

Curriculum Vitae of Robert A. Cole

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Speech Communication, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
Concentration – Philosophy and Rhetoric of Communication (1997)
M.S., Speech Communication, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
B.A., Communication, Boise State University

UNIVERSITY POSITIONS

Roger Williams University
Acting Provost, 2018-present
Special Assistant to the President, 2017-2018
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, 2014-2017

- Interim Dean, (new) School of Humanities, Arts, and Education, 2017
- Interim Dean, College of Arts & Sciences, 2016-2017

Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, 2012-2014

- Acting Dean, School of Education, 2010-2014

Dean, College of Arts & Sciences, 2007-2012
Assistant Dean of Humanities and Performing Arts, 2006-2007
Professor of Communication Studies (w/tenure), 2006-present

State University of New York at Oswego
Assistant Dean, College of Arts & Sciences, 2004-2006
Director of General Education, 2002-2005
Director of Women's Studies, 2000-2002
Associate Professor of Communication Studies (w/tenure), 2003-2006
Assistant Professor of Communication Studies, 1998-2003

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
Lecturer, Dept. of Speech Communication, 1997-1998
Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Speech Communication, 1992-1997
Editorial Assistant, *Human Studies: A Journal for Philosophy and the Social Sciences*, (Kluwer), 1995-1996
Editorial Assistant, *State University of New York Press Series in the Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, 1995-1996

SERVICE/CONSULTANCIES (selected)

Discipline/Professoriate

Peer Evaluator, New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), 2012-present.

Member, Association of Independent Colleges and Universities – Rhode Island, Academic Affairs Committee, 2012-2017.

Conference Proposal Reviewer, NAFSA: Association of International Educators Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado 2016.

Conference Planner and Session Facilitator, AAC&U Network for Academic Renewal Annual Conference on General Education and Assessment, Boston, MA, 2013.

Conference Planner, American Association of Colleges and Universities, Network for Academic Renewal, Providence, RI, 2011.

Conference Proposal Reviewer, AAC&U Network for Academic Renewal Annual Conference on General Education and Assessment, Boston, MA, 2013.

Conference Proposal Reviewer, American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, *64th Annual Meeting and Exhibits*, 2012.

Consultant, Literacy Volunteers of East Bay, Rhode Island, 2012-2013.

Consultant, State University of New York at Brockport, Speaking Across the Curriculum Program, 2003.

Outside Evaluator, Onondaga Community College, NY, 5-year Humanities Program Review, 2006.

Outside Evaluator, Cayuga Community College, NY, 5-year Liberal Arts Program Review, 2005.

Outside Evaluator, Jefferson Community College, NY, 5-year Liberal Arts Program Review, 2003.

Peer Review Committee for the NAFSA Research Symposia, 2017-present.

University Service (selected)

Academic Liaison Officer to New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC/NECHE)

Academic Policies Council

Academic Appeals Committee, chairperson

Advisor, First-Year Programs
Advisor, Freshman & Transfer Orientation Programs
Budget and Planning Committee
Curriculum Committee, Arts & Sciences
Curriculum Committee, School of Education
Curriculum Committee, University
Carnegie Integrative Learning Project Board
Chancellor's Award for Excellence Committee
Community Partnerships Center Board of Advisors
CORE/General Education Curriculum Committee
ESL Curriculum Committee
First Year Experience Steering Committee, co-chairperson
General Education Council, Chair
Graduate Council
Honors Program Curriculum Committee
Human Subjects/IRB Committee
International Education Advisory Council, chairperson
International Travel Grant Review Committee, chairperson
Learning Resources Center Advisory Committee
Mediation Panel
Merit Review Committee, chairperson
Personnel Policies Council
President's Administrative Council
President's Campus Commission on Scholars at Risk
President's Steering Committee
Provost's Foundation for Scholarship and Teaching, chairperson
Reader of Critical Thinking Waiver Essays
Retention Task Force, Co-chair
Risk Management Council
Scholarly and Creative Activities Committee
School of Education Program Advisory Group
Strategic Planning Task Force
Student Services Learning Outcomes Group
SUNY Learning Network Advisory Committee
Transfer Advisory Council
Women's Studies Advisory Board, chairperson
Women's Studies Curriculum Committee, chairperson

Department Service (selected)

Dept. Chairperson
Dept. Coordinator, "Critical Thinking and Public Speaking"
Dept. Coordinator COM210 Textbook Selection Committee
Dept. Curriculum Committee, chairperson
Dept. Equipment Committee
Dept. Faculty Search Committee, chairperson
Dept. Personnel Committee, chairperson

Dept. Scholarship Committee, chairperson
Dept. Technology Committee

Curriculum Development (selected)

Developed CAS 340: “Special Topics in Interdisciplinary Studies”
Developed COM100: “Foundations of Communication – Online”
Developed COM230/AMST 373: “Introduction to Peace Studies”
Developed COM235: “Interpersonal Communication”
(Co)Developed COM299/CORE 430: “War and Remembrance/Peace and Remembrance
in 20th Century Western Europe – Study Abroad Belgium/France/England”
Developed COM303: “Qualitative Comm. Research Methods”
Developed COM375: “Rhetoric of Film”
Developed COM395: “Ethnography of Identity”
Developed CORE 430: “Study Abroad Belgium/Germany/France/England”
Developed WST498: “Capstone-Internship”
Developed WST499: “Capstone-Senior Thesis”
Revised COM100 to meet General Education requirements
Revised COM210 to meet General Education requirements
Revised Communication Studies Writing Plan
Revised Communication Studies Major and Minor

TEACHING AREAS

Communication Theory	Organizational Communication
Qualitative Research Methods	Rhetorical Theory and Criticism
Critical Thinking and Public Speaking	Rhetoric of Science
Interpersonal Communication	Film Narrative and Theory
Communication and Gender	Peace Studies
Social Movements	

RESEARCH AREAS

Philosophy of Communication	Faculty-led Study Abroad
Phenomenology of Communication	American Pragmatism
Language and Social Interaction	Technology and Pedagogy
Communication and Gender	

RESEARCH IN PROCESS

Peace Movements and War Remembrance in 20th Century Western Europe

Early American taverns as public rhetorical spaces

Incursions of American craft beer in Bavarian culture and the implications for
Reinheitsgebot (German Beer Purity Law of 1516)

An outward face to the Public Speaking course via a Hyde Park-type Speaker's Corner
Utilizing Reacting to the Past (RTTP) in the Basic Communication course

PUBLICATIONS

Cole, Robert A. "Surveying the landscape: The process of developing faculty-led programs." In S. L. Pasquarelli, R.A. Cole, M. Tyson (Eds.), *Passport to Change: Designing Academically Sound, Culturally Relevant Short Term Faculty-Led Study Abroad Programs*. Sterling, VA: Stylus Publishing, LLC, 2017.

Pasquarelli, Susan L., Cole, Robert A., Tyson, Michael. "Introduction." In S. L. Pasquarelli, R.A. Cole, M. Tyson (Eds.), *Passport to Change: Designing Academically Sound, Culturally Relevant Short Term Faculty-Led Study Abroad Programs*. Sterling, VA: Stylus Publishing, LLC, 2017.

Pasquarelli, Susan L., Cole, Robert A., Tyson, Michael (Eds.). *Passport to Change: Designing Academically Sound, Culturally Relevant Short Term Faculty-Led Study Abroad Programs*. Sterling, VA: Stylus Publishing, LLC, 2017.

Cole, Robert A., Clifford Kobland and Julia T. Wood. *Resource Manual for Communication Mosaics, 3rd ed.* Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, 2003.

Cole, Robert A., Clifford Kobland and Julia T. Wood. *Student Companion for Communication Mosaics, 3rd ed.* Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, 2003.

Cole, Robert A. "Gigolos, Gentiles, Gangsters, and Ghettos: A Midwesterner's Phenomenology of New York Identity in Movies." *Journal of Illinois Speech and Theatre Association* 71 (Fall) 2002.

Cole, Robert A. (Ed). *Issues in Web-Based Pedagogy: A Critical Primer*. Westport, CT: Greenwood, 2000.

Cole, Robert A. "Introduction." *Issues in Web-Based Pedagogy: A Critical Primer*. Ed. Robert A. Cole. Westport, CT: Greenwood, 2000.

Cole, Robert A. "Improving Student Feedback by Using Word Processing Macros." In *Selections From the Speech Communication Teacher, 1996-1999*. Ed. Stephen Lucas. Boston: McGraw-Hill (2000). Originally printed in *Speech Communication Teacher* 13 (Summer) 1999.

Cole, Robert A. "Promising to be a Man: Promise Keepers' Organizational Construction of Masculinity." In *The Promise Keepers: Essays on Masculinity and Christianity*. Ed. Dane Claussen. Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 1999.

Cole, Robert A. "Beyond the Textbook: Teaching Communication Concepts Through

Computers and Music Videos.” *Communication Education* 48 (4) 1999.

Cole, Robert A. “Communication and Gender: A Curriculum Sensitizing Students to the Constitutive Aspects of Discourse.” *Speech Communication Teacher* 11 Spring 1997.

Cole, Robert A. Rev. of *Unreasonable Men: Masculinity and Social Theory*, by Victor J. Seidler. *Journal of Men’s Studies* 3 1995.

Cole, Robert A. Rev. of *Theorizing Masculinities*, edited by Harry Brod and Michael Kaufman. *Feminist Studies in Aotearoa*, 42, April 1995.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Competitively Selected)

“Transforming Students’ Lives Through Faculty-Led, Short-Term Study Abroad Programs.” Short-course. Eastern Communication Association Convention, Providence, RI, 2019. (Co-facilitator).

“An Introduction to Designing Short-Term, Faculty-Led Study Abroad Programs.” Pre-Conference Workshop on Intercultural Skills Enhancement Conference (WISE). Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, 2019 (lead facilitator).

“Developing an International Travel Course for Students to Study Beer Culture.” Popular Culture Association National Conference, Washington, D.C., 2019 (co-presenter).

“Academic Costing and the Alignment with Institutional Effectiveness.” Eastern Association of College and University Business Officers (EACUBO), Orlando, FL, 2014 (co-presenter).

“‘Arab Spring’: The Role of Liberal Education in Emerging Democracies.” Association of American Colleges & Universities Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 2012. (co-presenter)

“Implementing a Transdisciplinary GenEd Program”; AAC&U General Education and Assessment 3.0 Conference, Chicago, 2011. (co-presenter)

“Best Organizational Communication Teaching Practices”; Roundtable, Central States Communication Association Conference, St. Louis, 2009.

“Successes and Challenges of Teaching Online Communication Courses”; National Communication Association Conference, Chicago, 2007.

“Politics and New Media”; Roundtable, Eastern Communication Association Conference, Providence, RI, 2007.

“Estranging the Undergraduate Ethnographer through Fieldwork Abroad”; Symbolic Interaction and Ethnographic Research Conference, Ontario, Canada, 2006.

“Undergraduate Ethnographers Abroad: Internationalizing our Curriculum”; National Communication Association Conference, Boston, 2005.

“International Internships: Reshaping the Departmental Cultural Divide”; 4th Global International Internship Congress, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 2005.

“General Education Abroad”; Innovations in International Education: The Third Schreyer National Conference, The Pennsylvania State University, 2004.

“GenEd Abroad: A Case Study.” State University of New York General Education Conference, Albany, NY, 2003.

“Communication in Action: An Exploration of Communication Technology in Multiple Contexts”; National Communication Association, New Orleans, 2002. (Respondent)

“Student Explorations in Women’s Studies”; Quest Scholarly and Creative Symposium, State University of New York Oswego, 2001. (Chair & Respondent)

“Told in Hollywood Style: Films’ Constructions of Early (Euro-) American Masculinity”; Society for Early Americanists Biennial Conference, Norfolk, VA, 2001.

“Engaging Faculty in Research/Scholarship In ‘Teaching Institutions’”; Undergraduate College & University Section, National Communication Association, Seattle, 2000.

“Philosophy of Communication as Constitutive Intersubjectivity”; Rhetoric and Comm. Theory Division, National Communication Association, Chicago, 1999.

“Men in Social Movements”; Quest Scholarly and Creative Symposium, State University of New York Oswego, 1999.

“Dystopian Observations on Web-Based Communication Courses”; National Communication Association, New York, 1998.

“Gigolos, Gentiles, Gangsters, and Ghettos: A Midwesterner’s Phenomenology of New York Identity in Movies”; National Communication Association, New York, 1998.

“Learning to Live the Life of the Mind--Without Losing it”; National Communication Association, Chicago, 1997.

“Affiliating Moments That Turn Ethnographic Researchers into the Researched”; Central States Communication Association, St. Louis, 1997.

“Teaching/Learning Intercultural Communication through the Internet”; Central States Communication Association, St. Louis, 1997. (Respondent)

“Promising to be a Man: Promise Keepers and the Construction of Masculinity”; Southern States Communication Association, Savannah, Georgia, 1997.

“Communication and Gender: A Curriculum Proposal”; Illinois Speech and Theater Association, Oakbrook, Illinois, 1996.

“Gendered Knowledge: The Masculine Roots of Contemporary Philosophies of Language”; Central States Communication Association, St. Paul, MN, 1996.

“Beyond the Textbook: Teaching Communication Theories Through Art, Computers, and Magazines”; Central States Communication Association, St. Paul, MN, 1996.

“Using the World Wide Web to Teach Speech Communication”; Iowa Communication Association/Illinois Speech and Theater Association, Bettendorf, Iowa, 1995.

“Masculinized Selves: A Phenomenological Unfolding of Genderings”; Eastern Communication Association, Pittsburgh, 1995.

“The Ontological Turn in Understanding Gender: Toward A Revalorizing of Phenomenology”; Eastern Communication Association, Pittsburgh, 1995. (Chair)

“Movements of Change and Resistance”; Central States Communication Association, Indianapolis, 1995. (Chair)

“Ideology Through Biology: Toward A Reified Audience”; Northwest Communication Assoc., Couer D’Alene, Idaho, 1990.

“A Comparative Analysis of Montage Pace of Selected Prime-Time Situation Comedies: 1959-1988”; Northwest Communication Assoc., Couer D’Alene, Idaho, 1990.

INVITED WORKSHOPS/LECTURES

“Integrating Data into the Self-Study Narrative.” NEASC Commission on Institutes of Higher Education Self-Study Workshop, 2017. Southbridge, MA. (Co-presenter)

“How We Conducted Our Self-Study.” NEASC Commission on Institutes of Higher Education Self-Study Workshop, 2017. Southbridge, MA. (Co-presenter)

Professional Development Workshop for Department Chairpersons. Gordon College, 2017. In association with Davis Foundation grant.

“Social Movements and the Religious Construction of Gender.” Guest lecture for Anthropology of Religion course, 2011.

“Transfer, Articulation and General Education.” New York Transfer & Transition Conference, SUNY Oswego, 2003.

“Graduating your Advisees on Time: An Advisor's Refresher to General Education.” SUNY Oswego, 2003.

“Responding to the 9/11 Crisis. Tragedy and Its Aftermath: Media Responses and Responsibilities;” SUNY Oswego, 2001. (Panel Organizer/Moderator)

“Can Men be Feminists?” Panelist for the Women’s Center Series on “What is Feminism,” SUNY Oswego, 2001.

“Grant Writing for the NEH.” Center for Teaching and Innovation, SUNY Oswego, 2001. (Co-presenter)

“How Do I Get Published?” Center for Teaching and Innovation, SUNY Oswego, 2001. (Co-presenter)

“Organizational Constitutions of Masculinity.” Guest presenter for the Women’s Studies Speakers Series, SUNY Oswego, 2000.

“Dispelling the Myths about Feminism.” Panelist for Herstory Month, SUNY Oswego, 2000.

“Navigating the Job Market: From Application to Interview.” Panelist for the Faculty Teaching Mentors Seminar, Syracuse University, 2000.

“The Rhetoric of Men’s Social Movements.” Guest lecture at College of St. Rose, Albany, NY, 1999.

“Rewards and Liabilities of Web-Based Pedagogy.” Guest lecture for SPCM 452, Computer Mediated Communication, Southern Illinois University, 1998.

“Commendations and Caveats of Web-based Pedagogy.” Guest lecture for Department of Radio and Television, Southern Illinois University, 1998.

“Using Qualitative Research Methods.” Guest lecturer for RT 532, Telecommunication Research, Southern Illinois University, 1997.

“Contemporary Men’s Movements.” Guest lecturer for Women’s Studies 221, Southern Illinois University, 1996.

“Profeminist Men in History.” Guest lecturer for Rhetoric of Men’s Movements Honors Section, Southern Illinois University, 1995.

“Teaching ‘Center for Basic Skills’ Students.” Workshop facilitator at Speech Comm. Dept. Graduate Student Orientation Week, Southern Illinois University, 1995.

“Computers as Aids to Teaching the Basic Course.” Facilitator for teachers of the basic speech communication courses, Southern Illinois University, 1994.

EDITORIAL WORK

Manuscript reviewer, *The American Journal of Distance Education*, (ACSDE) 2001-2010.

Editorial Board member & manuscript reviewer, *Communication Teacher*, (NCA) 1998-2004.

Manuscript reviewer, *Men and Masculinities*, (Sage) 1998-2003.

Textbook reviewer, Addison Wesley Longman; Allyn & Bacon; Bedford/St. Martin's; McGraw-Hill; Wadsworth. 1998-2006.

Manuscript Reviewer, International Communication Association, National Communication Association, Southern States Communication Association, 1997-present.

Editorial Assistant, *Human Studies: A Journal for Philosophy and the Social Sciences*, (Kluwer) Lenore Langsdorf & George Psathas, Editors, 1995-1996.

Editorial Assistant, *State University of New York Press Series in the Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, Lenore Langsdorf, Editor, 1995-1996.

GRANTS AND MONETARY AWARDS

Faculty Fellow Grantee, Reacting Consortium/Endeavor Foundation. Reacting to the Past (RTTP) Faculty Institute at Barnard College, 2017-2018.

Administration participant, U.S. Dept. of Ed. Fulbright-Hays Group Project to Egypt. Grant for immersion experience, capacity building, and curriculum development related to Egypt and Middle East North Africa region. Roger Williams University. Funded at \$85,000 over 2 years. 2010-2012.

Co-author (not PI), US Dept. of Education (Title VI) Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Programs grant to institute an East Asian Area Studies Program. Roger Williams University. Funded at \$177,342 over 2 years. 2009-2011.

PI, Office of International Education and Programs, SUNY Oswego, travel grant. Funded at \$750, 2005.

Co-author, “Robert Feinberg Visiting Lectureship in Women’s Studies” grant. Funded at \$50,000, 2004-2005.

Co-author, “Women’s Studies Learning Communities. Funded at \$3,200 by the Office of

the Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost, SUNY Oswego, 2003.

Robert E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement grant. Funded at \$760,864 (Faculty Mentor only, not co-author). 2003-2007.

SUNY/United University Professions IDQWL, \$550 for curriculum development, 2000.

SUNY/United University Professions PDQWL, \$575 for scholarly development, 1998.

Dissertation Research Award (\$10,600 plus tuition remission), Graduate School, Southern Illinois University, 1996-1997.

ELECTED BOARDS/OFFICES

President, Speech Communication Organization, Southern Illinois U., 1993-1994.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Honorary Inductee, *Phi Beta Delta* Honor Society for International Scholars, RWU Epsilon Rho Chapter, 2018.

Honorary Inductee, *Sigma Delta Pi*, National Spanish Honor Society, 2008.

Award for Commitment to Women's Issues, SUNY Oswego Women's Center, 2003.

Honorary Inductee, *Omicron Delta Kappa*, National Leadership Honor Society, 2001.

Award for Extraordinary Commitment to Women's Issues, SUNY Oswego Women's Center, 2001.

Top student paper, Northwest Communication Association Conference, 1990.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/EXPERIENCE (Selected)

"Senior Leadership Academy." Year-long professional development program sponsored by the Council of Independent Colleges and the American Academic Leadership Institute, 2013-2014.

"Identifying, Encouraging and Mentoring Future Higher Education Leaders." Seminar sponsored by Ann Duffield and Colleagues. Northeastern University, Boston, 2012.

US West/Mt. Bell Telephone Company, 1978-1993. Manager in the outside plant engineering department. (Resigned to pursue doctorate)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
American Conference of Academic Deans
Association of American Colleges and Universities
Central States Communication Association
Council of Independent Colleges
Eastern Communication Association
National Communication Association
NAFSA: Association of International Educators
Popular Culture Association
Society for Cinema Studies
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy

MISCELLANEOUS

Spanish language fluency.

International travel or residencies: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Egypt, England, France, Germany, Italy, India, Mexico, Morocco, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Turkey, Yugoslavia (now Slovenia).

REFERENCES

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Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
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