



## **TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Intersections of mass media and U.S. culture with emphasis on gender, class, and religion; women and war; gender and violence; advertising and U.S. culture

## **PRESENTATIONS**

“Disney’s Women and Girls,” presentation to the Women and Gender Studies Organization (WAGON), University of Colorado, Boulder 2009

“Performing Gender,” guest lecture for Gender and Contemporary Culture course, Women and Gender Studies, University of Colorado, Boulder 2006

“Advertising as Culture and Religion,” guest lecture for Contemporary Mass Media course, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Colorado, Boulder 2005

“Blurred Boundaries: Encountering a Reconstructed American Sacred Story with Evangelical and Lesbian Audiences of *Xena: Warrior Princess*,” paper presented to Philosophy of Communication Division of the International Communication Association, San Diego, CA 2003

“Exploring Myth, Media and Religion with Fans of *Xena: Warrior Princess*,” paper presented at Queer Visions in the Americas Conference, University of California, Santa Barbara 2002

“*Xena: Warrior Princess* and ‘The Way’: Religious Pluralism or Orientalist Appropriation?” paper presented at the American Academy of Religion 2000 Regional Conference 2000

## **OTHER UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE**

**University of Colorado, Athletic Department** Boulder, CO  
Tutor 2009  
Worked one-on-one with student athletes to provide academic support and to monitor academic progress during the semester.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **Graduate Teacher Program Workshops**

Summer Workshop Series 2010

Summer Workshop Series 2005

Fall 2000 Intensive

## **FELLOWSHIPS**

University of Colorado, Boulder  
Doctoral Fellowship, School of Journalism and Mass Communication Summer 2007  
Boulder University Fellowship Summer 2005 Fall 2000  
Fall 1997, Fall 1999

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Studies Association

Theta Alpha Kappa National Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Chancellor's Committee on Women (CCW)

Co-chair

Member

Fall 2012–Spring 2013; Current

Spring 2012–Current

The Chancellor's Committee on Women serves as an informed advocate for all women on campus, committed to the goals of monitoring the status of women on campus, making policy recommendations to create positive change and to assure justice and equity for women at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Member, Diversity Committee, Department of Religious Studies, 1998–2001  
University of Colorado, Boulder.

This committee worked with the department to further the recruitment and retention of minority and female students and faculty and to develop and implement diversity training

## **REFERENCES**

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