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Education

University of Kansas Doctor of Philosophy in Communication Studies	May 2001
The University of Texas at El Paso Master of Arts in Communication	May 1997
The Colorado College Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics Minor in Mexican Studies	May 1995
Villanova University Villanova Interdisciplinary Immigration Studies Training for Advocates Yearlong legal training program in immigration law (certificate program)	December 2021

Professional Positions

Associate Chair, Dept. of Communication Studies	September 2023 to present
Endowed Professor, Dept. of Communication Studies	September 2020 to present
Affiliate Faculty Member for Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	
Affiliate Faculty Member for Department of Mexican American and Latina/o Studies	
The University of Texas at Austin	
Professor, Dept. of Communication	September 2014 to July 2020
The University of Texas at El Paso	
Chair, Dept. of Communication	September 2013 to August 2019
The University of Texas at El Paso	
Associate Professor, Dept. of Communication	September 2008 to August 2014
The University of Texas at El Paso	
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Communication	September 2004 to August 2008
The University of Texas at El Paso	
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Communication Studies	September 2001 to July 2004
California State University, San Bernardino	
Director of Debate, University of Michigan-Dearborn	September 1999 to October 2000
Instructor, Wayne State University	September 1999 to May 2000

Administrative Experience

Associate Chair, Department of Communication Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, September 2023 - present. Some key activities:

- Manage departmental mentoring and professional development for professional and tenure track faculty
- Chair the departmental wellness and success committee
- Chair the review process committee
- Evaluate study abroad courses for UT credit and other matters related to international connections and mentorship

Editor, *Quarterly Journal of Speech* (oldest journal of the National Communication Association), January 2023-December 2025 (2022 as editor-elect). Key activities:

- Solicit, edit, and manage submissions for review and possible publication
- Maintain networks of reviewers and authors
- Attend National Communication Association and Taylor and Francis meetings
- Promote journal and its mission
- Support scholars working in areas of IDEA
- Handle conflicts and public image of the journal

Chair, Department of Communication, The University of Texas at El Paso, September 2013-August 2019. Key activities:

- Administered annual budget in salaries, travel, maintenance and operations, and miscellaneous expenditures
- Managed approximately 50 full and part time faculty members, 8 teaching assistants, three administrative assistants, five undergraduate majors for approximately 800 students (multimedia journalism, media advertising, organizational and corporate communication, communication studies, and digital media production), two minors (communication studies, film studies), two online majors (media advertising & organizational communication), & two master's programs (communication & environmental communication)
- Oversaw the Sam Donaldson Center for Communication (research center), KTEP (National Public Radio affiliate), Borderzine (online news publication), and various student clubs and organizations
- Supervised departmental committees, faculty meetings, accreditation and assessment requirements, learning outcomes and assessment for undergraduate majors and minors, graduate programs, course scheduling, tenure and promotion applications, performance reviews
- Initiated strategic planning, online majors and curricular changes, building renovations, assessment strategies, and numerous other departmental activities

Program Coordinator, Rare Partnership, The University of Texas at El Paso, December 2008-June 2019. Key activities:

- Served as UTEP liaison to Rare (non-profit environmental organization based in VA)
- Advised and mentored approximately 65 students in master's program in Indonesia, Colombia, and Mozambique (in Indonesian, Spanish, & Portuguese)

- Arranged and led program faculty meetings
- Oversaw curricula implementation, instruction, and assessment for master's program in Mexico, China, Micronesia, Philippines, Indonesia, Mozambique, and Brazil
- Managed budget and MOU agreement

Graduate Program Director, Department of Communication, The University of Texas at El Paso, January 2012-September 2013. Key activities:

- Advised and mentored approximately 30 students in master's program
- Organized course schedules
- Recruited students for program

Project Director, United States Agency for International Development University Partnership, March 2012-March 2015. Key activities:

- Led three study abroad programs in Indonesia for undergraduate and graduate students
- Managed faculty research projects (five teams, more than 50 faculty and student members)
- Organized and led teaching workshops for Indonesian faculty members (approximately 200 participants)
- Administered budget of \$1.4 million over three-year period
- Completed planning, quarterly and annual activity reports

President, Organization for Research on Women and Communication, 2012-2014. Key activities:

- Served as primary leader for executive board and membership
- Arranged conference panels and member activities
- Worked with treasurer to manage \$150,000 in organizational funds
- Served as institutional membership coordinator, vice president, and immediate past president (2006-2015)

Conference Co-Director, Public Address Conference, 2024. Key activities:

- Planned speakers, program, website, special sessions, and other programming related-activities for 100 attendees
- Worked with vendors and donors to support the conference
- Managed budget of \$55,000

Conference Director, Conference on Communication and the Environment, 2011. Key activities:

- Planned conference activities and advertising strategies for 200 attendees
- Designed conference program
- Edited conference proceedings
- Managed budget of \$30,000

Research and Publications

Research Areas

My areas of interest relate to understanding the role of communication in constructing gender, the environment, and culture in local to international contexts, particularly in Indonesia and the American hemisphere. In particular, I focus on how communication can shape oppression, power relationships, and individual and community understandings of agency and justice.

- **Feminist Theories of Communication.** This line of research has focused on the changing nature of feminist thought, addressing the communication practices of contemporary feminism. Specific areas of interest include how people become aware of the gendered nature of our societies through consciousness raising, engage in new kinds of activism, understand and foster a sense of agency, develop communication strategies for addressing gender constructs, and employ theoretical understandings of gender and feminist ideas. I am interested in the intersections of race, ethnicity, class standing, and language with gender, as my (2019) book explores through the rhetoric of United Farm Workers activist, Dolores Huerta.
- **Culture and Communication.** My focus in this area is to better understand the rhetorical construction and intersection of ethnicity, race, and culture with gender, class, and sexuality. I have specifically focused on the communication and organizing practices of Latina/o/x/e and Mexican Americans as well as conservation campaigns in Indonesia. Research projects relate to how culture plays important roles in debates about immigration, language usage, identities, politics, and environmental issues. Recent projects have examined theories of decoloniality in how we engage in academic research, translation, language usage, and whiteness.
- **Environmental Communication.** My research on environmental issues in Indonesia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, and the United States explores similar themes connecting the environment to culture and gender issues. This line of research focuses on the how expectations and experiences are rhetorically constructed in the promotion of ecotourism, addressing the relationships of agency and power for local communities and tourists who visit these communities.

External Grants and Research Awards

Advancing the Discipline Grant, National Communication Association, December 2023.

J. Robert Cox Award for Environmental Communication and Civic Engagement, National Communication Association's Environmental Communication Division, November 2021.

Francine Merritt Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Lives of Women in Communication, National Communication Association's Feminist and Women's Studies Division and Women's Caucus, November 15, 2019.

Scholar of the Year Award, National Communication Association's Latina/o Communication Studies Division and La Raza Caucus, November 18, 2017.

Project Director (Principal Investigator), USAID/Indonesia, "University Partnerships Across the Pacific," total award: \$997,313; total budget with cost share: US\$1,399,643, 2012-2015.

Anita Taylor Outstanding Published Article, by Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender, with co-author Valerie Renegar.

Recipient, Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program grant, for study of Indonesian language in Manado, Indonesia, awarded summer 2005.

Recipient, J. William Fulbright Research Grant, for field research in Indonesia, awarded 2000-2001.

Publications: Monograph

Sowards, S. K. (2019). *¡Sí, ella puede! The rhetorical legacy of Dolores Huerta and the United Farm Workers*. Austin, TX: The University of Texas Press.

Reviewed in: *Quarterly Journal of Speech, Journal of Arizona History, Signs, Women's Studies in Communication, Aztlán: A Journal of Chicano Studies*.

Discussed in: *The Washington Post*:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2020/09/07/labor-day-dolores-huerta-farm-workers/>;

Hablemos Escritoras Podcast:

https://hablemosescritoras.com/posts/1212?s=9723&from_newsletter=1

Marie Hochmuth Nichols Award (Public Address Division, National Communication Association)

Outstanding Book Award (Latina/o Communication Studies Division, National Communication Association)

Bonnie Ritter Outstanding Feminist Book Award (Feminist and Gender Studies Division, National Communication Association)

Presented at: Bakersfield College, University of Iowa, University of California, Santa Barbara, Wayne State University, National Communication Association conference, Feria de los Libros, Ciudad Juárez, Feria Internacional del Libro de las Universitarias y los Universitarios

Publications: Edited Collections

Sowards, S. K. (Editor). (2012). *Across borders and environments: Communication and environmental justice in international contexts. Proceedings of the Eleventh Biennial Conference on Communication and the Environment*. Cincinnati, OH: International Environmental Communication Association.

Sowards, S. K. (Guest Editor). (2012). Environmental justice in international contexts. *Environmental Communication: A Journal of Nature and Culture*, 6(3).

Under Review/In Progress

Sowards, S.K. & Marentes, C. (in progress). Racial gaslighting in the academy. To be submitted for edited collection on racial gaslighting.

Sowards, S.K. & Marentes, C. (in progress). Farmworkers and global communication. To be submitted for research topic in *Frontiers: Global Communication*.

Sowards, S.K. & Tarin, C.A. (in progress). Book manuscript on environmental joy. To be submitted to the University of California Press.

Sowards, S.K. & Schwartz-DuPre, R.L. (under review). Personhood, Property, and Reproductive Justice: Indigenous Frameworks in Understanding Reproductive Health Care.

Publications: Journal Articles (36)

Sowards, S. K. & Schwartz-DuPre, R. L. (accepted). Rhetorics of personhood, parenthood, and properties through a framework of reproductive justice. *Women's Reproductive Health*.

Azizah, D. R. & Sowards, S.K. (accepted). Sekolah Pemikiran Perempuan. *Feminist Media Studies*.

Sowards, S. K. & Azizah, D.R. (2024). "Fish Forever" campaigns: Enacting communities of care and semangat through Indonesian fisheries cooperatives. *Environmental*

- Communication*, 18(1-2). 43-48.
- Sowards, S. K. & Schwartz-DuPre, R.L. (2024). Relocating reproductive justice in egg and sperm donor capitalism. *Cultural Studies ⇔ Cultural Methodologies*. 24(1): 15-23.
- Senda-Cook, S., Endres, D., **Sowards, S. K.**, McGreavy, B. (2023). Engaging complex temporalities in environmental rhetoric. *Frontiers in Communication: Science and Environmental Communication*, 8, doi.org/10.3389/fcomm.2023.1176887
- Sowards, S. K. (2023). The (under)commons across the Américas: Connecting spaces for fugitivity and futurity. *Rhetoric Society Quarterly*. 53(3): 301-315.
- Banerjee, P. & Sowards, S. K. (2022). Working across languages/cultures international and environmental communication fieldwork. *Journal of International and Intercultural Communication*, 15(1): 36-56.
- Sowards, S. K. & Banerjee, P. (2021). Ecotourism as leisure and labor in the experience of the “Great” outdoors. *Frontiers in Communication: Science and Environmental Communication*. doi.org/10.3389/fcomm.2021.736762
- Sowards, S. K. (2021). Rhetoricity of borders: Whiteness in latinidad and beyond. *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies*. 18(1): 41-49.
- Sowards, S. K. (2020). Constant civility as corrosion of the soul: Surviving through and beyond the politics of politeness. *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies*, 17(4), 395-400.
- Sowards, S. K. (2020). Dolores Huerta, the United Farm Workers, and People Power: Rhetorical participation in Latina/o/x suffrage and social movements. *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, 106(3), 285-290.
- Tarin, C. A., Hernández, L. H., Upton, S. D., & **Sowards, S. K.** (2019). Across bridges and islands: Borderlands perspectives on merit, whiteness, and privilege. *Departures in Critical Qualitative Research*, 8(4), 69-75.
- Sowards, S. K. (2019). #RhetoricSoEnglishOnly: Decolonizing rhetorical studies through multilingualism. *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, 105(4), 477-483.
- Sowards, S. K. (2019). Bordering through place/s, difference/s, and language/s: Intersections of border and feminist theories. *Women’s Studies in Communication*, 42(2), 120-124.
- Wedemeyer-Strombel, K. R., Peterson, M. J., Neftali Sánchez, R., Chavarría, S., Valle, M., Altamirano, E., Gadea, V., **Sowards, S. K.**, Tweedie, C. E., & Liles, M. J. (2019). Engaging fishers’ ecological knowledge for endangered species conservation: Four advantages to emphasizing voice in participatory action research. *Frontiers in Communication: Science and Environmental Communication*.
- Khan, S. & Sowards, S. K. (2018). It's not just dinner: Meal delivery kits as food media for food citizens. *Frontiers in Communication: Science and Environmental Communication*. DOI: [10.3389/fcomm.2018.00039](https://doi.org/10.3389/fcomm.2018.00039)
- Sowards, S. K., Tarin, C. A., & Upton, S. D. (2017). Place-based dialogics: Adaptive cultural and interpersonal approaches to environmental conservation. *Frontiers in Communication | Science and Environmental Communication*, 2(3). doi: [10.3389/fcomm.2017.00009](https://doi.org/10.3389/fcomm.2017.00009)
- Brooks, M. E. & Sowards, S. K. (2013). *In Mortal Danger: The Battle for America’s Border and Security: Foundations of Anti-Immigrant Rhetoric*. *Journal of Latino and Latin American Studies*. 12-25.
- Sowards, S. K. & Pineda, R. D. (2013). Immigrant narratives in popular culture: Reifying stereotypes, entrenching attitudes, and individualizing responsibilities. *Western Journal of Communication*, 77(1), 72-91.
- Sowards, S. K. (2012). Rhetorical functions of letter writing: Dialogic collaboration, affirmation, and catharsis in Dolores Huerta’s letters. *Communication Quarterly*, 60(2),

295-315.

- Sowards, S. K. (2012). Expectations, experiences, and memories: Ecotourism and the possibilities for transformations. *Environmental Communication: A Journal of Nature and Culture*, 6(2), 175-192.
- Sowards, S. K. (2012). Introduction: Environmental justice in international contexts: Understanding intersections for social justice in the twenty-first century. *Environmental Communication: A Journal of Nature and Culture*, 6(3), 285-289.
- Sowards, S. K. (2010). Rhetorical agency as *haciendo caras* and differential consciousness through lens of gender, race, ethnicity, and class: An examination of Dolores Huerta's rhetoric. *Communication Theory*, 20, 223-247.
- Sowards, S. K. (2010). Communicative activities in community ecotourism in Kalimantan, Indonesia. *The Journal of Development Communication*, 21(1), 5-16.
- Renegar, V. R. & Sowards, S. K. (2009). The rhetoric of contradiction: Theorizing third wave feminism. *Hypatia*, 24(2), 237-256. Co-authors are listed alphabetically; equal contribution by both authors.
- Awarded the Anita Taylor Outstanding Published Article, by Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender.**
- Pineda, R.D. & Sowards, S. K. (2007). Flag waving as visual argument: 2006 immigration demonstrations and cultural citizenship. *Argumentation and Advocacy*, 43, 164-174.
- Sowards, S. K. (2006). Identification through orangutans: Destabilizing the nature/culture dualism. *Ethics and the Environment*, 11(2), 45-61.
- Sowards, S. K. (2006). Rhetoric of the perpetual potential: A case study of the environmentalist movement to protect orangutans in Indonesia. In S. Depoe (Ed.), *Environmental Communication Yearbook, Volume 3* (pp. 115-135). Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.
- Sowards, S. K. & Renegar, V. R. (2006). Reconceptualizing rhetorical activism in contemporary feminist contexts. *Howard Journal of Communications*, 17, 57-74. Authors listed in reverse alphabetical order; equal contribution by both authors.
- Sowards, S. K. (2005). Bilingual education and national identity in for the Cabécares in the Costa Rican Chirripó Indigenous Reserve. *International Perspectives: Focus on Latin America and Border Culture*, 2, 26-35.
- Sowards, S. K. & Renegar, V. R. (2004). The rhetorical functions of consciousness raising in third wave feminism. *Communication Studies*, 55(4), 535-552. Authors listed in reverse alphabetical order; equal contribution by both authors.
- Renegar, V. R. & Sowards, S. K. (2003). Liberal ironism, rhetoric, and feminist thought: A unifying third wave feminist theory, *Philosophy and Rhetoric*, 36(4). 330-352. Authors are listed alphabetically; equal contribution by both authors.
- Sowards, S. K. (2000). Cultural impressions of effeminacy and sexuality in Mexico. *Journal of Homosexuality*, 39(2), 133-158.
- Sowards, S. K. (1999). Implications of racism toward Hispanic debaters in policy debate. *International Journal of Forensics*, 2(1), 14-49.
- Sowards, S. K. (1999). *La Raza* in policy debate: Issues and barriers that Latina/o debaters face. *International Journal of Forensics*, 2(1), 71-78.
- Sowards, S. K. (1998). The International Monetary Fund and implications of the 1997-1998 negotiations with Indonesia. *The Indonesian Quarterly*, 26(3), 235-254.

Publications: Book Chapters (19)

- Sowards, S.K. (accepted). Dolores Huerta as Ecofeminist: Intersectional Environmental Justice in the United Farm Workers Union. Rhetoric Society of America edited volume.
- Bloomfield, E.F., Castro-Sotomayor, J., Sowards, S. K., Iqani, M., Murphy, P.D. (in press). Introduction: Wild hope at the crossroads of climate and crisis. In Emma Bloomfield & José Castro-Sotomayor (Eds.), *Intersectional change-makers in environmental activism*. Under review with Michigan State University Press.
- Sowards, S. K., de los Santos Upton, S., Tarin, C. A. (2025). Rare-UTEP Partnership: Educating students around the world to implement social change in conservation and communities. In Yndalecio Isaac Hinojosa, Isabel Baca, & Jasmine Villa (Eds.), *Communities in Action: Creating Spaces of Social Change* (pp. 160-9). Anderson, SC: Parlor Press.
- Sowards, S. K. & Renegar, V. R. (2024). Third wave feminist rhetoric in the 21st century: Rethinking limitations, possibilities, and new directions. In J. Rhodes & Suban Nur Cooley (Eds.), *Routledge handbook of contemporary feminist rhetoric*. New York: Routledge.
- Sowards, S. K. & Banerjee, P. (2024). Paradox of assimilation, racialization, and the rhetorical canon. *Handbook of ethnicity and race in communication* (pp. 214-224), Eds. Shinsuke Eguchi and Bernadette Calafell, Routledge.
- Sowards, S. K. (2024). Voice and environmental communication: Indonesian women's conservation advocacy. *Handbook of environmental communication*, Eds. Anabela Carvalho & Tarla Rai Peterson, De Gruyter Mouten.
- Asante, G., Banerjee, P., Ogunfeyimi, A., & Sowards, S. K. (2024). Rhetorical economies of whiteness through citizenship excess in higher education. *Rhetorical economies of whiteness* (pp. 98-121). Eds. Casey Kelly and Rob Asen. Columbus, OH: Ohio State University Press.
- Sowards, S. K. & Schwartz-DuPre, R. L. (2023). Donor eggs and sperm: Rhetorical explanations of parenthood in children's literature. In *Refiguring motherhood beyond biology*, Eds. Kirsti Cole and Valerie Renegar, Routledge.
- Tarin, C. A., Upton, S. D., & Sowards, S. K. (2020). Environmental nepantlisma: Theorizing borderland ecological identities. In T. Milstein & J. Castro-Sotomayor (Eds.) *The Handbook of Ecocultural Identity*. New York: Routledge. Awarded Tarla Rai Peterson Book Award, Environmental Communication Division of the National Communication Association.
- Upton, S., Tarin, C. A., Sowards, S. K., & Yang, C. C. (2019). Rare's conservation campaigns: Community decision making and public participation for behavioral change in Indonesia, China, and Latin America. In Hunt, K., Walker, G. & Depoe, S. (Eds.). *Breaking boundaries of communication and public participation in environmental decision-making* (pp. 227-246). Albany, NY: SUNY Press.
- Sowards, S. K. (2019). Linguistic capital: Latinx and English/Spanish language fluency. In L. H. Hernández, D. I. Bowen, A. R. Martínez, & S. Upton (Eds.), *Latina/o/x communication studies: Theories, methods, and practice* (pp. 73-95). Lanham, MD: Lexington Press.
- Renegar, V. R. & Sowards, S. K. (2018). Feminist transgressions: Vulnerability, bravery, and the need for a more imperfect feminism (pp. 70-84). In J. Manning & J. Dunn (Eds.), *Trans-gressions*. New York: Routledge.
- Tarin, C. A., Upton, S. D., Sowards, S. K., & Yang, K. C. C. (2016). Cultivating pride:

- Environmental engagement and capacity building in the Rare-UTEP partnership. In Milstein, T., Pileggi, M., & Morgan, E. (Eds.), *Pedagogy of environmental communication* (pp. 195-206). New York: Routledge.
- Sowards, S. K. (2012). Dolores Huerta: American labor union leader and feminist. In C. Tafolla & M. P. Cotera (Eds.), *Great Lives from History: Latinos, Vol. 2* (pp. 472-474). Pasadena, CA: Salem Press.
- Sowards, S. K. (2011). Gender representations in orangutan primatological narratives: Essentialist interpretations of sexuality, motherhood, and women. In D. Vakoch (Ed.), *Ecofeminism and rhetoric: Critical perspectives on sex, technology, and discourse* (pp. 65-87). New York: Berghahn Books.
- Tarin, C. A. & Sowards, S. K. (2011). "Strangers in a strange land:" Evading environmental apocalypse through human choice. In R. Laist (Ed.), *Looking for Lost: Critical essays on the enigmatic series* (pp. 202-215). Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, Inc. Authors listed in reverse alphabetical order, equal contribution by both authors.
- Sowards, S. K. & Pineda, R. D. (2011). Latinidad in *Ugly Betty*: Authenticity and the paradox of representation. In M. A. Holling & B. M. Calafell (Eds.), *Latina/o discourse in vernacular spaces: Somos de una voz?* (pp. 123-143). Lanham, MD: Lexington Books. Authors listed in reverse alphabetical order, equal contribution by both authors.
- Sowards, S. K. (2003). MTV Asia: Localizing the global media. In L. Artz & Y. R. Kamalipour (Eds.), *The globalization of corporate media hegemony*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press. Acceptance Rate: 12%.
- Sowards, S. K. (1998). Culture: Implications for effective communication. In G. J. Shepherd, S. Kelley, M. Hoffman (Eds.), *Speaker-audience communication handbook*, 43-45. Dubuque, IA: Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company.

Publications: Book Reviews/Proceedings/Conversations (11)

- Editor's Collective. (2024). On the censoring of Dr. Ahlam Muhtaseb. *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, 110(1), 1-2.
- Sowards, S. K. (2023). Editor's Statement. *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, 109(1), 1.
- Sowards, S. K. (2021). Review of *Queer and Trans Migrations*, edited by Eithne Luibhéid & Karma R. Chávez. *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, 107(4), 500-503.
- Calafell, B. M., Chávez, K. R., Delgado, F., Flores, L. A., Holling, M. A., Wanzer-Serrano, D., **Sowards, S. K.**, & Valdivia, A. N. (2019). Conclusion: The futures of Latina/o/x communication studies: A plática with senior scholars. In L. Hinojosa Hernández, S. De Los Santos Upton, D. Bowen, & A. R. Martínez (Eds.) *Latina/o/x communication studies: Theories, methods, and practice* (pp. 371-392). Lanham, MD: Lexington Press.
- Wanzer-Serrano, D., **Sowards, S. K.**, Pham, V. N., Asante, G. A., Na'puti, T. R. (2019). Rhetoric's "Distinguished" pitfalls: A plática. *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, 105(4), 502-507.
- Sowards, S. K. (2017). What's in an "x"? An exchange about the politics of "Latinx." In C. M. de Onís (Ed.) *Chiricú Journal: Latina/o Literatures, Arts, and Cultures*, 1(2): 78-91.
- Upton, S.D., Tarin, C.A., **Sowards, S.K.**, Yang, K.C.C. (2016). Rare's conservation campaigns: Community decision making and public participation for behavioral change in Indonesia, China, and Latin America. In J. Goodwin (Ed.), *Confronting the Challenges of Public Participation: Issues in Environmental, Planning, and Health Decision-Making* (pp. 251-266). Charleston, SC: Createspace.
- Sowards, S. K. (2014). Review of *Queer Migration Politics: Activist Rhetoric and Coalitional Possibilities*, by Karma R. Chávez. *QED: A Journal in GLBTQ*

Worldmaking, 1(3), 178-181.

Sowards, S. K. (2014). Review of *Border Rhetorics: Citizenship and Identity on the US-Mexico Frontier*, Edited by D. Robert DeChaine. *Rhetoric & Public Affairs*, 17(2), 363-367.

Sowards, S. K. (2012). Introduction. *Across borders and environments: Communication and environmental justice in international contexts*. Cincinnati, OH: International Environmental Communication Association.

Sowards, S. K. (2010). Review of *Rhetorical listening: Identification, gender, whiteness. Argumentation and Advocacy*, 47, 55-57.

University Grants/Awards

Texas Global grant for international research development, fall 2022

Grant Preparation Proposal Program, University of Texas at El Paso, spring 2012, spring 2017.

University Research Initiative grant, University of Texas at El Paso, fall 2008 – spring 2009.

Center for Civic Engagement grant, University of Texas at El Paso, funding for research in Costa Rica, summer 2006.

Office of Research and Sponsored Programs grant, University of Texas at El Paso, funding for research in Costa Rica, summer 2006.

National Science Foundation Advance grant, #0245071, funding for research assistant, University of Texas at El Paso, spring 2006.

National Science Foundation Advance grant, #0245071, funding for research assistant, University of Texas at El Paso, summer 2005.

Impact fellowship, through UTEP's Advance program, May 2005-2006.

Intellectual Life, Faculty Professional Development Coordinating Committee, and Research and Sponsored Programs grant, California State University, San Bernardino, for development of academic writing workshop, summer 2003.

Teaching Resource Center grant, California State University, San Bernardino, for course development in innovative teaching techniques, summer 2003.

Research grant, California State University, San Bernardino, for summer research project on Dolores Huerta's archives at the Walter P. Reuther library at Wayne State University, summer 2003.

Title VI travel grant from the International Institute at California State University, San Bernardino for research and course in environmental rhetoric in Mexico, summer 2003.

International Institute grant, California State University, San Bernardino, for research and course in environmental rhetoric in Indonesia, summer 2003.

International Institute grant, California State University, San Bernardino for research and course in environmental rhetoric research in Indonesia, summer 2002.

Study grant, University of Kansas, for field research in the Costa Rican Chirripó Reserve, 1998.

Conference Presentations: Available Upon Request

Language Proficiencies

Indonesian: fluency in speaking, writing, reading

Spanish: fluency in speaking, writing, reading

Dutch: basic knowledge in speaking, writing, reading

Portuguese: basic knowledge in speaking, writing, reading

Selected Invited Presentations

Bernard Brock Lecture (March 2025). Wayne State University, Detroit, MI.
 Plenary address (March 2025). Conference on Latin America and Democratic Violence, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.
 Keynote address (October 2022). Public Address Conference, The University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.
 (In)Civilities (October 2021). The University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana.
 Book Presentations (2018-2019). The University of Texas at El Paso, University of Iowa, Bakersfield College, Ciudad Juárez Feria del Libro de la Frontera.
 New Chairs Workshop. (July 2018). Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences. Memphis, TN.
 The Impact of Presidential Debates: The Carter-Reagan Debate, October 28, 1980. (October 2016). Humanities Texas, El Paso, TX.
 New Chairs Workshop. (July 2016). Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences. Chicago, IL.
 Fostering Environmental Conservation: The Challenge of Building Community in Intercultural Settings. (February 2015). Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX.
 Lokakarya Pendidikan dan Pengajaran. (June 2014). University of 17 Agustus 1945, Samarinda, East Kalimantan, Indonesia.
 Lokakarya Pendidikan dan Pengajaran. (January 2014). University of Mulawarman and University of 17 Agustus 1945, Samarinda, East Kalimantan, Indonesia.
 Komunikasi di Antara Budaya dan Lingkungan Hidup (May 28, 2011). University of Syaih Kuala, Aceh, Indonesia.
 Peran Komunikasi untuk Menggalang Dukungan Lokal untuk Konservasi Sumber Daya Alam Hayati (May 23, 2011). University of North Sumatra, Indonesia.
 Environmental Communication Symposium and Environmental Communication Association Task Force (May 2010). University of Maine, Orono, ME.
 Keynote Address. (May 10, 2010). Belair High School, El Paso, TX.
 Writing Women Back Into History (March 10, 2008). United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, El Paso Field Division.
 Representations of Latinidad in *Ugly Betty*. (March 10, 2008). Presentation at Tufts University, Boston, MA.
 Postcolonial representations in primatological research in Indonesia. (May 2002). Presentation for the Phi Beta Delta International Education Honor Society, San Bernardino, CA.
 Rhetoric and Chicana and Latina feminist theories. (March 2002). Presentation for the Department of Communication Studies, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA.

Memberships in Professional Associations

- National Communication Association
- International Communication Association
- Rhetoric Society of America
- Western States Communication Association
- American Institute for Indonesian Studies

- Organization for Research on Women and Communication
- International Environmental Communication Association
- Rhetoric Society of Europe

Teaching Experience

Teaching-Related Awards

UT Austin Tower Award, 2023

- I was selected as the Outstanding Service Learning Instructor for course collaborations with Casa Marianella, a non-profit immigrant advocacy organization.

UTEP Academy of Distinguished Professors, 2019

- I was inducted into this academy and selected as president-elect.

Winner of the Western States Communication Association Distinguished Teaching Award, 2013

- I was recognized by WSCA for my contributions in teaching at UTEP and CSUSB over the past 11 years, receiving all 1st place votes from the award committee.

Top 25 Women Professors in Texas Award, 2013

- I was selected as one of the top female professors in the state of Texas by the non-profit organization, Online Schools Texas.

Nomination for US Professor of the Year by the University of Texas at El Paso, 2012

- I was selected to represent UTEP in this national competition, which selects four professors as the US Professors of the Year.

Winner of the University of Texas Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award, 2011

- This \$30,000 award was received in recognition of my development of innovative teaching related to field-based student research projects in the United States, Indonesia, Mexico, Costa Rica, and Germany as well as my team-based learning techniques used in the classroom.

Impact Award and Seminar, University of Texas at El Paso

- This award was received to participate in a year-long workshop on the development and integration of teaching, research, and service, 2006-2007

Center for Civic Engagement Award, University of Texas at El Paso

- This award was received to support the development of a study abroad program in Costa Rica, focusing on environmental communication and ecotourism. This award helped support student and faculty travel to Costa Rica during the summer of 2006.

Office of Research and Sponsored Programs Award, University of Texas at El Paso

- This award was received to support the development of a study abroad program in Costa Rica, focusing on environmental communication and ecotourism. This award helped support student and faculty travel to Costa Rica during the summer of 2006.

Trailblazer Award, for "Empowering Others, Bringing Awareness, and Taking Action"

- I received this award in 2006 from the UTEP student organization, the University Democrats for my mentorship and efforts to support their fundraising initiatives.

Teaching Resource Center Award, California State University, San Bernardino

- This award was received for my course development of underexplored topics in communication ethics, such as minority issues and rights.

Title VI Award, from the International Institute at California State University, San Bernardino

- This award was received for my course development related to environmental communication in Mexico, 2003.

International Institute Award, California State University, San Bernardino

- This award was received for my course development related to environmental communication in Indonesia, 2003.

International Institute Award, California State University, San Bernardino

- This award was received for my course development related to environmental communication in Indonesia, 2002.

Distinguished Student Organization Advisor, University of Michigan-Dearborn

- I received this work for my work as the Director of the Debate Program for my involvement in coaching, traveling, and mentoring student debaters, 2000.

Courses Taught

Graduate Courses

Environmental Communication
 Environmental Communication (as a study abroad program: Costa Rica and Indonesia)
 Decolonizing Rhetoric
 Decolonizing Communication
 Rhetorical Theory & Criticism
 Feminist Rhetorical Theories
 Intercultural Communication
 Qualitative Research Methods
 Leadership Studies: Communication Perspectives on Leadership
 Leadership Studies: Essentials of Leadership

Undergraduate Courses

Decolonizing Communication Studies
 Communication and Organizational Leadership
 Gender and Communication
 Introduction to Communication Studies
 Mass Media and Society
 Communication Internship
 Communication Theory and Analysis
 Environmental Communication
 Environmental Communication (study abroad program: Costa Rica, Mexico, Indonesia)
 Communication and Area Studies in Asia Pacific (taught in Indonesia)
 Communication and Area Studies in Latin America (taught in Mexico)
 Intercultural Communication Research (taught in Germany)
 Contemporary Rhetorical Theories
 Rhetorical Criticism
 Feminist Rhetorical Theories
 Ethical Aspects of Communication
 Introduction to Communication Studies
 Public Speaking
 Persuasion
 Argumentation and Debate
 Business Communication

UTEP Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence

Institute for Policy and Economic Development

Intercultural communication course for 40 El Paso high school students, 2007-2009

Courses created or added to curriculum

Decolonizing Communication, Decolonizing Rhetoric
 Communication and Area Studies in Asia Pacific
 Communication and Area Studies in Latin America

Environmental Communication
 Environmental Communication, taught in Costa Rica, Indonesia
 Feminist Rhetorical Theories, Gender and Communication
 Intercultural Communication Research, taught in Germany

Teaching Service: Study Abroad and Special Programs

Bridging Disciplines, Sustainability Committee, Spring 2021 – present

Graduate Program Director, UTEP Department of Communication, January 2012 – August 2013

UTEP Faculty Representative for American, African, and European Summer School, Chemnitz, Germany, September 2010, June 2011

Rare Partnership with the Department of Communication, Program Manager (2008-2019)

- curriculum development and implementation of MA program
- travel to Indonesia, Philippines, Colombia, Mozambique, Virginia for program activities/instruction
- guest lectures and presentation of UTEP information
- development of research on environmental campaigns

Development of Indonesia Summer Study Abroad Program, 2002, 2003, 2009-2014

Development of Costa Rica 2006 Summer Study Abroad Program

Sponsor for student research in Indonesia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Summers 2002-2003, 2006, 2009-2014

Dissertation committees: Chair of Ph.D. dissertation committee (4)

Kat Williams, expected December 2025

Jonathan Espinoza, expected May 2026

Dewi Azizah, expected May 2027

Cynthia Marentes, expected May 2027

Thesis committees: Chair of M.A. thesis committees (34)

Monica Williams, expected May 2026

Dewi Azizah, August 2023

Matthew Minnich, August 2020, Farah Strike Workers.

Nadia Kyremeh, May 2020, How international students from African countries use digital text.

Israel Ramsay, December 2019, How far have we come? A comparison of the representations of Jamaicans in *Cool Runnings* and *Luke Cage*.

Yvette van Oijen, December 2019, Children and news consumption: Tailoring news broadcasts for young audiences.

Olga Alexander, August 2016, A mother's love: A personal journal of self-discovery, self-love, and unyielding perseverance.

Joseph Flores, December 2015, #BlackLivesMatter: The investigation of twitter as a site of agency in social movements.

Chelsea Hill, December 2015, Beneath the kiss: Unearthing the ideological underpinnings of

- Kay Jewelers advertisements.
- Lauren Pérez, December 2015, Rare Pride campaigns: Evaluating participatory communication in conservation efforts throughout Indonesia.
- Cortland Dubose, December 2013, Coaching relationships with walk-on athletes.
- Jennifer Alarcón, May 2013, The impact of interpersonal communication on breastfeeding.
- Adriana Salas, May 2013, Developing a sustainable ecotourism foundation in Indonesian national parks using cross-cultural adaptation and communication framing.
- Bianca Ramírez, May 2013, The Chicana experience in Indonesia: An autoethnography and dialogic performance evaluating the influence of cultural identity and gender.
- Laura Sarinaña, May 2013, Civic campaigns and protest against Ciudad Juárez violence.
- Rodrigo Barragán, December 2012, News coverage of the Sergio Hernández case in newspapers of the border region.
- Marisela García, December 2012, Deaf culture: The creation of self and socialization through the use of sign language.
- Michael Brooks, December 2012, Communication analysis of the rhetoric of Tom Tancredo and immigration politics.
- Jorge Aguilar, May 2012, ¡Vámanos al baile!: Corridos, regionalism & cultural symbolism: An expressive narrative approach to Los Tigres del Norte.
- Kandice Diaz, May 2011, Kandinsky's nonrepresentational art: Finding meaning through aesthetic experience.
- Gloria Bebbber, May 2011, Drowning in the depths of climate change: An exploration of polar bear Rhetoric
- Álvaro Arvizo, December 2010, Rare's Pride campaigns: A study of barrier removal operation plans and effective environmental campaigns.
- Alesia Za Gara, December 2010, Social marketing in Rare's Pride environmental campaigns in Indonesia.
- Lourdes Cueva-Chácon, December 2010, The future of journalism: A study of Borderzine magazine's training programs for UTEP students.
- Darilís García McMillian, December 2009, Latina sorority involvement and the college experience.
- Rosanna Reyes, August 2008, Cultivation theory and stereotypes of latinidad in *Desperate Housewives*.
- Cynthia Marentes, August 2008, Campesina cuentos: A rhetorical analysis of female farmworkers' narratives of marginalization, resistance, and empowerment.
- Stacy Linna, May 2007, Representations of single motherhood: An analysis of *Desperate Housewives*, *Gilmore Girls*, and *Sex and The City*.
- Jean Schlitzkus, May 2007, Tough angels: A rhetorical analysis of *Charlie's Angels* as contemporary action heroines.
- Jeannette Monsiváis, May 2007, Haciendo caras on the borderlands: The masks of Monteverde-Santa Elena's ecotourism industry.
- DeAnna Varela, May 2006, Communicating activism: Rhetorical strategies of third wave feminists.
- Ofelia Morales, December 2004, Zapatistas: Shifting rhetoric of a modern revolution.
- Michael Marse, December 2004, A metaphoric cluster analysis of the rhetoric of digital technology.
- Florence Edwards, December 2004, Aesthetics and authenticity in gangsta rap.

Dissertation/thesis committee member (45)

James Bezotte, doctoral student, Department of Communication Studies (May 2026)
Muhammad Hanggito, doctoral student, Environmental Sciences (UTEP, May 2026)
Meenakshi Yadav, doctoral student, Department of Communication Studies (May 2026)
Mackenzie Schnell, doctoral student, Department of Communication Studies (May 2026)
David Rooney, doctoral student, Department of Communication Studies (May 2025)
Bhoopali Nandurkar, doctoral student, Dept. of Communication Studies (May 2025)
Sabiha Muna, master's student, Department of Communication Studies (May 2025)
Aditi Chakravarti, master's student, Department of Communication Studies (May 2025)
Tristan Hanson, doctoral student, Department of Rhetoric and Writing
Sam James, doctoral student, Department of Communication Studies
Eva Margarita Reyes, doctoral student, Department of Communication Studies
Jennifer Ramos Chávez, doctoral student, Department of Biological Sciences
Sonya Eddy, doctoral student, Department of English, UT San Antonio
Lindsey Hamilton, doctoral student, Department of English
Paulami Banerjee, doctoral student, Environmental Sciences & Engineering
Katie Wedemeyer-Strombel, doctoral student, Environmental Sciences & Engineering
Carlos Tarín, doctoral student, Department of Communication, University of Utah
Michael Bess, doctoral student, Department of History
Carolyn Drapes, doctoral student, Department of English
Adam Webb, doctoral student, Department of English
Ramesh Pokharel, doctoral student, Department of English
Scott Lunsford, doctoral student, Department of English
Gema López, Department of Communication
Muhammad Hanggito, Environmental Sciences & Engineering
Alejandra Baron, Center for InterAmerican Border Studies
Brenda Berumen, Interdisciplinary Studies
Patricia Flores, Department of Communication
Claudia Martinez Boyd, Department of Communication
Jessica Muñoz Molinar, Department of Communication
Larissa Krenzer, Department of Communication
Davi Kallman, Department of Communication
Gabriela Morales, Department of Communication
José Luis Gómez, Department of English
Crystal Segura, Department of Communication
José Ángel Maldonado, Department of English
Jorge Gómez, Department of English
Marianna Hendricks, Department of English
Cecilia Cantú, Department of English
Nikki Agee, Department of English
Jenny Rohman, Department of English
Laila Shaheen Jones, Department of Communication
Marissa Jimenez, Department of Communication
Adrienne Smith, Department of Communication Studies
Gene Broxson, Department of Communication Studies
Elena Methawut, Department of Communication Studies

Advisor, undergraduate honors projects (CSUSB)

Matthew Woods
Elizabeth Villarreal
Janna Preston
Jennifer Floerke
Starr Boldman

Faculty Advising & Mentoring

Mentor for junior faculty members in Moody College of Communication, Fall 2020-present
Mentor & Instructor, HSI Pathways Program (Carnegie Mellon grant), Fall 2016-Spring 2019
Faculty advisor for the Communication Graduate Student Association, Fall 2014 – Fall 2015
Faculty advisor for National Communication Association Student Club, Fall 2006 – 2014
Faculty advisor and organizer of communication studies national honor society, Lambda Pi Eta, Spring 2007 – 2014
Faculty advisor for Latinitas, Spring 2010 – 2012
Mentor, Women's Resource Center, January 2011 – May 2011
Mentor, College Assistance Migrant Program, Fall 2006 – Spring 2009
Faculty advisor and organizer of communication studies national honor society, Lambda Pi Eta, 2002-2004 (CSUSB)
Faculty sponsor for two students, Sally Cassanova pre-doctoral program for underrepresented students in doctoral programs, California State University
Faculty sponsor and paper reviewer for 11 undergraduate student papers at the California State University, Hayward conference in Rhetorical Criticism, May 2002, 2003, 2004
Faculty sponsor for 5 undergraduate student papers presented at the Undergraduate Research Conference at the Western States Communication Association Conference, 2004, 2007
Faculty sponsor for 2 undergraduate student papers presented at the Student Research Conference at the University of North Texas, February 2010

Professional and University Service

Professional & Leadership Service

Editor, *Quarterly Journal of Speech* (2021-2022 as editor-elect; term 2023-2025)
Associate Editor, *Environmental and Science Communication, Frontiers*
Mistra Environmental Communication International Advisory Group, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, 2022 – 2024
IDEA Committee, Western States Communication Association, Team Lead, 2024-2026
Publications Committee, Western States Communication Association, Member (2016-2018); Chair (2018-2019)
American Institute for Indonesian Studies, AIFIS, Board Member (2015 – present)
Conference on Communication and the Environment Director, June 2011

Immediate Past President for the Organization for Research on Women and Communication, 2014-2016

President for the Organization for Research on Women and Communication, 2012 – 2014

Vice President for the Organization for Research on Women and Communication, 2010 – 2012

Editor, *Across Borders and Environments: Communication and Environmental Justice in International Contexts*, February 2012. Conference Proceedings, International Environmental Communication Association

Guest Editor for *Environmental Communication: A Journal of Nature and Culture*. Special issue on environmental justice, September 2012

Institutional Membership Officer for the Organization for Research on Women and Communication, 2006-2010

Committee member of ICA task force to address environmental concerns and greening of the International Communication Association, 2009-2013

Immediate Past Chair for the Environmental Communication Interest Group of the Western States Communication Association, 2011-2012

Chair for the Environmental Communication Interest Group of the Western States Communication Association, 2010-2011

Vice Chair for the Environmental Communication Interest Group of the Western States Communication Association, 2009-2010

Vice-Chair Elect for the Environmental Communication Interest Group of the Western States Communication Association, 2008-2009

Immediate Past President of the Environmental Communication Division of the National Communication Association, 2008-2009

President of the Environmental Communication Division of the National Communication Association, 2007-2008

Vice President for the Environmental Communication Division of the National Communication Association, 2006-2007

International Environmental Communication Association Task Force for creation of new IECA organization, 2010-2011

Board Member, International Environmental Communication Association, 2011-2017

Academic Reviewing

External reviewer for 2-5 tenure and promotion cases (each year), 2010 – present
 Editorial Board for *Women's Studies in Communication*, 2007 – present
 Editorial Board for *Journal of International and Intercultural Communication*, 2020 – present
 Editorial Board for *Journal of Race and Communication*, 2022 – present
 Editorial Board for *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, 2018 – 2021
 Editorial Board for *Environmental Communication: A Journal of Nature and Culture*, 2009-2016, 2024
 Editorial Board for *Argumentation and Advocacy*, 2010 – 2012
 Editorial Board for *Communication Studies*, 2012 – 2014
 Editorial Board for *Western Journal of Communication*, 2012 – 2019
 Editorial Board for *Southern Journal of Communication*, 2014 – 2016
 Grant/Top Article Award Selection Committee, for ORWAC and *Women's Studies in Communication*, 2007-2015
 Reviewer for Christine Oravec Research Award in EC Committee, 2009-2011
 Ad Hoc reviewer for Journal of Utopian Studies, 2024
 Ad Hoc reviewer for the Ohio State University Press, 2022
 Ad Hoc Reviewer for the University of California Press, 2020
 Ad Hoc Reviewer for the *Journal for the History of Rhetoric*, 2020
 Ad Hoc Reviewer for Early Career Award for the National Science Foundation, 2017
 Ad Hoc Reviewer for *QED*, 2019
 Ad Hoc Reviewer for *Rhetorical Society Quarterly*, 2019
 Ad Hoc Reviewer for *Women & Language*, 2018
 Ad Hoc Reviewer for *International Journal of Communication*, 2018, 2020-2022
 Ad Hoc Reviewer for the *Journal of Cleaner Production*, 2018
 Ad Hoc Reviewer for *Feminist Media Studies*, 2018
 Ad Hoc Reviewer for *Journal of Public Policy and Marketing*, 2017
 Ad Hoc Reviewer for *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies*, 2013-2016, 2021
 Ad Hoc Reviewer for the *Journal of Applied Communication Research*, 2014, 2017
 Ad Hoc Reviewer for *Critical Studies in Media Communication*, 2016
 Ad Hoc Reviewer for *Communication Quarterly*, 2011 – 2013
 Ad Hoc Reviewer for *Communication Monographs*, 2010, 2013
 Ad Hoc Reviewer for *Communication Theory*, 2009-2010, 2017-2018
 Ad Hoc Reviewer for *Journalism: Theory, Practice, & Criticism*, 2009
 Ad Hoc Reviewer for *Western Journal of Communication*, 2008-2012, 2020
 Ad Hoc Reviewer for *Applied Environmental Education and Communication*, 2007-present
 Ad Hoc Reviewer for *International Journal for Sustainable Development*, 2012
 Ad Hoc Reviewer for *Environmental Communication Yearbook*, 2005-2006
 Ad Hoc Reviewer for *Environmental Communication*, 2006-2009, 2020
 Commentary for Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, for Sonja Foss and William Waters' book, *Dissertation Destination*, 2007
 Ad Hoc Reviewer for Strata Publishing, book proposal, 2006
 Ad Hoc Reviewer for Oxford University Press, book proposal, *Rhetoric and Civic Life*, 2010
 Reviewer for Organization for Research on Women and Communication for the Western States Communication Association Conference, 2005-2017
 Reviewer for Communication, Identity, and Difference Interest Group, for the Western States Communication Association Conference, 2018, 2021
 Reviewer for the Undergraduate Communication Research Conference, Western States Communication Association Conference, 2015-2018

Reviewer for Routledge (book proposal), 2014
 Reviewer for the Environmental Communication Division of the International Communication Association Conference, 2017
 Reviewer for the Environmental Communication Division of the National Communication Association Conference, 2005-present
 Reviewer for the Environmental Communication Interest Group of the Western States Communication Association Conference, 2008-present
 Reviewer for the Latina/o Communication Studies Division of the National Communication Association Conference, 2002-present
 Reviewer for the Feminist and Women's Studies Division of the National Communication Association Conference, 2003-2005
 Reviewer for Rhetoric & Public Address Division for the Western States Communication Association Conference, 2006

External/Community Service Participation

Service-Learning Project with Casa Marianella, decolonizing communication, Fall 2022, Spring 2024
 Service-Learning Project with Community First!, environmental communication, Spring 2024-25
 Service-Learning Projects (with various organizations), environmental leadership, Fall 2018 & 2019
 Service-Learning Project with Frontera Land Alliance and El Paso Zoo, environmental leadership, Spring 2018
 Facilitator, Question & Answer Sessions for Alamo Drafthouse showings of *Dolores* (October 2017) with Dolores Huerta
 Service-Learning Project with the International Environmental Communication Association, course project for designing, editing, and preparing the Conference on Communication and the Environment's conference proceedings, Fall 2011
 Service-Learning Project with Latinitas, course project for improving mentoring for young Latinas in El Paso, Fall 2010 – Spring 2011
 Service-Learning Project with City of El Paso, course project for improving and updating the city's recycling campaign, Spring 2010
 Service-Learning Project with Ni Una Más, course project for feminist rhetorical theories graduate class, Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Spring 2009
 Organizer for Dolores Huerta speaking events at UTEP and various El Paso community organizations (Farm Workers Center, Café Mayapán), January - March 2006
 Vice President for Environmental Education, The Orangutan Conservancy
 The Orangutan Conservancy is a non-profit environmental organization based in the United States that works in conjunction with the Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation (BOSF) in Indonesia, 2003-present
 Moderator for The Great Ape Crisis Symposium, sponsored by the Balikpapan Orangutan Society-USA and the Great Ape Trust of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa, November 2004
 Participant at Harvard University Symposium on Orangutan Protection, Cambridge, MA, November 2002
 Participant in the Orangutan Reintroduction and Protection Workshop held June 15-18, 2001 in Balikpapan, East Kalimantan, Indonesia
 Tournament Director, Heart of America Debate Tournament, University of Kansas, 1998, 1999

Consulting Activities

Translator (Indonesian/English) for the International Education Student Exchange Program, El Paso, TX, November 2013

Translator (Indonesian/English) for the Federal Public Defender's Office, El Paso, TX, summer 2007

Consultant, Intercultural Communication Training Program, BHP, PT. Arutmin, Indonesia, Summer 1997

Departmental Committees and Service (UT and UTEP)

Search and Hiring Committee Member, organizational communication, 2023-2024 (UT)

Search and Hiring Committee Member, CLD, 2023 (UT)

Wellness and Success Committee for the department, 2023-2024

IDEA Committee Chair for the department, 2021-2023 (UT)

Review of Review Process Committee for the department, 2022-2024 ((UT)

IDEA Committee Member for the department, 2020-2021 (UT)

Search and Hiring Committee Member, interpersonal communication, 2020-2021 (UT)

Bylaws Committee Chair, 2015-2019

Five Year Strategic Plan Committee Chair, 2016-2019

Faculty Senate Department Representative, 2010-2012

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Assessment Committee, 2009-2019

Performance Annual Review Departmental Committee, 2009-2013

Outstanding Departmental Student Awards for graduation, 2009-2019

Tenure and Promotion Committee Chair, 2019

Search and Hiring Committee Member, political science, 2019-2020

Search and Hiring Committee Chair, film and/or digital media production position, 2018-2019

Search and Hiring Committee Chair, organizational communication position, 2017-2018

Search and Hiring Committee Member, multimedia journalism position, 2015-2016

Search and Hiring Committee Member, media advertising position, 2015-2017

Search and Hiring Committee Member, digital media production position, 2014-2015

Search and Hiring Committee Chair, organizational communication position, 2013-2014

Search and Hiring Committee Chair, strategic hire position, 2013-2014

Search and Hiring Committee Chair, postdoctoral fellowship position, 2013-2014

Search and Hiring Committee Chair, organizational/media communication position, 2009-2010

Search and Hiring Committee, Chair, organizational communication position, 2008-2009

Graduate Program Committee, 2005 – present

Research and Writing Group, 2004 – 2006

Curriculum Committee, Dept. of Communication Studies, 2001-2004 (CSUSB)

Chair, Professional Development Committee, 2003-2004 (CSUSB)

Hiring and Recruiting Committee, Dept. of Communication Studies, 2003-2004 (CSUSB)

Graduate Program Committee, Dept. of Communication Studies, 2001-2004 (CSUSB)

Assessment Committee, Dept. of Communication Studies, 2001-2003 (CSUSB)

Public Speaking Text Book Selection Committee, 2002 (CSUSB)

University Service (UT & UTEP)

Moody College of Communication IDEA Committee, Fall 2021 – Fall 2023

Moody College of Communication Global Engagement Committee, Fall 2021 – Fall 2023

Moody College of Communication Mentor, Fall 2021 – present

UT Fulbright Review Committee Member, Fall 2022 - 2024
UT Faculty Council Member, Fall 2022 – Spring 2024
UT Faculty Council Member for International Programs, Fall 2023 – Spring 2024
UT Faculty Council Committee for the UT Press, Fall 2022 – Spring 2023
UTEP President’s Advisory Committee on Sustainability Member, 2012-2017; Chair, 2017-2019
UTEP Global Communities of Practice Committee (2016-2018)
UTEP Leadership Development Community of Practice (2017-2018)
UTEP Edge Leadership Component Committee (2016-2017)
UTEP Performance Annual Review College Committee, 2019
UTEP Women’s History Month Conference, Chair & Conference Organizer, 2018
UTEP Faculty Senate Member, 2010 – 2012
Dean’s Task Force on Community Engagement, 2019-2020
Promotion Committee, College of Education, 2016
Promotion Committee, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, 2014
Tenure and Promotion Committee, Women’s Studies Program, 2013
Tenure and Promotion Committee, College of Liberal Arts, 2011, 2012
Committee for Effective Teaching and Learning University Committee, 2011-2014
Global Task Force committee for Provost’s Office, 2012
Faculty Mentoring Program, 2008 – 2013
Organizer for Lois Stark, keynote speaker, Women’s History Month conference, March 2018
Organizer for Alberto González visit to UTEP, October 2017
Organizer for Ruben Salazar documentary film screening at UTEP, April 2014
Organizer for Karma Chávez guest speaker event, November 2011
Organizer for Bernadette Calafell guest speaker event, April 2010
President’s Women’s Advisory Council, 2007 – 2011
Women’s Studies Advisory Board, 2006 – present
Committee member, Queer History Month, Fall 2009 – 2013
Reviewer of student applications for International Polar Year – Research and Educational Opportunities for Minorities, May 2007
Organizer for Dolores Huerta campus event, March 2006
Faculty Coordinator for the College of Arts and Letters, CSUSB Faculty/Student Mentoring Program, 2002 – 2004
Campus Coordinator for 5 Day Academic Writing Workshop with Dr. Sonja Foss and Dr. William Waters, at CSUSB, July 2003
Senator for the CSUSB Faculty Senate, 2003-2004
Author of articles for International Institute Newsletter, CSUSB
Scholarship Committee, Association of Latino Faculty, Staff, and Students, 2003 (CSUSB)
Volunteer for tabulating of tournament results, for the Coyote Invitational Classic Debate Tournament at CSUSB, January 2002