

Benjamin Abel

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EDUCATION

East Carolina University, Greenville NC - *PhD student, expected completion in 2027*

Rhetoric, Writing and Professional Communications program

East Carolina University, Greenville NC - *Master of Arts, English*

Concentration in Rhetoric and Composition

Certificate in Teaching English to Students of Other Languages

Thomas Edison State University, Trenton NJ - *Bachelor of Arts, Communication*

Defense Information School, Fort Meade MD - *Public Affairs Officer Qualification Course*

TEACHING

East Carolina University

English 1100, Foundations of College Writing

English 2201, Writing About the Disciplines

August 2018-May 2022

Pitt Community College

English 111, Writing and Inquiry

English 112, Writing and Research in the Disciplines

August 2018-January 2019

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My primary research interests orbit a developing theory of the way that the brain accesses information and how rhetoricians use those pathways to access information to manipulate selected populations to achieve political goals. I am also interested how linguistic choices direct and support rhetorical decision making.

Academic Appointments

Assistantship, Writing Center Consultant

Advised students across the university with composition projects at the planning, drafting and editing stages in support of their work and the University Writing Program.

2017

Assistantship, Veterans Ethnography Project

Assisted ECU faculty member Dr. Thomas Douglass with transcription of interviews with military veterans for an ethnography project. Generated news releases and participated in the planning and execution of Douglass' Veterans Writing Workshop, which encouraged veterans to explore their service through composition.

2017

PUBLICATIONS

“Here’s how War Brides Enrich the American Experience” - *We Are The Mighty*

March 22, 2021

“You Either Went to War or You Didn’t” - *How Deployments Divide the Veteran Community* - *The War Horse*

November 25, 2020

PRESENTATIONS

“Quantum Rhetoric — How We Process Non-local Information and How Rhetors Manipulate Us” - *Computers and Writing Conference, Rhetorical Approaches to Sciences panel member*

East Carolina University, May 20, 2022

“Reflections of Service: Military Conflict, the Media & Public Opinion-WWII to Present Day” - *Panel member*

University of Pittsburgh at Greenburg, November 9, 2021

“Veterans Who Didn’t See Combat”

Scuttlebutt podcast, Veterans Breakfast Club, September 21, 2021

HONORS AND AWARDS

Bertie Fearing Excellence in Teaching award

East Carolina University, 2021-22 academic year