

# KATHERINE KOUNTZ

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- Instructor, Georgia Highlands College (8/2025 to present)
  - COMM 1100: Human Communication
  - COMM 2025: Public Speaking
- Graduate Teaching Assistant (Instructor of Record), Georgia State University
  - SCOM 2050: Media Culture and Society, Fall 2023
  - SCOM 1000: Introduction to Human Communication, Fall 2020
- Graduate Teaching Assistant (Instructor of Record), Georgia State University (8/2006-5/2009)
  - FILM 4800: Film and Media Industries
  - FILM 4000: Acting and Directing for the Camera
  - THEA 2100: Acting I
  - THEA 3210: Acting II
- Instructor, Chattahoochee Technical College (7/2000-5/2002)
  - ENG 097: English III – Remedial Reading
  - ENG 098: English IV – Remedial Writing
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Wichita State University (8/1999-5/2000)
  - ENG 101: Freshman Composition

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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. Public Communication, Georgia State University

Expected completion: Spring 2026

Concentration: Rhetoric & Politics, GPA: 3.95

M.A. Communication, Georgia State University, 2007

*Magna Cum Laude*, Concentration: Screenwriting, GPA: 3.77

work towards M.F.A. Poetry, Wichita State University. 1999-2000

B.A. English, University of North Carolina, Wilmington. 1999

*Cum Laude*, Concentration: American literature, minor in film, GPA: 3.5

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## DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

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- Vice President, GSU Communication Graduate Student Association (CGSA), 2022-2023
- Treasurer, GSU Communication Graduate Student Association (CGSA), 2021-2022

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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publics, new media, rhetoric, political communication, anti-institutional discourse and political exit

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## PUBLICATIONS

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Kountz, K., Winkler, C. K., Walter, D., & Lemieux, A. (in review). Resistance is far-right from futile: Deplatforming, resilience, and persistent presence across platforms as drivers of accelerationist politics. *Political Communication*.

Yin, Y.L., Ophir, Kountz, K., Y., Feeley., T., & Walter., D. (2025). Discourse and Misconceptions About Sexually Transmitted Infections in Lesbian Subreddits: A Health Belief Model Analysis. *Health Communication*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10410236.2025.2464810>

Lokmanoglu, A.D., Winkler, C. K., Al Mahmoud, M., McMinimy, K. & Kountz, K. (2022). Textual messaging of ISIS's al-Naba and the context drivers that correspond to strategic changes, *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, DOI: 10.1080/1057610X.2022.2109245

Wilson, R.A., Kountz, K., Hendry, J.P., Betus, A., Yachin, M., Walter, D., Loadenthal, M., Lemieux, A.F..(in review). The Base: An analysis of recruiting, vetting and motivations of potential members. *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict*.

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## AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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- Presidential Fellowship in Transcultural Conflict and Violence, Georgia State University, 2021-present. Awarded annually to 6% of university doctoral students to examine pressing societal problems.
- 2023 Robert Gunderson Top Student Paper Award from the Public Address Division, NCA.

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- Lapan, E., Ophir, Y., Wang, R., Kountz, K., Walter, D., Nikolaev, A., & Semenov, A. (2025). *Negotiating extremism: Engagement capacity for red-pill conversations on Reddit*. American Political Science Association's 121st Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC.
- Massignan, V., Lemieux, A., Loadenthal, M., Bailey, E., Hossain, T., **Kountz, K.**, Wilson, R., Rukmangathan, S., Akbas, E., Walter, D., (June 2024), Understanding the Base: Analyses of online interactions, recruiting, networks, and motivations. Terrorism and Social Media (TASM), Swansea, UK.
- **Kountz, K.** (2024). The Homeschooling Movement and Social Justice: An Examination of Opting Out as a Response to Changing Perceptions of Education. In the 21st Biennial Conference of the Rhetoric Society of America, May 2024. Denver, C.O.
- Lapan, E., Ophir, Y., **Kountz, K.**, Walter, D., Tenzek, K. E., Wang, R., Nikolaev, A., & Semenov, A. (2024). A pill of many colors: Negotiating extremist red-pill ideologies on Reddit. Abstract submitted to the American Political Science Association's annual meeting in Philadelphia, PA, USA.
- **Kountz, K.** (2023). Democratic Education and the Cultural Politics of the Unschooling Movement: Recipient of the 2023 Robert Gunderson Top Student Paper Award, Public Address Division. In the NCA 109th Annual Convention: Freedom. November 16-19, 2023. National Harbor, M.D.
- Lemieux, A., Hendry, J., Massignan, V., **Kountz, K.**, Wilson, R., Walter, D., & Hossain, T. (2023). Extreme Archives: Analyzing Far-Right Emergent Accelerationist Networks through Hybrid Machine Learning Methods. Panel Discussion. 2023 International Studies Association—Southern Regional Annual Conference (ISA-South), Oct. 7, 2023. Atlanta, G.A.
- Yin, Y.L., Feeley, T., Ophir, Y., Walter, D. & **Kountz, K.** (2023). Discourse Around and Misconceptions About STI Transmission Among Women Who Have Sex with Women (WSW): A Content Analysis on Reddit. Recipient of the 2023 'Top Student Paper Award, LGBTQ interest group'. In the 2023 Annual ICA Conference. May 11, 2023. Toronto, Canada.
- **Kountz, K.** & Barouch, T. (2022). Legitimacy, Twitter, and the Supreme Court "Shadow Docket" Controversy. In the NCA 108th Annual Convention: Honoring PLACE: People, Liberation, Advocacy, Community, and Environment. November 17-20, 2022. New Orleans, L.A.
- **Kountz, K.** (2022). Heterotopia in a global network of relations: An unveiling though rhetorical texture. In the 20th Biennial Conference of the Rhetoric Society of America, May 26-29th, 2022. Baltimore, M.D.

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## OTHER PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

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- Lemieux, A.F., **Kountz, K.**, Betus, A., Hendry, J., Wilson, R. (2021). The Base, In-depth analysis of recruiting interviews of potential members Transcultural Conflict and Violence Initiative.

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## **GRANTS**

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- Air Force Office of Scientific Research of the U.S. Department of Defense. "Long and Destabilizing Shadows" (Grant FA 9550-22-1-0331, Anthony F. Lemieux, P.I.).

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## **INSTITUTES**

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- Summer Institute for Computational Social Science (SICSS), 2022. Atlanta, GA
- Rhetorical Society of America Summer Institute (2025).

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## **PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

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- Languages: English (native), French (proficient)
- Coding Languages & Software: R, Python, html, css, Qualtrics
- Strong oral and written communication
- Experience with remote instruction through D2L, Perusall, and VoiceThread

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## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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- Art Dept. On-Set Dresser; Assistant Prop Master, Props Person, I.A.T.S.E 479 (2010-2020)

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## **CERTIFICATIONS**

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- Mastering Online Teaching: Fundamentals of Course Design and Delivery, Georgia State University Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.
- Responsible Conduct of Research: Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research Course 1
- Responsible Conduct of Research: Humanities Responsible Conduct of Research Course 1

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## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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- Rhetorical Society of America
- National Communication Association
- International Communication Association
- American Political Science Association