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## **EDUCATION**

**University of Colorado** Boulder, CO  
Ph.D. Journalism and Mass Communication–Media Studies August 2010  
Dissertation: *Form and ideology: Human Interest Journalism and the US Print Media's Coverage of US Military Deaths in the Iraq War, 2003–2007*  
Advisor Dr. Janice Peck

M.A. Religious Studies 2001  
Thesis: *On a Quest: Explorations into Myth, Media and Religion with Fans of Xena: Warrior Princess*

**San Jose State University** San Jose, CA  
B.S. Meteorology 1983

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**University of Colorado, Department of Religious Studies**  
Women and Religion Spring 2013–Spring 2015  
Religions in the United States Spring 2015  
Religion and Contemporary U.S. Society Fall 2011, Spring 2014  
Religious Dimension in Human Experience Fall 2013  
Teaching Assistant, Religion in America 2000  
Teaching Assistant, American Indian Religious Traditions 1999

**University of Colorado, Department of Women and Gender Studies**  
Gender, Sexuality, and Popular Culture Fall 2014–Spring 2015  
Femininities, Masculinities, Alternatives Fall 2011–2012  
(Previously titled Social Construction of Femininity & Masculinity) Spring 2011  
Special Topics: Disney's Women and Girls 2005, 2006, 2008, 2012–Current  
Developed this special topics course that applies concepts of media literacy in combination with a feminist analysis of media to critically examine a selection of Disney's animated films.  
Introduction to Feminist Studies 2007  
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Feminist Studies 2007

**University of Colorado, School of Journalism and Mass Communication**  
Contemporary Mass Media 2004, 2005, 2008  
Teaching Assistant, Media and Public Culture 2004

**University of Colorado, Division of Continuing Education and Professional Studies**  
Religions in the United States 2002–Fall 2014; Scheduled Fall 2015  
Women and Gender Studies, Special Topics: Disney's Women and Girls 2008, 2010  
American Indian Religious Traditions 2000

## 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

## 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  
Summer 2005

Boulder University Fellowship 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

Fall 2012–Spring 2013; Current

Member

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,  
University of Colorado, Boulder.

1998–2001

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

Dr. Robert Buffington

Professor

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Studies

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Information/Media Studies

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