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LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

--Director of Debate	2000-Present
Department of Communication Studies, Southern Illinois University	
--Teaching and Advising	2000-Present
Department of Communication Studies, Southern Illinois University	
--Director of Debate	1990-1997
Department of Language and Communication, Northwestern State University	
--Teaching and Advising	1990-1997
Department of Language and Communication, Northwestern State University	
--Other Teaching Experience & Awards	
Instructor, Future Scholars Program for Incoming Minority Students	2005-2009
Dean's Award for Excellence, SIU College of Liberal Arts	2002
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Arizona State University	1997-2000
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Kansas State University	1988-1990

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Communication (Interpersonal), Arizona State University	2000
M.A. Speech Communication (Persuasion/Rhetoric), Kansas State University	1990
B.A. Communication (Broadcasting), Missouri Southern State University	1987

NOTABLE PRESS, INVITED SPEECHES, AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

--Presidential debate expert and regular contributor for CNN Opinion for the past ten years. Wrote over 70 recurring columns on CNN.com after all presidential primary and general election debates (2011-2020)

--Keynote Speaker, Chicago Council on Global Affairs (October 23, 2020)

--Interviewed hundreds of times worldwide across media outlets from television to print and radio (2011-2020)

2011-2020:

- **Television:** CNN Smerconish, CNN Newsroom with Brooke Baldwin, CNN Newsroom with Poppy Harlow and Jim Sciutto, CNN Newsroom with Fredricka Whitfield, CNN Newsroom with Ana Cabrera, MSNBC The Week with Joshua Johnson, CSPAN Pre-Debate Coverage, BBC World News Television, Al Jazeera's The Listening Post, Al Jazeera's London Evening Newscast, Sky News London (Leaders' debates), CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation), CBC Power & Politics, CTV News (Canadian Television), BT Canada Worldwide (Breakfast in Toronto), Fox News, KABC (ABC7) Los Angeles and Southern California, KTTV (Fox11) Los Angeles, KMOV4 (CBS) St. Louis, CLTV Chicago's Politics Tonight, WGN Television, WSIL Television's Talking Politics, WSIL Television, WSIU Television, RNN TV, NewsNow, France24 (France), WTTV Chicago, WMAQ Chicago, WTTW Chicago PBS

- **Print Interviews:** The Associated Press, US News and World Report, Politico, The Guardian, The Chicago Tribune, MSNBC.com, EFE (Spanish news service), El País, Grio.com at NBC News, NBC News Universal, Monday Morning (Mandag Morgen Copenhagen), Correio Braziliense, Folha de São Paulo, CBC.ca news (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation), EFE news services Spanish newswire, Fox News.com, The Boston Herald, The Washington Examiner, 20 Minutes (France), The Independent (UK), Les Echos (France), Australian Broadcasting Corporation, VnExpress (Vietnam), The Nikkei (Japan), El Universo (Mexico)
- **Radio:** BBC World Service, Associated Press Broadcast, CSPAN, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC), RCN Radio (Columbia), Peter Tilden with KABC Los Angeles, Michael Smerconish for the POTUS Channel on Sirius XM, WBBM News radio Chicago, WGN Radio, WWL New Orleans, KNX Los Angeles, KTAR Phoenix, KMOX St. Louis, River Radio Southern Illinois, CKWR (Ontario CA), KCBS San Francisco

1992-2011:

- Interviewed dozens of times as a national debate expert during all presidential debating cycles by regional outlets.

NOTABLE DEBATE COACHING RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

National Coaching Awards and Honors

- National Debate Coach of the Year, presented by the William Jewell Debating Society (2016)
- Lifetime Debate Coaching Award for service and dedication in academics and teaching, The Quintilian Award, presented by Point Loma Nazarene University (2015)
- National Debate Coach of the Year, presented by Washburn Debating Union (2013)
- Ross K. Smith National Coach of the Year, presented by Wake Forest University (1995)
- Brady Lee Garrison Newcomer Award for best new debate program in the country (1991)

Records and Cumulative Results

- Coached Southern Illinois to more tournament wins, including four national championships, during the 2007-2016 time period than any other debate program in the country
- Final Four of a National Championship Debate Tournament for nine consecutive years, a record for any university in American debate history (2008-2016)
- Coached an individual team to a National Championship of Debate for three consecutive years, a feat never before accomplished in American debate history (2013-2015)
- Teams cleared to elimination rounds and won awards at more than 300 policy or parliamentary debate tournaments (1990-2016)
- Coached Northwestern State University to more wins during the 1991-1996 time period than any other university in the country.