology, 2016-17
 Institutional Outcomes Assessment Committee, 2014-16
 Budget Committee, 2014-15
 Mid Tenure Review Committee, Art Department, 2014
 Search Committee, Art Department, 2012, 2013
 Ad Hoc Library Committee, 2013
 Faculty Grievance Committee (Alternate), 2012-13
 Ad Hoc Committee on Governance, 2012
 Core Revision Committee, 2011
 Institutional Technology Committee, 2009-10

Departmental Service

Search Committee, Media Studies, 2019-20
 Faculty Advisor, Pro Video Club, 2018-
 Department Promotion Committee, 2017
 Faculty Judge, Mount Media Film Festival, April 2016, April 2017
 Member, Subcommittee for Curriculum Revision, Communication Dept., 2007-09
 Coordinator, Senior Seminar, Communication Dept., 2005-09
 Communication Department Search Committees, 2005-11
 Communication Department Mid-Tenure and Tenure Review Committees
 Faculty Advisor, 2004-present
 Faculty representative at “Accepted Students Day” and Open Houses, 2005-20
 Faculty Advisor, “Flow,” 2014-15
 Facilitator, ad hoc Classroom Wiki workshop, 2009
 Faculty Advisor, *MounTimes* (student newspaper), 2007-11