

## **SARA A. MEHLTRETTER DRURY**

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### ***Education***

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Ph.D. Communication Arts and Sciences (2011)

The Pennsylvania State University

Dissertation: “The Long Twilight Struggle: Presidential Rhetoric, National Security, and the Cold War, 1945-1974”

M.A. Communication Arts and Sciences (2007)

The Pennsylvania State University

Thesis: “Catholic Pacifism in the United States: A Rhetorical Analysis of the Catholic Worker Movement”

B.A. Communication, B.A. Political Science (2005)

Boston College, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

Scholar of the College Thesis: “Never Let the Facts Get in the Way of a Good Story: Redefining Eloquence in Presidential Debates”

### ***Employment and Appointments***

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2018-present	<u>Chair</u> , Rhetoric Department, Wabash College
2017-present	<u>Associate Professor</u> , Rhetoric Department, Wabash College
2014-present	<u>Director</u> , <a href="#">Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse</a> , Wabash College
2014-2017	<u>Affiliated Research Deputy</u> , The Kettering Foundation
2011-2017	<u>Assistant Professor</u> , Rhetoric Department, Wabash College
2010-2011	<u>Research Associate</u> , The Kettering Foundation
2005-2010	<u>Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant</u> , the Pennsylvania State University

### ***Research***

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Drury, Jeffrey P. Mehlretter, and **Sara A. Mehlretter Drury**, Editors. *Rhetoric, Politics, and Hamilton: An American Musical*. New York: Peter Lang, 2021.

#### ***Peer Reviewed Scholarship (§ indicates Wabash College student co-author)***

**Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter**, Stephen Elstub, Oliver Escobar, & Jennifer Roberts. “Deliberative Quality and Expertise: Uses of Evidence in Citizens’ Juries on Wind Farms.” *Journal of Deliberative Democracy*. Accepted for publication, June 2020.

Kuehl, Rebecca A., Jenn Anderson, **Sara A. Mehlretter Drury**, Amanda Holman, Cerise Hunt, and Jay L. Leighter. “Creating a Multidisciplinary Dialogue about Community-Based Participatory Research Partnerships of Health and Medicine.” *Rhetoric of Health & Medicine* 3 (2020): 93-132. [DOI:10.5744/rhm.2020.1004](https://doi.org/10.5744/rhm.2020.1004).

**Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter**, Ryan A. Rush, Sarah E. Wilder, and Laura M. Wysocki. “Encouraging Bridges: Connecting Science Students to Public Problem-Solving through Science Communication.” In *Communication in Chemistry*, edited by Garland L. Crawford, Kathryn D.

Kloepper, John J. Meyers, and Richard H. Singiser,

**Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter.** “Defining National Security as Peace through Strength: Ronald Reagan’s National Security Rhetoric in the 1980 Campaign.” *Argumentation and Advocacy* 51 (2014): 87-102.

**Mehlretter, Sara Ann.** “Dorothy Day, the Catholic Workers, and Moderation in Protest during the Vietnam War.” *Journal of Communication & Religion* 32 (2009): 1-32. Lead essay.

**Mehlretter, Sara Ann.** “John Fitzgerald Kennedy: Inaugural Address (21 January 1961).” *Voices of Democracy* 4 (2009): 41-59. <http://www.voicesofdemocracy.umd.edu/documents/Mehlretter-Kennedy.pdf>

Hogan, J. Michael, and **Sara Ann Mehlretter.** “Helen Caldicott: Stop the Nuclear Madness (17 April 1986).” *Voices of Democracy* 3 (2008): 103-121. <http://www.voicesofdemocracy.umd.edu/documents/Hogan-Caldicott.pdf>

Hogan, J. Michael, and **Sara Ann Mehlretter.** “George H. W. Bush: Speech at Penn State (23 September 1992).” *Voices of Democracy* 2 (2007): 126-151. <http://www.voicesofdemocracy.umd.edu/documents/Hogan-Bush.pdf>

**Mehlretter, Sara Ann.** “Dorothy Day: Speech at Union Square (6 November 1965).” *Voices of Democracy* 1 (2006): 165-185. <http://www.voicesofdemocracy.umd.edu/documents/Mehlretter-Day.pdf>

### **Editorial, Journal**

**Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter** and Rebecca A. Kuehl, editors. “Special Issue: Rhetoric in the 2016 Election.” *Communication Quarterly* 66 (2018): 111-221. ([LINK](#))

The special issue consists of 5 competitively selected and peer reviewed articles, an introduction essay, and a response essay.

**Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter** and Rebecca A. Kuehl. “Introduction to the Special Issue on the Rhetoric in the 2016 U.S. Election.” *Communication Quarterly* 66 (2018): 111-116.

### **Book Chapters, Invited Essays, Conference Proceedings**

**Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter,** Jeffrey P. Mehlretter Drury, and Henry Egan. “Introduction: *Hamilton* as Cultural and Rhetorical Phenomenon.” In *Rhetoric, Politics, and Hamilton: An American Musical*, edited by Jeffrey P. Mehlretter Drury and Sara A. Mehlretter Drury, 1-10. New York: Peter Lang, 2021.

**Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter,** and James Anthony Williams III. “Exhibiting *Hamilton*: History, Memory, and Musical Theater.” In *Rhetoric, Politics, and Hamilton: An American Musical*, edited by Jeffrey P. Mehlretter Drury and Sara A. Mehlretter Drury, 47-65. New York: Peter Lang, 2021.

**Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter,** and Dale A. Herbeck. “Understanding Abusive *Argumentum Ad Hominem* through Rhetorical Context: Donald Trump’s *Ad Hominem* in the 2016 Presidential Campaign.” In *Argumentation in Actual Practice*, edited by Frans H. van Eemeren and Bart Garssen, 137-155. John Benjamins Publishing Company, 2019.

**Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter,** and Dale A. Herbeck. “Appearance Trumps Substance: The Enduring Legacy of the Great Debate of September 26, 1960.” In *Networking Argument*, edited by Carol Winkler. New York: Routledge, 2019.

**Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter.** “Cultivating Dialogue and Deliberation through Speech, Silence, and Synthesis.” *Creating Space for Democracy: A Primer on Dialogue and Deliberation in Higher Education*. Stylis Publishing, 2019.

Drury, Jeffrey P. Mehlretter, Nicholas S. Paliewicz, and **Sara A. Mehlretter Drury.** “Argument Pedagogy for Everyday Life.” *Journal of Communication Pedagogy*, 2 (2019): 37-42.  
[DOI:10.31446/JCP.2019.0](https://doi.org/10.31446/JCP.2019.0)

**Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter.** “The Traditions and Expectations of Presidential Debates.” In *Televised Presidential Debates in a Changing Media Environment*, edited by Edward A. Hinck, 22-45. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO Prager, 2019.

**Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter,** and Dale A. Herbeck. “A Typology of Donald Trump’s *Ad Hominem* in the 2016 Election.” In *Proceedings of the Ninth Conference of the International Society for Argumentation (ISSA)*, edited by Bart Garssen, David Godden, Gordon R. Mitchell, Jean H. W. Wagemans, 804-812. Amsterdam, The Netherlands: Scientia International Centre for Scholarship in Argumentation Theory, 2019.

**Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter,** Rebecca A. Kuehl, and Jennifer Anderson. “Deliberation as Civic Education: Incorporating Public Deliberation into the Communication Studies Curriculum.” In *Speech and Debate as Civic Education*, edited by J. Michael Hogan, Jessica A. Kurr, Michael J. Bergmaier, and Jeremy D. Johnson, Chapter 13. University Park: Penn State University Press, 2017.

**Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter,** and Martin Carcasson. “Deliberative Pedagogy in Communication Studies.” In *Deliberative Pedagogy: Teaching and Learning for Democratic Engagement*, edited by Timothy J. Shaffer, Nicholas V. Longo, Idit Manosevitch, & Maxine S. Thomas, 71-78. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University Press, 2017.

**Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter,** Leila R. Brammer, and Joni Doherty. “Assessment through a Deliberative Pedagogy Learning Outcomes Rubric.” In *Deliberative Pedagogy: Teaching and Learning for Democratic Engagement*, edited by Timothy J. Shaffer, Nicholas V. Longo, Idit Manosevitch, & Maxine S. Thomas, 191-202. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University Press, 2017.

Kuehl, Rebecca A., **Sara A. Mehlretter Drury,** and Jennifer Anderson. “Civic Engagement and Public Health Issues: Community Support for Breastfeeding through Rhetoric and Health Collaborations.” *Communication Quarterly: Forum on Rhetoric and Health* 63 (2015): 510-515.  
doi:10.1080/01463373.2015.1103598

**Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter,** and Jeffrey P. Mehlretter Drury. “Engagement through the Oval Office: Presidential Rhetoric as Civic Education.” In *Civic Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: A Multi-Dimensional Inquiry*, edited by Michael T. Rogers and Donald M. Gooch, 161-186. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2015.

**Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter.** “Responses to Rhetoric’s Invitation: An Analysis of the Bush Presidency, the Immigration Debate, and Rhetoric’s Effects.” In *Rhetoric and the Rhetoric of Effects: Past, Present, Future*, edited by Amos Kiewe and Davis W. Houck, 139-161. Columbia, SC: The University of South Carolina Press, 2015.

**Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter.** “More than a Beard and a Pasty Forehead: Lessons of the 1960 Great Debate.” *Spectra* 48 (September 2012): 13-15.

**Mehlretter, Sara Ann.** “Tim Kaine’s Catholic Evangelical Rhetoric.” In *What Democrats Talk about When They Talk about God*, edited by David Weiss, 177-192. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2010.

**Mehlretter, Sara Ann,** and Dale A. Herbeck. “Looks Count: Newspaper Accounts of the First Kennedy-Nixon Debate During the 2004 Presidential Campaign.” In *The Functions of Argument and Social Context: Selected Papers from the 16<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference on Argumentation*, edited by Dennis S. Gouran, 579-586. Washington, DC: National Communication Association, 2010.

### ***Research Grants and Fellowships***

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“Examining the Effects of Training Undergraduate Chemistry Students How to Deliberate.” \$599,297. National Science Foundation, Award ID: 2012931. October 1, 2020-September 30, 2023. *Co-Project Investigators: Laura M. Wysocki and Sara A. Mehlretter Drury.*

Indiana Humanities Action Fellow, Inaugural Class. Indiana Humanities. *Selected for the first cohort of 8 humanities scholars in Indiana devoted to public work.* 2019-2021.

“Cultivating Our Gardens.” Indiana Humanities. 2018. \$4000. *Co-Project Investigators: Sara A. Mehlretter Drury and Amanda Ingram.*

Visiting Research Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities (IASH) & School of Social and Political Science (SSPS), University of Edinburgh, August 2017-July 2018.

“Encouraging Science Communication in the Wabash College Chemistry Department.” \$208,954. National Science Foundation, Award ID: 1503919. October 1, 2015-September 30, 2017. *Co-Project Investigators: Laura M. Wysocki and Sara A. Mehlretter Drury.*

Joint Learning Agreements on Deliberative Pedagogy. The Kettering Foundation, Dayton, Ohio. 2019; 2016-2017; 2015-2016; 2014-2015; 2013-2014; 2012-2013; 2011-2012

“The Next Montgomery County: A Deliberative Community Conversation about Future Quality of Place in Montgomery County, Indiana.” \$2000. Indiana Humanities. September 2014-June 2015. *Sole Project Investigator.*

Community Innovation Grant for Baby-Friendly Brookings. \$73,721. The Bush Foundation. 2013-2015. *Co-Project Investigators: Jennifer Anderson and Rebecca Kuehl, South Dakota State University. Deliberation process consultant and moderator: Sara A. Mehlretter Drury.*

“Civic Engagement and Deliberation: Exploring a Center for Democracy and Public Discourse.” Great Lakes College Association New Directions Initiative Grant. \$10,970. 2013-2014. *Co-Project Investigator, with Todd McDorman, Jennifer Abbott, Sara A. Mehlretter Drury, Jeffrey P. Mehlretter Drury, and Jill Lamberton.*

Presidential Management Fellow Finalist. Office of Personnel Management, United States Government, 2010.

Summer Scholarship for Accomplished Scholars, Students, and/or Teachers. \$1000. College of the Liberal Arts, The Pennsylvania State University, Summer 2009.

Graduate Assistantship. Department of Communication Arts and Sciences, The Pennsylvania State University, 2005-2010.

### ***Awards***

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Outstanding New Teacher Award, Central States Communication Association, April 2016.

Top Competitive Paper Award in Argumentation and Forensics Division, Central States Communication Association, 2015. For “Spheres of Argument in Climate Change Deliberations in an Undergraduate Biology Classroom.”

40 Under 40: Professors who Inspire. NerdScholar, June 2014.  
<http://www.nerdwallet.com/nerdscholar/40-under-40>.

Top Paper in American Studies, National Communication Association, 2010. For “Walter Lippmann and the Push for a Democratic Foreign Policy in the Early Cold War.”

Carroll C. Arnold Award for Scholarly Excellence. Department of Communication Arts and Sciences, The Pennsylvania State University, 2009.

John McCarthy, SJ Award (presented to the top Scholar of the College Thesis Project in the Social Sciences). Boston College, May 2005.

### ***Selected Public Scholarship***

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*Full listing of public scholarship available upon request; most recent listed below.*

“Community Meeting: State and Division’s Housing Future, Public Report.” City of Elkhart, IN. May 2019.

“Report on Bridging Our Actions: How Can Our Efforts Help Jackson County?” Seymour, IN. April 2019.

“Report on Serving Our City: What Should be Done?” Brazil, IN. March 2019.

“Report: Race & Identity—Reconciling the Past, Sharing Our Stories.” South Bend, IN. Feb 2019.

“Report on Cultivate Our Gardens, Plants & Pints: Biodiversity.” Crawfordsville, IN. Dec 2018.

### ***Book Reviews***

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Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter. Review of *Religious Rhetoric and American Politics: The Endurance of Civil Religion in Electoral Campaigns*, by Christopher B. Chapp. *Political Science Quarterly* 128 (2013): 781-783.

Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter. Review of *A Presidency Upstaged*, by Lori Cox Han. *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 16 (2013): 617-620.

Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter. Review of *Spirits of the Cold War*, by Ned O’Gorman. *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 42 (2012): 676-678.

Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter. Review of *Not for Profit: Why Democracy Needs the Humanities*, by Martha C. Nussbaum. *Higher Education Research Exchange* (2011): 44-48.

## ***Presentations***

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### ***Competitively Selected Papers\*\* and Presented Papers on Competitively Selected Panels~***

- \*\*Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter** and Dale A. Herbeck. "Appearance Over Substance: The Ascendancy of the Visual Narrative in *New York Times* Accounts of the First Kennedy-Nixon Debate." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, Baltimore, Maryland, November 2019.
- \*\*Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter** and Dale A. Herbeck. "Local-Chronological Eras of Presidential Debates: Forms, Functions, and Analysis." Presented at the AFA/NCA Argumentation Conference, Utah, August 2019.
- ~**Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter**, and John Janak. "Embracing Opportunities for Dialogue and Deliberation in Rural America." Presented at the National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation, Denver, November 2018.
- ~**Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter**, Charles Frey, and Waleed Elrefai. "Difficult Facilitation Experiences." Presented at the National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation, Denver, November 2018.
- ~Knobloch, Katie, **Sara A. Mehlretter Drury**, and Kalie McMonagle. "What Did We Just Talk About? How to Turn Deliberative Talk into Deliverable Data." Presented at the National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation, Denver, November 2018.
- \*\*Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter**, Stephen Elstub, Jennifer Roberts, and Oliver Escobar. "Deliberative Quality and Expertise: Uses of Evidence in Citizens' Juries on Wind Farms." Presented at Citizens, Media, and Politics in Challenging Times: Perspectives on the Deliberative Quality of Communication, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), Germany, November 2018.
- \*\*Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter** and Dale A. Herbeck. "Donald Trump's Ad Hominem in the 2016 Election." Presented at the ISSA Conference, Amsterdam, July 2018.
- \*\* Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter** and Dale A. Herbeck. "Style Trumps Substance: The Enduring Legacy of the Great Debate of September 26, 1960." Presented at the AFA/NCA Argumentation Conference, Utah, July 2017.
- ~ **Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter**. "Can I Be Honest with You about Something?" Tim Kaine's Narrative Rhetoric." Presented at the Central States Communication Association Convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 2017.
- ~ **Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter**. "We Have Defaulted on a Promissory Note': Pope Francis I's Concatenate Circulation during His 2015 Visit to the United States." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2016.
- \*\* Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter**, Rebecca A. Kuehl, and Jennifer Anderson. "Advocacy within the Cycle of Deliberative Inquiry." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2016.
- ~ **Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter**, and Kyle Stucker. "Prudence as Expertise in Deliberations on Energy Policy." Presented at the Central States Communication Association Convention, Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 2016.
- \*\*Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter**, Jack Kellerman, and Connor Rice. Promoting Issue Learning and Technical Argumentation in Public Deliberation. Presented at the Central States Communication Association Convention, Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 2016.

- ~Wysocki, Laura M., **Sara A. Mehlretter Drury**, and Walter R. P. Novak. "Deliberation in Chemistry: Innovating Undergraduate STEM Education." Presented at the Association of American Colleges and Universities Transforming STEM Education Conference, Seattle, Washington, November 2015.
- \*\*Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter**, Adam Burtner, and Terry Majors. "Spheres of Argument in Climate Change Deliberations in an Undergraduate Biology Classroom." Presented at the Central States Communication Association Convention, Madison, April 2015.  
*Top Paper in Argumentation and Forensics.*
- \*\*Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter**. "Converging Disciplines through Deliberation: An Interdisciplinary Communication Instruction Activity between Communication and Biology at an Undergraduate College." Presented at the Central States Communication Association Convention, Madison, April 2015.
- \*\*Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter**, and Rebecca A. Kuehl. "Deliberation as Civic Education: Incorporating Public Deliberation into Speech Curricula." Presented at the Pennsylvania State University Speech & Debate as Civic Education conference, March 2015.
- \*\*Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter**, and Jeffrey P. Mehlretter Drury. "Engagement through the Oval Office: Presidential Rhetoric as Civic Education." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, Chicago, November 2014.
- \*\*Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter**, Derek Andre, Seton Goddard, and Jeremy Wentzel. "Assessing Deliberation in Public Speaking." Presented at the Eastern Communication Association Convention, Providence, April 2014.
- ~**Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter**. "Connecting the Histories of Rhetoric and Community: Ancient Chinese Rhetoric in the Undergraduate Classroom." Presented at the National Communication Association, Washington, D.C., November 2013.
- \*\*Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter**. "Using iPads to Enhance Undergraduate Civic Engagement." Presented at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, Indiana University South Bend, April 2013.
- \*\*Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter**. "Building a Bridge to China: Nixon's National Security Rhetoric." Presented at the National Communication Association, Orlando, November 2012.
- Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter**, and Dale A. Herbeck. "Remembering and Re-creating the Great Debate of September 1960: The Kennedy and Nixon Libraries as Sites for Historical Argumentation." Presented at the Eastern Communication Association, Cambridge, April 2012.
- ~**Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter**. "Public Speaking as an Engaged Liberal Art at Wabash College." Presented at the Eastern Communication Association, Cambridge, April 2012.
- \*\*Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter**. "Restoring the 'Margin of Safety': Ronald Reagan's National Security Rhetoric in the 1980 Presidential Campaign." Presented at the National Communication Association, New Orleans, November 2011.

- \*\*Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter.** “Dwight Eisenhower, National Security, and American Values in the ‘Age of Peril’ Speech.” Presented at the National Communication Association, New Orleans, November 2011.
- \*\*Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter.** “Walter Lippmann and the Push for a Democratic Foreign Policy in the Early Cold War.” Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, San Francisco, November 2010.  
*Top Paper in American Studies*
- \*\*Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter.** “To Remember with Honor: Lyndon B. Johnson and Public Memory in the Vietnam War.” Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, San Francisco, November 2010.
- ~**Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter.** “A Bridge to Nowhere: Jimmy Carter and Evangelical Argumentation in Presidential Discourse.” Presented at the Religious Communication Association Pre-Conference, National Communication Association Convention, San Francisco, November 2010.
- \*\*Mehlretter, Sara Ann.** “The Rhetorical Construction of National Security in *The Federalist Papers*.” Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, Chicago, Illinois, November 2009.
- ~**Mehlretter, Sara Ann.** “National Security and War Rhetoric.” Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, Chicago, Illinois, November 2009.
- \*\*Mehlretter, Sara Ann.** “Answering the Trumpet’s Summon: The Foreign Policy Framework in John F. Kennedy’s Inaugural Address.” Presented at the NCA/AFA Alta Argumentation Conference, Alta, Utah, July 2009.
- \*\*Mehlretter, Sara Ann.** “Arab and U.S. Media Frames: Comparing Coverage of General Petraeus and the September 2007 Congressional Hearings.” Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, San Diego, California, November 2008.
- \*\*Mehlretter, Sara Ann.** “The Catholic Workers, World War II, and the Rhetoric of Spiritual Pacifism.” Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, San Diego, California, November 2008.
- ~Engels, Jeremy and **Sara Ann Mehlretter.** “Forming Visions of Peace: Lessons from the Quakers and the Plowshares.” Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, San Diego, California, November 2008.
- \*\*Mehlretter, Sara Ann.** “Dorothy Day, the Catholic Workers, and Moderation in Protest during the Vietnam War.” Presented at the Central States Communication Association Convention, Madison, Wisconsin, April 2008.
- \*\*Mehlretter, Sara Ann.** “The Vernacular Rhetoric of the Catholic Worker.” Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, Chicago, Illinois, November 2007.
- ~**Mehlretter, Sara Ann.** “Tim Kaine and the Rhetoric of Evangelism.” Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, Chicago, Illinois, November 2007.

- \*\*Mehltretter, Sara Ann** and Dale A. Herbeck. “‘Looks Count’: Newspaper Accounts of the First Kennedy-Nixon Debate During the 2004 Presidential Campaign.” Presented at the NCA/AFA Alta Argumentation Conference, Alta, Utah, August 2007.
- \*\*Mehltretter, Sara Ann** and Dale A. Herbeck. “Debating the Great Debates of 1960: Presidential Libraries as Sites for Political Argumentation.” Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, San Antonio, Texas, November 2006.
- ~**Mehltretter, Sara Ann**. “From Pastoral to Prophetic: The Changing Nature of Father Charles Coughlin’s Sermons, 1926 - 1932.” Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, San Antonio, Texas, November 2006.
- \*\*Mehltretter, Sara Ann**. “The Reagan-Mondale Debates as Turning Point: The Triumph of Narrative Over Substance.” Presented at the Eastern Communication Association Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 2006.
- \*\*Mehltretter, Sara Ann** and Jonathan Bowman. “Ethos and Delivery: An Analysis of Colin Powell and the War in Iraq.” Presented at the Eastern Communication Association Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 2006.
- \*\*Mehltretter, Sara Ann**. “Eloquence in Presidential Debates: The Bush-Kerry Debates.” Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, Boston, Massachusetts, November 2005.
- \*\*Mehltretter, Sara Ann** and Dale A. Herbeck. “A Beard and a Pasty Forehead: Collective Memory of the First Kennedy-Nixon Debate.” Presented at the International Communication Association Convention, New York City, New York, May 2005.
- \*\*Mehltretter, Sara Ann**. “Holding Out for a Hero: The Presidential Image in the 2004 Campaign.” Presented at the Undergraduate Scholars Research Conference, Western States Communication Association Convention, San Francisco, California, February 2005.  
*Scholarly Rigor in Rhetorical Studies Award*
- \*\*Mehltretter, Sara Ann**. “The Inclusive Narrator: Bush’s Strategy in the 2000 Presidential Debates.” Presented at the University of Southern California Undergraduate Honors Convention, Los Angeles, California, November 2004.
- \*\*Mehltretter, Sara Ann**. “Rhetorical Strategies in the Bush-Gore Debates.” Poster Session Participant at the Eastern Communication Association Convention, Boston, Massachusetts, April 2004. *Top Undergraduate Poster Session Paper*

***Panel and Discussion Presentations***

- Drury, Sara A. Mehltretter**. Panelist, “Dialogue and Deliberation at the Crossroads: Navigating Pathways to Address Uncontainable Problems across Indivisible Borders.” National Communication Association Convention, Virtual, November 2020.
- Drury, Sara A. Mehltretter**. Panelist and Facilitator, “Public Dialogue and Deliberation at the Crossroads.” National Communication Association Convention, Virtual, November 2020.
- Drury, Sara A. Mehltretter** and Steven Volk. “Dialogue/Deliberation for Democratic Engagement.” Presented at the American Association for Colleges and Universities, Washington D.C., January 2020.

Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter. Panelist on “Creating a Multidisciplinary Dialogue about Community-Based Research Partnerships in Rhetorics of Health and Medicine.” Central States Communication Association, Omaha, Nebraska, April 2019.

**Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter**, and Nicholas V. Longo. “Deliberative Pedagogy and Community Engagement: Making the Connection.” Campus Compact Northeast Conference, Providence, Rhode Island, March 2019.

Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter. Presenter on competitively selected panel, “Seeking Extramural Research Funding: Challenges and Opportunities for Communication Scholars.” National Communication Association, Las Vegas, NV, November 2015.

Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter. Presenter on competitively selected panel, “Deliberation and Higher Education.” The National Coalition of Dialogue and Deliberation conference, October 2014.

Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter. Presenter on competitively selected panel, “Shall It Not Utterly Wither,” a Religious Communication Association panel on the connections and disconnect between the American public and faith traditions. National Communication Association, Washington, D.C., November 2013

Drury, Sara A. Mehlretter. Presenter on competitively selected panel, NCA Education Policy Board Mini-Conference, “A Bridge Too Far: From Chalk to YouTube?” National Communication Association Convention, San Francisco, November 2010.

### ***Public Deliberation Events, selected***

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“Community Meeting: State and Division’s Future.” City of Elkhart, March 2019.

“Keeping Community in Mount Comfort.” Mount Comfort, Indiana, January 2019.

“Serving Our City.” Brazil, Indiana. December 2018.

“Race & Identity-Reconciling the Past, Sharing Our Stories.” South Bend, Indiana. November 2018.

“Improving Mental Health in Indiana.” Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse project, with Indiana Public Health Association, April, 2017.

“A Public Voice: Safety and Justice.” Deliberations in Gary and South Bend, Indiana, April 2017.

“Improving Mental Health in Montgomery County.” Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse project, with the Montgomery County Health Department, March, 2017.

“Community Conversation on Economic Opportunities.” Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse project, with the Leslie-Hyden Chamber of Commerce, Hyden, Kentucky, November 2016.

“Value Your Voice: A Deliberation on Civic Health.” Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse project, with the Office of the Indiana Attorney General, Columbus, Indiana, March 2016.

“Pocket Park Development, Community Input Session.” Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse project, Crawfordsville, Indiana, February 2016.

“Community Health Needs Prioritization.” Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse project, Crawfordsville, Indiana, October 2015-February 2016.

“Community Conversation on Childcare in Montgomery County.” Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse project, Crawfordsville, Indiana, January 2016.

“The Next Montgomery County: A Community Conversation on Quality of Place.” Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse project, Crawfordsville, Indiana, February-March 2015.

“Brookings Supports Breastfeeding Deliberation.” Brookings, South Dakota, October-November 2014.

“Community Conversation on Substance Abuse in Montgomery County.” Crawfordsville, Indiana, November-December 2013.

Campus Deliberation Events through Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse  
Freshmen Mental Health Dialogues, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019.  
Sophomore Campus-Wide Deliberation. April, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019.  
Deliberative Panel on Race and Justice. January 2017.  
“I Too Am Wabash: A Dialogue about Race.” November, 2013.  
“Ethical Leadership Deliberation with Gen. M. Lehnert.” November 2015.  
\*Additional campus deliberations and dialogues on a variety of topics, fall 2013-present.

### ***Selected Workshops and Webinars***

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“Deliberative Pedagogy and Community Engagement: Making the Connection.” Campus Compact Northeast Conference, Providence, Rhode Island, March 2019.  
“Deliberative Pedagogy.” Competitively selected pre-conference, International Communication Association, Prague, Czech Republic, May 2018.  
“Working Better Together: Using Social Style and Versatility.” Indiana Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers. July 25, 2017. With Michelle Janssen.  
“Dialogue and Deliberation.” Webinar, NASPA, Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, Lead Initiative. June 15, 2017. <https://olc.naspa.org/catalog/dialogue-and-deliberation>  
“Deliberation at a Small Liberal Arts College.” Two-day workshop, Gustavus Aldophus College, February 13-14, 2017.  
“Encouraging Science Communication and Civic Engagement.” Workshop, Wabash College Chemistry Department. May 31-June 1, 2016. With Laura Wysocki.  
“Pedagogies of Community Engagement.” Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion. June 29, 2016.  
“Communication Design for Mentoring Groups.” Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion. May 26-27, 2016.  
“Embracing the Opportunities of Collaborative Community-Based Research (Without Losing Yourself in the Process).” Presented at the Preconference Seminar Workshop, National Communication Association Convention. Las Vegas, November 18, 2015. With Jennifer Anderson and Rebecca Kuehl.  
“Undergraduate Research and Civic Engagement.” Great Lakes Colleges Association Webinar, April 6, 2015.  
“Facilitating a Community Conversation.” Facilitator training workshop, presented at:  
- South Dakota State University, October 30, 2014.  
- Wabash College, September-October 2013. With Jennifer Abbott.

### ***Other Lectures and Presentations***

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“Deliberation, WDPD, and City Governments.” Invited Lecture, Dr. John Rountree’s Deliberation course, University of Houston Downtown, February 2, 2021.  
“Transcending Divides through Creative Conversations.” Indiana Humanities Speakers Bureau lecture, given at (1) Cumberland, Indiana, October 2, 2019; (2) East Hamilton Public Library, Indiana, October 26, 2019; (3) Oldenberg Academy, February 26, 2020; (4) Wabash County Museum, Wabash, Indiana [virtual], September 8, 2020; (5) Wells County Public Library, Indiana, September 30, 2020 [virtual].  
“Can Deliberation Make a Difference? Lessons from Wabash Democracy & Public Discourse.” Invited Lecture, Davidson College, September 23, 2019.  
“Rhetorics of Expertise and Local Knowledge in Citizens’ Juries on Wind Farm Development.” Invited Colloquium Lecture, University of Canberra, Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance, Australia. May 7, 2019.

- “Facilitated Leadership in Multinational Settings.” Guest Lecture, James Madison University in Florence, Communication Studies, January 29, 2018. With Jeffrey Drury.
- “The Rhetoric of Deliberation in U.S. and U.K. Contexts.” Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities Research-in-Progress Talk, University of Edinburgh. November 8, 2017.
- “Rhetoric and Argumentation in Public Deliberation Processes.” Politics Department Symposium, University of Edinburgh. October 11, 2017.
- “Public Deliberation and Health Engagement.” Guest Skype Lecture, South Dakota State University Communication Studies Department, April 28, 2017.
- “Encouraging Science Communication.” Guest Lecture, Gustavus Adolphus College, February 13, 2017.
- “The Role of Advocacy within the Cycle of Deliberative Inquiry: A Case Study of the Brookings Supports Breastfeeding Project.” Humanities Colloquium Presentation, Wabash College, September 28, 2016.
- “Speaking Science: A Residential Research, Communication, and Engaged Learning Program.” Ides of August Presentation, Wabash College, August 19, 2016.
- “The Community as Lab.” Presentation at Wabash College Faculty, Staff, and Alumni Liberal Arts Symposium, February 20, 2015.
- “Deliberation and Rhetoric.” Humanities Colloquium Presentation, Wabash College, February 10, 2015.
- “Managing Polarities as Argumentation.” Guest Lecture to South Dakota State University Communication Studies Department, Argumentation & Debate class, October 31, 2014.
- “Deliberation and Communication Research.” Guest Lecture to South Dakota State University Communication Studies Department, October 30, 2014.
- “The Catholic Worker Movement, Rhetoric, and Social Movements.” Guest Skype Lecture to the University of Southern Alabama Rhetorical Criticism class, March 18, 2014.
- “Did Looks Count? Politics and Public Memory of the Great Debates of 1960.” Humanities Colloquium Presentation, Wabash College, September 17, 2012.
- “Presidential Communication in the Early Cold War.” Invited Presentation for Teaching American History, Montgomery County Intermediary Unit, Norristown, Pennsylvania, April 12, 2011.
- “President Johnson, Vietnam, and Public Memory.” Invited Colloquium Presentation for the Department of Communication Studies, the University of Kansas, February 24, 2010.
- “Theatrical Performances as Social and Political Activism: A Roundtable Discussion.” Invited moderator and participant, sponsored by the Center for Democratic Deliberation and the Center for Performing Arts at Penn State, the Pennsylvania State University, February 1, 2010.
- “The Long Twilight Struggle: Presidential Rhetoric, National Security, and the Cold War.” Invited Colloquium Presentation for the Center for Democratic Deliberation Fellows, Department of Communication Arts & Sciences, the Pennsylvania State University, January 29, 2010.
- “Communication, Security, and Personal Liberty.” Invited Presentation for the VFW Voices of Democracy American Youth Leadership Summit, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, July 12, 2009.
- “George Kennan, Walter Lippmann, and Rhetorical Visions of the Early Cold War.” Colloquium Presentation for the Department of Communication Arts and Sciences, The Pennsylvania State University, April 10, 2009.
- “Sarah Palin and ‘New’ Feminism?” Guest Commentator, *The Burnie Thompson Show*, WYOO FM Talk Radio 101.1, Tallahassee, Florida, September 19, 2008.
- “Citizenship and the Public Sphere.” Guest Lecture, *We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution*: Center for Civic Education Seminar for High School Teachers, the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, July 27, 2007.
- “The Republican Field in 2008.” Guest Commentator, *The Burnie Thompson Show*, WYOO FM Talk Radio 101.1, Tallahassee, Florida, March 14, 2007.
- “Teaching Argumentation and Persuasion: Senator Jim Webb's 2007 State of the Union Response.” Invited Presentation for the Department of Communication Arts and Sciences Graduate Forum Teaching Resources Colloquium, The Pennsylvania State University, February 9, 2007.

Guest Commentator, *Radio Free Penn State*, the LION 90.7 FM, State College, Pennsylvania, April-May, 2006.

“Teaching Civic Engagement Using Media.” Guest Lecture in Supervised Experience in College Teaching (CAS 602) for Dr. Christopher L. Johnstone, Department of Communication Arts and Sciences, The Pennsylvania State University, March 15, 2006.

## ***Teaching Experience***

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### Wabash College

#### *Courses Taught – Primary Instructor*

RHE 101 Public Speaking (12 sections)  
RHE 270 American Religious Rhetoric  
RHE 270 The Rhetoric of Political Campaigns  
RHE 270 The Rhetoric of Deliberative Innovations in Scotland  
RHE 290 Deliberation & Democracy (8 sections)  
RHE 320 Classical Rhetoric (6 sections)  
RHE 370 Rhetoric of Religion  
RHE 370 Voices of America: The Rhetoric of the Nation’s Capital  
RHE 370 Theories of Rhetoric, Democracy, and Deliberation  
RHE 370 / PSC 371 Presidential Rhetoric  
RHE 497 Senior Seminar in Rhetoric  
Freshman Tutorial, Campaign 2012: Politics and Persuasion  
Freshman Tutorial, A Gentleman and a Citizen: Engaging the Liberal Arts  
Enduring Questions, Freshman Seminar

### The Pennsylvania State University

#### *Courses Taught – Primary Instructor*

CAS 100A Effective Speech Communication  
CAS 100C Effective Speech Communication (focus on message analysis), World Campus  
CAS 175 Persuasion and Propaganda  
CAS 311 Methods of Rhetorical Criticism  
CAS 475 Studies in Public Address, World Campus  
CAS 475 Studies in Public Address, Continuing Education

#### *Courses Taught – Teaching Assistant*

CAS 201 Rhetorical Theory

## ***Service***

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### **Department & College Service**

Wabash College, 2011-present

Committee on Committees, 2020-2022.  
Undergraduate Research Committee, August 2018-July 2020.  
Academic Policy Committee, At-Large elected representative, August 2018-July 2020.  
Spring Calendar Ad Hoc Committee, April 2017-June 2017.  
Community Engaged Learning Committee, Chair, July 2016-June 2017.  
Teaching and Learning Committee member, July 2015-August 2016.  
Academic Honesty Committee, Chair and Division II Fine Arts and Humanities elected representative, July 2015-June 2016.  
Academic Honesty Committee, Division II Fine Arts and Humanities elected representative,

July 2013-June 2015.

Ad Hoc Co-Curricular Transcript Committee, Spring 2015.

Teaching and Learning Committee Chair, July 2013-August 2015.

Wabash College Faculty-Alumni Symposium on the Liberal Arts, committee member, 2012-2014.

Lilly Scholarship Committee member, September 2012-July 2014.

Teaching and Learning Committee member, September 2012-June 2013.

Outside committee member, Philosophy tenure track search, February-March 2013.

Outside committee member, Biology tenure track search, November-December 2012.

Outside committee member, Political Science tenure track search, October 2012.

Invited Chapel Talk, "Wabash on My Ever-Changing Mind," February 9, 2012, Wabash College.

Outside committee member, Political Science tenure track search, October 2011.

Invited lecturer, "The Catholic Worker Movement," Wabash College Newman Center, September 2011.

## **Professional Service**

### *Organizational*

Second Vice President for Local Arrangements, Eastern Communication Association, 2021-2022.

Conference Planning Committee, National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation, 2018.

Nominating Committee, Public Dialogue and Deliberation Division, National Communication Association, 2015-2017.

Ad hoc Executive Board, Public Dialogue and Deliberation Division, National Communication Association. 2014-2015.

Executive Board Councilor, Religious Communication Association, 2012-2015.

Nominating Committee, Public Address Division, National Communication Association, 2007-2008.

### *Reviewing*

Editorial Board member, *Communication Quarterly*, 2014-present.

Editorial Board member, *Journal of Communication Pedagogy*, 2017-present.

Editorial Board member, *Voices of Democracy*. 2013-2018.

Reviewer, *Journal of Public Deliberation*. 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019.

Reviewer, *Argumentation and Advocacy*, 2015-2016.

Reviewer, *Journal of Teaching and Learning with Technology*. 2013.

Paper Reviewer, Public Dialogue and Deliberation Division, National Communication Association, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019.

Paper Reviewer, Religious Communication Association, 2007, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016.

Paper Reviewer, Public Address Division, National Communication Association, 2006-2015.

Paper Reviewer, Political Communication Division, National Communication Association, 2014.

Paper Reviewer, American Studies Division, National Communication Association, 2010, 2013.

Paper Reviewer, Undergraduate Poster Session, Eastern Communication Association, 2008.

### *Other*

Panel Respondent, Religious Communication Association, 2015.

Panel Chair, Public Address Division, National Communication Association Convention, 2008, 2011, 2013.

Panel Chair, Religious Communication Association, 2013, 2014.

Publication Assistant to Dr. Ronald Jackson, First Vice President, Eastern Communication Association, March-April 2006.

Conference Assistant to Dr. Donald A. Fishman, First Vice President, Eastern Communication Association, January-April 2004.

## **Public Service and Outreach**

Board Member, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, 2015-2019.  
Member, Junior League Indianapolis, 2015-2019.  
Wabash College DebateWatch, co-moderator, 2012, 2016.  
Invited lecturer on presidential debates, Crawfordsville Kiwanas, October 11, 2012.  
Monon Chili Throwdown Committee member, 2011-2012.  
Participant, The Democracy Imperative: Democratic Front conference, June 2012.  
Invited Participant, Multinational Workshop, Deliberative Democracy Workshop, The Kettering Foundation, Dayton, Ohio, June 28-July 1, 2010.  
Deliberation Facilitator, Community Conversations: Exploring Solutions to Dangerous and Underage Drinking, March 2010.  
Congressional District Coordinator (PA-05), *Project Citizen* and *We the People*, sponsored by the Center for Civic Education, 2006-2010.  
High School Curriculum Advisor, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, 2007-2009.  
Coordinator, Presidential DebateWatch 2008, The Pennsylvania State University, October 2008.  
Invited Participant, Communication Scholars Workshop, Deliberative Democracy Exchange, The Kettering Foundation, Dayton, Ohio, June 30-July 2, 2008.  
Reader, ALA Banned Books Week Celebration, The Pennsylvania State University, Pattee Library, September 2006.

## ***Scholarly Affiliations***

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Associate, Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance, University of Canberra, 2019-2021.  
National Communication Association (NCA), Member, 2004-2020.  
National Coalition on Dialogue and Deliberation (NCDD), Member, 2014-2020.  
Central States Communication Association, Member, 2015-2020.  
Religious Communication Association (RCA), Member, 2005-2020