

# **Theon Hill, Ph.D.**

**Assistant Professor of Communication at Wheaton College**

Wheaton, IL, US

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

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## **Description**

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.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Program Development, Training and Development

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## **Topics**

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

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## **Affiliations**

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

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## **Past Talks**

**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

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## **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

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## **Accomplishments**

**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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