RYAN MCDANIEL

Curriculum Vitae

Contact Information

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Education and Distinctions

M.A. History, 2009
Eastern Illinois University – Charleston, IL
- *Major: European History*
- *Minor: World History*
- *Graduate Research Assistantship*

M.A. Theology, 2006
Aquinas Institute of Theology – Saint Louis, MO
- *Aquinas Scholarship*

M.A. Communication Studies, 2004
Eastern Illinois University – Charleston, IL
- *Distinguished Graduate Student Award, 2002*
- *Graduate Teaching Assistantship, 2001-2003*
- *Ralph Y. McGinnis Scholarship for Rhetorical Excellence*

Postgraduate Studies in Religion and the History of Ideas
Princeton Theological Seminary – Princeton, NJ
- *Studied Fulltime in Residence Under a Grant: Fall 2003-Spring 2004*

B.A. Speech Communication, 2001
B.A. Philosophy, 2001
Eastern Illinois University – Charleston, IL
- *Dual Degree Program*
- *Departmental Honors Program*
- *Magna Cum Laude*

Certificate: Naval Nuclear Power Training Command of the U.S. Dept. of Defense, 1996
Naval Training Center – Orlando, FL
- *Nuclear Engineering and Advanced Mathematics*

Paper Presentation

McDaniel, R., & Miller, S. (2004, November). *Rhetorical Alchemy: From Persuasion and Identification to Transformation*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association conference of 2004 in Chicago, IL. Coauthored with Dr. Shane Miller of the Department of Communication at Saint John's University.

Academic Interests and Current Research

As can be seen from the above educational background and research, academic interests are interdisciplinary and focus upon the *integrated understanding of ideas and culture*. These interests reflect a holistic understanding and approach to education generally.

Communication Studies:

- Rhetoric and the rhetorical construction of ethics, values and meaning in public discourse, broadcast media, and popular culture
- Interpersonal and organizational communication, focusing particularly on conflict resolution and active listening
- Intercultural communication, especially the exchange of ideas among peoples of diverse ideological and religious backgrounds

Philosophy, History, Culture:

- Western Civilization, especially the development of classical culture in the Late Antique and Medieval periods in both Latin and Byzantine traditions
- Intellectual History, with a particular focus upon interactions between the Western intellectual tradition and other cultures globally
- Development of cultural divergences emerging from the Medieval remains of the Roman Empire, recognizing the interaction between peoples of the European West and Byzantine/Slavic East

Translation and preparation for a publication is currently in progress that presents a medieval Byzantine text in English translation from the Greek. The text was written by a Byzantine Christian bishop in order to explain his understanding of the role of the bishop of Rome. The translation will be accompanied by an historical introduction and commentary. This important text is presently unpublished in English translation.

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Fall Semester 2007-Currently

Department of Communication Studies & Department of Philosophy:
Eastern Illinois University – Charleston, IL

- Faculty Affiliate: Center for the Humanities
- Taught or currently teaching the following courses:
  - Department of Communication Studies
    - Introduction to Speech Communication, CMN-1310G
    - Argumentation and Critical Thinking, CMN-2040
    - Introduction to Rhetoric and Social Critique, CMN-3200
    - Religion in the American Public Sphere, CMN-3240
  - Department of Philosophy
    - Introduction to Philosophy, PHI-1000G
  - Center for Academic Support and Achievement
    - University Foundations, EIU-1111

Teaching Experience (Continued)

Adjunct Instructor, Fall Semester 2006-2009

Humanities Division:

Lake Land College – Mattoon, IL

- Taught the following courses:
  - Introduction to Speech Communication, SPE-111
  - Communications I (Organizational Communication), ENG-098
  - World Religions, PHI-232
  - Ethics, PHI-280
  - Logic, PHI-290
  - History and Culture of the Third World, HIS-153
- Utilized the internet-based WebCT platform to teach World Religions

Adjunct Instructor, Spring Semester 2006-2008

Department of English, Journalism and Languages:

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College – Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, IN

- Taught Interpersonal Communication, CO-112
- Served as a part-time instructor in the internet-based distance education program

Graduate Teaching Assistantship, 2001-2003

Eastern Illinois University – Charleston, IL

- Served as an independent university course instructor, with all of the requisite duties and responsibilities, under professorial mentorship for two full academic years, teaching several sections of Introduction to Speech Communication, CMN-1310
- Learned and practiced higher education pedagogy

Substitute Teacher, Spring 2005-Spring 2006

Charleston Community Unit School District No. 1 – Charleston, IL

Related Professional Experience

Production Assistant, Spring Semester 1998-Fall Semester 1999

Eastern Illinois University Television and Radio Stations – Charleston, IL

- Volunteered to learn production and broadcasting operations of the television and radio stations by working at the respective studios as a part of a special program within the Department of Speech Communication
- Acquired hands-on training and experience in various areas of broadcasting and production