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EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** **University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, anticipated May 2022**
Rhetoric, Culture, Engagement
Certificate in Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies
Dissertation: *Guarding Gender, Race, and Nation: A Rhetorical History of Menstrual Containment*
Committee: E Cram (chair), Natalie Fixmer-Oraiz, Jiyeon Kang, Lina-Maria Murillo, Darrel Wanzer-Serrano
- M.A.** **Ball State University, Muncie, IN, 2017**
Communication Studies
Thesis: *Menstrual Trolls under a Political Bridge: A Feminist Criticism of Periods for Pence*
- B.S.** **Ball State University, Muncie, IN, 2015**
Psychology, Communication Studies, Honors College Certificate

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2017-present** **Graduate Instructor**, Department of Communication Studies
University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
- 2016** **Freshman Academic Advisor**, Office of Academic Advising
Ball State University, Muncie, IN
- 2015-2017** **Graduate Teaching Assistant & Forensics Coach**, Department of
Communication Studies
Ball State University, Muncie, IN

AREAS OF RESEARCH

Rhetorical Theory & Criticism | Rhetorics of Health & Medicine | Critical Menstruation Studies |
Reproductive Justice | Biopolitics | Containment & Corporeality | Feminist Studies

HONORS & AWARDS

Douglas Ehninger Prize for Teaching Excellence, Department of Communication Studies, University of Iowa, 2020

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Council on Teaching, University of Iowa, 2020

Carroll Arnold Fellowship, Department of Communication Studies, University of Iowa, 2019

Distinguished Master's Thesis Award, Alumni Association, Ball State University, 2018

Dean's Citation for Academic Excellence, Graduate College, Ball State University, 2017

Outstanding Graduate Student, Department of Communication Studies, Ball State University, 2017

Outstanding Graduate Researcher, Department of Communication Studies, Ball State University, 2017

Richard Nitcavic Graduate Scholarship, Department of Communication Studies, Ball State University, 2016

Top Presentation, Diversity Symposium, Ball State University, 2016

Graduate Mentor Scholarship, Department of Communication Studies, Ball State University, 2016

Graduate Merit Fellowship, Department of Communication Studies, Ball State University, 2015

President's Citation for Academic Excellence, Ball State University, 2015

After Dinner Speaking and Duo Interpretation Champion, National Forensics Association, 2015

After Dinner Speaking Champion, American Forensics Association, 2015

Richard Nitcavic Scholarship, Department of Communication Studies, Ball State University, 2014

Dr. Robert E. Hill Jr. Scholarship, Department of Psychological Science, Ball State University, 2014

Outstanding Undergraduate Paper or Creative Project Award, Organization for the Study of Communication Language, and Gender, 2014

James Marine Outstanding Junior Scholarship, Dean of Students, Ball State University, 2014

Outstanding Forensics Competitor Scholarship, Department of Communication Studies, 2013

Dr. William R. Clark Scholarship, Department of Psychological Science, Ball State University, 2013

Prose Interpretation Champion (2012), Dramatic Interpretation Champion (2013), and After Dinner Speaking Champion (2015), Indiana State Forensics Association

Presidential Scholarship, Honors College, Ball State University, 2011

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Berkley Conner, Kristen L. McCauliff, Carolyn K. Shue, & Glen Stamp, "Explaining Mansplaining." *Women and Language* 41, no. 2 (2018). 143-167.

BOOK CHAPTERS

"Menstrual Trolls: The Collective Rhetoric of Periods for Pence," in *The Palgrave Handbook of Critical Menstruation Studies*, ed. Chris Bobel, Inga T. Winkler, Breanne Fahs, Katie Ann Hasson, Elizabeth Arveda Kissling, & Tomi-Ann Roberts (London: Palgrave MacMillan, 2020), 885-900.

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *The Managed Body: Developing Girls and Menstrual Health in the Global South*, Chris Bobel. *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work* (2019): 1-2.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

"Mapping Redesign: Gynecological Power and Project Yona's Speculum." Article manuscript
Revise & Re-submit at Women's Studies in Communication.

"Bleeding Through Bodily Boundaries: Locating Corporeality in Rhetorics of Containment."
Article manuscript under preparation.

"Periods, Pregnancy, and P.E.: Menstruation as Training for Childbirth in *The Doctor Answers Some Practice Questions on Menstruation*." Article manuscript under preparation.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED—INTERNAL

Dissertation Writing Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Iowa, 2021

Post-Comprehensive Research Fellowship, Graduate College, University of Iowa, 2020

Summer Fellowship, Graduate College, University of Iowa, 2020

Presentation Travel Funds Award, Graduate Student Senate/Graduate College, University of Iowa, 2019

INVITED AND PROFESSIONAL LECTURES

“From Menstrual Moment to Menstrual Movement.” Webinar Participant, Society for Menstrual Cycle Research, February 2021.

“Time Management in Teaching.” Session Co-Facilitator for Department Seminar, Department of Communication Studies, University of Iowa, Fall 2020.

“Teaching in Your Discipline and Practice with Grading and Feedback.” Session Facilitator for the 2020 New TA Orientation, Center for Teaching, University of Iowa, Fall 2020.

“Reality TV Gives Back.” Guest Lecture in Dr. Darrel Wanzer-Serrano’s “Understanding Comm: Humanistic Approaches,” Department of Communication Studies, University of Iowa, Spring 2019.

“Publics and Counterpublics.” Guest Lecture in Dr. David Supp-Montgomerie’s “Art of Persuading Others,” Department of Communication Studies, University of Iowa, Fall 2017.

“Periods in Pop Culture.” Guest Lecture in Dr. Kristen McCauliff’s “Communication and Popular Culture,” Department of Communication Studies, Ball State University. Spring 2016.

“Group Presentations.” Guest Lecture in Dr. Katherine Denker’s “Fundamentals of Public Speaking,” Department of Communication Studies, Ball State University, Fall 2016.

“Toxic Tampons and Period Problems.” Invited Lecture for the Task Force for Women, Ball State University, Fall 2016.

COMPETITIVELY SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Periods, Pregnancy, and P.E.: Menstruation as Training for Childbirth in *The Doctor Answers Some Practical Questions on Menstruation*,” National Communication Association, Indianapolis, IN, November 2020.—online due to COVID-19

“(In)hospitable: Health Discourses, Neocolonialism, and Menstrual Huts,” Rhetoric Society of America, Portland, OR, May 2020.—conference canceled due to COVID-19

“Resisting Containment: Free Bleeding as Rhetorical Flow,” Top Paper Panel, National Communication Association, Baltimore, MD, November 2019.

“Blood, Protest, and the Black Youth Project 100: Disrupting James Marion Sims’ Legacy,” Southern States Communication Association, Montgomery, AL, April 2019.

“The Body as Space and the Power Geometries of the Speculum’s Redesign,” National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT, November 2018.

“Animating Menstrual Blood: Toxicity and the Movement for Menstrual Equity,” National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT, November 2018.

“Assembling Gynecology: The Potential of Assemblages for Rhetoric of Health and Medicine,” Health Rhetoric and Social Justice Preconference at the Public Address Conference, Boulder, CO, September 2018.

“Fit and Flowing: The Empowerment Rhetoric of Bodyform’s Red.fit Program,” Rhetoric Society of America, Minneapolis, MN, May 2018.

“Foucauldian Hygiene Products: Understanding Discipline and Emancipation Through THINX,” National Communication Association, Dallas, TX, November 2017.

“Stains in Solidarity: The Collective Rhetoric of the Parliament Free Bleeding Protest.” National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA, November 2016.

“Mom, I’m Bleeding: ‘First Moon Party’ and the Portrayal of Mother-Daughter Discussions of Menstruation,” National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA, November 2016.

RESEARCH SEMINAR PARTICIPATION

“Bordering Rhetorics: Mobility, Containment, & the Boundaries of Critical Rhetoric,” Seminar Participant. Rhetoric Society of America Summer Institute, Online due to COVID-19, May 2021.

“Contained to the Home and Body: Gender, Sexuality, and Health in Scientific Menstruation,” Symposium Participant. Rhetoric of Health and Medicine Symposium, online due to COVID-19, September 2020.

Midwest Winter Workshop in Rhetorical Studies. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. February 2020.

“Periods, Pregnancy, and P.E.: Menstruation as Training for Childbirth in *The Doctor Answers Some Practical Questions on Menstruation*,” Symposium Participant. Rhetoric of Health and Medicine Symposium, Orlando, FL, September 2019.

“Medical Rhetoric in the Archives.” Seminar Participant. Rhetoric Society of America Summer Institute, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, May 2019.

“Feminist Complications: Rethinking Dominant Rhetorical Narratives.” Seminar Participant. Summer Doctoral Seminar, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, June 2018.

Midwest Winter Workshop in Rhetorical Studies. Indiana University. January 2018.

Midwest Winter Workshop in Rhetorical Studies. University of Iowa. January 2017.

PEDAGOGY

TEACHING

University of Iowa, Graduate Instructor, 2017-present

Undergraduate Courses

COMM 1130: The Art of Persuading Others, F17, SU18

COMM 1174: Media & Society, SU19

COMM 1306: Understanding Communication: Humanistic Approaches, S18, S19, S20

COMM 2051: Politics of Popular Culture, F18

COMM 2075: Gender, Sexuality, and Media, F19, S21

Ball State University, Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2015-2017

Undergraduate Courses

COMM 210: Fundamentals of Public Speaking, F15, F16, S17, SU17

COMM 290: Intercultural Communication, SU17

COMM 322: Communication and Popular Culture, S16

Ball State University, Teaching Assistant, 2013-2015

Undergraduate Courses

PSYSC 100: Introduction to Psychological Science, F13

PSYSC 100: AP Psychology, S13

PSYSC 241: Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences, S14

SERVICE

TO THE PROFESSION

Convention Paper Reviewer

- Argumentation and Forensics Division, 2017
- Critical/Cultural Studies Division, 2016, 2019
- Feminist and Women’s Studies Division, 2017

- Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division, 2019

TO THE DEPARTMENT

- President of the Bruce Gronbeck Rhetoric Society, University of Iowa, 2018-present
- COGS Steward for the Department of Communication Studies, University of Iowa, 2017
- Technological Advancement Committee, Department of Communication Studies, Ball State University, 2016
- Graduate Student Peer Mentor, Department of Communication Studies, Ball State University, 2016
- Sample Speech Coordinator, Department of Communication Studies, Ball State University, 2015

TO THE PUBLIC

- Performer, The Facing Project, Muncie, IN, 2017.
- Phone-banker, Planned Parenthood, Muncie, IN, 2016-2017
- Co-facilitator, Big Brothers, Big Sisters: Art for Kids' Sake, Muncie, IN, 2016.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & SCHOLARLY AFFILIATIONS

Professional Development

Teaching Portfolio Institute, Center for Teaching, University of Iowa, Spring 2021.

Reproductive Justice and Maternal Health Working Group, Obermann Center for Advanced Studies, University of Iowa, 2019-2021.

Scholarly Affiliations

Bruce Gronbeck Rhetoric Society
National Communication Association
Rhetoric Society of America

REFERENCES

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