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Dr. Hill examines the role of radical rhetoric as a crucial form of civic engagement and public advocacy.

Biography

Dr. Hill's research explores the relationship between rhetoric and social change related to race, culture and American politics. Specifically, he examines the role of radical rhetoric as a crucial form of civic engagement and public advocacy. His previous work on rhetoric and social change in political, social movement, and religious contexts has appeared in edited collections and scholarly journals.

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Program Development, Training and Development

Areas of Expertise and Research Interests

Political Rhetoric, Race, Ethnicity, The Obama Presidency, Public Speaking, Social Movements, Messages, Influence and Culture, Leadership Development, Hip-Hop Culture, American Fundamentalism, Rhetoric, Popular Culture, Public Memory

Professional Affiliations

National Communication Association : Member, Rhetoric Society of America : Member

Presentations and Event Appearances

The Rhetorical Theology of James Baldwin

Rhetoric Society of America

The Gifts of Black Folk in a Post-Truth Society

National Communication Association's (NCA) Organizational Communication Division

The Priority of (In)civility in an Age of Social Unrest

National Communication Association's (NCA) Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division

The Prophetic Hope of James Baldwin

National Communication Association's (NCA) Public Address Division

The Social Responsibility of the Sermon: Reflections on Blue Note Preaching

Religious Communication Association Pre-Conference

Race-ing Burkean Rhetoric, Kenneth Burke, Racial Conflict, and the Desire for Transcendence
Kenneth Burke Society

Subverting White Supremacy: The Rhetorical Utility of the Negro Spiritual
Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Conference

Cornel West, John Dewey, and rhetorical approaches to American pragmatism
National Communication Association

Jesus is integrated: Root-metaphors of Civil Rights Movement rhetoric
National Communication Association

Prophet as cultural critic: The prophetic tradition in rhetorical theory
National Communication Association

Education

Purdue University
Ph.D. Communication

Copenhagen Business School
Graduate Certificate Organization Communication and Leadership

Bob Jones University
M.A. Rhetoric and Public Address

Bob Jones University
B.A. Biblical Studies

Accomplishments and Awards

Junior Faculty Achievement Award, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL
2017

H. H. Remmers Memorial Award

Each year the African American Studies and Research Center at Purdue University recognizes an outstanding African American PhD student for excellence in research, academics, professional development, and leadership potential.

Bruce Kendall Excellence in Teaching by a Graduate Student

This highly competitive award is presented annually to an outstanding graduate instructor in the Brian Lamb School of Communication for excellence in teaching, departmental service, and research as determined by the school's faculty.

3 Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition, First Place

Purdue University's Graduate School held a three minute thesis competition in which graduate students were challenged to present their research in three minutes to a lay audience. I placed first out of 84 graduate students from all disciplines across campus.

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