Alan Grant

EDUCATION

Ph.D. **Texas A&M University; Ph.D. 2024**

Major: Communication Studies
Minor: Sociology

Dissertation: "What *They* Said: Racial Ventriloquism and the Fifth Wave of Black Athlete Activism"

Advisor: Dr. Kristan Poirot

M.A. **Texas State University August 2020**

Major: Communication Studies

Thesis: "The Concentric Circles of Privileged Speech"

Advisor: Ann Burnette

B.A. **Stanford University June 1990**

Major: English Literature

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record 2025, Texas State University

Instructor of Record for Communication 3320: Communicating Through Sport

Instructor of Record for Communication 1310: Principles of Human Communication

Instructor of Record for Communication 3329: Intercultural Communication

Instructor of Record for Communication 4322: Rhetoric of Social Movements

Instructor of Record for Communication 5343: Communicating Through Sport

Instructor of Record 2024, Texas State University

Instructor of Record for Communication 3320: Communicating Through Sport

Instructor of Record for Communication 1310: Principles of Human Communication

Instructor of Record for Communication 3329: Intercultural Communication

Graduate Instructor 2021-2024

Instructor of Record for Communication 260: Introduction to Sport and Communication

- In a large lecture setting, introduced students to the process of communicating sports to the public via television, blogging, online sites and print articles; evaluation of sportscasts; writing about sporting events; examination of the types of communication used within sporting teams. This course applied critical thought to sport culture. We examined athletic events, athletes, coaches, and sport administrators through an academic lens—which allowed us to discuss how organized sport engages concepts of community, identity, gender, race, and sexuality.

Graduate Instructor 2020-2021

Communication Studies Program, Texas A&M University

Teaching Assistant for two sections of Communication 203: Public Speaking

- Instructed students on organizing, constructing, and delivering speeches

Graduate Instructor 2018-2020

Communication Studies Program, Texas State University

Instructor for three sections of Communication 1310: Fundamentals of Human Communication, Texas State University

- Instructed students on communication theory, public speaking, essay writing, and organizing presentations

- Taught Stand-Alone lecture in 2019-2020

Teaching Assistant for Communication 4321: American Speeches

- Graded papers and exams

NFL Journalism Bootcamp 2017

Instructor, Bowling Green University

- Conducted a workshop for former and current players in contemporary sports writing
- Topics included feature writing, column writing, and radio and television script writing

NFL Ambassador 2015

Presenter, National Football League College Outreach Program

- Spoke to division one student-athletes about the importance of education and character

Invited Guest Speaker 2023

- Texas A&M Race and Ethnic Studies Institute: Was panelist for discussion on impact of race and sport, February 2023
- Anthropology 270: Cultural Diversity and Ethics: Was guest speaker for discussion on anthropological phenomenon within sports culture

Guest Lecturer 2003-2008

- Guest speaker at Indiana University, University of North Carolina, Asheville, and City College of New York. Lectured students about trends in mass media

Conference Presentations

- Chair and Respondent for Thoedore Clevenger Undergraduate Panel: **Messages of Conflict**, April 2023
- **Perfectly Incongruent**: How Kenneth Burke uses the Grotesque as an Acceptance Frame -Presented at Southern States Communication Conference, April 2023
- Reviewer for Theodore Clevenger Undergraduate Honors Conference, January 2022

- **"Sharing the Mic:"** Megan Rapinoe, Ventriloquism, and the Language of Allyship
  -Presented at National Communication Association Conference, November 2022

- Member of Panel for **Metaphor in the Time of Coronavirus**
  -Presented at Southern States Communication Association, April 2021

- Member of Panel for **Short Course on Diversity and Inclusion in Communication and Sport**
  -Presented at National Communication Association Conference, November 2020

- **Insurrection**: How Harry Edwards' use of Metaphor framed the Black Athlete as a Slave and Inspired Two Generations of Revolution
  -Presented (virtually) at National Communication Association Conference, November 2020

- **Taking the Field**: A Metaphorical Analysis of how the 1967 San Jose State College Football Team Used a Football Game as a Means of Protest
  -Presented at National Communication Association Conference, November 16, 2019

Awards and Honors
Tiffany Hunnicut Outstanding Teacher Award, presented May 2023

Undergraduate Teaching Interests
Rhetorical Criticism
Sports Media and Communication
The Rhetoric of Protest in Sport

Graduate Teaching Interests
Rhetorical Criticism
Sports Media and Communication
The Rhetoric of Protest in Sport

Graduate Course Work
Rhetorical Studies:

Protest Movements
Dr. Roseann Mandziuk—Texas State University

Political Communication
Dr. Ann Burnette—Texas State University

Rhetoric of Women's Rights
Dr. Ann Burnette—Texas State University

Black Freedom Movements

Dr. Kristan Poirot—Texas A&M University

Classical Rhetoric
Dr. Nathan Crick—Texas A&M University

Kenneth Burke Seminar
Dr. Nathan Crick—Texas A&M University

Seminar in Communication and Culture || Topic: Decoloniality
Dr. Darrel Wanzer-Serrano—Texas A&M University

Rhetoric and Public Culture || Topic: Race/Racism &Public Culture
Dr. Darrel Wanzer-Serrano—Texas A&M University

Rhetoric and Textual Methods|| Topic: Rhetorical Criticism
Dr. Tasha Dubriwny—Texas A&M University

Seminar in Communication and Culture|| Topic: The Dark Arts of Communication
Dr. Jennifer Mercieca—Texas A&M University

PUBLICATIONS

Author, Return to Glory 2003

Wrote *Return to Glory*, the story of Tyrone Willingham's first season at Notre Dame, which was published by Little, Brown, and Co.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Oxford American Magazine, 2010

- Contributor to non-profit magazine focusing on life in southern United States

ESPN THE MAGAZINE

Senior Reporter 1998-2011

- Responsible for coordination between all applicable entities to create interview and photo opportunity.
- Produced multi-channel projects, incorporating print, online and television components.
- Responsible for pitching and writing feature stories, department pieces, and interactive online supplements.
- Wrote weekly national column called "A.G. Raw," about the nexus of sport and culture

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE 1990-1994

Professional Football Player and Community Service Provider

- Played defensive back for the Indianapolis Colts, San Francisco Forty Niners, Cincinnati Bengals, and Washington Football Team.
- Throughout my career participated in various programs for underserved communities