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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

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

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

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

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Mapping Redesign: Gynecological Power and Project Yona’s Speculum.” *Women’s Studies in*

Communication, (2021). doi: 10.1080/07491409.2021.1925797.

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): 574-575.

COMPETITIVELY SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"For the Future of the Race: Containment and Flow in the Era of Scientific Menstruation," National Communication Association, Seattle, WA, November 2020.

"Webinar: From Menstrual Moment to Menstrual Movement," Society for Menstrual Cycle Research, February 2021.

"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.

RESEARCH SEMINAR PARTICIPATION

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

“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, September 2020.—online due to COVID-19

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.

PROFESSIONAL LECTURES

“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.” New TA Orientation, Center for Teaching, University of Iowa, Fall 2020.

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

PEDAGOGY

TEACHING

University of Iowa, Graduate Instructor, 2017-present

Undergraduate Courses

COMM 1130: The Art of Persuading Others

COMM 1174: Media & Society

COMM 1306: Understanding Communication: Humanistic Approaches

COMM 2051: Politics of Popular Culture

COMM 2075: Gender, Sexuality, and Media

Ball State University, Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2015-2017

Undergraduate Courses

COMM 210: Fundamentals of Public Speaking

COMM 290: Intercultural Communication

COMM 322: Communication and Popular Culture

GUEST LECTURES

“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.

SERVICE

PROFESSION

Convention Paper Reviewer

- Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division, 2019
- Critical/Cultural Studies Division, 2019
- Argumentation and Forensics Division, 2017
- Feminist and Women's Studies Division, 2017

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

Graduate Student Peer Mentor, Department of Communication Studies, Ball State University, 2016

Sample Speech Coordinator, Department of Communication Studies, Ball State University, 2015

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & SCHOLARLY AFFILIATIONS

Professional Development

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

Scholarly Affiliations

Bruce Gronbeck Rhetoric Society
National Communication Association
Rhetoric Society of America

REFERENCES

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