

Midland College Faculty Vitae

Name:

Steven T. Gaines, Ph.D.

Names of all higher education institutions attended, with degrees earned:

University of Memphis: PhD in Communication (Rhetoric and Media Studies)

Harding University: MDiv in Homiletics (Religion and Communication)

Abilene Christian University: MA in Communication (Organizational and Intercultural), BA and MA in Religion

All previous teaching positions, including the names of the institutions, the position, and beginning and ending dates of employment:

University of Texas Permian Basin, Adjunct Instructor of Communication, 2018-2018

Southwest Tennessee Community College, Adjunct Instructor of Communication, 2015-2018

University of Memphis, Adjunct Instructor and Graduate Student Instructor of Communication, 2013, 2015-2018

University of South Carolina Upstate, Adjunct Instructor of Communication, 2007-2008

Abilene Christian University, Instructor and Adjunct Instructor of Communication, 2003-2007

University of Oklahoma, Graduate Student Instructor of Communication, 2002-2003

Significant professional publications related to the teaching profession, with a full citation for each:

"No Half Savior: Jarena Lee's Autobiography as Prophetic Rhetoric." Carolinas Communication Annual 33 (2017): 62-76.

"Redefining Preaching: A Beginning." Res Rhetorica 4:3 (2017): 31-45.

Review of From Generation to Generation: A Commemorative Collection of African American Millennial Sermons from the Festival of Preachers 2010-2015, ed. W. L. Harrison-Jones. *Homiletic* 41:1 (2016): 87-88.

Review of Building a Community of Interpreters: Readers and Hearers as Interpreters, by W. R. Dickhaut. *Homiletic* 38:2 (2013): 66.

"Restoration Review." In *The Encyclopedia of the Stone-Campbell Movement*, ed. D. A. Foster, P. M. Blowers, A. L. Dunnivant, and D. N. Williams, 644. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2004.

Licensure and Certification:

Graduate Certificate in Gender Studies, University of Memphis

Graduate Certificate in Conflict Management, Abilene Christian University

Studies in Interethnic and International Communication, University of Oklahoma

Studies in History and Philosophy of Religion, University of Oxford

Studies in History of Religion, Phillips Seminary

Professional Development in Course Design, Learning Management Systems, Pedagogy, FERPA, Safe Zone, Sexual Harassment Prevention, and Active Shooter Safety

Professional Presentations and Conferences:

Speaker on Topics such as Communication, Conflict, and Leadership for Numerous Nonprofit Organizations in Asia, the UK, and the USA, 2001-Present.

"Motivation for Teaching in a Pandemic." Midland College, Midland, TX, 2021.

"Push and Pull: Organizational Leadership and Social Justice." Embracing Differences Diversity Conference, Midland, TX, 2021.

Planning Committee Member. Embracing Differences Diversity Conference, Midland, TX, 2021.

Social Justice Speech Competition Director. Embracing Differences Diversity Conference, Midland, TX, 2021.

"The Struggle Over Black Lives Matter and All Lives Matter." Panel Chair. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fayetteville, AR, 2021.

“Beyond Double-Consciousness: Race, Sex, and Class in the Prophetic Rhetoric of Jarena Lee.” Fine Arts and Communication Division, Midland College, Midland, TX, 2019.

“Constitution, Bible, Spiritualism, Ideographs: Shifting Foundations in Victoria Woodhull’s Presidential Campaign Rhetoric.” Religious Communication Association Conference, Baltimore, MD, 2019.

“Communication Strategies for Student Engagement.” Panel Chair. National Communication Association Convention, Baltimore, MD, 2019.

“Surviving the God Problem: Methodological Issues in Religious Communication Research.” Panelist. National Communication Association Convention, Baltimore, MD, 2019.

“Wisdom and Rhetoric: Finding Our Way to a Better World.” Panelist. Christian Scholars’ Conference, Lubbock, TX, 2019.

Conference Submission Reviewer. National Communication Association, 2019.

Conference Submission Reviewer. Religious Communication Association, 2018.

Conference Submission Reviewer. Southern States Communication Association, 2018.

Top Paper Session Chair. Southern States Communication Association, 2018.

“Channeling King in a Culture of Whiteness.” National Communication Association Convention, Salt Lake City, UT, 2018.

“The American Sermon.” Panelist. National Communication Association Convention, Salt Lake City, UT, 2018.

“Black and Brown in the Era of Trump: Communicating Policing in America.” Panelist. National Communication Association Convention, Dallas, TX, 2017.

“Redefining Preaching.” National Communication Association Convention, Dallas, TX, 2017.

“Privileged Repentance in Prophetic Preaching: John Scott’s Response to the Assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.” Christian Scholars’ Conference, Nashville, TN, 2017.

“From Radio to Facebook: White Engagement with African American Rhetoric.” Sacred Rhetoric Conference, Findlay, OH, 2017.

“Ethical Innovation in Religious Rhetoric: First Peter’s Challenge to Household Codes.” Southern States Communication Association Convention, Greenville, SC, 2017.

“No Half Savior: Spiritual Autobiography as Prophetic Rhetoric in the Testimony of Jarena Lee.” National Communication Association Convention, Philadelphia, PA, 2016.

“Constrained Prophetic Rhetoric: White Fragility and Radio Sermons in the Summer of 1968.” Tennessee Communication Association Convention, Dickson, TN, 2016.

“Daring to Prophecy: Moral Conflict in the First Sermon by a Woman in the Churches of Christ.” Southern States Communication Association Convention, Austin, TX, 2016.

“Universalism in Interethnic Communication Studies.” Panelist. Sooner Communication Conference, Norman, OK, 2003.

“World View, Cognitive Complexity, and Interpersonal Conflict Styles among University Students.” Primary Author. Coauthors: Mariana Long, Jana Fulenwider, Jennifer Walker, and Scott Ferguson. Texas Speech Communication Association Convention, San Antonio, TX, 2002.

College Courses Taught:

Public Speaking, Advanced Public Speaking, Organizational Communication, Business and Professional Communication, Intercultural Communication, Interpersonal Communication, Communication Theory, Introduction to Speech Communication, Introduction to Mass Communication.

Classes Taught in Midland College's College Classics Program: Religion and Media, Social Justice, World Religions I, World Religions II.

Professional Associations:

Awards and Honors:

Osborn Fellowship for the Study of Rhetoric and Public Address, University of Memphis.

Top Paper Awards, National Communication Association and Tennessee Communication Association.

Dalious Faculty Development Award, Midland College.