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EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Ph.D., Communication Studies, 2012
M.A., Communication Studies, 2003

Duke University
Graduate Certificate, Women's Studies, 2012

Indiana University
B.A., Communication and Culture, 2001

Academic Appointments

Associate Professor	University of Iowa Department of Communication Studies, 2020-present Department of Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies, 2020-present
Assistant Professor	University of Iowa Department of Communication Studies, 2012-2020 Department of Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies, 2015-2020
Visiting Lecturer	Bielefeld University, Bielefeld, Germany, Summer 2019
Graduate Teaching Assistant	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Department of Communication Studies, 2001-2003; 2006-2012

SCHOLARSHIP

Publications

Books

Fixmer-Oraiz, Natalie. *Homeland Maternity: US Security Culture and the New Reproductive Regime*.
Champaign-Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2019.

Recognition

Recipient of the James A. Winans-Herbert A. Wichelns Memorial Award for Distinguished
Scholarship in Rhetoric/Public Address, National Communication Association, 2020
Finalist for the Rhetoric Society of America Book Award, 2020

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

Reviews

Yam, Shui-yin Sharon, *Women's Studies in Communication*, 2020

Palczewski, Catherine Helen, *Argumentation and Advocacy*, 2019

Patch, Holly, *IZGOnZeit. Onlinezeitschrift des Interdisziplinären Zentrums für Geschlechterforschung (IZG)*, 2019

Fixmer-Oraiz, Natalie and Julia T. Wood. *Gendered Lives: Communication, Gender, and Culture*, 13th edition. Boston, MA: Cengage, 2019. (Date of publication: 2017)

Second author with Julia T. Wood, *Gendered Lives: Communication, Gender, and Culture*, 12th 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*. In press.

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 'Octomom.'" *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

Fixmer-Oraiz, Natalie and Shui-yin Sharon Yam. "Queer(ing) Reproductive Justice." In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Queer Studies and Communication*. Edited by E Cram and Issac West. London: Oxford. Forthcoming.

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.

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, 6th Edition*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, 2004.

Research 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.

Queering Family: Reimagining Kinship and Community. Book manuscript in research stage.

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

Awards

Fellowships and Grants

Obermann Center for Advanced Studies Co-Director of the Reproductive and Maternal Politics 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
Research Development Grant, Organization for Research on Women and Communication, 2016
The Center for Asian and Pacific Studies Faculty Research Grant, University of Iowa, 2015
American Association of University Women American Fellowship, 2011-2012
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

Honors and Awards

American Association of Colleges and Universities K. Patricia Cross Future Leaders Award, 2012
J. Robert Cox Outstanding Achievement in Scholarship, UNC-CH Communication Studies, 2011
Tanner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, UNC-CH, 2011
Martha Nell Hardy Award for Outstanding Teaching, UNC-CH Communication Studies, 2010
National Communication Association Doctoral Honors Fellow in Rhetorical Studies, 2010
Future Faculty Fellowship, UNC-CH Center for Faculty Excellence, 2009

Outstanding Achievement in Service and Leadership, UNC-CH Communication Studies, 2009
Martha Nell Hardy Award for Outstanding Teaching, UNC-CH Communication Studies, 2009
University of North Carolina Students' Undergraduate Teaching Award, UNC-CH, 2003
Phi Beta Kappa, 2001

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures

Homeland Maternity and the Queer Possibilities of Kin. Joseph Keene Chadwick Lecture, Department of English, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, 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 APPLES Faculty Development Institute. With Billie Murray, 2009.

Conference Presentations

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

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

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

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

Book reading/signing. *Homeland Maternity: US Security Culture and the New Reproductive Regime*. Eulenspiegel Buchladen, Bielefeld, Germany, June 17, 2019.

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

Book reading/signing for the release of *Homeland Maternity: US Security Culture and the New Reproductive Regime*. A portion of proceeds benefited Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, hosted by Prairie Lights independent book store in Iowa City, IA, March 29, 2019.

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

Childless by Choice. Invited guest on *Talk of Iowa* with host Charity Nebbe, Iowa Public Radio, March 3, 2016.

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

TEACHING AND MENTORING

University Instruction

Graduate Seminars

Criticism and Public Culture
Feminist Rhetorics

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

Doctoral Advisees

Micki Burdick	Plan of Study (F19)
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 F20)
Andrew Boge	Plan of Study (F19)
Christopher Clough-Hunter	Exams (S15)

Berkley Connor	Exams (S20)
Kristina Gordon	Exams (S16)
Sarah Heisdorf	Plan of Study (S19)
Qi Ling (Journalism)	Exams (S15); Prospectus (S16)
Lauren Peters	Plan of Study (S19)
Emma Rifai (Rels Studies)	Exams (S18); Prospectus (S18)
Tyler Williams	Plan of Study (S13); Exams (S15)

Completed

Chelsea Burk (English, 2019)
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)
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)
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

Profession

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	<i>Journal for the History of Rhetoric</i> , 2020 (expert reviewer, special issue on Américas) <i>Women's Studies in Communication</i> , 2014-2018 <i>Hypatia</i> , 2017 <i>Review of Communication</i> , 2017 <i>Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies</i> , 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

Institutional

Department of Communication Studies, University of Iowa

Graduate Affairs Committee, 2019-present
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, APPLES Service Learning Advisory Board, 2009-2011
Student Programming Committee, APPLES 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

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

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

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