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Innes Mitchell, Ph.D.

Education

Communication Studies 1997, Ph.D.

- University of Kansas. Lawrence, Kansas
- Dissertation title: *Margaret Thatcher's America: Cultural Rhetorical Criticism*
- Directed by Robert C. Rowland

Rhetoric and Communication 1987, M.A.

- University of Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Thesis Papers: *Interpersonal Communication in the Philosophy of Karl Jaspers*;
The Response-ability of Self-Expression in Small Group Communication
- Advised by John Poulakos

Economic History, insigni cum laude 1985, M.A.

- University of Edinburgh. Edinburgh, Scotland
- Dissertation: *Property Reconstruction in Simnel Street, Southampton, circa 1200-1600*
- Directed by Ian S.W. Blanchard

Professional Experience: Teaching

2002 - present	Associate Professor of Communication
St. Edward's University	Austin, Texas
1993 - 2002	Assistant Professor of Communication
St. Edward's University	Austin, Texas
1992 - 1993	Communication Adjunct Faculty Member
University of Missouri-Kansas City	Kansas City, Missouri
1988 - 1993	Graduate Teaching Assistant
University of Kansas	Lawrence, Kansas
1985 - 1987	Graduate Teaching Assistant
University of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Professional Experience: Administrative

1995 - 2001	Department of Communication,
	Area Coordinator
St. Edward's University	Austin, Texas

Teaching Experience

Contemporary Theories of Rhetoric
Gender Communication
Interpersonal Communication
Mass Media, Culture & Society
Media Communication
Personal Communication
Persuasion

Political Communication
Presentational Speaking
Rhetorical Criticism
Theories of Rhetoric and Communication
Perspectives on Atheism
Performance as Persuasion
Performance and Politics

Teaching Awards

St. Edward's University Distinguished Teaching Award Finalist 2013

St. Edward's University Distinguished Teaching Award Nominee 2015

Teaching Experience: Study Abroad

Faculty Co-Leader of St. Edward's Scotland Study Abroad Program 2011. Developed *Performance as Persuasion* COMM 2399 or CULF 1319, Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh, Scotland, Summer II 2011. Designed this new course specifically for Scotland study abroad experience

Faculty Co-Leader of St. Edward's Scotland Study Abroad Program 2014. Designed and delivered *Performance and Politics* COMM 2399 or CULF 1319, Edinburgh Napier University, Edinburgh, Scotland, Summer II 2014. Course developed specifically to study the 2014 campaigns for Scottish Independence Referendum

Facilitated relationship with Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh to act as our hosting partner for the 2012 SEU Study Abroad program in Scotland

Communication Pedagogy

Editor. (1989). *Personal Communication Workbook*, Edina, Michigan: Bellweather Press (with Dora E. Saavedra & Federico Varona).

Mitchell, Innes. (1991). Checklist for an Effective Outline & Outline Correction Exercise. In *Public Speaking Competence: Theory and Practice*, Mary Lee Hummert, Carol A. Benoit, and Theresa A. Helmick, eds., New York: McGraw - Hill, Inc.: 14 & 39.

Stewart, Sue, Russell Lowery-Hart, Innes Mitchell (1998). *Presentational Speaking Workbook*. Edina, Minnesota: Burgess International Group, Inc.

Low Tech. High Payoff? The Portfolio in Program Assessment. Presented at the 1998 National Communication Association Convention in New York, New York

Research Area: Cultural Politics

Margaret Thatcher's Vision of Anglo-American Relations: Scrutinizing the Special Relationship. Paper presented at the 1991 Speech Communication Association Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

Culture and Ideology in Rhetorical Theory: Continuing the Debate. Paper presented at the 1994 Central States Communication Convention in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Devolution or Divorce?: Stating the Case for Scotland's Political Future. Paper presented at the 1999 National Communication Association (NCA) Convention in Chicago, Illinois. Part of a panel entitled, *Identity, Culture, and Politics: Nationalism and Its Rhetorical Expressions*

Faculty Coordinator—*Youth Initiative Study*, in conjunction with Professor Roderick P. Hart, Director of the University of Texas' Institute for Civic Participation, Spring 2000

Seeing Big Red through Tartan Eyes in Texas. Paper presented at the 2000 National Communication Convention in Seattle, Washington. Part of a panel entitled, *Homesteading in Huskerville: How Nebraskans Across the Nation Sustain Community Through Performances at Football Watch Parties.* Subsequently contributed to a section to the article, *Communities of Cornhuskers: The Generation of Place Through Sports Fans' Rituals*, published in the 2010 *Qualitative Research Reports in Communication*, a journal of the Eastern Communication Association. My work on this project is cited in several places in Dr. Aden's book: *Huskerville: A Story of Nebraska Football, Fans, and the Power of Place*, McFarland & Company, 2008

Faculty Sponsor for Scottish Novelist James Kelman's Humanities' Perspectives Luncheon presentation, April 25, 2001. Organized the event and introduced Kelman

Sabbatical Leave, Spring 2003: Further research into the development of political and cultural nationalism in Scotland, and how that development is perceived and supported in the United States. Included travel to Scotland for field research in January/February 2003. Research from Austin focused on the party political campaigns for the second Scottish Parliament, April 2003. In progress articles developed: *Living through the Past: Tartan Day articulations of contemporary American Highlandism*; and *Releasing Potential: The Rhetoric of Scottish Nationalism in the 2003 Scottish Parliament Election Campaign*

Attendee:

The New Politics Forum, Symposium: *Campaign 2006: An Insider's Look*, University of Texas at Austin, November 2005

The New Politics Forum, Symposium: *Campaign 2006 Election Debriefing*, San Antonio, November 18, 2006

Election Campaign for the Scottish Parliament 2007: Conducted extensive research during Campaign, April 2007. Built on previous research conducted into 1999 and 2003 Scottish Parliamentary campaigns, including a one-on-one interview with Alex Salmond in May 1999, the future First Minister of Scotland

Attendee:

The International Communication Association (ICA) conference, Montreal, Quebec, May 22-25, 2008

The National Communication Association (NCA) convention, San Diego, California, November 21-24, 2008

The New Politics Forum event, *The Campaign 2008 Debriefing*, November 14-15, 2008, at the Texas State Capitol

The New Politics Forum event, *The Campaign 2014 Debriefing*, November 5, 2014, The University of Texas at Austin

In the week leading up to the Scottish Independence Referendum, September 18, 2014, I was interviewed by *Austin American-Statesman* reporter Patrick Beach about my views on Scottish politics. A *Statesman* photographer visited my office to take pictures. Excerpts from our interview and a few of the photographs taken in my office were published in the article, *Ayes of Texas: Austin expats expect Scottish Independence*, *Austin American-Statesman*, on September 18, Referendum day

Research Area: Media Reform

Attendee:

The inaugural National Conference on Media Reform (NCMR), Madison, Wisconsin, November 7-9, 2003

The second Action Coalition for Media Education (ACME) conference, *Declarations of Media Independence*, University of San Francisco, July 1-4, 2004

The second National Conference on Media Reform (NCMR), St. Louis, Missouri, May 13-15, 2005

The National Communication Association (NCA), convention, Boston, Massachusetts, November 17-20, 2005

The Action Coalition for Media Education (ACME) conference, Burlington, Vermont, October 6-8, 2006

The National Conference on Media Reform (NCMR), Memphis, Tennessee, January 12-14, 2007

Keynote Presentation: *Beauty & the Beast: Women vs. the Media*. St. Edward's University Multicultural Leadership Board, September 27, 2012

Keynote Presentation: *No Fat in Heaven: Decoding Heavenly Bodies in Advertising*. Part of the Health & Counseling Center's program for Body Awareness Month, February 26, 2013

Keynote Presentation: *Pretty, Ugly, Man-Enough?: Evaluating Body Image in an Age of Social Media*. Part of the Health & Counseling Center's program for Body Awareness Month, February 25, 2014

Keynote Presentation: *Body Authorship: Resisting Body Shaming through Art*. Health & Counseling Center's program for Body Awareness Month on February 25, 2015. This was a co-presentation with my friend and Tattoo Artist, Bart Willis, Owner of Southside Tattoo

Research Area: Secular Studies

Co-Faculty Sponsor of the St. Edward's University *Darwin Day* celebration, February 12, 2009, marking the 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin's birth

Attendee:

Debate entitled *Was Darwin Wrong?* on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at Gregory Gym, University of Texas, at Austin. The debate featured two creation scientists from the *Reasons to Believe* organization in California, and Dr. Michael Shermer, editor of *Skeptic* magazine, along with various scientists on the UT faculty

The Atheist Alliance International (AAI) 2009 Convention, *Darwin's Legacy*, October 1-4, 2009, Burbank, California

The Texas Freethought Convention, San Antonio, Texas, November 14, 2009

The 2011 Texas Freethought Convention, *From Grassroots to Global Impact*, co-sponsored by Atheist Alliance of America, Houston, Texas, October 7-9, 2011

Anstruther Pious Society blog published 2012. Contained my writing for a year on topics and issues related to my research interests—Atheism, Freethought, Skepticism, Secular Humanism, Religious Criticism

Contributor to *Skepticism 101 Project*, an initiative of *Skeptic Magazine*. Submitted materials from *Perspectives on Atheism* course—syllabus, assignments, PowerPoint slide presentations—to *Skepticism 101 Curriculum Development Program*, 2012

Attendee:

The *Texas Freethought* Convention, Austin, Texas, October 19-20, 2012

The *American Atheists* 39th Annual National Convention, Austin, Texas, March 29-3, 2013

The *Women in Secularism 2* Convention, Washington DC, May 17-19, 2013

Inaugural Child-Friendly Faith Project (CFFP) conference, St. David's Episcopal Church, Austin, Texas, November 8, 2013

The American Atheists 2014 National Convention, Salt Lake City, Utah, April 17-20

Guest Speaker: *Perspective by Incongruity: Teaching Atheism at a Catholic University*, Atheist Community of Austin, Austin History Center, August 11, 2013

Documentary Film

Produced: Filmed interview with Jim Tough, Executive Director of the Saltire Society, Edinburgh, Scotland, July 2014, subsequently published to the web site, *Scotland Docs*. This web site was set up by my Co-Faculty Study Abroad Leader, Professor Scott Christopherson, as a repository and “shop window” for the films produced on the Scotland study abroad program: <http://www.scotlanddocs.com/>

Published: Produced, Directed, Wrote, and Edited a series of documentary films on hiking the Scottish National Trail in 2015 & 2016, published on *YouTube* and *Vimeo*:

- Scottish National Trail Part 1, June 23, 2015
- Scottish National Trail Part 2, June 30, 2015
- Scottish National Trail Part 3, July 30, 2015
- Scottish National Trail Part 4, August 8, 2015
- Scottish National Trail Part 5, July 26, 2016
- Scottish National Trail Part 6, August 5, 2016
- Scottish National Trail Part 7, August 22, 2016

Post-Production: Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage (Spain) Documentary Film 2017 Completed the 799 kilometer (497 mile) pilgrimage from St. Jean-Pied-de-Port, France, to Santiago, Spain, with my daughter, June 8 to July 7, 2017. I completed the 63-mile pilgrimage extension from Santiago to Finisterre to Muxia on the Atlantic coast, solo, over the following three days. During the hike, I published 1,755 photographs in 34 albums on social media, from a laptop I carried with me across Spain. Many additional photographs were unpublished, and I shot over four hours of film for the project.

Pre-Production:

- Lycian Way (Turkey) Documentary Film 2018
- Machu Picchu (Peru) Documentary Film 2018

Grants Awarded

Presidential Excellence Summer Scholarly Activity Grant, Summer 2001. “Tartan Day” project, gathering information, research materials, conducted interviews with Scottish-Americans in Austin, and those attending the 14th annual Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games in Arlington, June 2-4, 2001

Presidential Excellence Summer Scholarly Activity Grant, Summer 2002. Continuation of research into Scottish political and cultural nationalism and the ways in which this is communicated to, and received by, the Scottish-American community. Rhetorical analysis of recent efforts to develop support in the United States for Scottish political nationalism

Faculty Development Grant to attend 2002 National Communication Association (NCA) convention in New Orleans

Curriculum Development Grant awarded to develop *Perspectives on Atheism* course, 2009.
COMM 4399 (02) Perspectives on Atheism, first taught Spring 2012

P-SPICE grant, teaching course release Fall 2016, for the purpose of producing the second set of documentary films on hiking the Scottish National Trail

Miscellaneous & Consulting

Preparing Future Faculty Mentor, Spring 2000

Faculty Facilitator—Conference on Nonviolence, Huston-Tillotson & LBJ School, October 1993

Consultant—Cendant Intercultural Services (Chicago), 1999-2001

Award: *Partners in Education* Award, Chisholm Wolf Foundation, 2004

Certification: *Experience Austin*, Spring 2008, a program of Leadership Austin

Excerpts from a letter I wrote to Dr. Henry Heimlich, inventor of the “Heimlich Maneuver” a widely used aid for choking victims, were published in his memoir, *Heimlich’s Maneuvers: My Seventy Years of Lifesaving Innovation*. Prometheus Books, February 2014

Professional Memberships

2004 – 2009	Action Coalition for Media Education (ACME)
2003 – 2009	Free Press
1994	Central States Communication Association
1986 – 2015	National Communication Association
2006 – 2008	International Communication Association
1986 – 1991	International Society for the History of Rhetoric
2015 – Present	American Atheists
2014 – Present	Center for Inquiry
2012 – Present	Freedom From Religion Foundation