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- 2003 – 2009 Ph.D. Radio-Television-Film, University of Texas at Austin
Doctoral Portfolio in Women's and Gender Studies
- Dissertation Title: *Technological Learning After School: A Study of the Communication Dimensions of Technological Literacy in Informal Educational Settings For Female and Minority Youth*
- Dissertation Committee: Laura Stein (chair), Sharon Strover, Janet Staiger, Karin Wilkins, Mary Kearney, Phil Doty (School of Information)
- Comprehensive Exams: Gender and Technology, Social Movements and Media Access, ICTs and the Global Digital Divide
- 2001 – 2003 M.A. Radio-Television-Film, University of Texas at Austin
Master's Portfolio in Women's and Gender Studies
- 1994 – 1998 B.A. Women's Studies, University of Southern Maine

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2009 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Communication, Boston College
- Survey of Mass Communication
 - Mass Communication Theory
- 2005 – 2009 Assistant Instructor, Department of Radio-Television-Film, UT Austin
- Taught *Introduction to Media Studies*, required course for all RTF majors, enrollments range from 20 (summer course) to 400 students.
 - Managed and mentored 8 teaching assistants, developed curriculum and integrated instructional technology into lectures and coursework
- 2003 – 2007 Teaching Assistant, Department of Radio-Television-Film, UT Austin
- RTF 309: Communication Technology and Society
 - RTF 334: Children, Youth and Media
 - RTF 324: Women and Media Culture
 - RTF 365: Media and Communication Law
 - RTF 331: Technology and Culture

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

- Cunningham, Carolyn (2007). "Creating Girl Engineers: Strategies from Two National Programs." Ingelore Welp (ed.) *Gender in Engineering Problems and Possibilities*. New York: Peter Lang.

Cunningham, Carolyn (forthcoming). "Democracy and the Digital Divide." In Stein, Laura, Dorothy Kidd and Clemencia Rodriguez (eds). *Making Our Media: Global Initiatives Toward a Democratic Public Sphere*. Hampton Press.

Cunningham, Carolyn and Sharon Strover. (forthcoming). "Rural Community in the Networked Environment." In Golding, Peter and Graham Murdoch, eds. *Unpacking Digital Dynamics*. New York: Hampton Press.

Phillips, D.J. and Cunningham, C. (2007) "Queering Surveillance Research," in O'Riordan, K. and Phillips, D.J. (eds.) *Queers Online: Media Technology and Sexuality*. New York: Peter Lang.

Cunningham, Carolyn, Holly Custard, Joseph Straubhaar, Bethany Letalien and Jeremiah Spence (2005). "Defining the Digital Divide from Below: Local Initiatives in Austin Texas." In O. Jambeiro and J. Straubhaar, eds. *Políticas de informação e comunicação, jornalismo e inclusão digital: O Local e o Global em Austin e Salvador* (Information and communication policy, journalism and digital inclusion: The local and global in Austin and Salvador). Federal University of Bahia Press.

Peer-Reviewed Journals

Cunningham, Carolyn (2003). "Emerging Academics: Thoughts on Becoming (and not becoming) Mothers." *Journal of the Association for Research on Mothering*. Fall/Winter 2003, Vol. 5, No.2. pp. 118-131.

Book Reviews

Cunningham, Carolyn. "Creating a Life: Professional Women and the Quest for Children." *Journal of the Association for Research on Mothering*. Spring/Summer 2003, Vol. 5, No. 2, pp. 205-206.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

"Being Tech Savvy: Femininity, Adolescence and ICTs." National Communication Association (Chicago, IL). November 11-14 2009.

"Girl Game Designers: Girls' Participation in a Game Design Workshop." International Communication Association (Montreal: Quebec). May 22 – 26, 2008.

"Creating Girl Game Designers." Exploring New Media Worlds Conference (College Station: Texas A & M University). February 29 – March 2, 2008. *Refereed*.

"Linking STEM and Communication Technology Research: A Research Agenda For Technology and Gender Equality" National Communication Association (Chicago, IL) November 14-16, 2007. *Refereed*.

"Democracy and the Digital Divide." Telecommunication Policy Research Conference. (Washington, D.C) September 24-26, 2005. *Refereed*.

"Transforming Technology: *EngineerGirl!* and *Girls Go Tech*." International Communication Association (New York), May 24-26-, 2005. *Refereed*.

- “Inspirational Theorist: Judith Butler.” Co-presented with David Phillips. *Wireless Communication Research: Inspirations from Unusual Sources*. (Ann Arbor, MI) August 24-26, 2006. *Non Refereed*.
- “Defining the Digital Divide From Below.” International Communication Association (New Orleans, Louisiana), May 21-23, 2004. Coauthored with Holly Custard and Dr. Joe Straubhaar. *Refereed*.
- “The Rural Divide: The Social Construction of Technology in Three Community Networks in Texas.” International Communication Association (New Orleans, Louisiana), May 21-23, 2004. *Refereed*.
- “ ‘Porno Busts:’ Austin, Obscenity, and the 1970s.” Emerging Scholarship in Women’s and Gender Studies (University of Texas at Austin), March 25-26, 2004. *Non-Refereed*.
- “WiFi: From Community Activism to Terrorism.” Global Fusion Conference (University of Texas at Austin). October 24-26, 2003. *Refereed*.
Award: Honorable Mentioned, Top Student Paper
- “The Rural Divide: The Social Construction of Technology in Three Community Networks in Texas.” International Communication Association/International Association for Media and Communication Research : Digital Dynamics: Control Participation and Exclusion (Loughborough University, U.K.) November 6-9 2003. *Refereed*.
- “Pink Collar: Lessons Learned About Gender, Technology, and the Body.” *Transparencies: Technology, Communication, and Culture* (University of Texas at Austin). November 2002. *Non-Refereed*.
- “Simpatico: Examining the Effects of Media on Latino Voters During the 2000 Election.” W.E.B. DuBois Graduate Society: The Problem Of Race Conference. (Harvard University). April 2002. *Non-Refereed*.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2006 Graduate Research Assistant
- Assisted Prof. David Phillips in designing and implementing the *Ethical Surveillance* workshop, funded by the National Science Foundation.
- 2005 Graduate Research Assistant
- Helped raise funds and select speakers for the *Gender, Technology and Information* Speaker Series for Spring 2006
- 2002 – 2003 Research Associate, Telecommunications and Information Policy Institute
- Collaborated on program evaluation of the Texas Infrastructure Fund’s Community Networking program. Conducted fieldwork, interviews, survey analysis and writing of final report *Evaluation of Community Networks in Texas*, October 2002.
 - Tracked the implementation of 2-1-1 across the nation, updated database, phone surveys resulting in the final report *2-1-1 State-By-State: A Periodic Report on the National Implementation of Three-Digit Accessed Telephone and Referral Services*, August 2002.

- Researched and produced *A Report on the Status of Wireless Access to 2-1-1*, November 2002 and *Implementing Voice Over Internet Protocol Telephony for 2-1-1 Providers*, September 2002.

DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2006** **Mentor**, Pre-Graduate School Internship Program
- Introduced a first-generation undergraduate student into the culture of graduate school as part of the Intellectual Entrepreneurship program
- 2005** **Coordinating Committee**, *Rethinking Nation-State and Transnationalism in the Age of Terror, Colloquium*
- Fundraising and selection and solicitation of panel participants
- 2002 – 2003** **Coordinating Committee**, *Transparencies: Technology, Communication, and Culture*, Graduate student conference, UT Austin
- Fundraising, selection of Keynote Speakers, volunteer management, panel design, communication with presenters
- 2002 – 2003** **Student/Faculty Representative**, UT Austin
- 2001 -- 2003** **Director**, *Workin It: A Student Works in Progress Series*. UT
- Spearheaded this series that provides a forum for graduate students to present their work

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2008** *Pic Wagner Fellowship*, Department of Radio-Television-Film
- 2007** *University Continuing Fellowship*, Graduate School, UT Austin
- To support completion of dissertation (\$25,000)
- 2006** *American Association of University Women Dissertation Award (Austin Branch)*
- 2006** *Dissertation Award (Honorable Mentioned)*, Center for Women's and Gender Studies, UT Austin
- 2004** *Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant*. Nomination by RTF Department. UT Austin
- 2004** *Science and Technology Policy Graduate Fellow*, National Academies, Washington, D.C.
- 2001** *John E. Mankin, Sr. Texas Cable & Telecommunications Association Endowed Scholarship*. UT Austin

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2008-Present** **Marketing and Outreach Coordinator**, PBS Teacherline of Texas
- Spearhead print, electronic, and telecommunications campaigns to Texas school districts
- 2006 - 2007** **State Program Coordinator**, PBS TeacherLine of Texas
- Managed all administrative duties for online professional development program for teachers
 - Grant reporting, marketing, presentations, outreach
- 2002** **Production Manager**, South By Southwest Film Festival, Austin,

- Directed technical department, internship supervision, oversaw 60 volunteers, developed budget, securing venues, equipment rental and donations, logistics, and managing technical center.

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Development Director, Girlstart, Austin,

- Created comprehensive donor program that included website donations, grants, and corporate sponsorships, reported on grant implementation, gathered statistics for evaluation, event planning.