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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** American Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2023,
with distinction
Committee: Sharon P. Holland (chair), Elizabeth Olson, Annette Rodríguez, Ann
Cvetkovich, Timothy Marr
- M.A.** American Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2020
- A.B.** American Studies, Wellesley College, 2017, *cum laude*

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2025 – Present **Postdoctoral Research Scholar and Program Advisor**
Black and Indigenous Feminist Futures Institute (BIFFI)
Department of Women, Gender & Sexuality
University of Virginia
- I lead planning and execution of BIFFI's Fellows-in-Residence Program, including coordinating processes and logistics from fellow application through selection, campus visits, and debriefs; leading hosting of pairs of fellows during weeklong on-campus residencies; and processing payments and managing evaluation processes post-visit. I am also responsible for organizing financial reporting to the Mellon Foundation and managing the communication and outreach functions of the Institute.
- 2024 – 2025 **Postdoctoral Teaching Scholar and Teagle Fellow**
Department of Integrative Humanities and Social Sciences
North Carolina State University

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Feminist Histories and Theories, Queer Theory, Sexuality Studies, Black and Indigenous Feminisms, Feminist Geography, 20th Century US History, Critical Ethnic Studies, Social Movement Histories, Interdisciplinary Research Methods, Rural Queer Studies, Queer Ecology

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Campbell, Katelyn M. "Inheriting Womyn's Land: 'Thinking-With' Feminist Pedagogies in a Messy Archive." *Feminist Theory* vol 26, no 3 Special Issue on Intergenerational Feminisms (2025).
<https://doi.org/10.1177/14647001251327974>

Campbell, Katelyn M. "Out on Rural Lands: Country Queer Dis/Orientation and the Potentialities of Loneliness." *QED: A Journal of Queer World-Making* vol. 11 no. 3 (Fall 2024): pp. 35-52.
<https://doi.org/10.14321/qed.11.3.0035>

Chapters in Edited Collections

Katelyn M. Campbell, "The Women Activists Found Little Peace at Bucolic School": Utopian Dreams, Radical Feminist Explosions, and the Pedagogical Potential of Sagaris," in *Utopian Imaginings: Saving the Future in the Present* edited by Victoria Wolcott (Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2024). (Editor reviewed)

Katelyn M. Campbell, Lauryn DuPree, and Lucía Mock Muñoz de Luna, "Dear Toni Morrison: On Black Girls as Makers of Theories and Worlds," in *Black Schoolgirls in Space: Stories of Black Girlhoods Gathered on Educational Terrain* edited by Esther Ohito and Lucía Mock Muñoz de Luna (New York: Bergahn Books, 2024): pp. 50-77. (Editor reviewed)

Book and Media Reviews

Campbell, Katelyn M. "Review: *Atomic Bombshells: How Plastics Shaped Postwar Bodies* by Isabelle Held." *Journal of American History* (forthcoming 2026).

Campbell, Katelyn M. (2023) "Documentary Review: The Janes (2022)," *Feminist Pedagogy*: Vol. 3: Iss. 2, Article 14. Available at: <https://digitalcommons.calpoly.edu/feministpedagogy/vol3/iss2/14>.

Review: Valerie Padilla-Carroll, *Who Gets to Go Back-to-the-Land? Gender and Race in U.S. Self-Sufficiency Popular Culture* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2022), *H-Net Environment*. <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=58625>

Digital Projects

Mapping the Radical Feminist Universe in the United States, 1965-1980. (Ongoing)
<https://kumu.io/katelyncampbell/mapping-the-radical-feminist-universe-in-the-united-states-1965-1980>

Miscellaneous Public Scholarship

"When Republicans Bully Trans Kids Like Becky Pepper-Jackson, Don't Take the Bait." *West Virginia Watch*. January 14, 2026. <https://westvirginiawatch.com/2026/01/14/when-wv-republicans-bully-trans-kids-like-becky-pepper-jackson-dont-take-the-bait/>

"As Night Falls on the Kanawha Valley, Charleston City Council Leans into the Death Drive." *Medium*. April 20, 2021. <https://katelyn-campbell.medium.com/as-night-falls-on-the-kanawha-valley-charleston-city-council-leans-in-to-the-death-drive-facc6192b34d>

"A History of Sexuality Studies at Carolina." UNC-Chapel Hill Program in Sexuality Studies. <https://sexualitystudies.unc.edu/our-history/>

Manuscripts in Preparation

Monograph: *Another Womyn's Land: Memory, Inheritance, and the Futures of Ecological Feminisms*

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

National Fellowships and Awards

- 2024 **Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities** (Finalist), University of Southern California Society of Fellows
- 2016 **Harry S. Truman Scholarship** (\$30,000), Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation

Research Support Grants

- 2023 **Critical Ethnic Studies Graduate Fellowship** (\$2500), Critical Ethnic Studies Collective, UNC Chapel Hill
- 2021 **Summer Graduate Student Research Fellowship** (\$5000), UNC Department of American Studies
- 2020 **Summer Research Grant** (\$1500), UNC Provost's Committee on LGBTQ Life
- 2019 **Margaret Storrs Grierson Fellowship** (\$2500), Smith College Special Collections
- 2016 **Provost's Research Travel Grant** (\$200), Wellesley College

Travel Grants

- 2023 **Solidarity Fund Travel Grant** (\$500), American Studies Association
- 2022 **Graduate Student Transportation Grant** (\$500), UNC Chapel Hill Graduate School
- 2019 **Travel Award** (\$500), UNC Department of American Studies
- Travel Award** (declined, terms of award required only one source of funds), UNC-Chapel Hill Graduate and Professional Students Federation

Community Awards

- 2016 **Young WV Power-Building Award**, West Virginia Healthy Kids and Families Coalition/Our Future WV
- 2015 **Youth Advocating Change Award** (Inaugural recipient), Partners in Sex Education, Framingham, MA

PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

Invited Talks

"Pedagogies of Womyn's Land: Solidarity, Conflict, Failure, and *La Luch*." Invited keynote presentation for Women's History Month. Fayetteville State University (Fayetteville, NC). March 24, 2023.

"Queering Carolina: Histories of LGBTQ Life at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill." Invited keynote presentation for LGBTQ History Month. UNC Chapel Hill Sexuality and Gender Alliance. October 2019.

"Ruralism in the Lesbian Imagination." Invited presentation. Smith College Special Collections. June 2019.

Conference Presentations

Panel Organizer

"Pasts, Presents, and Futures of Queer Utopianisms." American Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 2022.

Panel Presenter

“A Home Held in Common: Queer-Feminist Infrastructures in the Archive of Womyn’s Land.” Accepted paper presentation, American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. October 2026.

“Lubbock or Leave It’: Sex Ed Legacies and Girl Activism in the South.” WGS South Annual Meeting. Decatur, GA. March 2025.

“Grounding Land-Based Feminisms: Soil, Inheritance, and the Future(s) of Lesbian/Queer Political Practice,” as part of Panel: “Queering Capitalism to Utopic Dreams.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD. November 15, 2024.

“The Work of Solidarity: Finding Consciousness, Facing Conflict,” as part of Panel on “Building Feminist Solidarities.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, Quebec. November 2, 2023.

“What does Womyn’s Land Want?” As part of panel on “Pasts, Presents, and Futures of Queer Utopianisms.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 2022.

“Charting Lesbian Feminism: The Pains and Promises of the Archival Encounter with Digital Social Network Mapping,” as part of Panel on “Geography in the Digital Space.” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Virtual. February 2022.

“In the Archive of Womyn’s Land,” as part of Panel of “Emerging Scholars of LGBTQ History in the Modern United States.” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Virtual. February 2022.

“Toward Counterpatriarchal Architectures: Imagined Radical Feminist Environments in the Papers of Phyllis Birkby.” Southeastern Women’s Studies Association Annual Meeting, virtual. March 2021.

“Lesbian Connections: Critical Social Network Mapping and Archival Methods.” UNC-Chapel Hill Queer Mini-Con. October 2020.

“Toward Counterpatriarchal Architectures: Imagined Radical Feminist Environments in the Papers of Phyllis Birkby.” Southeastern Women’s Studies Association Annual Meeting. March 2020.
Conference canceled due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

“McDowell: A ‘Free State’ Fifty Years After the War on Poverty.” Panel presenter. Tanner Conference, Wellesley College, October 2014.

Panel Moderator/Chair

“Queer in Translation: Grounded Engagements through Translation in Transnational Queer Discourse.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD. November 16, 2024.

“Gender and Community in the Classroom.” Southeastern Women’s Studies Association Annual Meeting. March 2022.

Campus and Departmental Talks

“Finding Trust, Feeling Sovereign: Conflicts and Solidarities in the Archive of Womyn’s Land.” North Carolina State University. March 21, 2025.

“Teaching as a Graduate Student.” Departmental Roundtable, Department of American Studies, UNC Chapel Hill. February 21, 2023.

“Unsettling Womyn’s Land: Property, Sovereignty, and the Radical Imagination of Lesbian Feminist Thought.” Invited speaker, Department of American Studies Colloquium, UNC Chapel Hill. November 18, 2022.

“Radical Visions: Lesbian Feminist Dreams and Nightmares in the Long 1970s.” QGAPS Speaker Series, LGBTQ Center, UNC-Chapel Hill. September 2020.

“Radical Visions: Unearthing Lesbian Feminist Futures in the Sophia Smith Collection.” Colloquium presentation, Department of American Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill. October 2019.

Public Talks – Community Organizations

“How We Got Here and Where We Could Go: Education Policy in West Virginia.” Keynote address. West Virginia Summer Policy Institute, Dunbar, WV, June 27, 2025.

“Tactics for Developing a Community Outreach Plan.” Workshop presenter. Summer Policy Institute, West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy (Fairmont, WV). July 29, 2023.

“Virtual Talks with Video Activists: ‘Emma Goldman Clinic Stories.’” Moderator of discussion with filmmaker LeAnn Erickson. Media Burn Archive (virtual). May 25, 2023.

“Building a Culture of Consent on Campus.” Invited workshop presentation. West Virginia Wesleyan College. April 2018.

“The Human Cost of Vacancy in West Virginia.” Panel presenter, BAD Buildings Summit. Morgantown, W.Va. November 2017.

“What does the sale of property tax debt mean for West Virginia communities?” Panel presenter, BAD Buildings Summit, Morgantown, W.Va. November 2017.

“Youth Advocacy and Reproductive Rights: Grassroots in Action.” Keynote speaker. NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri Annual Meeting. July 2013.

TEACHING AND MENTORING

Instructor of Record

- *Critical Thinking in American Life: Engaging Across Difference*, North Carolina State University, Department of Integrative Humanities and Social Sciences (Fall 2024, Spring 2025)
- *Land and Feminisms*, UNC Chapel Hill, Department of American Studies (Fall 2022)
- *Historical Approaches to American Studies: The 1970s* (virtual), UNC Chapel Hill, Department of American Studies (Summer 2022)

- *Historical Approaches to American Studies: Queer Stories*, UNC Chapel Hill, Department of American Studies (Fall 2021)

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- *Animal Studies* with Dr. Sharon P. Holland (Spring 2023)
- *Crimes and Punishments* with Dr. Seth Kotch (Spring 2021)
- *Visual Culture* with Dr. Bernard Herman (Fall 2020)
- *The Ethics of Standup Comedy* with Dr. M. Michelle Robinson (Spring 2020)
- *Historical Approaches to Southern Studies* with Dr. Seth Kotch (Fall 2019)
- *Intersectionality: Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Social Justice* with Drs. Tanya Shields, Enrique Neblett, and M. Michelle Robinson (Spring 2019)
- *Emergence of Modern America/American Studies 101* (with Dr. Sharon P. Holland)

Students Advised

Josh Hanflink, Honors Contract project – perceptions of intergenerational difference in the workplace (North Carolina State University, Spring 2025).

Britney Hong (co-advised with Kita Douglas), Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF), “Revealing History: Southeast Asian/American Writers in North Carolina Making Their Mark.” (UNC-Chapel Hill, Summer 2022) <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/0bebbb1e45.html#page/1>

Graduate Research Consultant

AMST 278: Crimes and Punishments (Dr. Seth Kotch) (Summer 2019)

- Mapped student-generated data for A Red Record – a digital humanities project documenting histories of lynching in the US South through newspaper and other archival research -- using Tableau.

Guest Lecturer

“Talkin’ Bout a Revolution – Tracy Chapman and the Queer of Color Revolution.”

Guest lecture, WGS 4500: *Sex, Power, and Rock N’ Roll*, Dr. I.F. Gonzales, University of Virginia. March 23, 2026.

“Queer Visuality and the Lesbian Image.” Guest lecture, AMST 284: Visual Culture, Dr. Bernard Herman, UNC-Chapel Hill. September 2020.

“Against Metronormativity: Lesbian Feminism and Queer Lands in the U.S. South.” Guest Lecture, AMST 210: Southern Studies, Danielle Dulken, UNC-Chapel Hill. July 2020.

“Bearing Witness: The Life and Legacy of Mab Segrest.” Guest lecture, AMST 210: Southern Studies, Dr. Seth Kotch, UNC-Chapel Hill. November 2019.

“Looking for the Queer South: Critical History and Methods.” Guest lecture, AMST 210: Southern Studies, Dr. Seth Kotch, UNC-Chapel Hill. September 2019.

“An Introduction to Womyn’s Land and Culture in the United States.” Guest lecture, AMST 101: The Emergence of Modern America, Dr. Sharon P. Holland, UNC-Chapel Hill. October 2018.

Pedagogical Training

- Critical Thinking in American Life Teagle Faculty Cohort, North Carolina State University (2024 - 2025)
- Summer Institute for College Teaching, UNC Chapel Hill Center for Faculty Excellence (2021)
- Graduate Student Summer Residency: Teaching Geospatial Literacy in the Undergraduate Classroom, National Humanities Center (2019)
- Peer Health Education Certification, National Association of Student Affairs Professionals (NASPA) (2016)

SERVICE

Service to the Profession

- Co-President, Association for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality in the South (WGS South, formerly SEWSA) (2026 - present). Previously Board Secretary (2021-26)
- Book Reviewer, *Journal of American History* (2026 - present)
- Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Lesbian Studies* (2023 - present)
- Assistant to the 2023 Program Committee, American Studies Association (2022-2023)

Department and University Service

- Convener, WGS Graduate Certificate Student Group, University of Virginia
- Queer Mini-Con Abstract Review Committee, Sexuality Studies Program, UNC-Chapel Hill (2022)
- LGBTQIA+ Advocacy Awards Selection Committee, LGBTQ Center, UNC-Chapel Hill (2021)
- Graduate-Faculty Representative, Department of American Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill (2019-2020)
- Graduate Research Assistant, Department of American Studies, Director of Graduate Studies transition support and program requirements revision. (2019)
- Program Assistant to the Sexuality Studies Program, UNC Chapel Hill, program research and development support (2019). See more here: <https://sexualitystudies.unc.edu/our-history/>

Community Service

- WV Center on Budget and Policy, Summer Policy Institute Steering Committee (2023 – 2026)
- Wellesley College, Mock Harry S. Truman Scholarship Interviewer (2022 – Present)
- Wellesley College Alumnae Admissions Interviewer (2019-2021, program discontinued)
- Our Future WV (formerly West Virginia Healthy Kids and Families Coalition), Board Treasurer (2017-2019)
- Wellesley College, Student Council to the Board of Trustees (2015-2016)

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

“Marriage, Bathrooms, and organizing: LGBTQ+ rights over the decade,” Kyle Ingram, *The Daily Tar Heel*. December 5, 2019. [<https://www.dailytarheel.com/article/2019/12/lgbt-decade>]

“Young Students Against Bad Science,” Douglas Quenqua, *New York Times*. September 2, 2013. [http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/03/science/young-and-against-bad-science.html?_r=0]

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Studies Association

Association for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality in the South (WGS South)

LGBTQ+ History Association

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Working Group Coordinator, Central Appalachian Network (2023 - 2024)

Abandoned Property Coalition VISTA, West Virginia Community Development Hub (2017-2018)

Truman Fellow, Zinn Education Project/Teaching for Change (Summer 2017)

SKILLS

Editorial: image permissions, manuscript preparation

Software: Kumu, Tableau (beginner), Squarespace, Google Suite, Adobe Audition

Other: I have extensive experience being interviewed on camera, over radio, and in print news outlets. Stories about my work as a young activist appeared in venues such as: CNN (live interview), *the New York Times*, *Seventeen Magazine*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Buzzfeed*, *HuffPost Live*, ABC’s *20/20*, the *Charleston Gazette-Mail*, BBC, NPR, and more.

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