

MOLLIE K. MURPHY

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of Georgia, Athens, Communication Studies (Rhetoric), 2018
- M.A. University of Montana, Missoula, Communication Studies (Rhetoric), 2014
Graduate Certificate in Women's and Gender Studies
- B.A. University of Montana, Missoula, Communication Studies (with honors), 2012
Minors in Women's and Gender Studies and Human and Family Development

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Utah State University Assistant Professor, Department of Languages, Philosophy, and
Communication Studies, 2018-present

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- Murphy, Mollie K. "Maternal Dissent in Mainstream News: 'Peace Mom' Confronts the Nation's Strict Father," *Women's Studies in Communication* (in press).
- Murphy, Mollie K. "Scientific Argument Without a Scientific Consensus: Rachel Carson's Rhetorical Strategies in the *Silent Spring* Debates." *Argumentation and Advocacy* 55, no. 3 (2019): 194-210.
- Murphy, Mollie K., and Tina M. Harris. "White Innocence and Black Subservience: The Rhetoric of White Heroism in *The Help*." *Howard Journal of Communications* 29, no. 1 (2018): 49-62.
- Murphy, Mollie K. "What's in the World Is in the Womb: Converging Environmental and Reproductive Justice through Synecdoche." *Women's Studies in Communication* 40, no. 2 (2017): 155-171. **Lead article.**

Book Chapters (peer reviewed)

Murphy, Mollie K. "Civil Disobedience in Anti-Fracking Activism: Sandra Steingraber's Ironic Constructions of Incarceration," forthcoming in *Sociological Studies of Environmental Conflict: Hydraulic Fracturing and Water Resources*, edited by Sebahattin Ziyanak, Mehmet Soyer, and Dian Jordan-Werhane.

Harris, Tina M., and Mollie Murphy. "Race/Ethnicity in the Classroom." In *The Handbook of Instructional Communication: Rhetorical and Relational Perspectives* (2nd Edition), edited by Marian. L. Houser and Angela M. Hosek, 158-169. New York, NY: Routledge, 2018.

Manuscripts in Progress

Murphy, Mollie K., Mehmet Soyer, and Marisela Martinez-Cola. "Autoethnography as a 'Brave Space' for Exploring Perceptions of Marginalized Groups," revising for resubmission

Soyer, Mehmet, Mollie K. Murphy, and Cassidy Gummersall, "'Old Town Dentonites': Community Members' Competing Constructions of Hydraulic Fracturing and Place in Denton, Texas," revising for resubmission

AWARDS AND HONORS

2019 Peak Summer Research Fellowship (to support mentorship of undergraduate research), Utah State University (\$1,000)

2018 Creative Activity and Research Enhancement Award, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Utah State University (\$2,000)

Undergraduate Faculty Mentor of the Year, Department of Languages, Philosophy, and Communication Studies, Utah State University

2017 Top Four Paper, National Communication Association, Feminist and Women's Studies Division

Jerold L. Hale Graduate Student Service Award, Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia

2016 Top Student Paper and Top Four Paper, National Communication Association, Kenneth Burke Society

2014 Outstanding Service to the Department of Communication Studies, University of Montana

2013 Travel scholarship (\$500) towards two-week study abroad course on Nazi and Soviet propaganda

COMPETITIVELY SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

*Indicates undergraduate student

Papers Presented

- 2019 *Gummersall, Cassidy, Mehmet Soyer, and Mollie Murphy. "Divisive Drilling: Community Members' Competing Constructions of Hydraulic Fracturing in Denton, Texas," Pacific Sociological Association, Environmental Sociology Division, Oakland, CA. (not in attendance)
- 2018 Murphy, Mollie K. "When Science Becomes Personal: Negotiating Incompatible Knowledges Through Perspective By (In)Congruity," National Communication Association, Environmental Communication Division, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Murphy, Mollie K. "(Re)Contextualizing Activist *Ethos*: Challenging the Status Quo, Reinforcing its Metaphors," National Communication Association, Activism and Social Justice Division, Salt Lake City, UT.
- 2017 Murphy, Mollie K. "Containing Anti-War Protest: Cindy Sheehan Confronts the Nation's Strict Father," National Communication Association, Feminist and Women's Studies Division, Dallas, TX. ***Top Four Paper**
- Murphy, Mollie K. "Scientific Argument Without a Scientific Consensus: Rachel Carson's Rhetorical Strategies in the *Silent Spring* Debates," National Communication Association, Environment Communication Division, Dallas, TX.
- Murphy, Mollie K. "Gender, Sexuality, and Environmental Justice: Understanding the Intersectional Activism of 'Queers for the Climate,'" Southern States Communication Association, Gender Studies Division, Greenville, SC.
- 2016 Murphy, Mollie K. "Substantiating the Connection Between Humans and Nature Through Anti-Fracking Civil Disobedience," National Communication Association, Kenneth Burke Society Division, Philadelphia, PA. ***Top Student Paper; Top Four Paper**
- Murphy, Mollie K. "Understanding the White Savior in Film Through Kenneth Burke's Theory of Dramatism." National Communication Association, African American and Culture Division, Philadelphia, PA. (Presented as part of a competitively selected panel)
- 2015 Murphy, Mollie K. "Environmental Toxins and the Polluted Maternal Body: Synecdoche as a Strategy for Rethinking Gendered Appeals," National Communication Association, Feminist and Women's Studies Division, Las Vegas, NV.
- Murphy, Mollie K. "'Everyone' for 'Climate Justice': The Post-Identity Rhetoric of the People's Climate March," National Communication Association, Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division, Las Vegas, NV.

Murphy, Mollie K. "Fighting Fracking and Remembering Rachel Carson: Sandra Steingraber and the Rhetoric of Women's Anti-Toxics Activism," Women and Girls in Georgia Conference, Athens, GA.

Murphy, Mollie K. "Crafting the 'Positive Woman': A Narrative Critique of Phyllis Schlafly's 1979 Speech Denouncing the Women's Movement," Southern States Communication Association, Gender Studies Division, Tampa, FL.

- 2014 Murphy, Mollie K. "Education, Activism, and Future Generations: Perspectives of Environmentally Conscious Parents," Northwest Communication Association, Environmental Communication Interest Group, Coeur d'Alene, ID.

Murphy, Mollie K. "Science, Experience, and Synecdoche: Reconsidering Scientific and Experiential Knowledge Claims in Sandra Steingraber's *Having Faith: An Ecologist's Journey to Motherhood*," Western States Communication Association, Environmental Interest Group, Anaheim, CA.

- 2013 Murphy, Mollie K. "Convenient Truths: Links Between Parenting and the Environmental Crisis in Sandra Steingraber's *Raising Elijah: Protecting Our Children in an Age of Environmental Crisis*," Northwest Communication Association, Environmental Communication Interest Group, Coeur d'Alene, ID.

CAMPUS AND DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 Presenter, "Toward a 'Substantive' Human Economic Order," Future Memory Conference: Mapping the Anthropocene, Utah State University, Logan.

Co-Presenter (with Mehmet Soyer and Marisela Martinez-Cola), "Autoethnography: A Tool for Social Justice Learning," Teaching for Learning Conference, Utah State University, Logan.

- 2018 Organizer and Co-Facilitator (with Mehmet Soyer), "Strategies for Speaking Out Against Everyday Prejudice," Inclusive Excellence Symposium, Utah State University, Logan.

- 2014 Colloquium Presentation, "'It Was My Job to Keep My Children Safe': Sandra Steingraber and the Parental Rhetoric of Precaution," University of Montana, Missoula.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Utah State University

Gender Research in Communication Studies, Instructor of Record, 3 sections (Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Summer 2019)

Communication Criticism, Instructor of Record, 1 section (Spring 2018)

Interpersonal Communication, Instructor of Record, 5 sections (Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Summer 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019)

Intercultural Communication, Instructor of Record, 1 section (Fall 2017)

University of Georgia

Intro to Interpersonal Communication, Instructor of Record, 2 sections (Spring 2017)

Intro to Rhetorical Criticism, Instructor of Record, 1 section (Summer 2016)

Intro to Public Speaking, Instructor of Record, 10 sections (Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Summer 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Summer 2017)

Intro to Public Speaking, Teaching Assistant, 4 breakout sections (Fall 2014, Spring 2015)

University of Montana

Intro to Public Speaking, Instructor of Record, 7 sections (Fall 2012, Winter 2013, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014)

SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION

2016- Reviewer for National Communication Association
 Feminist and Women's Studies (2018, 2019)
 Rhetorical and Communication Theory (2017)
 Public Address (2016)

2016 Chair, "Rhetoric and the New Materialism Turn in the Theoretical and Critical Humanities," National Communication Association, Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division

SERVICES TO THE UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT

Utah State University

Member, Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee, College of Humanities and Social Sciences (Spring 2018-present)

Application Reviewer for Hubbard Scholarship and Jessie and Jared Richards Scholarship, College of Humanities and Social Sciences (Spring 2019)

"Mock Networking" Event Guest, Center for Women and Gender Women's Leadership Initiative (Spring 2019)

Discussant, "Effective Communication," Center for Women and Gender's Women's Leadership Initiative (Spring 2019)

Invited Public Speaking Competition Judge (Spring 2018)

Moderator, “Criticism and Visual Rhetoric” panel at Student Research Symposium, Department of Languages, Philosophy, and Communication Studies, Utah State University (Spring 2018)

University of Georgia

Co-Chair, Student Committee for Graduate Program Recruitment (Fall 2016 – Spring 2017)

Treasurer, Communication Studies Graduate Forum (Fall 2015 – Spring 2016)

Public Speaking Competition Judge/Volunteer (Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017)

University of Montana

Graduate Student Representative, Department of Communication Studies (Fall 2013 – Spring 2014)

Public Speaking Contest Judge (Spring 2013)

Chair, Student Evaluation Committee, Department of Communication Studies (Fall 2013)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Communication Association (2015-Present)