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**EDUCATION**

- 2012            Ph.D. Women's Studies, University of Iowa  
                  Dissertation: *Reproductive Justice and Childbirth Reform: Doulas as Agents of Social Change*
- 2002            B.A., *magna cum laude*, Women's Studies; Anthropology minor  
                  University of Nebraska at Omaha

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2014            University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA  
                  Adjunct Professor, Department of Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies  
                  Course Taught: Foundations for Feminist Inquiry
- 2013            Prescott College, Prescott, AZ  
                  Independent Study Mentor, limited-residency undergraduate program
- 2003-2012      University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA  
                  Graduate Instructor and Teaching Assistant  
                  Courses Taught as Primary Instructor:  
                  Fertility and Reproduction  
                  Topics in Women's Studies: Issues in Reproductive Justice  
                  Topics in Women's Studies: Feminism and Social Change  
                  Topics in Women's Studies: Feminist Perspectives on Childbirth in the U.S.  
                  Rhetoric I, Rhetoric II, Accelerated Rhetoric  
                  Courses Taught as Teaching Assistant:  
                  Gender, Race and Class in the U.S.  
                  Introduction to Women's Studies  
                  Courses Co-taught with Faculty:  
                  Rhetoric Department Professional Development Program

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

- 2013            Finalist, National Women's Studies Association/University of Illinois Press  
                  First Book Prize
- 2011            Fellowship, Obermann Graduate Institute on Engagement and the Academy
- 2008            Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, University of Iowa
- 2006            Margaret P. Benson Memorial Scholarship, University of Iowa
- 2002            Outstanding Undergraduate in Women's Studies, University of Nebraska -Omaha

**INVITED TALKS**

- 2010 "Birth on the Agenda: Protecting and Expanding Childbirth Options"  
                  Law Students for Reproductive Justice Midwest Conference, "Underrepresented  
                  Voices: Ensuring Reproductive Justice for All," University of Iowa, Iowa City
- 2010 "Complex Negotiations: Doulas as Advocates for Childbearing Women"  
                  Centennial Presentation, University of Nebraska-Omaha Centennial Celebration

- 2007 "Feminist Ethics and the Dilemmas of Doula Care"  
Health Policy and Ethics Roundtable, Creighton University, Omaha, NE

### CONFERENCE ACTIVITY AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2011 "Prenatal, Birth, and Postpartum Support for Incarcerated Women: A Proposal for a Prison Doula Program in Iowa" Jakobsen Graduate Conference Service Learning and Civic Engagement Forum University of Iowa, Iowa City
- 2009 Panel Moderator: "Difference and DNA"  
Center for Ethnic Studies and the Arts Conference on Identities and Technoculture University of Iowa, Iowa City
- 2007 "Providing Support for Pregnant Women: Real Life Stories and Lessons Learned"  
National Advocates for Pregnant Women Summit, Atlanta, GA
- 2006 "Gender, Race, and Class in the U.S.: A Case Study in Teaching Diversity"  
(Panel with Marjorie Jolles and Tammy Ho)  
National Women's Studies Association Conference, Oakland, CA
- 2006 "Negotiating Class from Multiple Subject Positions"  
(Panel with Aimee Carrillo-Rowe and Michelle Feijo)  
National Women's Studies Association Conference, Oakland, CA
- 2005 "Complicating Midwifery: Race, Regulation, and Feminist Histories of Childbirth"  
Association for Research on Mothering Conference, Toronto, ON
- 2005 "Rethinking Feminist Childbirth Reform: Doulas as agents of Social Change"  
Reproductive Disruptions Conference, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2004 "Exotics in Labor: The Primitive Body in U.S. Childbirth Discourse."  
National Women's Studies Association Conference, Milwaukee, WI
- 2004 "Feminist Implications of Doula Practice"  
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 2003 "Mapping the Birthing Body: Pleasure, Pain, and Femininity in American Childbirth."  
No Limits Women's Studies Conference, Omaha, NE
- 2002 "An Interpreter Will Be Provided: Factors Affecting Availability of Language Translation Resources in Urban Health Care Facilities" (with Heidi Connealy and Timi Barone)  
Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 2001 "A Women's Studies Course for Inner City High School Females At Risk" (Poster)  
National Women's Studies Association Conference, Minneapolis, MN
- 2001 "Women's Studies in an Alternative High School" (with Sandra Squires)  
7<sup>th</sup> Annual Pedagogy and Theater of the Oppressed Conference, Omaha, NE

**PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS**

“Natural Labor: Representations of Race, Gender and the Primitive Birthing Body.” *SQUAT Birth Journal*, Summer 2013: 34-37.

Reviewer, *Annals of Iowa* February 2011.

Reviewer, *Ethos*, 2010, 2013

“From Riot Grrrl to Mamagirl in Omaha, NE.” *Young Women Feminists, Activists, Grrrls*. Special Issue of *Canadian Woman Studies/Les Cahiers de la Femme*. Winter/Spring 2001: 63-68.

**PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS**

2012-present Certified Professional Midwife (CPM)

1999-present Certified Doula (DONA International)

1996-present Certified Childbirth Educator (AAHCC; BirthWorks International)

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

2011-2014 *Graduate Institute Advisory Board*, University of Iowa Obermann Center for Advanced Studies

2011-present *Reviewer*, Childbirth Education Program, BirthWorks International

2012-2013 *Board of Directors (Director of Education)*, BirthWorks International

2007-2012 *Steering Committee and founding member*, Friends of Iowa Midwives  
Statewide grassroots organization working to increase access to midwifery in Iowa

2005-2009 *Board of Directors*, Domestic Violence Intervention Program  
Recorder, Executive Committee, Mission Committee

2004-present *Founding Member*, Eastern Iowa Doula Association, Iowa City Doulas  
Networking, peer review, outreach, and education for doulas in eastern Iowa

2002-2003 *Co-founder*, Parent Support, University of Nebraska-Omaha  
Developed questionnaire to assess needs of parents on campus, organized group to assist creation of support network for student parents

2000-2003 *Advisory committee member*, Nebraska SPRING  
(Statewide Parental Resources and Involvement to Nurture Growth)  
Recommended and reviewed materials for the State of Nebraska’s SPRING project to make parenting resources accessible to Nebraska parents

2000-2003 *Advisory council member*, Women’s Studies, University of Nebraska-Omaha  
Events coordination and communication link between UNO Women’s Studies department and the greater Omaha community

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

- 2012      *Curator*, “The Zine Dream and the Riot Grrrl Scene.” Exhibition at University of Iowa Libraries Special Collections, in conjunction with Mission Creek Music Festival. March 29.
- 2012      *Artist Collaborator*, “Of Air and Amnion.” Johanna Kirk MFA Thesis, dance choreography, University of Iowa. March 10. Created and installed 8 large (4x9 foot) original silk paintings as set design.
- 2010      *Discussant*, “The Making of Our Bodies, Ourselves: How Feminism Travels Across Borders.” Women’s History Month event, Prairie Lights Bookstore. March 30.

## **ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS**

National Women’s Studies Association  
Friends of Iowa Midwives  
BirthWorks International  
National Advocates for Pregnant Women  
DONA International  
Citizens for Midwifery  
Iowa City Doulas  
Coalition for Improving Maternity Services  
Sister Song Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective  
Midwives Alliance of North America