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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Communication, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. February 1993. Dissertation Title: "A Communication Analysis of Power in Small Claims Court: A Feminist Perspective."

Master of Arts in Speech Communication, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, August 1987.

Bachelor of Arts in Germanic Languages and Literatures, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, May 1980.

TEACHING and ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Chair or Co-Chair, Department of Communication & Media Arts, Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, Connecticut, July 2010 to present.

Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences, Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, Connecticut, August 2005 to August 2007.

Professor of Communication, Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, Connecticut, August 2004 to present .

Associate Professor of Communications and Theatre Arts, Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, Connecticut, August 1998 to August 2004 (tenured 1999).

Assistant Professor of Communications and Theatre Arts, Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, Connecticut, August 1993 to August 1998.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Women's Studies, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts, Spring 1993.

Lecturer in Women's Studies, Westfield State College, Westfield, Massachusetts, Fall 1992 - Spring 1993.

Lecturer in both Women's Studies and Communication, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Spring 1991 - Spring 1993.

AWARDS, HONORS and GRANTS

Spring 2008	Faculty Development Grant to Attend "Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction in Mind-Body Medicine: A 7-Day Professional Training" with Jon Kabat-Zinn, Ph.D. and Saki Santorelli, Ed.D. Sponsored by the Center for Mindfulness at University of Massachusetts Medical School.
Spring 2004	CSU-AAUP Faculty Research Grant for "Mindful Communication: Silence and Listening in Buddhist Communication."
May, 2001	<i>Outstanding Teacher</i> , School of Arts and Sciences, awarded by the Western Connecticut State University, Student Government Association.
Spring 1998	CSU-AAUP Faculty Research Grant for "Unsettling Accounts: Narratives of the Disabled as Communication Theory."
Spring 1999	<i>Grant for Reassigned Time for Research</i>
Spring 1997	<i>Faculty Development Grant</i> to attend International Communication Association Conference in Montreal, May 1997.
Spring 1997	<i>Grant for Reassigned Time for Research</i>
Spring 1995	<i>Promises Kept--Women's History Month Award.</i>
Summer 1994	<i>Curriculum Development Grant</i> , to develop course on Gender and Communication

PUBLICATIONS

It's All Relational: Blinded or Aided by Our Own Lens? Jessica Eckstein, Nancy Brule, Katy Wiss, William Petkanas, and Leah Bryant. In *Relationship Research News*, April 2015, vol. 14:1.

"Redefinition or Re-marginalization of the Disabled?: Metaphors of (Dis)ability." *Speech Communication Annual*, vol. XVI, 87-106.

"Conflict in the Women's Studies Classroom: Some Suggestions for Coping." *Women and Language*, vol. 11:1, Winter 1987.

BOOK REVIEW

Human Bonding: The Science of Affectional Ties by Katy Wiss. In *Relationship Research News*, November 2013, vol. 12:2

PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, and PANELS

Short Course presenter, on "Contemplative Pedagogy." National Communication Association, Chicago, IL, November 2014.

"Cultivating the Sacred in the Communication Classroom: An Exploration of Mindfulness-Based Contemplative Pedagogy" Paper on a Panel, "Intersections of the Sacred and the Secular in the Classroom" presented to the Spirituality and Communication Division of the National Communication Association, Chicago, IL, November 2014.

"What Doesn't Kill Us..." Building a Successful Present from Past Conflicts." Panel presenter National Communication Association, Chicago, IL, November 2014.

"Meditation across the Communication Curriculum: Making Connections in Practice, Pedagogy & Theory." Paper presented to the National Communication Association, Washington, DC. November 2013.

"Michele Obama & Integrating the COMMunity: Understanding Media and Interpersonal Stereotypical Representations and Their Impact on COMMunity." Paper presented to the National Communication Association, Orlando, FA. November 2012.

"'E-racing' Michelle Obama & 'Re-Viewing' Cindy McCain: Contradictions of Gender, Race, and Class in the Convention Speeches of Michelle Obama and Cindy McCain." Paper presented to the Eastern Communication Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. April 2009.

"Struggling to Breathe: *Feminism* on the 'Women's Sites' of Oxygen and iVillage." Paper presented to the National Women's Studies Association, Simmons College, Boston, MA. June 2000.

"An Extraordinary Turn: Hillary Rodham Clinton on the Pages of Vogue." Paper presented to the Visual Communication Division of the National Communication Association, Chicago, Illinois. November 1999.

"Hillary Rodham Clinton: The First Lady as Competitor." Paper presented to the Political Communication Division of the National Communication Association, New York, New York. November 1998.

"Unsettling Accounts: An Ethnographic Analysis of the Narratives of the Disabled". Paper presented to the Caucus for Disability Concerns of the National Communication Association, New York, New York. November 1998.

"Redefinition or Re-marginalization of People With Disabilities?: An Analysis of 'Difference' as Culture," Paper presented to the Caucus for Disability Concerns of the National Communication Association, Chicago, Illinois. November 1997.

"Discourses of Difference." Seminar Leader, Speech Communication Association, San Diego, California. November 1996.

"Learning Their Lessons: Critical Methods for Teaching Women Students about Media Representations of Violence Against Women." Paper presented to the Eastern Communication Association, New York, New York. April 1996.

"Language, Difference and Interdisciplinary Theory." Seminar Co-Leader, Speech Communication Association, San Antonio, Texas. November 1995.

"Communication, Conflict and Diversity in the Law: Some Lessons from Small Claims Court." Paper presented to the Speech Communication Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. November 1994.

"Lesbian Visibility and Symbolic Environments: Defining the Terms of 'Community.'" Panel Chair, Speech Communication Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. November 1994.

"Conflict Advice/Conflicting Advice: 'Experts' on Lesbian Couples." Invited Speaker, Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Association Brown Bag Lunch Series, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. December 1994.

"Violence Against Women as Representation and Action: Papers, Prostitution, Policy and Pornography." Panel Chair, Fourth Annual Women's Studies Conference, Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, Connecticut. October 1994

"Men and Women in Conversation: Culture, Power and Politics." Invited Speaker, Babson College, Wellesley, Massachusetts. May 1994.

"Deborah Tannen, You Just Don't Understand, There Are Power Dynamics in Male-Female Communication: Political and Apolitical Research on Men's and Women's Interaction." Guest Speaker, Research and Development Brown Bag Series, Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, Connecticut. March 1994.

"Gender and Power: Looking at Male and Female Interaction." Invited Speaker, Women's Studies Lecture Series, University of Connecticut, Stamford, Connecticut. October 1993.

"Women and Justice: The Effects of Gender, Race, and Class on Legal Discourse and Practice." Roundtable Discussant, Speech Communication Association, Miami Beach, Florida. November 1993.

UNIVERSITY and SCHOOL SERVICE

Spring 2016	Presentation: Learning Through Speaking: Weaving Oral Communication Skills into the Fabric of your Course to WCSU Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning.
Spring 2016	Member, Western Connecticut State University-AAUP (WCSU-AAUP.) Nominations and Elections Committee.
Fall 2015-	LPH Chapter Assistant Advisor
Fall 2015	State Council Representative from WCSU-AAUP to CSU-AAUP.
Spring 2013 & 14	WRD Judge
Spring 2013	CELT Book Discussion Leader on Pedagogy
Fall 2013 –	Member, Communication Department Evaluation Committee.
Fall 2011 – Fall 2014	Member, New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), University Steering Committee.
Fall 2011 – Spring 2012	Member, Search Committee, Dean of Arts and Sciences.
January 19, 2010	Honorary Coach, Women's Basketball Team, at Western Connecticut State University.
Summer/Fall 2010	Member, AccessAbility Services Assessment Committee, utilizing Council for the Advancement of

	Standards in Higher Education (CAS) Standards.
Spring 2009 – Spring 2013	Member , Communication Department Evaluation Committee.
Fall 2008 – Spring 2011	Chair , Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Academic Standards (CUCAS). University-wide Committee.
Fall 2008 – Fall 20011	Campus Liaison to the Connecticut State University-American Association of University Professors (CSU-AAUP) Faculty Workload Study.
October 2008	Reader , Banned Books Week.
Spring 2008- present	Member , Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum & Academic Standards (CUCAS). University-wide Committee.
Spring 2008	Co-Chair , Library Director Search Committee.
Fall 2007-Spring 2008	Chair , Search Committee for two communication faculty members.
October 2007	Reader , Banned Books Week.
Fall 2006-Spring 2007	Chair , Search Committee for three communication faculty members.
Fall 2006-Spring 2007	Member , University-wide Strategic Plan Steering Committee.
Spring 2006	Chair , Director of Academic Advising Search.
Fall 2005-Spring 2009	Chair , Communication Department Evaluation Committee.
Fall 2005 – Spring 2006	Chair , Arts & Sciences Advising and Orientation Committee.
Fall 2005 – Spring 2006	Chair , Special Assessment Committee.
Fall 2005	Co-Chair , Values & Vision Action Team: Fully Utilizing Summer and Intersession Terms (Stage-two Strategic Planning; University-wide).
Fall 2005	Member , Collaborative Research/Student Honors Convocation Advisory Committee, School of Arts and Sciences.
Summer 2005	Orientation Advisor and Presenter , Arts and Sciences.
Spring 2005 to present	Member , Search Committee for Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.
Spring 2005	Member , Western Connecticut State University-AAUP (WSCU-AAUP.) Nominations and Elections Committee.
Spring 2005	Editor , <i>Western Union</i> , WSCU-AAUP Newsletter Editor.
Fall 2004- Spring 2006	Member , Connecticut Women’s Studies Directors’/Administrators’ Colloquium.
Fall 2004	Faculty Elections Commission Member of AAUP/SUOAF-AFSCME to elect a representative to the Standing Advisory Committee of the Board of Governors.
June 2004-August 2005	Contract Manager , WSCU-AAUP.
Spring 2004	Search Committee Member for Associate Director of Human Resources.
Spring 2004	Search Committee Member for CSU-AAUP Public Relations Specialist.
December 2003	Advisor , to undeclared students, Arts and Sciences.
Fall 2003-Spring 2004	Search Committee Member for three Communication Faculty.
Summer 2003	Orientation Advisor and Organizational Committee Member , School of Arts & Sciences.
Spring 2003	Search Committee Member for three Academic Advisors, School of Arts & Sciences.
Fall 2003 to Spring 2005	Senator , Department of Communication.
Fall 2003-Spring 2004	Faculty Advisor to the student organization, The Gay Straight Alliance. Club won “Outstanding New Student Organization” at Student Leadership Banquet in spring 2004.
Fall 2003- Spring 2004	Member , Multicultural Scholars Committee.
Fall 2003	Committee Member of the student organization, The Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance.
June 2003	Delegate from WSCU-AAUP to the joint meeting of the Collective Bargaining Congress and the AAUP Annual Convention, Washington, D.C.
Spring 2003	Committee Member and Organizer , Campus V-Day Project: A program to end violence against women.
June 2002	Delegate from WSCU-AAUP to the joint meeting of the Collective Bargaining Congress and the AAUP Annual Convention, Washington, D.C.
Spring 2002	Committee Member , New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), Standard Five, Governance.
Spring 2002 to Spring 2005	Chair and Member , Communication Departmental Assessment Committee.
Spring 2002	Member , Committee W (Committee on the Status of Women in the Academic Profession), CSU-AAUP.
June 2001	Delegate from WSCU-AAUP to the joint meeting of the Collective Bargaining Congress and the AAUP Annual Convention, Washington, D.C.
Fall 2001 to Spring 2003	Member , University Wide Assessment Committee.
Fall 2001	Group Facilitator for Freshman Orientation of Communication and Theatre Arts majors.
Fall 2001	Advisor in Advisement Clinic for Undeclared Majors.
Fall 2000 to Spring 2002	Contract Bargaining Team Member for CSU-AAUP.
June 2000 to June 2004	Chapter President , WSCU-AAUP.

Fall 1999 - Spring 2001	Advisor to Undeclared Majors.
Fall 1999 to Spring 2000	Member , University Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Distance Education.
Spring 1999	Chair , Nominating Committee, CSU-AAUP.
June 1998 to August 2005	State Council Representative from WSCU-AAUP to CSU-AAUP.
Fall 1998 to Spring 2000	Member , Ad Hoc Committee on the Ed.D. at CSU-AAUP.
Fall 1997 - Spring 1998	Co-Chair , Women's History Month Planning Committee.
Spring 1997	Chair , Women's History Month Planning Committee.
Spring 1997	Member , Nominating Committee, CSU-AAUP.
Fall 1996 to Spring 2000	Chair , Arts and Sciences Program Review Committee.
Fall 1996 to May 2000	Contract Manager , WSCU-AAUP.
Fall 1996 to Spring 1997	Contract Bargaining Team Member for CSU-AAUP.
June 1995	Delegate from WSCU-AAUP to AAUP Annual Convention, Washington, D.C.
June 1995	Delegate from WSCU-AAUP to Collective Bargaining Congress Annual Convention, Washington, D.C.
Fall 1995 to Spring 2002	Member , Arts and Sciences Program Review Committee.
Fall 1995 to Spring 1997	Member , Computer Policy Review Committee. (University-wide committee.)
Fall 1994 to Summer 1996	State Council Representative from WSCU-AAUP to CSU-AAUP.
Fall 1994 to Spring 2000	Member , Faculty Staff Alliance for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Concerns.
Spring 1994 to present	Member and Co-Chair , Women's Studies Committee.
Spring 1994 to present	Faculty Advisor to Women's Studies Minors.
Fall 1993 to Spring 2002	Faculty Advisor , Lambda Pi Eta, National Communication Honors Society, Beta Iota Chapter.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Review Board Member

Fall 2002 to 2005	<i>Speech Communication Annual</i>
Fall 2002 to 2005	<i>Feminist Media Studies</i>

Reviewer

July 2013	Reviewed articles for a special issue of <i>Communication Studies</i> on stigma that was published as vol. 66, No. 1, 2015
April 2011	Reviewed two new chapters for the second edition of <i>The Theory Toolbox: Critical Concepts for the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences</i> , Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.
June 2009	Reviewed chapter on Listening for the new edition of McCornack's <i>Reflect and Relate: An Introduction to Interpersonal Communication</i> . Bedford/St. Martin's.
Spring 2009	Reviewed book proposal, <i>Listening: Processes, Functions and Competency</i> , by Worthington & Fitch-Hauser for Pearson/Allyn & Bacon.
Fall 2008	Reviewed papers and panel proposals for the Feminist Scholarship Division of the International Communication Association for the conference in Chicago, Illinois, 2009.
Spring 2008	Reviewer papers and panel proposals for the Feminist and Women's Studies Division, National Communication Association conference, Chicago, Illinois.
June 2005	Reviewed book, <i>Interpersonal Communication: A Goals-Based Approach</i> for revision for Bedford/St. Martin's Press.
May 2004	Reviewed a book proposal, <i>Readings on the Rhetoric of Social Protest</i> for Strata Press.
June 2003	Reviewed book, <i>Speakeasy: A Pocket Guide to Public Speaking</i> for Bedford/St. Martin's Press
May 2002	Reviewed book manuscript for Oxford University Press: <i>Living in Communication</i> .
October 2001	Reviewed textbook manuscript for McGraw-Hill: <i>Rhetorica Neo: Rhetorical Communication and Theory for Communication Professionals</i> .
Fall 2001	Reviewed papers and panel proposals for the Language and Social Interaction Division of the International Communication Association for the conference in Seoul, South Korea, 2002
February, 2001	Reviewed textbook manuscript for Strata Publishing: <i>Gender, Race and Class in the Media</i> .
December, 2000	Reviewed textbook for Mayfield Press: <i>Introducing Communication Theory</i> .
June, 2000	Reviewed textbook manuscript for Acada Books: <i>Creating Effective Groups</i> .
April 1999	Reviewed textbook manuscript for Acada Books, <i>Creating Communication</i> .
Spring 1999	Member , Ad Hoc Committee on Membership in the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Studies Division of the National Communication Association
Spring 1998	Reviewed papers and panel proposals for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Transgender Communication Studies Division of the National Communication Association for the conference in New York, 1999.
Fall 1997	Reviewed papers and panel proposals for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Studies Interest Group of the International Communication Association for the conference in Jerusalem, 1998.

Conferences and Workshops Attended

June 6 – 13, 2008	“Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction in Mind-Body Medicine: A 7-Day Professional Training” with Jon Kabat-Zinn, Ph.D. and Saki Santorelli, Ed.D. Sponsored by the Center for Mindfulness at University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, Massachusetts.
March 24-27, 2005	Workshop on “Insight Dialogue: Personal and Interpersonal Suffering and Freedom” at the Barre Center for Buddhist Studies, Barre, Massachusetts.
March 18-19, 2005	32 nd Annual Conference sponsored by the National Center for the Study of Collective Bargaining and Higher Education at Baruch College.
February 2004	Alternative to Violence Program Training II, Haverstraw, NY
October 2003	Alternative to Violence Program Training I, Hoboken, NJ (A program to teach non-violent conflict resolution skills to inmates and parolees.)
October 10, 2002	21 st Annual Connecticut Lobbying Conference, West Hartford, CT
December 2001	Collective Bargaining Congress, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
July 19-22, 2001	Collective Bargaining and Leadership Training Summer Institute, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware.
December 2000	Collective Bargaining Congress, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
January 2000	Writing to Learn Workshop at Western Connecticut State University. Facilitated by Darlene Forrest, Bard College Institute for Writing and Thinking.
March 18, 2000	Assembly of State Conferences and Collective Bargaining Congress, Regional Leadership Workshop, Boston, Massachusetts.
January, 1999	Writing to Learn Workshop at Western Connecticut State University. Facilitated by Darlene Forrest, Bard College Institute for Writing and Thinking.
July 17-20, 1997	Collective Bargaining and Leadership Training Summer Institute, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY.
May 23-26, 1997	International Communication Association Conference, Montreal, Canada.
April 4, 1997	Conversations Across the Disciplines: Women's Studies, Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, Connecticut
October 5, 1996	6th Annual Women's Studies Conference, Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, Connecticut.
May 24-25, 1996	International Communication Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois
April 12, 1996	Conversations Across the Disciplines: Women's Studies, Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, Connecticut.

Community/Professional Service

September 7, 2013	Participant, “Calling All Adjuncts! Increasing engagement with both students and the University” Sponsored by WCSUAAUP & the center for Excellence in Learning & Teaching.
May 5, 2006	Panel Moderator. "Parents as Prevention: A Community Forum." Sponsored by WCSU, the Housatonic Valley Coalition Against Substance Abuse and Danbury Hospital. Creasy Auditorium at Danbury Hospital. Featured speaker, Dr. Lonise Bias.
December 2, 2004	Moderator & Organizer, WCSU-AAUP Brown Bag Discussion: <i>The Promotion/Tenure Process & the University's Mission.</i>
October 20, 2005	Invited Speaker, <i>Gender Differences in Communication</i> for Women of WestConn at Western Connecticut State University.
October 11, 2005	Panel Moderator, <i>Cultural Competency: Caregivers to Patients Conference,</i> Danbury Hospital and AmeriCares, Danbury, Connecticut.
March 31, 2005	Panel Moderator. <i>Girl Power: The Good, the Bad & the Ugly</i> with guest speaker Rachel Simmons, author of <i>Odd Girl Out: The Hidden Culture of Aggression in Girls</i> at Danbury Hospital, Danbury, Connecticut.
Spring 2004 to present	Volunteer, at Bedford Hills NY Maximum Security Prison for Women in Alternatives to Violence Program.
April 2002	Invited Speaker, "Stresses on Contemporary Women," for the Greater Danbury Mental Health Authority, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Staff In-Service Training.
February 23, 2000	Invited Speaker on “Women, Politics and the Media,” for the Danbury/New Fairfield Woman’s Club.
April 18, 1999	Workshop Leader, <i>Decision Making in Groups,</i> for the Student Government Association, Student Leadership Conference.
September 30, 2002	Coordinated the campus display of the Silent Witness Project (a program to end domestic homicide) and talk by Silent Witness founder, Janet Hagberg, with the Danbury Section of the National Council of Jewish Women.
April 25, 2000	Coordinated campus lecture by Jean Kilbourne, author of "Can't Buy Me Love" about depictions of women in advertising in conjunction with Women's Studies, the Communication Department and the Program Activities Council.

- April 2000 **Coordinated** "Communication Week": activities sponsored by Lambda Pi Eta, The National Communication Honor Society, including a "Trivia Bowl" competition among students, faculty and staff, an "Alumni Career Panel," and film showings.
- March, 1999 **Panel Discussant**, on Women's History Month and Women's Studies at Western for cable television show, *Western Weekly*.
- March, 1999 **Women's History Month Speaker**, "Susan B. Anthony Slept Here, and so did Hillary Rodham Clinton: A Discussion of the Speeches of Political Women" at Western Connecticut State University.
- February 23, 1999 **Panel Discussant**, on the film, *Eating*, for Eating Disorders Awareness Day, at Western Connecticut State University.
- March 1998 **Coordinated** Western Connecticut State University display of "The Clothesline Project" a visual display designed to educate the public about and end domestic violence in conjunction with Women's Studies.
- October 1, 1996 **Organizer and Moderator**, Panel on Women's Studies Careers.
- Spring 1996 **Coordinated** a Communications and Theatre Arts alumni career panel, "Is There Life After Western?" with a student.
- November 1995. **Panel Discussant**, "Kids: Perspectives on a Controversial Film," Media Production Society.
- Fall 1993 to Spring 1995 **Group Facilitator**, Greater Danbury Women's Center, Danbury, Connecticut.

Professional Memberships

- Fall 2005-27, 2011 - 2012 International Listening Association
- Fall 1994 to present American Association of University Professors
- Spring 1987 to 2007 National Women's Studies Association
- Spring 1987 to 2005, Communication Institute for Online Scholarship
- Fall 2011 – 2013
- Spring 1987 to 2007 International Communication Association
- Fall 1987 to 2009 2011 Eastern Communication Association
- Fall 1986 to 2005 National (Speech) Communication Association
- 2009-present
- Fall 1986 - Summer 1988, Fall 1996 to 2005 Organization for Research on Women and Communication