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Faculty Senate President – 2021 to date.  
Graduate Program Coordinator, Department of Communication – 2011 to date.  
Hubert Bourgeois Endowed Professor of Communication – 2008 to date.

## Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Communication  
• *University of Kentucky*

MA in Journalism  
• *University of Georgia*

BS in Interdisciplinary  
Studies  
• *Georgia State University*

### GRANTS

More than **\$1.2 million** in direct funding and institutional cost share obtained in over 25 university, state, and federal grants, awards, and contracts.

### AWARDS

UL System Outstanding Faculty Member Award (2022)

UL Lafayette Dr. Ray P. Authement Excellence in Teaching Award (2022)

UL Lafayette Research Excellence Award (2020)

### REPRESENTATIVE LEADERSHIP ACTIVITY

**Co-Author AAUP-LA Resolution in Support of Academic Freedom**  
[April 22, 2023 – Baton Rouge.]

Chief author of Louisiana Conference of the American Association of University Professors resolution in support of academic freedom. Also appointed as governmental liaison for the conference.

**Meeting with Sen. Stewart Cathey re: Value of Tenure**  
[April 10, 2023 – Baton Rouge.]

Along with ULS President Jim Henderson and administrators and senate presidents from the ULS, LSU, and Southern systems, attended a listening session at the state capitol hosted by Sen. Stewart Cathey. Discussed the value and importance of tenure and civil discourse on cultural issues in the educational setting. Coordinated participation of faculty senate presidents from ULS, LSU, and Southern systems. Following up with feedback from UL Lafayette faculty and administrators on Sen. Cathey's bill.

**UL Lafayette Faculty Lead – Louisiana Meauxmentum Summit**  
[February 1 – 2, 2023 – Baton Rouge.]

Invited to participate in the first ever Momentum Summit that brought together leadership teams from all 28 undergraduate institutions of higher education to develop strategies to achieve Louisiana's higher education goals – as outlined in the state's master plan [Louisiana Prospers](#).

**Summer Commencement Speaker**  
[August 5, 2022.]

Invited to address Summer 2022 graduating class at the Cajundome. Theme: Give back by paying it forward.

**UL System Representative to Tenure Task Force**  
[July 2022 – March 2023.]

Appointed by the nine UL System faculty senate presidents to be the system's representative on the Task Force on Tenure in Public Postsecondary Education created by Senate Concurrent Resolution #6 authored by Senator Cathey.

## RESEARCH

**Co-Editor:** Mass Communication in the Modern Arab World (Rowman & Littlefield, 2022).

Authored or co-authored **35 refereed journal articles** plus 28 book chapters, encyclopedia entries, and publications. Over 100 conference presentations.

## TEACHING

Taught **29 undergraduate and graduate course preparations** since 2002 including new courses. ULearn certified designer and teacher. Online, hybrid, and traditional formats. Client-based real-world opportunities. Oversaw student-developed video productions. Invited guest lecturers from around the world. Guest lectured in several countries.

## SELECTED MEMBERSHIPS

- Association of Louisiana Faculty Senates
- American Association of University Professors (AAUP)
- AAUP Louisiana Conference – **At Large Member of Executive Committee; Governmental Liaison**
- Downtown Lafayette Unlimited

### **Response to Senate Concurrent Resolution #6.**

[March – April 2022.]

Assisted in drafting Association of Louisiana Faculty Senates (ALFS) resolution in support of tenure. Worked with ALFS and members of UL, LSU, and Southern systems to obtain support of multiple faculty senates. Obtained UL faculty senate affirmation of ALFS resolution. This, in part, helped to double the number of faculty representatives on the task force.

### **Faculty Senate President**

[May 2021 to date.]

Lead approximately 120 faculty senators representing seven diverse colleges in expressing faculty concerns about internal and external issues of importance to higher education. Achieved the following:

- Significantly increased senate participation through online meetings and revamping of Moodle site. Increased diversity representation on senate webpage ([faculty senate.louisiana.edu](http://faculty senate.louisiana.edu)).
- Shepherded the successful amending of the Faculty Senate constitution and the first completed changes to the Faculty Handbook since 2015.
- Opened communication by making senate meetings and information accessible to all levels of university leadership and inviting to meetings multiple UL and external guest speakers.
- Facilitated improved cooperation between faculty, departments, colleges, and administration.
- Actively participated on University Council as well as several university committees. Participated in events. Supported R1 status. Represented Council at UL graduations.
- Assisted in development of “Faculty / Staff Appreciation Day” with Athletics and Academic Affairs.
- Created ad hoc committee on Tenure and Promotion and helped committee to develop new draft university level T&P policy soon to be submitted to Academic Affairs. Goal: Approval by Academic Affairs and implementation by May of 2024.
- Started ad hoc committee on developing a new Faculty Handbook. Assisted committee in creating an approved outline. Currently being fleshed out. Goal: Completion of draft by Fall 2023 with revision, Academic Affairs approval, and implementation by 2025.
- Charged Ad Hoc Committee on Status of Women & Underrepresented Faculty to research ways to increase hiring, mentoring, and retention of minority.
- Initiated subcommittees to aid in Canvas review, as well as a committee to assess the Code of Conduct.
- Assisted in Academic Affairs led initiative to provide salary equity adjustments. Developed and implemented appeals process.
- Developed relationships with administrators at the four state higher education systems (UL, LSU, LCTCS, Southern); faculty and administrators at other Louisiana universities; statewide faculty organizations (ALFS, AAUP-LA); as well as city, parish, and state political leaders to better serve UL Lafayette.

- Acadiana Open Channel Board of Directors: 2007 – 2011. Secretary: 2009 – 2011.

## ADDITIONAL SERVICE

Member UL Lafayette Quasquicentennial (125<sup>th</sup>) Committee.

Ran unsuccessfully for open position on Lafayette Public Library Board of Control. Met with 4 of 5 council members. [March/April 2023]

Board Member Global Listening Centre (GLC), Arab-US. Association of Communication Educators (AUSACE), American Communication Association (ACA).

International partner to KIMEP University (Almaty, KZ)) advisory board.

International partner to American University Cairo (Egypt) Department of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Conference Co-Director AUSACE UL Lafayette Conference [2018]

## REFERENCES

Available upon request.

### **Investigator – \$15,000 Mozilla Gigabit Community Fund Grant**

[2017 to 2018.]

Awarded to fund the creation of a dual-enrollment (high school and college) course in college/career orientation – UNIV 100 – to be taught on high school campus via distance learning. Class designed to target at risk populations of students less likely to pursue a college degree. Chief Investigator: Christine Williams (OFYE).

### **Graduate Program Coordinator – Dept. of Communication**

[2011 to date.]

Oversee operation of a program consisting of up to 15 graduate faculty and 45 students – including 20+ graduate assistants. Recruit students, manage program day-to-day operations including faculty/student assignments, interpersonal conflict resolution, and curriculum development and implementation.

### **Principal Investigator – \$642,000 USAID MEPI Grant**

[2006 to 2011.]

Middle East Partnership Initiative grant to develop and maintain cross-cultural program between UL Lafayette and Qatar University that fostered transnational instruction, scholarship, and professional service in mass communication.

## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Executive Director – American Communication Association**

[2010 to 2019.]

Provided oversight and continuity to management of ACA national organization, officers, and board of directors. ([americancomm.org](http://americancomm.org)).

### **Chair, Accreditations – American Communication Association**

[2010 to 2020.]

Managed organization's service of reviewing and accrediting programs of communication including West Texas A&M University (Canyon, Texas), KIMEP University (Almaty, Kazakhstan), Eastern Mediterranean University (Amochostos, Cyprus), Seton Hall University (South Orange, New Jersey), Higher Colleges of Technology (Doha and Sharjah, United Arab Emirates),

### **Communication Program Curriculum Consultant**

[2006 to 2013.]

Advised on the development and/or revision of communication program curriculums at Alyamama University [Riyadh, Saudi Arabia | 2012 – 2013]; King Saud University [Riyadh, Saudi Arabia | 2010]; and Qatar University [Doha, Qatar | 2006 – 2007].