

Dr. Matthew Boedy

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Fall 2015 – Present
Assistant Professor of Rhetoric and Composition
Department of English
University of North Georgia
Gainesville, Ga.

Courses Taught: First Year English and Upper-level Professional Writing Courses

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs:

Speaking (of) Evil: Rhetoric and the Responsibility to and for Language, Lexington Books, imprint of Rowman and Littlefield, in its Race, Rhetoric, and Religion series. 2019

Refereed, Peer-Reviewed Articles:

["A Day in the Life of Evil."](#) *The Qualitative Report*, 23.6 (2018): 1483-1495.

["The Sunday after the Tuesday: The 2016 Presidential Election in the Pulpit."](#) *Sermon Studies* 2.1 (2018):1-17.

["From Deliberation to Responsibility: Ethics, Invention, and Bonhoeffer in Technical Communication."](#) *Technical Communication Quarterly* 26.2 (2017): 116-126.

["The Evil in Technical Communication: Katz, Ward, Moore, and Overnaming."](#) *Journal of Technical Writing and Communication* 45.3 (July 2015): 213-225.

["Eichmann's Thoughtlessness in Language."](#) *Social, Political, Ethical, and Cultural Theory Archives (SPECTRA)*, 3.2, Fall 2014 (special issue on the 50th anniversary of Hannah Arendt's *Eichmann in Jerusalem*).

["Bonhoeffer's Performative Sensibilities in His Earliest Work."](#) *The Heythrop Journal*, 53.6, 2012.

Book Reviews

["The Perils and Promises of Public Scholarship"](#) Review of *Going Public: A Guide for Social Scientists*. *Journal of Community Engagement and Scholarship*, 11.1 (2018).

["Deep Rhetoric: Philosophy, Reason, Violence, Justice, Wisdom."](#) *Philosophy & Rhetoric* 49.2 (2016): 221-226

["Renovating Rhetoric in the Christian Tradition."](#) *Enculturation* January 2016.

[“Ramus, Pedagogy, and the Liberal Arts: Ramism in Britain and the Wider World.”](#) *Rhetoric Society Quarterly*, 42.5 (2012): 493-495.

[“Fool’s Talk.”](#) *Journal of Communication and Religion* 39.1 (Spring 2016): 98-103.

Public, Edited Writing (by year and platform):

2019

[“Get Schooled”](#) Atlanta Journal Constitution Education Blog

[“How Should Colleges Respond to Cults of Misinformation?”](#) 3/7

[“State’s hiring of new Georgia Southern president locked out public input”](#) 1/11

The Daily Doublespeak

[“Freedom Doublespeak in Trump’s Executive Order on Campus Speech”](#) 3/6

2018

[“Get Schooled”](#) Atlanta Journal Constitution Education Blog

[“Opinion: ‘Campus left’ is not silencing conservatives or indoctrinating students”](#) 4/4

[“Teach students not only to ask right questions, but to create new ones”](#) 7/13

[“Is college for getting what you want or discovering what’s worth wanting?”](#) 10/11

[“A Rhetorical Analysis of Trump’s Man on Campus and his Audiences”](#) Daily Doublespeak 10/15

[“A Different View of Plagiarism”](#) UNG CTLL Teaching Blog 10/19

2017

Citizen Critics – “nonpartisan, independent analysis... of the public good”

[“Importance of Apocalyptic Rhetoric for Christian Trump Voters”](#) Jan. 20

[“Did Donald Trump mock a disabled reporter?”](#) Jan. 25

[“Tracking Trump on Evil”](#) Feb. 17

[“Examining Arguments of Campus Carry,”](#) April 28

[“Invoking Hitler,”](#) May 30

[“Trump and Moral Authority,”](#) May 21

[“All the President’s Words”](#) June 2

[“NRA Ad roundup”](#) July 11

[“The Role of Church in Health Care”](#) July 26

[“Why is an evangelical megachurch podcast talking about ‘fake news?’”](#) August 11

[“#emptythepews: Responding to Trump and Evangelicalism”](#) September 11

[“Get Schooled”](#) Atlanta Journal Constitution Education blog

[“Lawmakers depict campuses as dangerous and in need of guns. Crime reports show otherwise,”](#)
Feb. 26

[“How often has campus carry staved off attacks in states that allow guns on campus? Zero.”](#) March
20

[“Opinion: Ten reasons Gov. Nathan Deal ought to veto campus carry law,”](#) April 4

[“Crime data show Georgia college students, faculty, and staff don’t need guns,”](#) April 13

[“Data show campus carry is unwise and unnecessary,”](#) October 14

Academic

[“Professing While Teaching”](#) *Literacy and the NCTE*, official blog of the National Council of Teachers of English, June 15

[“Responding to the ‘Professor Watchlist’”](#) *Academe* (blog of the AAUP), Feb. 8.

[“How Sermons Responded to the 2016 Election”](#) Day 1, a ministry of The Alliance for Christian Media, Nov. 27

Letters to the Editor

[“Campus carry’ law would only divide us further.”](#) *The Gainesville Times*, Feb. 25.

[Hartwell Sun](#) March 16

[Gainesville Times](#) July 1 and Nov. 16

2016

[“Get Schooled”](#) *Atlanta Journal Constitution Education* blog

[“Aren’t education and guns related?”](#) March 2

[“Georgia lawmakers to push again for guns on campus. Raise your voice in opposition.”](#) Dec. 17.

Emerging Scholars Blog

[“Campus Carry, Civic Conversations, and Public Intellectuals”](#) March 31.

[Review: “Mapping Your Academic Career: Charting the Course of a Professor’s Life.”](#) July 23

Series on Naming

[Part 1: An Introduction to Naming](#), Sept. 16

[Part 2: Overnaming as The Fall](#), Sept. 23

[Part 3: A Response to Overnaming](#), Sept. 30

[Part 4: Responding to Overnaming in Academia](#), Oct. 7

[“The Rhetorical Maneuvers of Wayne Grudem,”](#) Blog of Grove City College Psychology Professor Warren Throckmorton, Patheos.com, July 30.

[“A Professor’s Worth Reaches Beyond the Classroom.”](#) *The Gainesville Times*, Sept 1.

[“Fighting Campus Carry: Lessons Learned,”](#) *Inside Higher Ed*, Nov. 16.

[“The day The Alligator made me realize my calling: Defending the public good.”](#) *Alligator Alumni Association* blog, Dec. 12.

[“Donald Trump and the Liberal Arts: A Guest Post,”](#) *The Way of Improvement Leads Home*, blog of Messiah College Professor of History John Fea, Dec. 16.

2015

Series on Job Process on *Emerging Scholars* Blog

[Post 1: The Application](#), Sept. 24

[Post 2: The Interview Process](#), Oct. 1
[Post 3: The Campus Visit](#), Oct. 8
[Post 4: Decision](#), Oct. 15
[Post 5: Moving Into God's Will](#), Oct. 25

Fiction:

["Merton in Alaska"](#) *Fathom Magazine* 8.13.2018
"The Delta" in *A Sense of the Midlands*, an anthology of poetry, short stories, and essays published by Muddy Ford Press, Columbia SC in 2013.
"Colorado," short story, *Slow Trains Literary Journal*, 7.4 (Spring 2008)
"Colorado," short story, *Infuze* magazine, December 2004
"Sleepy Sunday," short story, *Great Kills Review*, Fall 2008
"Between Lost and Found," short story, *Charlotte ViewPoint*, Sept. 2008

Fiction Awards:

Finalist: 2014 First Novel Competition, South Carolina Arts Commission and Hub City Press
Finalist: 2010 Faulkner – Wisdom Creative Writing Contest (Novella)
Honorable Mention: 2008 Tonka Fiction Contest of *The Minnetonka Review*
Special Commendation: 2008 International Short Story Contest, First Writer
Honorable Mention: 2005 Florida Freelance Writers Association (short story)

Creative Nonfiction:

["Conjectures of A Guilty Bystander: MLK and Dixie"](#) *Grand Central Review* June 2017

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS [Refereed and Peer-Reviewed]

"Bonhoeffer's Performative Engagement with Philosophy." Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion's Annual Meeting. Louisville, KY, March 2010

"Choice, Pedagogy, and Technology." North Carolina Symposium on Teaching. Shifting Platforms: New Media, Emerging Literacies, & the Writing Teacher. North Carolina State University, February 2010

"Why the College Application Essay Matters to Composition." The Conference on College Composition and Communication, St. Louis, MO, 2012.

"Watching the Future Come: or What Rhetoric can gain (and lose) when Universities sell themselves." Carolina Rhetoric Conference. February 2012. Clemson University, Clemson, SC.

"Moral Literacy." The Conference on College Composition and Communication, Las Vegas, NV. Research Network Forum, 2013.

[Invited but did not attend] "Combating Everyday Language of Oppression" presentation as part of Allen University's panel at the Southeastern Writing Center Association conference, Greensboro, NC, February 2014.

"Christopher Hitchens' Intellectual Work on Evil as Rhetorical Possibility." Rhetoric Society of America Bi-annual conference, San Antonio, TX, 2014.

"Isocrates' 'Present Evils' – A Rhetorical Answer to the Humanities' Relevancy Question." Rhetoric Society of America Bi-annual conference, San Antonio, TX, 2014.

"Watching the Professional/Student Divide as Students Create Professional Videos for YouTube." The Conference on College Composition and Communication, Tampa, FL, 2015.

"Writing as Renaming: How to Move the Conversation via Isocrates." The Conference on College Composition and Communication, Houston, TX, 2016.

"The Rhetorical Claim on Genesis 3." Rhetorical Society of America bi-annual conference, Atlanta GA, 2016.

"Using Richard Miller in FYC." University of Florida Writing Program's Pedagogy, Practice and Philosophy Conference, Gainesville, Fla., January 2017.

"Thomas Merton and Public Writing." College English Association Annual Conference, Hilton Head, SC, March 2017

"Public Writing" organized panel at The Conference on College Composition and Communication, Kansas City, MO, March 2018

"Invention, Re-Invention, and "Campus Carry" organized panel at Rhetoric Society of America bi-annual conference, Minneapolis, MN, June 2018

"First Year Composition and Thomas Merton's Contemplative Writing," College English Association, St. Petersburg, FL, April 2018

"Kenotic Rhetoric of Thomas Merton," College English Association, New Orleans, April 2019

Invited Seminars and Workshops

Rhetoric Society of America bi-annual seminar on invention, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. May 2017

Institute for Pedagogy in the Liberal Arts, Oxford College, Emory University, Covington, Ga. May 10-13, 2016

Southern Colloquium on Rhetoric, University of Alabama-Huntsville. Oct. 16, 2015

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

University of North Georgia

English Department Writing and Publication Program of Study Committee AY 2016-17
Ad Hoc English Department Committee, Assessing Core Competence
Ad Hoc English Department Committee on Joint and Dual Enrollment
Grade Appeal Committee, AY 2017-2018
Workshop Presentation, Research-Based Teaching Series, "Giving Better Feedback," Feb. 1 2017
Gateway2Completion English Committee, 2018-Present

University of South Carolina

Spring 2013 – Summer 2014

Research assistant to Erik Doxtader, Director, Speech Communication & Rhetoric Program
Director, USC African Studies Program, and Organizer, USC Rhetorical Theory Conference

May 2014

Assessor, general education program

Pilot assessment of written component of University of South Carolina's "Carolina Core"

Fall 2013-Spring 2014

Architect committee member, Carolina Rhetoric Conference, March 2014, Columbia SC

Fall 2012

University of South Carolina First Year English

English 102 Curriculum Revision Team

2012-2014

Advanced Placement consultant, Lexington 2 Schools, West Columbia, SC

I presented two workshops to the district's AP English teachers on what AP exam readers look for when scoring exams and overviewed connections between AP classes and Freshman English at USC

Summer 2011

Research Assistant to Pat Gehrke, co-principal investigator on National Science Foundation \$1.4 million nanotechnology grant. Gehrke directed the University of South Carolina's \$468,000 sub-award to develop and conduct a series of public engagement events on nanotechnology.

WRITING CENTER EXPERIENCE

Fall 2013 – Spring 2014

Writing Lab tutor/ First Year English consultant

Allen University

[While there, Writing Lab was nominated for CCCC Writing Program Certificate of Excellence by Vershawn Young, University of Kentucky]

Spring 2011-Spring 2012

USC Academic Center for Excellence

Fall 2007- Spring 2008
Department of English
University of South Carolina, Columbia

Service to Profession

Vice President, AAUP - UNG
2017-Present

Academic Freedom Chairman, AAUP Georgia, 2018-Present

Advanced Placement exam reader
English Language and Composition
Educational Testing Service
2011-Present

Media Appearances

[WDUN radio](#) March 26, 2016
[Gainesville Times](#), July 11, 2016
[Broadly](#) December 15, 2016
[GPB "On Second Thought"](#) March 22, 2017
[UNG Vanguard](#) April 25, 2017
[TheTrace.org](#) May 2, 2017
[Atlanta Journal Constitution](#) May 4, 2017
[Gainesville Times](#) July 19, 2017
[Gainesville Times](#) Nov. 24, 2017
[GPB "On Second Thought"](#) Dec. 4, 2017
[The Janet Mefferd Show](#), Dec. 13, 2017
[WABE "A Closer Look,"](#) March 7, 2018
[Canadian Broadcasting Corp](#), May 22, 2018

EDUCATION

Ph.D, Rhetoric and Composition, 2015
University of South Carolina, Columbia
Dissertation: Speaking (of) Evil: Rhetoric and Intellectual Work

M.F.A., Creative Writing, 2010
University of South Carolina, Columbia
Thesis: "That Strange Darkness" (a novel)

B.S. Journalism, 2001
University of Florida