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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Communication Studies

University of Iowa (UI), 2016

Dissertation: Investigating collective communication patterns in Black women friend circles:
A partial test of the strong Black woman collective theory.

Committee: Drs. Tamara Afifi (Chair), Andy High, Natalie Fixmer-Oraiz, Tim Havens, Elana Buch

Doctoral Certificate in Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies

University of Iowa (UI), 2016

M.A. in Communication

University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB), 2012

Thesis: The "strong Black woman collective": Intergroup delineations among Black and White
female friendship social support networks.

Committee: Drs. Tamara Afifi (Chair), Howie Giles, Linda Putnam

B.A. in Communication and Feminist Studies

University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB), 2010, High Honors

Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program Thesis: A consideration of the possible effects of African-
American culture on spousal separation and divorce.

Advisor: Dr. Tamara Afifi

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2016-	<i>Assistant Professor</i> , Department of Communication, University of Connecticut (UConn)
2016-	<i>Faculty Affiliate</i> , Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy, UConn
2016-	<i>Faculty Affiliate</i> , Africana Studies Institute, UConn
2016-	<i>Faculty Affiliate</i> , White House Collaborative to Advance Equity Through Research on Women and Girls of Color, UConn
2013-2014	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Department of Communication Studies, UI
2012-2013	<i>Graduate Mentor</i> , Ronald McNair Scholars Program, UCSB
2010-2012	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Department of Communication, UCSB

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles (peer-reviewed)

1. **Davis, S. M.** with Ashun, F., Dannett, A., Edwards, K., & Nwaohuocha, V. (accept with edits). Coping with the exclusions of academia together: Collaborative autoethnographic reflections of conducting research for, by, and about Black Women. *Departures in Critical Qualitative Research*.
2. Cox, J., Gailliard, B., & **Davis, S. M.** (2019). Transformation or assimilation?: Examining identity and organizational tensions at Full-Figured Fashion Week. *Departures in Critical Qualitative Research*, 8(3), 29-45. doi: 10.1525/dcqr.2019.8.3.29
3. **Davis, S. M.**, & Afifi, T. (2019). The strong Black woman collective theory: Determining the prosocial functions of strength regulation in groups of Black women friends. *Journal of Communication*, 69(1), 1-25. doi: 10.1093/joc/jqy065. **Lead article.**
4. **Davis, S. M.**, & High, A. (2019). Widening the gap: Support gaps in same race vs. different race female friendship dyads. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 36(1), 187-213. doi: 10.1177/0265407517722245
5. Afifi, T., Merrill, A., **Davis, S. M.**, Denes, A., & Coveleski, S. (2019). The impact of a need for closure and support quality on verbal and cognitive brooding. *Communication Research*, 46(6), 757-784. doi: 10.1177/0093650216644018
6. **Davis, S. M.** (2019). When sistahs support sistahs: A process of supportive communication about microaggressions among Black women. *Communication Monographs*, 89(2), 133-157. doi: 10.1080/03637751.2018.1548769
7. Afifi, T., Granger, D., Ersig, A., Tsalikian, E., Shahnazi, A., **Davis, S. M.**, Harrison, K., Callejas, M., & Scranton, A. (2019). Testing the theory of resilience and relational load (TRRL) in families with type I diabetes. *Health Communication*, 34(10), 1107-1119. doi: 10.1080/10410236.2018.1461585
8. **Davis, S. M.** (2018). Taking back the power: An analysis of Black women's communicative resistance. *Review of Communication*, 18(4), 301-318. doi: 10.1080/15358593.2018.1461234
9. **Davis, S. M.** (2018). The aftermath of #BlackGirlsRock vs. #WhiteGirlsRock: Considering the disrespectability of a Black woman counterpublic. *Women's Studies in Communication*, 41(3), 269-290. doi: 10.1080/07491409.2018.1505678. **Lead article.**
10. Afifi, T., **Davis, S. M.**, Merrill, A., Coveleski, S., Denes, A., & Shahnazi, A. (2018). Couples' communication about financial uncertainty following the Great Recession and its impact on stress, mental health and divorce proneness. *Journal of Families and Economic Issues*, 39(2), 205-219. doi: 10.1007/s10834-017-9560-5
11. Afifi, T., Shahnazi, A., Coveleski, S., **Davis, S. M.**, & Merrill, A. (2017). Testing the ideology of openness: The comparative effects of talking, writing, and avoiding a stressor on rumination and health. *Human Communication Research*, 43(1), 76-101. doi: 10.1111/hcre.12096
12. Afifi, T., Merrill, A., & **Davis, S. M.** (2016). The theory of resilience and relational load (TRRL). *Personal Relationships*, 23(4), 663-683. doi: 10.1111/pere.12159.
13. Jayachandiran, C., Afifi, T., Harrison, K., & **Davis, S. M.** (2016). The United States of wealth: The

communicative construction of master and counter narratives of prosperity in the aftermath of the great recession. *Narrative Inquiry*, 26(1), 39-63. doi: 10.1075/ni.26.1.03jay

14. **Davis, S. M.** (2015). The "strong Black woman collective": A developing theoretical framework for understanding collective communication practices of Black women. *Women's Studies in Communication*, 38(1), 20-35. doi:10.1080/07491409.2014.953714.
15. Afifi, T., **Davis, S. M.**, Merrill, A., Coveleski, S., Denes, A., & Afifi, W. (2015). In the wake of the great recession: Economic uncertainty, communication, and physiological stress responses in families. *Human Communication Research*, 41(2), 268-302. doi: 10.1111/hcre.12048.
16. **Davis, S. M.**, & Afifi, T. (2014). Harming the relationship while helping the friend: The outcomes of seeking social support about a romantic partner from women friend groups. *Journal of Friendship Studies*, 2(1), 18-44. doi: not available.
17. Afifi, T., **Davis, S. M.**, Denes, A., & Merrill, A. (2013). Analyzing divorce from cultural and network approaches. *Journal of Family Studies*, 19(3), 240-253. doi: 10.5172/jfs.2013.19.3.240.
18. Afifi, T., Afifi, W., Merrill, A., Denes, A., & **Davis, S. M.** (2013). "You need to stop talking about this!": Verbal rumination and the costs of social support. *Human Communication Research*, 39(4), 395-421. doi: 10.1111/hcre.12012.

Book Chapters

19. **Davis, S.M.** (forthcoming). Family communication as raced. In J. Manning, J. Allen, & Denker, K. (Eds.) *Family communication as... Metaphors for family communication*. New York, NY: Wiley Publishing Company.
20. Maragh-Lloyd, R., & **Davis, S. M.** (in press). Unapologetic responses to unapologetic exclusions: Advancing communication within sistah spaces as a vehicle of resistance for Black women living during the post-racial era. In D. Davis-Maye, T. Jones, & J. Andrew (Eds.), *Black sisterhoods: Black womyn's representations of sisterhood across the diaspora*. Ontario, Canada: Demeter Press.
21. **Davis, S. M.** (in press). Evoking issues of race and ethnicity in discussions about physiology and interpersonal communication. In J. Crowley, A. Denes, & L. Aloia (Eds.) *The physiology of interpersonal communication handbook*. Oxford University Press.
22. **Davis, S. M.**, & Afifi, T. (2016). Complicating the darkside of family communication through post-positivist, interpretivist, and critical perspectives. In L. Olson & M. Fine (Eds.), *Examining the darkness of family communication: The harmful, the morally suspect, and the socially inappropriate* (pp. 263-284). New York, NY: Peter Lang Publishing.
23. Afifi, T., Coveleski, S., **Davis, S. M.**, & Merrill, A. (2016). Interparental conflict in divorced and non-divorced families. In J. Samp (Ed.), *Communicating interpersonal conflict in close relationships: Contexts, challenges, and opportunities* (pp. n/a). New York, NY: Routledge Publishing.
24. Afifi, T., **Davis, S. M.**, & Denes, A. (2015). Evolutionary theories: Explaining the links between biology and interpersonal communication. In D. Braithwaite & P. Schrodt (Eds.), *Engaging theories in interpersonal communication* (2nd ed; pp. 51-62). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.
25. Afifi, T., **Davis, S. M.**, & Merrill, A. (2014). Single parent families: Creating a sense of family from

within. In L. E. Baxter (Ed.), *Remaking "family" communicatively* (pp. 69-84). New York, NY: Peter Lang Publishing.

26. Afifi, T., Merrill, A., & **Davis, S. M.** (2014). Examining family secrets from a communication perspective. In L. Turner & R. West (Eds.), *The SAGE handbook of family communication* (pp. 169-183). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.
27. Afifi, T., Merrill, A., & **Davis, S. M.** (2013). Widening the understanding of post-divorce families. In K. Floyd & M. Morman (Eds.), *Widening the family circle: New research on family communication* (2nd ed; pp. 151-170). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.

Books

28. Giles, H., Gasiorek, J., **Davis, S. M.**, & Giles, J. (forthcoming). *Communication for Successful Aging: Empowerment Across the Lifespan*. New York, NY: Routledge.
29. Giles, H., **Davis, S. M.**, Gasiorek, J., & Giles, J. (2013). *Successful aging: A communication guide to empowerment*. Barcelona, Spain: Aresta Publications.

Encyclopedia Entries

30. **Davis, S. M.** (2017). Publication style guides. In M. Allen (Ed.), *The SAGE encyclopedia of communication research methods* (pp. n/a). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.
31. **Davis, S. M.** (2017). Research reports, subjective. In M. Allen (Ed.), *The SAGE encyclopedia of communication research methods* (pp. n/a). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.

Manuscripts Under Review

- Munsch, C., & **Davis, S. M.** (revised and resubmitted). Singlism revisited: The effect of marital status, gender, and race on perceptions of middle-aged men and women. *Journal of Marriage and Family*.
- Davis, S. M.** (under review). Laugh the problem away? Outcomes of group-level laughter within Black women's homeplace. *Women's Studies in Communication*.
- Davis, S. M.**, Jones, M., & Morrow, M. (under review). Black Women at War: A Comprehensive Framework for Research on the Strong Black Woman. *Women's Studies in Communication*.
- Afifi, T., Granger, D., Ersig, A., Tsalikian, E., Shahnazi, A., **Davis, S. M.**, Harrison, K., Callejas, M., & Scranton, A. (under review). Relationship maintenance as a "booster shot" for families with type I diabetes. *Journal of Family Psychology*.

Manuscripts in Progress

- Afifi, T., Gangi, K., Coveleski, S., Scranton, A., Denes, A., **Davis, S. M.**, Merrill, A., & Buschman, N. (preparing for submission). Family communication patterns, identity gaps, and emerging adults' risky behaviors.
- Davis, S. M.** (manuscript in preparation). Being ratchet in the dark: The time, place, and space of Black women's embodied *disrespectability* in movie theaters showing *Girls Trip*.
- Davis, S. M.** (manuscript in preparation). Using the strong Black woman collective framework to test the

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

1. **Davis, S. M.** (May 2019). Can we really laugh the problem away? Testing the personal and supportive outcomes of group-level laughter within Black women's friendship circles. Paper presented at the International Communication Association annual meeting, Washington DC.
2. **Davis, S. M.** (May 2019). Being ratchet in the dark: The time, place, and space of Black women's embodied *disrespectability* in movie theaters showing *Girls Trip*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association annual meeting, Washington DC.
3. Cox, J., Gailliard, B., & **Davis, S. M.** (May 2019). Transformation or assimilation?: Examining identity and organizational tensions at full-figured fashion week. Research accepted to the International Communication Association annual meeting, Washington DC.
4. Van Gilder, B. (chair), **Davis, S. M.**, Hobeika, O., Stifano, S., Stifano, S., & Taylor, M. (April 2019). Creating a better future: Teaching for social justice. Panel presented at the Eastern Communication Association annual meeting, Providence, Rhode Island.
5. **Davis, S. M.** (May 2018). When sistahs support sistahs: A process of supportive communication about microaggressions among Black women. Paper presented at the International Communication Association annual meeting, Prague, CZ.
6. **Davis, S. M.**, & Afifi, T. (November 2017). The strong Black woman collective theory: Using multilevel modeling to test the outcomes of strength regulation in groups of Black women friends. **Top Two Paper in the African American Communication and Culture Division** at the National Communication Association annual meeting, Dallas, TX.
7. Suter, E. (chair), **Davis, S. M.**, Striley, K., Seurer, L., Faulkner, S., & Manning, J. (November 2017). Advancing the practical legacy of interpersonal: Envisioning the methodological realization of critical interpersonal communication. Panel presented at the National Communication Association annual meeting, Dallas, TX.
8. Afifi, T., Granger, D., Ersig, A., Tsalikian, E., **Davis, S. M.**, Shahnazi, A., Harrison, K., Callejas, M., & Scranton, A. (November 2017). Testing the theory of resilience and relational load (TRRL) in families with type I diabetes. Paper presented at the National Communication Association annual meeting, Dallas, TX.
9. **Davis, S. M.** (May 2017). The aftermath of #BlackGirlsRock vs. #WhiteGirlsRock: A critical discourse analysis of Black women's language in the comment section of *Clutch Magazine*. **Top Two Paper in the Ethnicity and Race in Communication Division** at the International Communication Association annual meeting, San Diego, CA.
10. Nowak, K., & **Davis, S. M.** (May 2017). Methodological and practical considerations of identifying and presenting identities online. Selected for inclusion in the Preconference workshop, "How to quantify the unquantifiable: The methodology of gender and intersecting dimensions of identity," at the International Communication Association Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.

11. Afifi, T., Gangi, K., Coveleski, S., Scranton, A., Denes, A., **Davis, S. M.**, Merrill, A., & Bushman, N. (May 2017). The impact of not "fitting in" the family: Family communication patterns, identity gaps, and emerging adults' risky behaviors. Paper presented at the International Communication Association annual meeting, San Diego, CA.
12. Afifi, T., Shahnazi, A., Coveleski, S., **Davis, S. M.**, & Merrill, A. (November 2016). Testing the ideology of openness: The comparative effects of talking, writing, and avoiding a stressor on health. Paper presented at the National Communication Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
13. **Davis, S. M.** (November 2016). Exploring the communication of support about racial microaggression in Black women friend groups. Paper presented at the National Communication Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
14. **Davis, S. M.** (October 2016). Using critical discourse analysis to explore Black women's solidarity in the aftermath of #BlackGirlsRock vs. #WhiteGirlsRock. Paper (preliminary findings) presented at the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender Conference, Oak Park, IL.
15. **Davis, S. M.** (March 2016). Examining the role of strength during supportive discussions among Black women friends: A partial test of the strong Black woman collective theory. Paper presented at the James F. Jakobsen Graduate Conference, Iowa City, IA.
16. **Davis, S. M.** (November 2015). Speaking with power: A review essay on Black women's strategic communication practices. Paper presented at the National Communication Association annual meeting, Las Vegas, NV.
17. High, A., & **Davis, S. M.** (November 2015). Support gaps for identity-based stressors: The influence of expectations for support and racial similarity. Paper presented at the National Communication Association annual meeting, Las Vegas, NV.
18. Afifi, T., **Davis, S. M.**, Merrill, A., Coveleski, S., Denes, A., & Shahnazi, A. (November 2015). Resilience in the new economy: Couples' communication about financial uncertainty and associations with mental health, divorce proneness, and biological stress responses. **Top Four Paper in the Family Communication Division** at the National Communication Association annual meeting, Las Vegas, NV.
19. Afifi, T., Merrill, A., & **Davis, S. M.** (May 2015). Theory of resilience and relational load (TRRL). **Top Four Paper in the Interpersonal Communication Division** at the International Communication Association annual meeting, San Juan, PR. **Franklin H. Knower Outstanding Article Award, Interpersonal Communication Division**, National Communication Association annual meeting, Salt Lake City, UT.
20. Afifi, T., **Davis, S. M.**, Merrill, A., Coveleski, S., & Afifi, W. (June 2014). In the wake of the great recession: Economic uncertainty, communication, and physiological stress responses in families. Paper presented at the International Communication Association annual meeting, Seattle, WA.
21. Afifi, T., & **Davis, S. M.** (March 2014). In the wake of the great recession: Parents' communication about economic uncertainty and biological stress responses. Research was presented at the Department of Communication Studies Research Colloquium, UI.
22. **Davis, S. M.** (November 2013). "Quaring" communication research: Using E. Patrick Johnson's quare theory to destabilize White hegemony in communication spaces. Paper presented at the National

Communication Association annual meeting, Washington D.C.

23. Afifi, T., **Davis, S. M.**, & Merrill, A. (November 2013). Single parent families: Creating a sense of family from within. Book chapter presented at the National Communication Association annual meeting, Washington D.C.
24. Afifi, T., Afifi, W., Merrill, A., Denes, A., & **Davis, S. M.** (November 2013). Verbal rumination, need for closure, and social support: Why some people verbally ruminate more than others and how support affects this process. Paper presented at the National Communication Association annual meeting, Washington D.C.
25. Afifi, T., Afifi, W., Merrill, A., Denes, A., & **Davis, S. M.** (June 2013). "You need to stop talking about this!": Verbal rumination and the costs of social support. **Top Three Paper in the Interpersonal Communication Division** at the International Communication Association annual meeting, London, UK. **Distinguished Article Award from the Social Cognition Division** at the National Communication Association annual meeting, Washington D.C.
26. **Davis, S. M.** (March 2013). "Quaring" communication research: Using E. Patrick Johnson's quare theory to destabilize White hegemony in communication spaces. Research presented at New Directions in Sexuality Studies Research Workshop, Feminist Studies Department, UCSB.
27. **Davis, S. M.** (November 2012). The "strong Black woman collective": An analysis of the social support process among Black female friends. Paper presented at the National Communication Association annual meeting, Orlando, FL.
28. Afifi, T., Casillas, A., **Davis, S. M.**, & Robbins, S. (May 2012). Contextualizing communal coping and examining its benefits beyond individual active coping efforts. Paper presented at the International Communication Association annual meeting, Phoenix, AZ.
29. Afifi, T., **Davis, S. M.**, Denes, A., Casillas, A., Joseph, A., & Aldeis, M. (November 2011). Analyzing divorce from cultural and network approaches: Toward a theory on global divorce (GTOD). Paper presented at the National Communication Association annual meeting, New Orleans, LA.
30. Afifi, T., **Davis, S. M.**, Denes, A., Casillas, A., Joseph, A., & Aldeis, M. (November 2011). Analyzing divorce from cultural and network approaches: Toward a theory on global divorce (GTOD). Research presented at the Department of Communication Research Seminar, UCSB.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

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| 2019-2020 | Outstanding Research Article Award for "When sistahs support sistahs: A process of supportive communication about microaggressions among Black women," African American Communication and Culture Division, National Communication Association |
| 2019-2020 | Franklin H. Knower Outstanding Article Award for "The strong Black woman collective theory: Determining the prosocial functions of strength regulation in groups of Black women friends," Interpersonal Communication Division, National Communication Association |
| 2019-2020 | Ford Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellowship (\$45,000), National Academies of Sciences, |

Engineering, and Medicine

- 2018-2019 Franklin H. Klower Outstanding Article Award for "The theory of resilience and relational load (TRRL)", Interpersonal Communication Division, National Communication Association
- 2018-2019 American Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$30,000), American Association of University Women (AAUW)
- 2018-2019 100 Women of Color Award Recipient, Connecticut and Massachusetts
- 2018-2019 Black Girls Rock! Trailblazer Award, National Council of Negro Women
- 2017-2018 Outstanding Dissertation Award, African American Communication and Culture Division, National Communication Association
- 2017-2018 Top Two Conference Paper Award, African American Communication and Culture Division, National Communication Association
- 2016-2017 Top Two Conference Paper Award, Ethnicity and Race in Communication Division, International Communication Association
- 2014-2015 Doctoral Honors Seminar (invited), National Communication Association
- 2014-2015 Ramona Tomlin Mattson Fellowship Award for Excellence in Teaching and Research (\$4,000), Department of Communication Studies, UI
- 2014-2015 Excellence in Cultural Research Award, African American Studies Department, UI
- 2014-2015 Top Four Conference Paper Award, Interpersonal Communication Division, International Communication Association
- 2014-2015 Top Four Conference Paper Award, Family Communication Division, National Communication Association
- 2013-2016 Dean's Graduate Research Fellowship (\$22,000), Graduate College, UI
- 2012-2013 Kennedy/Graves Award for Extraordinary Academic Engagement in Black Politics, UCSB
- 2012-2013 Edwin Schoell Award for Excellence in Teaching, Department of Communication, UCSB
- 2012-2013 Top Three Conference Paper Award, Interpersonal Communication Division, International Communication Association
- 2012-2013 Distinguished Article Award for "'You need to stop talking about this!': Verbal rumination and the costs of social support," Social Cognition Division, National Communication Association
- 2012-2016 Harvey International Fellowship Program (\$52,000), Mustard Seed Foundation
- 2011-2012 Graduate Opportunity Diversity Fellowship (\$19,000), UCSB
- 2011-2012 David Tarver Memorial Scholarship (\$3,000), Academic Council of the United Methodist Church
- 2011-2012 Graduate Student Association Teaching Award Nominee, UCSB
- 2011-2012 Honored Teaching Assistant, Delta Gamma Sorority, UCSB
- 2011-2012 Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Alternate, National Research Council
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- 2010-2011 UC Diversity Initiative for Graduate Students in the Social Sciences (UCDIGSSS) Program Fellow (three years), Division of Social Sciences, UCSB

2010-2011	SAGE Sara Miller McCune Fellow (\$8,000), Division of Social Sciences, UCSB
2009-2010	Steven H. Chaffee Undergraduate Research Award, Department of Communication, UCSB
2008-2010	Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program, UCSB

FUNDED RESEARCH AND TRAVEL AWARDS

2019-2020	Waterhouse Family Institute for the Study of Communication and Society Research Grant, Villanova University (\$10,000)
2018-2019	Africana Studies Institute Research Grant, UConn (\$2,500)
2016-2017	Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts Research Experience grant, UConn (\$2,000)
2015-2016	Faculty of Color Travel Award, International Communication Association (\$150)
2014-2016	Department of Communication Studies Dissertation Research Award, UI (\$1,700)
2015-2016	Student of Color Travel Award, National Communication Association (\$400)
2014-2015	Graduate and Professional Student Government Research Grant, UI (\$800)
2014-2015	Research Development Grant, Organization for Research on Women and Communication (\$1,000)
2014-2015	Graduate Student Senate Research Travel Grant, UI (\$500)
2014-2015	Student of Color Travel Award, National Communication Association (\$400)
2013-2014	Student of Color Travel Award, National Communication Association (\$400)
2010-2011	UC DIGSSS Research Grant, UCSB (\$400)
2010-2011	Center for Black Studies Research Grant, UCSB (\$700)

TEACHING

Undergraduate Courses

2017-	People of Color and Interpersonal Communication (COMM 4222 online), UConn
2017-2019	People of Color and Interpersonal Communication (COMM 4222 in person), UConn
2016-2018	Small Group Communication (COMM 4220W), UConn
2013-2014	Nonverbal Communication (COMM 2089), UI

Graduate Courses

2017-2018	Group Communication (COMM 5220), UConn
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Invited Course Lectures

2017-2018	"Critical/Cultural Approaches to Interpersonal Communication Theories," Interpersonal Theory (graduate), UConn
2017-2018	"The Strong Black Woman Collective Theory," Introduction to Africana Studies (undergraduate), UConn
2016-2017	"Critical Epistemology and Methodology in Communication Research," Critical

- Interpersonal and Family Communication (graduate), University of Denver
- 2016-2017 "African American Communication," Cross-Cultural Communication (undergraduate), UConn
- 2016-2017 "Gender, Race, and Identity Considerations," Language and Gender (undergraduate), UConn
- 2014-2016 "Identity Considerations," Nonverbal Communication (undergraduate), UI

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT SERVICE

Campus Activities

- 2016- Brain Trust Member: White House Collaborative to Advance Equity Through Research on Women and Girls of Color
- 2018-2019 Keynote Speaker at 1st Annual Brown Girls Brunch, Hartford Campus
- 2018-2019 Guest Speaker at the Sisters Inspiring Sisters Meeting
- 2017-2019 Panelist at the Black Women's Empowerment Brunch, National Council for Negro Women

Department of Communication Committees

- 2016- Speakers Series
- 2017- Merit Claims
- 2018-2019 Search Committee for Assistant Professor in Residence
- 2016-2018 Graduate Admissions

Department of Communication Advising

- 2018- Doctoral Co-Advisor: Katrina Webber
- 2017- Doctoral Associate Advisor: Maria Delgreco
- 2018-2019 Doctoral Dissertation Prospectus Reader: Margaret Bennett
- 2018-2019 Doctoral Dissertation Prospectus Reader: Amber Ponivas
- 2017-2018 Doctoral Dissertation Prospectus Reader: Erin Waggoner
- 2017-2018 Master's Associate Advisor: Amanda White
- 2016-2018 Doctoral Associate Advisor: Anuraj Dhillon

Outside Department Advising

- 2019- Doctoral Committee Member: Dominique Lightsey, University of Southern California

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Positions

- 2019- Member of Editorial Board for *Communication Monographs*

- 2019-2020 Chair African American Communication and Culture Division, National Communication Association
- 2018-2019 Vice Chair: African American Communication and Culture Division, National Communication Association
- 2018-2019 Conference Planner: African American Communication and Culture Division, National Communication Association
- 2017-2018 Vice Chair Elect: African American Communication and Culture Division, National Communication Association

Ad-hoc Journal Reviewer

- 2018-2019 *Communication Research Reports*
- 2018-2019 *Sociological Forum*
- 2017-2019 *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*
- 2017-2019 *Women and Language*
- 2014-2019 *Women’s Studies in Communication*
- 2017-2019 *Communication Monographs*
- 2017-2018 *Journal of Friendship Studies*
- 2017-2018 *Howard Journal of Communications*
- 2017-2018 *International Journal of Communication*
- 2016-2017 *National Political Science Review*

Grant Reviewer

- Harvey International Fellowship Program, Mustard Seed Foundation
- Organization for Research on Women and Communication Research Grant
- Imagine, Develop, Engage, Apply (IDEA) Undergraduate Research Grant

Conference Paper Reviewer

- Interpersonal Communication Division, National Communication Association
- African American Communication and Culture Division, National Communication Association
- Feminist and Women’s Studies Division, National Communication Association

Professional Memberships

- International Communication Association
- National Communication Association
- Eastern Communication Association
- Organization for Research on Women and Communication
- Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Invited Research Talks

- 2018-2019 Speaker: Quarterly Meeting of the Northeastern Branch of the American Association of University Women
- 2018-2019 Keynote: "Brown Girl Brunch," UConn Hartford campus
- 2017-2018 Speaker: "Sistah Care," Project Resiliency Meet-up, Hartford, CT

Volunteer Activities

- 2018-2019 Facilitator: The Playhouse Production's *Scottsboro Boys* Debrief Session
- 2018-2019 Panelist: Economic Impact of Diaper Bank forum, Hartford, CT
- 2017-2018 Speaker: Thomas J. Dodd Research Center at UConn "The Big Read" event on Black female identity, Hartford, CT
- 2017-2018 Speaker: College and Career Readiness Program, Thirman Milner School, Hartford, CT
- 2017-2018 Member: Strategic Planning Commission for Harvey Fellows Program, Mustard Seed Foundation (national)
- 2016-2018 Conference Evaluator/Committee Member: 2nd Annual Project Resiliency Conference, Hartford, CT
- 2016-2018 Faculty in Residence: Parenting Life Skills Group, Unlimited Family Services, Hartford, CT
- 2016-2018 Faculty in Residence: Mindfulness Group, Unlimited Family Services, Hartford, CT
- 2016-2017 Keynote Speaker: Mindfulness Group Graduation, Unlimited Family Services, Hartford, CT
- 2016-2017 Invited Workshop Presenter: "College Syllabi," Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Hartford, CT
- 2016-2017 Invited Workshop Presenter: "Academic Achievement," Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Hartford, CT
- 2016-2017 Invited Training Presenter: "The Body Moves Very Strangely at Times," National Association of Black Law Enforcement Officers Inc., Danbury, CT