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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Women's Studies, University of Iowa, anticipated May 2012.
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

HONORS AND AWARDS

2011 Fellowship, Obermann Graduate Institute on Engagement and the Academy
2008 Outstanding TA Award, University of Iowa
2006 Margaret P. Benson Memorial Scholarship, University of Iowa
2002 Outstanding Undergraduate in Women's Studies, University of Nebraska -Omaha

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
- 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"
Invited Centennial Speech, University of Nebraska-Omaha Centennial Celebration
- 2009 Panel Moderator: "Difference and DNA"
Center for Ethnic Studies and the Arts Conference on Identities and Technoculture
University of Iowa, Iowa City
- 2007 "Feminist Ethics and the Dilemmas of Doula Care"
Health Policy and Ethics Roundtable, Creighton University, Omaha, NE
- 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: Doula 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”
(Co-presenter 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 Session with Sandra Squires)
National Women’s Studies Association Conference, Minneapolis, MN
- 2001 “Women’s Studies in an Alternative High School”
(Co-presenter with Sandra Squires)
7th Annual Pedagogy and Theater of the Oppressed Conference, Omaha, NE

PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

“Natural Labor: Representations of Race, Gender and the Primitive Birthing Body” (Forthcoming)
in *Challenging the Maternal Notion: Essays on an (Un)traditional Instinct*, Editor: Alina M. Luna.

“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.

Reviewer, special issue of *Ethos*: “The Practice of Mothering,” Edited by Bambi Chapin and
Kathleen Barlow (forthcoming)

COURSES TAUGHT: UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

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| Fall 2009 | Professional Development Program (PDP) Seminar Co-Leader
(Pedagogical theory and practice for incoming Graduate Instructors) |
| Summer 2009 | Topics in Women’s Studies: Feminism and Social Change |
| Spring 2009 | Topics in Women’s Studies: Issues in Reproductive Justice |
| Summer 2007 | Topics in Women’s Studies: Feminist Perspectives on Childbirth in the U.S. |
| 2005-2008 | Rhetoric I, Rhetoric II, Accelerated Rhetoric |
| 2004-05, 09-11 | Gender, Race and Class in the U.S. |
| 2003-04, 08, 09-10 | Introduction to Women’s Studies |

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1996-present Certified Childbirth Educator and Doula
(Birth Works International and DONA International)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2007-present *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
Duties: 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

2001-2004 *Midwest Regional Coordinator*, Birth Works International
Regional contact and networking coordinator for Birth Works certified childbirth educators and doulas

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

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

- National Women’s Studies Association
- Friends of Iowa Midwives
- Birth Works 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