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### EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

#### Education

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- Ph.D., 2012     University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Communication Studies  
Duke University, Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies
- M.A., 2003     University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Communication Studies
- B.A., 2001     Indiana University, Communication and Culture

#### Academic Appointments

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- 2021-present     F. Wendell Miller Associate Professor, Communication Studies, University of Iowa
- 2020-present     Associate Professor, University of Iowa  
Communication Studies | Gender, Women's & Sexuality Studies
- 2019             Visiting Lecturer, Bielefeld University, Bielefeld, Germany  
Interdisciplinary Center for Gender Research
- 2012-2020       Assistant Professor, University of Iowa  
Communication Studies (2012-2020) | Gender, Women's & Sexuality Studies (2015-2020)

### SCHOLARSHIP

#### Publications

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##### Books

- Fixmer-Oraiz, Natalie. *Homeland Maternity: US Security Culture and the New Reproductive Regime*.  
Champaign-Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2019.
- Fixmer-Oraiz, Natalie and Julia T. Wood. *Gendered Lives: Communication, Gender, and Culture*, 13<sup>th</sup>  
edition. Boston, MA: Cengage, 2019. (Date of publication: 2017)  
Second author with Julia T. Wood, *Gendered Lives: Communication, Gender, and Culture*, 12<sup>th</sup>  
edition.

## Articles

- Fixmer-Oraiz, Natalie, and Grover Wehman-Brown. "Called into the World by All of Us: An Interview with *Masculine Birth Ritual* Podcast Creator and Host Grover Wehman-Brown." *QED: A Journal of Queer Worldmaking* 7, no. 2 (2020): 94-105.
- Fixmer-Oraiz, Natalie. "Contemplating Homeland Maternity." *Women's Studies in Communication* 38, no. 2 (2015): 129-34.
- Fixmer-Oraiz, Natalie. "(In)Conceivable: Risky Reproduction and the Rhetorical Labors of 'Otomom.'" *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies* 11, no. 3 (2014): 231-49.
- Fixmer-Oraiz, Natalie. "Speaking of Solidarity: Surrogacy and the Rhetorics of Reproductive (In)Justice." *Frontiers: A Journal of Women's Studies* 34, no. 3 (2013): 126-64.
- Fixmer-Oraiz, Natalie, and Billie Murray. "Challenging Pedagogies: Reflections on Communication Activism and Service-Learning." *Rocky Mountain Communication Review* 6 (2009): 52-55.
- Fixmer, Natalie, and Julia T. Wood. "The Personal Is Still Political: Embodied Politics in Third Wave Feminism." *Women's Studies in Communication* 28, no. 2 (2005): 235-57.

## Book Chapters

- Natalie Fixmer-Oraiz and Shui-yin Sharon Yam. "Queer(ing) Reproductive Justice." In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Queer Studies and Communication*. Edited by E Cram and Isaac West. London: Oxford. Forthcoming.
- Murillo, Lina-Maria, and Natalie Fixmer-Oraiz. "Reproductive Justice in the Heartland: Mothering, Maternal Care, and Race in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Iowa." In *Maternal Theory: Essential Readings, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition*. Edited by Andrea O'Reilly, 745-760. Toronto: Demeter Press. 2021.
- Fixmer-Oraiz, Natalie. "Motherhood and the Struggle for Reproductive Justice." In *Routledge Companion to Motherhood*. Edited by Lynn O'Brien Hallstein, Andrea O'Reilly, and Melinda Vandenbeld Giles, 510-519. London: Routledge. 2019.
- Murray, Billie, and Natalie Fixmer-Oraiz. "From Community Service to Democratic Education: Making (Class)Room for Communication Activism." In *Teaching Communication Activism: Communication Education for Social Justice*, edited by Lawrence R. Frey and David Palmer, 169-98. Cresskill, NJ: Hampton Press, 2014.  
Recipient of the Distinguished Edited Book Award by the Applied Communication Division of the National Communication Association, 2015.
- Fixmer-Oraiz, Natalie. "No Exception, Post-Prevention: Differential Biopolitics on the Morning After." In *Contemporary Maternity in an Era of Choice: Explorations into Discourses of Reproduction*, edited by Sara Hayden and D. Lynn O'Brien Hallstein, 27-48. Blue Ridge Summit: Lexington Books, 2010.  
Recipient of the Outstanding Book Award for an Edited Collection by the Organization for the Study of Culture, Language, and Gender, 2011.

## Book Reviews

- Fixmer-Oraiz, Natalie. Review of *The Global Biopolitics of the IUD: How Science Constructs Contraceptive Users and Women's Bodies*, by Chikako Takeshita, in *JAC: Journal for the Interdisciplinary Study of Rhetoric, Culture, and Politics*, 34, 319-324. Lead Review.

## Reviews of *Homeland Maternity*

Yam, Shui-yin Sharon, *Women's Studies in Communication* 43, no. 1 (2020): 85-86.

Palczewski, Catherine Helen, *Argumentation and Advocacy* 55, no. 4 (2019): 341-343.

Patch, Holly, *IZGOnZeit. Onlinezeitschrift des Interdisziplinären Zentrums für Geschlechterforschung (IZG)* 8 (2019): 106-107.

## Instructional Materials

Wood, Julia T. and Natalie Fixmer. *Teaching Gendered Lives: A Resource Book for Julia T. Wood's Gendered Lives Communication, Gender, and Culture, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, 2004.

## Research In Progress

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Fixmer-Oraiz, Natalie and Shui-yin Sharon Yam. "Afterword." In *Rhetorics of Reproduction: Rights, Health, Justice*. Edited by Heather Brook Adams and Nancy Myers. Manuscript in progress.

*New Grammars for Reproductive Justice*. Book manuscript in preparation for submission to the Reproductive Justice series at the University of California Press. With Shui-yin Sharon Yam.

*Belonging: Reimagining Kin and Community*. Book manuscript in research stage. With Jamie Brooks Robertson.

Amy Chua, Motherhood, and the Cultural Politics of Precarity. With Jiyeon Kang and Hojin Song. Article in preparation.

## SCHOLARLY AWARDS

### Honors and Awards

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#### External

James A. Winans-Herbert A. Wichelns Memorial Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Rhetoric/Public Address, National Communication Association, 2020

Finalist, Rhetoric Society of America Book Award, 2020

Honorable Mention, Outstanding Book Award, Organization for the Study of Communication, Language and Gender, 2020

K. Patricia Cross Future Leaders Award, American Association of Colleges and Universities, 2012

Phi Beta Kappa, 2001

#### Internal

Provost Investment in Strategic Priorities Award, University of Iowa, 2021

J. Robert Cox Outstanding Achievement in Scholarship, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Department of Communication Studies, 2011

Tanner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 2011

Martha Nell Hardy Award for Outstanding Teaching, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Department of Communication Studies, 2010

National Communication Association Doctoral Honors Fellow in Rhetorical Studies, 2010

Future Faculty Fellowship, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Center for Faculty Excellence, 2009

Outstanding Achievement in Service and Leadership, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Department of Communication Studies, 2009

Martha Nell Hardy Award for Outstanding Teaching, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Department of Communication Studies, 2009

University of North Carolina Students' Undergraduate Teaching Award, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 2003

## **Fellowships and Grants**

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### **External**

Research Development Grant, Organization for Research on Women and Communication, 2016  
American Association of University Women American Fellowship, 2011-2012

### **Internal**

Obermann Center for Advanced Studies Co-Director of the Reproductive Justice Working Group with Lina-Maria Murillo, University of Iowa, 2019-current

Obermann Center for Advanced Studies Interdisciplinary Research Grant, University of Iowa, 2020

Arts and Humanities Initiative Standard Grant, University of Iowa, 2019

International Programs Stanley International Travel Award, University of Iowa, 2019

The Center for Asian and Pacific Studies Faculty Research Grant, University of Iowa, 2015

Caroline H. and Thomas S. Royster Fellowship, UNC-CH, 2006-2011

Ueltschi Service-Learning Course Development Grant, UNC-CH, 2008

Lucia Morgan Scholarship, UNC-CH Communication Studies, 2003

Indiana University Foundation Award, 1998-2001

Indiana University Faculty Award, 1997-2001

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **Invited Lectures**

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Rhetoric and the Possibilities of Reproductive Justice. Keynote Address, Carolina Rhetoric Conference, Clemson University, 2021.

Homeland Maternity and the Queer Possibilities of Kin. Joseph Keene Chadwick Lecture, Department of English, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, 2019.

Book readings for *Homeland Maternity: US Security Culture and the New Reproductive Regime*  
Eulenspiegel Buchladen, Bielefeld, Germany, June 2019  
Prairie Lights Bookstore, Iowa City, IA, March 2019

Homeland Maternity and the Struggle for Reproductive Justice. Public Address Conference, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2018.

Colonizing the Clinic: Rhetorics of Crisis Pregnancy in Homeland Security Culture. Rhetoric Colloquium in the Department of Communication Arts, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2017.

Homeland Maternity: Risk, Security, and the New Reproductive Regime. Featured presenter at POROI (Project on the Rhetoric of Inquiry) Rhetoric Seminar, University of Iowa, 2014.

Queering Reproductive Politics Toward More Just Futures. Featured speaker at Coe College Gender Studies Symposium, jointly hosted by Coe College Multicultural Affairs, the Committee of Diversity, and the Dean of Faculty's Office, 2013.

Speaking of Solidarity: Gestational Surrogacy and the Rhetorics of Reproductive (In)Justice. Featured speaker at the University of Iowa American Studies Lecture Series, 2012.

Reeling in the Unexpected: Crisis Teen Pregnancies in Contemporary Imaginaries. Featured speaker at Duke Women's Studies Graduate Scholars Colloquium, 2011.

Communication Activism and Service-Learning Course Development. Featured speakers at APPLS Faculty Development Institute. With Billie Murray, 2009.

## Conference Presentations

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### International

Telling Cautionary 'Whales': Teen Pregnancy and Fertility Panics in US Popular Culture. Pill and Pen Symposium: Contraception and Unwanted Pregnancy in Literature and Popular Culture, Division of World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures: Iowa City, IA, 2014.

### National

Feminist Rhetorics (Invited Workshop Leader). Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Institute: Syracuse, NY. Co-led with Krista Ratcliffe and Stacey Sowards.

Teaching the Rhetorics of Reproductive Justice: Perspectives from the Classroom and the Community. Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Conference: Portland, OR. Cancelled to due COVID19.

For and Beyond Survival: Interrogating Race, Gender, Citizenship, and Nation in Contemporary Rhetorical Scholarship Panel. National Communication Association: Baltimore, MD, 2019.

Anxiety about America's Future: The "Tiger Mother" and the Cultural Politics of Precarity." National Communication Association: Philadelphia, PA. With Jiyeon Kang and Hojin Song, 2016.

Motherhood, Social Justice, and Communication's Civic Callings Panel. National Communication Association: Philadelphia, PA, 2016.

What's Different About Differentality: The Future of Theories of Difference Panel. National Communication Association: Philadelphia, PA, 2016.

On Jane Crow and Jane Roe: Remarks Delivered in Response to Bonnie J. Dow's "*Racism and Sexism Often Go Hand in Hand*": *Betty Friedan, Second-Wave Feminism, and the 1970 Carswell Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings*. Gender & Citizenship Conference: College Station, TX (Invited Keynote Respondent), 2016.

Scholarship of Communication Activism Teaching and Learning Panel. National Communication Association: Chicago, IL, 2014.

Short Course on Gender Communication Pedagogy. National Communication Association: Chicago, IL (Course leader and facilitator), 2014.

Homeland Maternity: Theorizing Reproductive Politics in Homeland Security Culture. Rhetoric Society of America: San Antonio, TX, 2014.

Super Session on Feminist Rhetorical Scholarship: Theory, Criticism, and the Shape of our Discipline. Rhetoric Society of America: San Antonio, TX, 2014.

Roundtable Discussion of “Standing in the Intersection: Feminist Voices, Feminist Practices,” Rhetoric Society of America: San Antonio, TX, 2014.

(In)Conceivable: The Rhetorical Labors of ‘Octomom,’ National Communication Association: Washington, DC, 2013.

Communication Activism, Social Justice, and the Politics of Professionalism, NCA Research Board-sponsored panel. National Communication Association: Washington, DC, 2013.

Building a Career in Rhetorical Studies. Rhetoric Society of America Summer Institute: Lawrence, KS (Workshop participant), 2013.

Building Communities, Making Waves: Lessons from the Reproductive Justice Network. National Communication Association: Orlando, FL, 2012.

Faculty of the Future: Voices from the Next Generation. American Association of Colleges and Universities Annual Meeting. Washington, DC (Invited panelist), 2012.

Troubling ‘Waves’ in Contemporary Reproductive Politics. National Communication Association: New Orleans, LA, 2011.

Rethinking Technology for Reproductive Justice. National Communication Association: San Francisco, CA (Competitive paper), 2010.

The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Communication Activism Pedagogy: A Roundtable Discussion. National Communication Association: San Francisco, CA. With Billie Murray, 2010.

Con(tra)ceptive Politics in Millennial Imaginaries. National Communication Association Doctoral Honors Seminar: Salt Lake City: UT (Competitive paper), 2010.

Reeling in the Unexpected, or, Baby/Mamas at the Box Office. Rhetoric Society of America: Minneapolis, MN, 2010.

Global Populations, National Moral(ity): Contraceptive Technology and Cultural (Re)production. National Communication Association: Chicago, IL (Competitive paper), 2009.

‘But Community Service Makes Me Feel Good’: Venturing from the Comfort Zone to Advocate for Social Change. National Communication Association: Chicago, IL (Co-Chair/Organizer). With Billie Murray, 2009.

No Exception, Post Prevention: ‘Differential’ Biopolitics on the Morning After. National Communication Association: Chicago, IL, 2009.

On Invention and Imagination: Figuring the Ultrasound in Public Discourse and Private Life. National Communication Association: San Diego, CA (Competitive paper), 2008.

ACTIVE-isms: Wedded to Possibility in the Midst of Convention. National Communication Association: San Diego, CA, 2008.

On Privacy and Morality: The Discursive Politics of Reproduction. Rhetoric Society of America: Seattle, WA (Competitive paper), 2008.

Passing the Torch: Julia Wood as a Model and Mentor for New Generations of Feminist Scholarship. National Communication Association: Chicago, IL, 2007.

## Regional

Disrupting the Humanities and Social Science Binary: How Can Communication Studies be a Transformative Discipline? Invited panelist on spotlight panel. Central States Communication Association: Chicago, IL, 2020. Cancelled due to COVID19.

Feminist Rhetorics, Paper workshop leader. Midwest Winter Workshop in Rhetorical Studies: Iowa City, IA, 2017.

Paper workshop leader. Midwest Winter Workshop in Rhetorical Studies: Chicago, IL, 2015.

Academic Publishing; Paper workshop leader. Midwest Winter Workshop in Rhetorical Studies: Champaign-Urbana, IL, 2014.

Rhetorical Studies of Race and Gender in a 'Post' Society; Paper workshop leader. Midwest Winter Workshop in Rhetorical Studies: Bloomington, IN, 2013.

## Public Scholarship and Media

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### Op-Eds

An Abortion Ban? Now, of All Times? Iowa Republican Lawmakers Are Showing They Don't Value Life. Guest op-ed, *Des Moines Register*. June 8, 2020. With Lina-Maria Murillo. Reprinted online, Scholars Strategy Network

Local Summit to End Sexual Assault. Guest op-ed, *Iowa City Press-Citizen*, April 8, 2014. With Keli Steuber.

### Podcasts and Radio

NCA Book Award Winners. *Communication Matters: The National Communication Association Podcast*. Hosted by Trevor Parry-Giles, June 3, 2021.

Thank You, More Please (Mother's Day Episode). Invited guest on *She & Her* podcast. Hosted by Sandra Davidson and Anita Rao, May 5, 2016.

Childless by Choice. *Talk of Iowa on Iowa Public Radio*. Hosted by Charity Nebbe, March 3, 2016.

### Public Panels and Lectures

On Reproductive Health and the Language of Emergency. Invited guest on the Obermann Center's *Pandemic Insights*, Iowa City, IA, April 13, 2020.

How We Talk About Abortion. Invited panelist, community forum hosted by Planned Parenthood of North Central States, Cedar Rapids, IA, April 14, 2019.

## TEACHING AND MENTORING

### University Instruction

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#### Graduate Seminars

Criticism and Public Culture

Feminist Rhetorics

Proseminar: Preparing for the Academic Job Market

## Undergraduate Courses

Communication Activism (service-learning course)  
Gender, Communication, and Culture  
Feminist Rhetorics  
Movements, Protest, Resistance  
Rhetoric and Social Controversy

## Additional Courses

Reproductive Politics in US Culture (graduate seminar offered at Bielefeld University)

## Students Supervised

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### Doctoral Advisees

Micki Burdick	Plan of Study (F19); Exams (S21)
Abigail Escatel	Temporary co-advisor with Darrel Wanzer-Serrano (F20)
Michelle Flood	Plan of Study (F18); Exams (S20); Prospectus (S20)
Angelina Malenda	Temporary advisor (F20)

### Completed

Michelle Colpean (2020)  
Heather Roy (2018)  
Margaret Tully (2018)

### Doctoral Committee Membership

Kristiana Baez	Prospectus (expected F21)
Andrew Boge	Plan of Study (F19); Exams (expected S22)
Christopher Clough-Hunter	Exams (S15)
Berkley Connor	Exams (S20); Prospectus (F20)
Morgan DiCesare	Plan of Study (S20); Exams (expected S22)
Kristina Gordon	Exams (S16)
Sarah Heisdorf	Plan of Study (S19)
Lauren Peters	Plan of Study (S19); Exams (S21)
Daniel Stanfield	Plan of Study (S21)
Tyler Williams	Plan of Study (S13); Exams (S15)

### Completed

Emma Rifai (Religious Studies/GWSS, 2021)  
Chelsea Burk (English/GWSS, 2019)  
Qi Ling (Journalism/GWSS, 2018)  
Matthew Houdek (2018)  
Christopher Thomas (2018)  
Shardé Davis (2016)

### Graduate Teaching Supervision

Kristiana Baez	Intro Latina/o/x Communication & Culture (F20)
Micki Burdick	Gender, Communication, and Culture (S20; S21)
Laurena Bernabo	Gender, Sexuality, and Media (F14); Feminism & Television (F16)
Joonseok Choi	Media and Democracy (S14)
Michelle Colpean	Gender, Sexuality, and Media (F16); Gender, Communication, Culture (F17)
Berkley Connor	Gender, Sexuality, and Media (F19)
Abigail Escatel	Gender, Communication, and Culture (F21)
Hannah Johnson	Gender Roles and Communication (S16)



Michelle Flood Gender, Communication, and Culture (S19)  
Heather Roy Gender, Sexuality, and Media (S17)  
Kristina Scharp Business and Professional Communication, service-learning (S13)

### **Undergraduate Supervision**

Amanda Kelly Senior Honors Thesis (Director, S20)  
Claire Mraz Senior Honors Thesis (Co-Director, F14)  
Mallory Miranda Independent Study (F14)

## **SERVICE**

### **Professional**

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#### **Editorial Boards**

*Quarterly Journal of Speech*, 2016-present  
*Women's Studies in Communication*, 2018-present  
*Rhetoric and Public Affairs* (interim editorial board), 2020-present

#### **Ad-Hoc Referee**

Books Book Conference for Jeremiah Favara, 2019  
University of California Press Series, 2016

Journals *Journal for the History of Rhetoric*, 2020 (expert reviewer, special issue on Américas)  
*Women's Studies in Communication*, 2014-2018  
*Hypatia*, 2017  
*Review of Communication*, 2017  
*Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies*, 2016  
*Journal of Middle East Women's Studies*, 2015  
*Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies*, 2014

Associations National Communication Association Annual Convention  
*Activism and Social Justice Division*, 2016-present  
*Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division*, 2013-present  
*Feminist and Women's Studies Division*, 2012-present

Rhetoric Society of America  
Gerard A. Hauser Award Committee, 2018

#### **Writing Coach**

Faculty Success Program, National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity, 2020-present

### **Institutional**

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#### **Department of Communication Studies, University of Iowa**

Graduate Affairs Committee, 2019-2020

Social Justice and Diversity Committee, 2017-2019  
Events Committee, 2014-2017  
Primary Coordinator, Samuel L. Becker Memorial Conference, 2015  
Community Outreach Committee, 2013-2014

### **University of Iowa**

Faculty Assembly, Member at Large, 2020-present  
Board of Directors, POROI Project on Rhetoric of Inquiry, 2015-present  
Event Coordinator, Out There: A Symposium on Provocative Research, Pedagogy, and Academic Freedom, 2018-2019  
Faculty Lecturer, You@UI Student Recruitment Weekend, 2014  
Faculty Coordinator, Ging Cristobal event, UI Lectures Committee (secured \$300 in sponsorship), 2013  
Invited Respondent, World Language Graduate Organization Conference, 2013

### **University of North Carolina**

Board Member, APPLS Service Learning Advisory Board, 2009-2011  
Student Programming Committee, APPLS Service-Learning, 2010-2011  
Selection Committee, Carolina Center for Public Service Summer Fellowships, 2010-2011  
Executive Board Member, Communication Studies Graduate Student Association, 2006-2010  
Training Facilitator, LGBTQ Safe Zone, 2008-2009  
Executive Board Member, Communication Studies Graduate Student Association, 2002-2003

### **Community**

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Board Membership	Planned Parenthood Advocates of Iowa, 2018-present Planned Parenthood of Central North Carolina Board of Advocates, 2014-2015 Planned Parenthood Action Fund of Central North Carolina, 2008-2011 North Carolina Women United, 2005-2008
Volunteerism	Advisory Committee, One Iowa, 2018-2019 Born After Roe Committee, Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, 2017-present Chair, Planned Parenthood of Central North Carolina Young Leaders, 2006-2009 Women's Advocacy Day Coordinator, North Carolina Women United, 2004-2005
Related Employment	Community Organizer, Planned Parenthood of Central NC, 2003-2006

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT**

### **Professional Memberships and Associations**

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American Association of University Women  
International Communication Association  
National Communication Association  
National Women's Studies Association  
Scholars Strategy Network  
Organization for Research on Women and Communication  
Rhetoric Society of America

## **Professional Development**

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Scholar Studio Initiative, University of Iowa Digital Humanities Jumpstart Initiative, 2016

Faculty Success Program, National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity, 2013

Research Network: Sharing Work in Progress, Rhetoric Society of America, 2010

Research Presentation Workshop, University of North Carolina Royster Society of Fellows, 2009

Faculty Development Institute on Service Learning, University of North Carolina, 2008

Graduate Research Consultant, University of North Carolina, 2008