

# Heath Carpenter, Ph.D.

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## Academic Background

- Ph.D., Arkansas State University, Heritage Studies, 2016
- M.S.E., Harding University, Education and Social Science, 2008
- B.A., Harding University, English major, Business minor, 2001

## Experience

**Assistant Professor, Harding University, (2008-Present):** Courses Taught: Honors Media and Culture (2014-2015, 2017), Introduction to University Writing and Research, Introduction to Critical Thinking and Writing, World Literature, Southern Literature, Literature of Faith, Film as Literature, African American Literature, Foundations of Integrative Studies, a Culture Studies course in Washington, D.C. and New York City (2017, 2018, 2020), Harding University in Florence, Italy (spring semester 2019), Honors Symposium (summer 2019); Mentored numerous Capstone Presentations

**Director, Integrative Studies (2019-Present):** Interdisciplinary major allowing students to create concentrations to design degree plans around a purpose statement to meet a range of professional and graduate school opportunities, including law, medicine, social services, and business, among others.

**Communications and Strategy Consultant *Restore Hope, Arkansas*, (January 2016 - 2019):** Group supported by Governor Asa Hutchinson aiming to reduce prison recidivism rates and address growing foster care issues in Arkansas: This work included

- coordinating a White County Alliance of public, private, and social sector leaders;
- communication, messaging, and branding strategy; statewide organizational strategy;
- working alongside directors and leaders of statewide and local agencies and law enforcement to create and implement programs.

- implementing an alternative sentencing program in White County Circuit Court, and then later overseeing the merger of the alternative sentencing program with Unity Health-- White County Medical Center.
- facilitating partnerships between Harding University community and local community and state leaders.

### **Social Media Content Creator**

- Write copy and storyboards for social media still shots and videos, serving clients such as Bank of America, Amazon, Apple, Nintendo, and Microsoft, among others.

### **Intellectual Contributions**

- *The Philosopher King: T Bone Burnett and the Ethic of a Contemporary Southern Renaissance* (University of Georgia Press, August 2019).
- Co-authored *The Power of 12: Mentoring the Next Generation* (Tate Publishing) with Keith Jackson, former Super Bowl Champion and current Director of P.A.R.K. after school program in Little Rock, AR.
- 2015-2016 Harding University Justice and Mercy Conference: Helped organize inter-departmental collaboration to study housing and food insecurity and education in White County, AR.
- Panelist 2016 Christian Scholars Conference: "72143: Studying Community Poverty Through the Interdisciplinary Avenues of Food, Housing, and Education"
- Panelist 2017 Christian Scholars Conference: "Defining Heritage: Symbolism, Identity, and the Fight for Cultural Power."
- Panelist 2020 Christian Scholars Conference: "Icons of the South" panel: T Bone Burnett and "Country" Music's Contested Theology. (Canceled)

- Presenter 2020 International Country Music Conference: "The Philosopher King: T Bone Burnett and the Ethic of a Southern Cultural Renaissance" (Canceled)
- Respondent 2020 Christian Scholars Conference: "Perspectives of a University Professor, Psychologist, Administrator, and Chaplain: Cultivating a Culture of Collaborative Care for Student Wellness in an Age of Anxiety" (Canceled)
- *7 Days Across America* Production crew (2010), assisting in the production of a documentary film telling the story of teenagers across America who create social impact leadership strategies and organizations.

### **Committees and Sponsor Duties**

- Social Impact Leadership Committee: Committee member assisting in the creation of the Harding University Office of Community Connection, including the Wayne and Alice Ann Kellar Center for Community Engagement, the Community Collaboration Hub, and the Center for Social Impact Leadership
- Honors College Advisory Committee (2020)
- NetVue Grant Writer (2020)
- NetVue Committee member (2020) and attended NetVue conference at Lipscomb University
- Trustee Scholar Interview Committee (2020, 2021)
- Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee Member (2019-2020)
- Faculty Welfare Committee (2017-2019)
- TEDx organizing committee (2017, 2018)
- Hiring committee for Communications Department Film Program
- Hiring committee for English Department
- English Department Curriculum Committee for Institutional Program Review
- Honors College Committee for Institutional Program Review
- Higher Learning Commission Criterion 1 Committee
- The Roosevelt Institute: Faculty Sponsor (2015-Present)
- Harding Film Association: Faculty Sponsor (2018-Present)
- Student Association White County Relations Committee: Faculty Sponsor (2018)

- Internal Evaluator: National Board Certification Grant Program, (2008-2011).