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## **EDUCATION**

2016 University of Connecticut, Neag School of Education Storrs, CT Ph.D., Adult Learning Dissertation: "Learning Through Uncertainty: A Phenomenological Study of Older, Professional Men Coping with Involuntary Job Loss" (Director: Dr. Sandy Bell) 2005 Iowa State University, Ivy School of Business Ames, IA MBA, Business Administration 1996 University of Oklahoma Norman, OK M.A., English: Composition & Rhetoric Thesis: "A Social Constructionist Analysis of Technical Writers' Collaborative Writing Strategies" (Director: Dr. Michael Flanigan) 1992 West Chester University West Chester, PA B.S., Secondary Education/English

#### CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

University of Queensland (Brisbane, AUST), UQ Business School
 Professional Certificate: Sustainable Development
 Sponsor: Center for International Business Education & Research (CIBER)

 University of Georgia, Institute of Gerontology
 Graduate Certificate: Gerontology

## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS & EMPLOYMENT**

2022-Present	Senior Lecturer, Business Communication Program, and Director, Business Communication Center Isenberg School of Management University of Massachusetts Amherst, MA
2020-2022	Senior Lecturer, Business Communication Program Isenberg School of Management University of Massachusetts Amherst, MA
2016-2020	Assistant Professor In-Residence, Business Communication School of Business University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
2011-2016	Instructor In-Residence, Business Communication School of Business University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
2007-2010	Instructor In-Residence, Business Writing Department of Management University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
2004-2007	Managing Editor, Journal of Accounting Education American Accounting Association Iowa State University, Ames, IA
2002-2004	Graduate Teaching Assistant Department of English Iowa State University, Ames, IA

# **PUBLICATIONS** (Refereed)

**Hentz, B. S.**, Lucia, B., & Vint, M. (2022). Critical approaches to sustainability in the business communication classroom: A developmental perspective. *Business and Professional Communication Quarterly*, 85(1), 99-114. http://doi.org/10.1177/23294906221074317

- Hentz, B. S. (2020). Learning through uncertainty: A phenomenological analysis of older, professional men coping with involuntary job loss in the United States. In P. Danaher & D. Mulligan (Eds.), Researching within the Educational Margins: Strategies for Communicating and Articulating Voices (pp. 299-313). London: Palgrave-Macmillan.
- Hentz, B. S. (2014). Sustainability and transitional learning: Exploring the influence of adult learners' mental models on adaptive change. In J. K. Holtz, S. B. Springer, & C. Boden-McGill (Eds.), *Building Sustainable Futures for Adult Learners* (pp. 253-267). Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.
- Dzubinski, L., **Hentz, B. S.**, Davis, K. L., & Nicolaides, A. (2012). Envisioning an adult learning graduate program for the early 21<sup>st</sup> century: A developmental action inquiry study. *Adult Learning*, 23(3), 103-110.
- Hentz, B. S. (2006). Enhancing presentation narratives through written and visual integration. *Business Communication Quarterly*, 69, 425-429.
- Brasel, K., & Hentz, B. S. (2006). Increasing accessibility to academic publications in accounting education. *Issues in Accounting Education*, 21(4), 411-416.

# **CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS (Refereed)**

- Hentz, B. S. (June, 2020). Learning through uncertainty: A phenomenological analysis of older, professional men coping with involuntary job loss. *Adult Education Research Conference (AERC) Proceedings*, Charlotte, NC.
- **Hentz, B. S.** (October, 2014). Sustainable organizations, sustainable lives: Transformative learning and the 'great transition' in the business school context. 11th International Transformative Learning Conference Proceedings, New York, NY.

#### **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

Lucia, B. & **Hentz, B. S.** (October, 2024). Moving from Gen AI to Brass Tacks: Genre Implications for ChatGPT Users. *Association for Business Communication (ABC)*, Tulsa, OK.

- **Hentz, B. S.** (October, 2023). 'Tell me about your (re)branded self': Cover letter strategies for adults in transition. *Association for Business Communication (ABC)*, Denver, CO.
- Hentz, B. S. & Lucia, B (October, 2022). Authentic networking: Helping students connect with intention. *Association for Business Communication (ABC)*, Tampa, FL.
- Gilchrist, M., Lawrence, H., Sheets, R., & Hentz, B. S. (March, 2021). 'Uncommon': Teaching writing, rhetoric, and communication in business schools. *Conference on College Composition & Communication (CCCC)*, Spokane, WA.
- Hentz, B. S. & Lucia, B (October, 2020). 'Search committee, interrupted': The COVID-19 pandemic's impact and influence on the faculty recruitment process. *Association for Business Communication (ABC)*, San Diego, CA.
- Sheets, R., Bourjaily, P., Ernst, B., Gerst, K., & **Hentz, B. S.** (October, 2020). Center in a crisis: Challenges created by COVID-19. *Association for Business Communication (ABC)*, San Diego, CA.
- Hentz, B. S. (March, 2020). Composing ourselves, (re)composing our stories: Life review narratives of older, professional men coping with involuntary job loss. *Conference on College Composition & Communication (CCCC)*, Milwaukee, WI.
- **Hentz, B. S.** (October, 2019). 'Pay attention!' Integrating emotional intelligence into Executive MBA courses in Managerial Communication. *Association for Business Communication (ABC)*, Detroit, MI.
- **Hentz, B. S.** (October, 2019). 'Aging literacy' for culturally competent professionals: An introduction [Teaching Diversity Roundtable]. *Association for Business Communication (ABC)*, Detroit, MI.
- **Hentz, B. S.** (March, 2017). Composing ourselves, (re)composing our stories: Life review narratives of older, professional men coping with involuntary job loss. *Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE)*, Miami, FL.
- Hentz, B. S. (November, 2016). Learning through uncertainty: A phenomenological study of older, professional men coping with involuntary job loss. *American Association for Adult and Continuing Education (AAACE)*, Albuquerque, NM.

- **Hentz, B. S.** (June, 2016). Learning through uncertainty: A phenomenological study of older, professional men coping with involuntary job loss. *Adult Education Research Conference (AERC)*, Charlotte, NC.
- Hentz, B. S. (March, 2016). Learning through uncertainty: A phenomenological study of older, professional men coping with involuntary job loss. *Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE)*, Long Beach, CA.
- **Hentz, B. S.** (March, 2015). The rhetorics of sustainability: Writing our way through uncertainty. *University of Connecticut's Tenth Annual Conference on the Teaching of Writing, Storrs, CT.*
- **Hentz, B. S.** (November, 2014). Learning to be: The sustainable path of flexible life trajectories. *American Association of Adult and Continuing Education (AAACE)*, Charleston, SC.
- **Hentz, B. S.** (October, 2014). Sustainable organizations, sustainable lives: Transformative learning and the 'great transition' in the business school context. 11<sup>th</sup> International Transformative Learning Conference, New York, NY.
- **Hentz, B. S.** (November, 2013). Sustainability and transitional learning: Exploring the influence of adult learners' mental models on adaptive change. *American Association of Adult and Continuing Education (AAACE)*, Lexington, KY.
- **Hentz, B. S.** (October, 2013). Sustainability and professional development: Critical literacies for emerging contexts. *Association for Business Communication (ABC)*, New Orleans, LA.
- **Hentz, B. S.** (November, 2012). Older adults, reskilling, and mental models: Brain-based strategies for facilitating learning through uncertainty. *Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL)*, Washington, DC.
- **Hentz, B. S.** (March, 2012). Cross-generational workplace communication: Bridging the divide in age-integrated contexts. *American Society for Aging (ASA)*, Washington, DC.
- Dzubinksi, L., **Hentz, B. S.,** Davis, K. L., & Nicolaides, A. (November, 2011). Envisioning an adult learning graduate program for the early 21<sup>st</sup> century: A developmental action inquiry study. *American Association of Adult and Continuing Education (AAACE)*, Indianapolis, IN.

- Hentz, B. S. (October, 2011). The aging revolution and the managerial communications curriculum: Preparing culturally competent practitioners. *Association for Business Communication (ABC)*, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- **Hentz, B. S.** (June, 2009). Teaching professional communication as a working-class academic: A straddler's perspective. *Working Class Studies Association (WCSA)*, Pittsburgh, PA.

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS, OUTREACH, & CONSULTING**

- "Developing Your Professional Presence." Isenberg School of Management (UMass Amherst) Master's in Finance (MF) Cohort (Professional Development Series (March, 2024).
- "Strengthening Your Professional Presence." Isenberg School of Management (UMass Amherst) Master's in Finance (MF) Cohort (Professional Development Series (February, 2024).
- "Designing Presentations with Impact." Isenberg School of Management (UMass Amherst) MBA Integrated Practicum (February, 2024).
- "Your Cover Letter Story." Isenberg School of Management (UMass Amherst) MBA Bootcamp, Amherst, MA (August, 2023).
- "Your LinkedIn Profile." Isenberg School of Management (UMass Amherst) MBA Bootcamp, Amherst, MA (August, 2023).
- "Your Cover Letter Story." Isenberg School of Management (UMass Amherst) MBA Bootcamp, Amherst, MA (August, 2022).
- "Personal Branding." Isenberg School of Management (UMass Amherst) Annual Staff In-Service, Amherst, MA (May, 2022).
- "Writing with Impact & Influence." Webinar for Online MBA Professional Development Series, Office of Career Success. Isenberg School of Management (April, 2022).
- "Emotional Intelligence and Authentic Networking." Isenberg School of Management (UMass Amherst) MBA Strengths-Builder Series, Amherst, MA (February, 2022).

- "Your Cover Letter Story." Webinar for Online MBA Professional Development Series, Office of Career Success. Isenberg School of Management (December, 2021).
- "Learning (and Leading) Through: Developing a Sustainability Mindset." Isenberg School of Management (UMass Amherst) MBA Net Impact Association, Amherst, MA (November, 2021).
- "Your Cover Letter Story." Isenberg School of Management (UMass Amherst) MBA Bootcamp, Amherst, MA (August, 2021).
- "Your Cover Letter Story." Webinar for Online MBA Professional Development Series, Office of Career Success. Isenberg School of Management (February, 2021).
- "Emotional Intelligence & Developmental Leadership Strategies." Aetna Inc., Experienced Financial Leadership Program (EFLP), Hartford, CT (May, 2019).
- "Communicating with Success: An Interpersonal Approach," University of Connecticut Foundation Annual In-Service, Storrs, CT (September, 2016)
- "Motivation and Learning in Later Life: What's Our Next Chapter?" Connecticut Training & Development Network (CTDN) Annual Meeting, Hartford, CT (June, 2015).
- "Writing with Fluency: A Developmental Workshop Series for Doctoral Students in Management," University of Connecticut School of Business, Management Department, (Summers 2012, 2010).
- "Writing Strategies for Professional Development," University of Georgia Lifelong Learning Association (UGALLA) Athens, GA (September, 2010).
- "Enhancing PowerPoint Presentations for Persuasion," American Society of Women Accountants (ASWA) Annual Conference, Ames, IA (July, 2006).
- "The Rhetorical Situation and Writing for Scientific Publications," BioMaP ("Biological Materials and Processes Project"), National Science Foundation (NSF)-funded series moderated by Dr. Balaji Narasimhan (Iowa State University, Department of Engineering), Ames, IA (July, 2006).

"Business Communication: A Primer on Writing in Plain Style," Contemporary Issues in Professional Accounting Annual Conference, Ames, IA (October, 2005).

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## **EDITORIAL, REVIEW, AND INTERNAL PUBLICATION ACTIVITIES**

- Peer Reviewer, Association for Business Communication, Annual Conference Abstracts (2023-2024).
- Peer Reviewer, Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE), Annual Conference Abstracts (2016-2018).
- Peer Reviewer, American Society for Aging (ASA), Annual Conference Abstracts (tracks: lifelong learning, business and aging) (2013-2020).
- Managing Editor, White Paper, "Green Business Australia: A Faculty Development in Business Program" (in conjunction with Center for International Business, Education, and Research), University of Connecticut School of Business (April, 2013).
- Managing Editor, White Paper, "Doctoral Research Conference in Business: A Universitas-21 (U-21) Inaugural Event," University of Connecticut School of Business (July, 2012).
- Managing Editor, White Paper, "Inaugural Global Roundtable for Advanced Management Education Reform (GRAMER)," University of Connecticut School of Business (August, 2009).
- Freelance Writer, *Horizons*, University of Connecticut School of Business Alumni Magazine (2007-2009).

#### SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- "UConn Connects" Facilitator-of-the-Year Recipient (mentoring program for at-risk undergraduates), University of Connecticut, Department of Student Services (2014).
- Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Recipient, University of Connecticut, Neag School of Education, Department of Educational Leadership (2015, 2014, 2012).
- Miller Fellowship for Academic Excellence, Iowa State University (2002-2004).

PACE (Award for Academic Excellence) Recipient, Iowa State University (2002-2004).

Richard Wright Critical Writing Award, Iowa State University, 2003.

#### **SELECTED COURSES TAUGHT**

#### Graduate

SCH-MGMT 518	Career & Professional Development	(UMass)

MGMT 5650 Interpersonal Relations, Influence, & Ethical Leadership (UConn)

BADM 5182/83 Communicating with Impact & Influence (UConn)

## <u>Undergraduate</u>

SCH-MGMT 200	Career &	Professional	Develo	pment (	(UMass)	į
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SCH-MGMT 291 Transfer Connection (UMass)

SCH-MGMT 310 Managerial Communications (UMass) BADM 4070 Effective Business Writing (UConn) BADM 4075 Business Communications (UConn)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Business Communication Association for Talent Development ACES: The Society for Editing

#### PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Available upon request.