**EDUCATION**

**PhD in Communication, Rhetoric, and Digital Media** Expected December 2021

College of Humanities and Social Sciences, North Carolina State University

**Masters of Art in English** May 2017

College of Arts and Sciences, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**Concentration: Literature, Medicine, and Culture**

Thesis title: Deadly Dice and Wooden Warriors: Towards A Cultural History of Health in Games

**Bachelor of Science in Biological Physics** August 2015

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, University of Central Arkansas

**Minor: Creative Writing**

**Minor: Honors Interdisciplinary Studies**

Thesis title: “Wrestling with the Stranger: A Literary Interpretation and Narrative Analysis of Stories in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam”

**GPA: 3.87**

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Provost Fellow, College of Humanities and Social Sciences** August 2017-July 2018

North Carolina State University; Emily Winderman, PhD Raleigh, NC

* Read and synthesized relevant health literature into comprehensible bibliographies
* Searched for funding opportunities and categorizes them for future application
* Managed a citation database (Zotero) for multiple faculty members
* Coordinated communications across numerous institutions

**Research Assistant, HHIVE Lab** August 2015-May 2016

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Jordynn Jack, PhD; Chapel Hill, NC

Jane Thrailkill, PhD.

* Collaborated between English and Occupational Therapy graduate students
* Wrote literature reviews, grant proposals, and IRB proposals
* Maintained communication between various levels of staff and faculty across disciplines

**Research Assistant, Conservation and Sustainability Lab** June 2015-July 2015

University of Central Arkansas; Debra Burris, PhD. Conway, AR

* Created presentations directed toward middle school students
* Incorporated local company connections into real-world situations
* Organized and presented information about historical and contemporary farming practices
* Introduced students to local farm culture and local humanitarian efforts

**Research Assistant, Science and Society in Rwanda Lab** January 2015 – July 2015

University of Central Arkansas; Leah Horton, PhD. Conway, AR

* Administered field tests of equipment and evolve methodology for the best measurements
* Introduced new sources for literature review
* Proofread and edited doctorate level University Research Council (URC) grants
* Responded and adapted quickly to an unpredictable outdoor environment
* Recorded and coded quantitative data gained from the experiment while noting conditions and changes in procedures
* Obtained qualitative data through semi-formal interview, observation, and surveys

**PROFESSIONAL & SERVICE EXPERIENCE**

**Mechanism as Activism Coordinator, NCSU Circuit Lab** November 2017 - Present

* Schedules, markets, and organizes monthly events Raleigh, NC
* Educates participants on how media studies intersects with health studies
* Provides a safe environment for newcomers to participate in critical play sessions
* Discusses diverse media design components that inhibit or inform healthy behaviors

**Social Media Strategist, Duke University’s Health Humanities Lab** November 2016 – December 2017

* Advertised HHL projects and research through social media platforms Durham, NC
* Created and implemented marketing plans and strategies
* Wrote concise blogs on critical digital health studies

**Community Resource Manager, HHIVE Lab** August 2015 – May 2016

* Supervised graduate and undergraduate lab projects Chapel Hill, NC
* Delegated responsibilities between volunteers and research assistants
* Maintained and updated HHIVE website and social media
* Planned community events, outreach, and guest speaker series

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Book Chapters**

Rogers, Brandon. “‘Dude, How Much Health Do You Have Left?’: On Masculinity and the Rationalization of Health in Video Games.” In *Diseases in Digital Games: Theories, Topics, Analyses*. (Accepted abstract, in progress)

Rogers, Brandon. “The Last Dragonborn: Harbinger of the Companions and Veterans.” In *100 Greatest Video Game Characters*. Edited by Robert Mejia, Jaime Banks, and Aubrie Adams, 107-8. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2017.

**Journal Articles**

Winderman, Emily, Robert Mejia, and Brandon Rogers. “Miasmic Sacrifices: The Miasmic Sanitary-Bacteriologic of Visceral Public Health.” *Rhetoric of Health and Medicine*. (Forthcoming).

**Online Journals**

Rogers, Brandon. “Destructive Tumbleweeds And Werebeavers: Attuning to Time and Space in *Don’t Starve Together.*” *First Person Scholar*. <http://www.firstpersonscholar.com/destructive-tumbleweeds-and-werebeavers/>

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

North Carolina State University Provost Fellowship August 2017 – July 2018

University of Central Arkansas Travel Abroad Grant (TAG) December 2013

Norbert O. Schedler Honors College Scholarship August 2011 - May 2015

Arkansas Governor’s Scholarship August 2011 – May 2015

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Selected Conference Presentations**

“Healing Hospitals and Building Wellbeing: Constructing a Rhetoric of Space and Place for Healthcare Environments,” National Communication Association 104th Convention, Salt Lake City, UT, November 8-11, 2018.

“Touch with Care: Telesurgery and the Rhetoric of Robotic Touch,” Southern States Communication Association 2018 Convention, Nashville, TN, April 3-8, 2018.

“Where Does it Hurt?: Towards a Multiscalar Understanding of Location,” North Carolina State’s Communication, Rhetoric, and Digital Media Symposium on Hybrid Play, Raleigh, NC, March 26-27, 2018. Working paper.

“Games, Media Archaeology, and Quantified Health,” Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies’ Metric Culture Conference, Aarhus, Denmark, June 7-9, 2017.

“Fleshing Out Haptic Technology in Virtual Reality Gaming,” City University of New York’s The Way of All Flesh English Student Association Conference, New York, NY, April 7-8, 2016.

“Toward Capabilities-Based Environmental Leadership: A Case Study in Kanembwe, Rwanda,” University of Central Arkansas’ College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics 21st Annual Student Research Symposium, Conway, AR, April 17, 2015.

**Invited Lecturer**

“Temporalities and Gaming.” CSC 281, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, April 18, 2018.

“Introduction to Reading and Writing in the Sciences.” ENG 101, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, September 19, 2016.

“Neurogaming and Biometric Gameplay.” COM 537, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, November 18, 2015.

**CERTIFICATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS**

* HHIVE Administration Board Member (Spring 2016 to Spring 2017)
* UNC Literature, Medicine, and Culture MA Curriculum Committee Member (Fall 2015 to Spring 2017)
* Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society (Spring 2012 to Summer 2015)
* Alpha Chi National College Honor Society (Spring 2013 to Summer 2015)
* Norbert O. Schedler Honors College (Fall 2011 to Spring 2015)
* College Reading and Learning Association certified (Spring 2014)