

Kristan Poirot

Department of Communication
Faculty Affiliate: Africana Studies, Women's & Gender Studies
Texas A&M University
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Degrees

Doctor of Philosophy, University of Georgia (2004)

Speech Communication, Graduate Certificate: Women's Studies

Dissertation: *Authentic Women and Menacing Authorities: The Rhetoric of Lesbian Politics of Feminism's Second Wave, 1966-1975*

Master of Science, Southern Illinois University (2000)

Speech Communication

Bachelor of Science, Southern Illinois University (1999)

Speech Communication

Academic Appointments

Associate Professor, Texas A&M University (2015-present)

Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University (2009-2015)

Assistant Professor, University of South Carolina (2004-2009)

Teaching/Research Assistant, University of Georgia (2000-2003)

Adjunct Instructor, Athens Technical College/US Navy School (2001-2003)

Administrative Appointments

Executive Associate Head, Communication, Texas A&M University (2020-Present)

Associate-Head Graduate Studies, Communication, Texas A&M University (2019-2021)

Director Graduate Studies, Communication, Texas A&M University (2015-2019)

Research Areas: feminist history, feminist theory, rhetorical criticism, public memory, race, sex, and gender politics, social justice, social movements

Publications

Book:

Poirot, K. (2014). *A Question of Sex: Feminism, Rhetoric, and Differences That Matter*. University of Massachusetts Press. 166 pages.

Reviewed: *Quarterly Journal of Speech, Rhetoric Society Quarterly, Rhetoric & Public Affairs, First Amendment Studies*

Review Essay: *Review of Communication*

Refereed Essays:

Poirot, K. (2020) "Southern Traditions of (Ms)Remembering: Place, Purpose, & Personae of Black Freedom Commemoration" *Conceit of Context* Ed: Charles E. Morris III & Kendall Phillips. Peter Lang.

Poirot, K. (2017) "Violence and White Heteronormative Citizenship" *Women's Studies in Communication*, 40 321-324.

Poirot, K. (2015) "Gendered Geographies of Memory: Place, Violence, and Exigency at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute." *Rhetoric & Public Affairs*, 18, 621-647. (**Lead Article**)

Poirot, K., Watson, S.E. (2015) "Memories of Freedom and White Resilience: Place, Tourism, and Urban Slavery." *Rhetoric Society Quarterly*, 25.2: 91-116. (**Lead Article**)

Poirot, K. (2010). "(Un)Making Sex, Making Race: Nineteenth Century Liberalism, Difference, and the Rhetoric of Elizabeth Cady Stanton." *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, 96, 185-208.

Poirot, K. (2009). "Domesticating the Liberated Woman: Containment Rhetorics of Second Wave Radical/Lesbian Feminism." *Women's Studies in Communication*, 32, 263-292. (**Lead Article**)

Poirot, K. (2004). "Mediating a Movement, Authorizing Discourse: Kate Millett, *Sexual Politics*, and Feminism's Second Wave." *Women's Studies in Communication*, 27, 204-235.

Bates, B.R., Poirot, K., et. al (2004). "Evaluating Direct-to-Consumer Marketing of Race-Based Pharmacogenomics: A Focus Group Study of Public Understandings of Applied Genomic Medication." *Journal of Health Communication*, 9, 541-559.

Non-Refereed Articles

Dubrinwy, T.N. & Poirot, K. (2017) "Gender & Public Memory" *Southern Journal of Communication*, 8, 199-202.

Book Reviews:

Poirot, K. (2015) "Review of: *Evolutionary Rhetoric: Sex, Science, and Free Love in Nineteenth Century Feminism*." *Rhetoric & Public Affairs*, 383-386. (Invited)

Poirot, K. (2013). "Review of: *Rhetorica in Motion: Feminist Rhetorical Methods & Methodologies*." *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, 99.3, 383-386. (Invited)

Poirot, K. (2011). "Review of: *The Political Thought of Elizabeth Cady Stanton*." *Rhetoric & Public Affairs*, 14.4, 801-804. (Invited)

Poirot, K. (2003). "Review of: *Framed: Lesbians, Feminists, and Media Culture*." *NWSA Journal*, 15: 227-228.

Poirot, K. (2002). "Review of: *Joyous Greetings: The First International Women's Movement*." *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, 88.2, 261-262.

Works in Progress

Dubriwny, T. & Poirot, K. *The Tyranny of Choice*. Book Manuscript.

Research Grants, Awards & Fellowships

College of Arts & Sciences, Seed Fund Merger Grant, Co-PI, (2022-2023), \$10,000

Division of Student Affairs Faculty Fellow (2018-2019), \$25,000

Arts & Humanities Fellowship (2014-2018), \$15,000

Glasscock Center for the Humanities Research Fellowship (2014-2015), \$5,000

Program to Enhance Creative and Scholarly Activities (2013-2014), \$10,000
Division of Research, Texas A&M University

Research Enhancement Program Grant (2011-2012), \$3,000
College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University

Dissertation Completion Award (2003-2004)
University of Georgia. Selected from university-wide candidate nominations.

Conference Keynote & Plenary Addresses

“Southern Traditions of (Ms)Remembering” (2016)
Public Address Conference, Syracuse NY

“Women’s Legacy at Texas A&M” (2016)
Women’s Former Student Network Conference, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

Research Workshop Leadership

Seminar Co-Leader (with Armond Towns) (2019). Becoming Human in Anti-Racist Social Protest in Digital and Embodied Publics. At RSA Summer Institute, University of Maryland.

Workshop Leader. (2016). Research Network. RSA Biennial Conference, Atlanta GA.

Invited Research Lectures & Colloquia

“How We (Miss) Remember” (2015)
Texas A&M University, CONNECT 2015

“Engaging Community History: Women in Aggieland” (2010)
University of Louisiana @ Monroe, Traveling Scholars Series

“Feminism Makes Sex” (2008)
USC Graduate Student RSA (Rhetoric Society of America) Club Research Lecture

“Disciplining Feminism” (2007)
Columbia College Communication Club Annual Research Lecture

“One-Sex, Two-Sex, Three-Sex (and more)” (2005)

USC Women's Studies Research Series Lectures

Research Conference Direction

Co-Director (with Tasha Dubriwny), Gender and Citizenship Conference, Texas A&M University (Interdisciplinary conference; 4 days; \$25,000)

Selected Conference Presentations

** Indicates peer-reviewed full-length submissions that were competitively selected.*

Grabsch, D, & Poirot, K. (2019) "Social Justice Learning Communities: Results and Implications from a National Benchmark Analysis" Presented at 2019 NASPA Multicultural Institute, New Orleans, December 2019.

Grabsch, D, Salter, P. Moore, L. & Poirot, K. (2019) "Impactful Collaborations: Faculty Fellows and Student Affairs Elevating our Campus Community" Presented at 2019 NASPA Conference, Los Angeles, March 2019.

Grabsch, D, Salter, P. Moore, L. & Poirot, K. (2019) "Faculty Barrier to the Co-Curricular: Creating Pathways to Purposeful Engagement." Presented at 2019 NASPA Conference, Los Angeles, March 2019.

Anderson, C. & Poirot, K (2018, May) "Enlightened Racism & *The West Wing*" Presented at 2018 Rhetoric Society of America Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

Watson, S.E. & Poirot, K (2018, May) "Heritage Tourism and the Problem of Empathy" Presented at 2018 Rhetoric Society of America Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

Poirot, K. (2016, September) "Southern Traditions of (Ms)Remembering: Place, Purpose, & Personae of Black Freedom Commemoration." Presented at 2016 Public Address Conference, Syracuse NY. **(Plenary)**

Poirot, K., & Kitsch, S/ (2016, May) "Remembering Corrie, Gender, Commemoration and the "First Lady" of Sweet Auburn." Presented at the 2016 Rhetoric Society of America Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Poirot, K. & Watson, S.E. (2016, May) "The Emmanuel Nine and Racialized Thanotourism in Charleston" Presented at the 2016 Rhetoric Society of America Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Poirot, K. (2014, November). "Forgetting Sex: Violence, Place, and Memory at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute." Presented at 2014 National Communication Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

Poirot, K, Watson, S.E. (2014, May). "Tourism, Memory, and Denmark Vesey." Presented at the 2014 Rhetoric Society of America Conference, San Antonio, TX.

Poirot, K, (2013, November). "Slutwalks, Difference, and Memories of Feminism." Presented at 2013 National Communication Association Conference, Washington, DC. **(Top Paper, Feminist & Women's Studies Division)***

Poirot, K. (2013, November). "Recognizing Sex: Sojourner Truth and Multicultural Anxiety." Presented at 2013 National Communication Association Conference, Washington, DC.*

Poirot, K. (2012, November). "Translocal Rhetorical History: Gender and Civil Rights Memory." Presented at 2012 National Communication Association Pre-Conference on Rhetoric and Sit-Ins, Orlando, FL.

Dubriwny, T.N. & **Poirot, K.** (2011, November). "An Ambiguous Abortion: Menstrual Extraction and Second Wave Feminist Abortion Rhetoric." Presented at 2011 National Communication Association Conference, New Orleans, LA. (**Featured Panel**)

Poirot, K. (2010, November). "Visions of Sex" Presented at 2010 National Communication Association Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Poirot, K. (2010, May). "Howdy Ladies!: Localizing Rhetorical History" Presented at 2010 Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

Poirot, K. (2009, November). "Rethinking the Third-Wave" Presented at 2009 National Communication Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

Poirot, K. (2007, October). "Stanton's Enlightened Racism" Presented at 2007 Biennial Feminism(s) and Rhetoric(s) Conference, Little Rock, AK.

Poirot, K. (2006, May). "Domesticating the Liberated Woman". Presented at 2006 Biennial Rhetoric Society of American Conference, Memphis, TN.

Poirot, K. (2005, November). "Response: Change, Theory & Critique" Presented at 2005 National Communication Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA

Poirot, K. (2005, November). "Health of Theory in Discipline" Presented at 2005 National Communication Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA

Poirot, K. (2005, April). "When the Personal is Political..." Presented at 2005 Southern States Communication Association Convention, Gender Studies Division, Baton Rouge, LA. *

Poirot, K. (2004 November). "Second Wave Lesbians, Media Visibility & Coastal Bias: Theoretical and Methodological Dilemma's of Researching Feminism's Sexual Politics" Presented at 2004 NCA Convention, Feminist and Women's Studies Division, Chicago, IL.

Poirot, K. (2004 November) "Menaces and Herrings: Feminism's Authority Crisis, Lesbian Politics, and the Mainstream Press, 1966-1975." Presented at 2004 NCA Convention, Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Communication Division, Chicago, IL.*

Poirot, K. (2003 August). "Searching for Truth(s): Experience & Ethics in Rhetorical Studies" Presented at NCA Doctoral Honors Seminar, Rhetoric and Performance Division, Bowling Green, Ohio. (**Top Paper**) *

Bates, B.R., **Poirot, K.**, et. al (2003 April). "Evaluating Direct-to-Consumer Marketing of Race-Based Pharmacogenomics: A Focus Group Study of Public Understandings of Applied Genomic Medication." Presented at 2003 Eastern States Communication Association Convention, Health Communication Division, Washington DC. (**Top 5 Paper**) *

Poirot, K. (2003 February). "Mediating a Movement, Authorizing Discourse: Kate Millett, *Sexual Politics*, and Feminism's Second Wave." Presented at the 2003 Western States Communication Association Convention, ORWAC division, Salt Lake City, UT. (**Top Paper, Top Student Paper**) *

Poirot, K. (2002 November). "One Sex, Two Sex, Three Sex (and more): Redefining Feminism and the Politics of Location." Presented at 2003 NCA Convention, Feminist and Women's Studies Division, New Orleans, LA. *

Rufo, K.A., Poirot, K. (2002 March). "Violence as Protagonism: Exploring the Articulation of Violence and its Relation to the Social Structure." Presented at 2002 Southern States Communication Association Convention, Mass Communication Division, Winston-Salem, NC. *

Poirot, K (2000 November). "Towards a Feminist Ethnography of Communication." Presented at 2000 NCA Convention, Language and Social Interaction Division, Seattle, WA *

Poirot, K. (1999 November). "Breaking the Silence: A Rhetorical Examination of Tori Amos's Lyrics." Presented at 1999 NCA Convention, Student Section, Chicago, IL *

Poirot, K. (1998 November). "Girls' Toys and Boys' Toys: An Examination of Gender and Advertisements of Technology." Presented at 1998 NCA Convention, Human Communication and Technology Commission New York, NY

Teaching Areas: rhetorical criticism, women's & gender studies, social movement rhetoric, feminist theory, race, sex, and sexual politics and media, civil rights rhetoric, feminist rhetoric

Undergraduate Courses Taught

Public Speaking
Business & Professional Communication
Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies
Rhetoric in Western Thought
Rhetorical Criticism
Feminist Theory
Race, Gender, & Media
Gender and Communication
Rhetoric of the Civil Rights Movement
Women's Rhetoric

Graduate Courses Taught

Foundations of Communication Inquiry
Rhetorical & Textual Methods
Theories of Gender/Feminist Theory
Sex & Feminism
Post-Structuralism & Feminist Theory
Gender & Black Resistance
Rhetoric of Black Freedom Movements

Teaching/Service Grants and Awards

ACE, Women's Progress Faculty Award (2021)

Achievements in Climate & Inclusion Award (2019), TAMU

Symposium & Small Conference Grant (2019; with Dubriwny), TAMU, \$5000

CASA Grant (Graduate Writing Retreats) (2016), TAMU, \$2000

Innovative Graduate Recruiting Grant, TAMU (2016), \$11,000

Glasscock Buttrill Ethics, Course Grant (2015), TAMU, \$750

Montague-CTE Scholar, College of Liberal Arts (2014), TAMU, \$6500

Teaching Excellence Award (2011), TAMU, \$2500

College of Liberal Arts, Civil Dialogue Grant (2010-2011), TAMU \$3000

Center for Teaching Excellence, Writing-Across-The-Curriculum Grant (2008), USC \$2500

Student Committees & Advising

Doctoral Committee Chair:

Chante Anderson, (Ph.D. 2021)

Kate Siegfried (Ph.D., 2021)

Sara Kitsch (Ph.D., 2017)

Travis Cox, (Ph.D., 2017)

Eleanor Lockhart, (Ph.D., 2015)

Joshua Street, ABD

Julia Medhurst

Alan Grant

Delaney Couri

Doctoral Committee Member:

Kyra Heatly, Communication

Nic Bradley, Communication

Sheena Cox, History

James Hunter Plummer (Ph.D., 2022), English

Seul Lee, (Ph.D., 2021), English

Asha Winfield, (Ph.D., 2021), Communication

Stephanie Ortiz, (Ph.D., 2020), Sociology

Carrie Murawski, (Ph.D, 2019), Communication

Brooke Linsenhardt, (Ph.D. 2019), History

David Munson, (Ph.D, 2018) Communication

Ryan Rigda, (Ph.D., 2018) Communication

Beatriz Aldana Marquez, (Ph.D., 2017), Sociology

Apryl Williams, (Ph.D., 2017), Sociology

Stacey Rieck, (Ph.D., 2017), Psychology

Andrea Terry, (Ph.D., 2016), Communication

Jordan Zeimer, (Ph.D., 2016), Communication

Catherine Riley, (Ph.D., 2015) Communication

Dan Theriault, (Ph.D., 2013) Recreation, Parks, and Tourism

M. Elizabeth Thorpe (Ph.D, 2011), Communication

M.A. Students:

Espinoza, Elizabeth, Architecture, Professional Committee
Ramin Chaboki (M.A., 2020), Communication, Non-thesis Committee Member
Rachelle Cates (M.A., 2017), English, Non-thesis Committee Member
Mary Ross (M.A., 2015), English, Non-Thesis Committee Member
Beatriz Aldana Marquez (M.A., 2014), Sociology, Exit Paper Committee Member
Apryl Williams (M.A., 2014), Sociology, Exit Paper Committee Member
Shawna McDermott (M.A., 2012), English, Non-Thesis Committee Member
Jade Huell (M.A., 2008), Communication Studies, Committee Member/Second Reader

Service (since arriving at Texas A&M)

Disciplinary:

RSA Award Committee (2016-2018)
Dissertation Award Committee (2017)
Book Award Committee (2018)

Maria Nichols Book Award Committee (2017)
Public Address Division, National Communication Association

Co-Editor (2016-2017)
Special Issue of *Southern Communication Journal*, “Gender & Public Memory”

Editorial Board (2016-current)
Rhetoric & Public Affairs

Editorial Board (2016-current)
Women's Studies in Communication

Editorial Board (2016-current)
Quarterly Journal of Speech

Editorial Board (2014-current)
Southern Journal of Communication

Reviewer (2015, 2017)
2016 Rhetoric Society of America Conference, Atlanta, GA

Ad-Hoc Reviewer (2019, 2020)
Communication and Critical Cultural Studies

Ad-Hoc Reviewer (2011, 2012, 2014)
Quarterly Journal of Speech

Ad-Hoc Reviewer (2012, 2013, 2014, 2018)
Rhetoric Society Quarterly

Ad-Hoc Reviewer (2001, 2008, 2013-2015)
Women's Studies in Communication

Ad-Hoc Reviewer (2014)
Communication Quarterly

Reviewer (2011-2014)
Public Address Division, National Communication Association

Nominating Committee Member (2012)
Public Address Division, National Communication Association

Reviewer (2010)
Visual Rhetoric Division, National Communication Association

Ad-Hoc Reviewer (2010)
Communication Monographs

Ad-Hoc Reviewer (2009)
Western Journal of Communication

Ad-Hoc Reviewer (2007, 2019)
Communication & Critical/Cultural Studies

Editorial Board (2002-2004)
Kaleidoscope: A Graduate Journal of Qualitative Communication Research

Ad-Hoc Reviewer (2001-2003)
Critical Studies in Media Communication

Ad-Hoc Reviewer (2001, 2008, 2013)
Women's Studies in Communication

University:

CLLA Representative, Graduate Council (2017-2019)

OGAPS Diversity Fellowship Reviewer (2018)

Buttrill Ethics Roundtable Panelist (2017)

Faculty Co-Advisor, Feminism 4 Aggies (2017-2019)

Faculty Campus Collaborator, IntersXtions Living Learning Community (2016-2019)

Reviewer, Arts & Humanities Fellowship (2016, 2017, 2018)

Faculty Co-Advisor, With Purpose (2014-Present)

Reviewer, PESCA (2013, 2014, 2016)

Invited Guest Lecture (Fall 2011)
“Feminist Leadership”
Aggie Women in Leadership, TAMU

Grader (Spring 2011)
Writing Assessment Project, TAMU

Invited Guest Lecture (Spring 2011)
“Feminism’s Past, Feminism’s Future”
MSC Leadership & Empowerment of Aggie Females, TAMU, Women’s History Month Lecture

College of Liberal Arts:

Joint-Appointment Task Force (2018-2020)

Merit Fellowship Review Committee (2016-2017)

Graduate Instructional Committee (2015-current)
COMM Representative

Liberal Arts Council (2013-2015)
WGST/COMM Representative

Co-author (Spring 2011)
Critical analysis for Black History Month Website
College of Liberal Arts, TAMU

New Faculty Orientation Panelist (Fall 2010)
College of Liberal Arts, TAMU

Women’s & Gender Studies Program:

Graduate Assessment Committee (2021-present)

Ad-Hoc Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2018-2019)

Ad-Hoc Program Assessment Committee, (2018-2019)

Graduate Certificate Coordinator (2018-2021)

Program Review Committee (2012-2017)

Strategic Planning Committee (2010-2011)

Department of Communication:

Awards Committee, Co-chair (2021-2022)

Assessment Committee, Co-chair (2021-present)

APR Committee, Chair (2021-present)

Search Committee, Co-Chair (2019-2020)

Course Supervisor (240, 260, 338) (various)

Advisory Committee (2015-present)

Graduate Instruction Committee, Chair (2015-2021)

Graduate Instruction Committee (2011-2014)

Graduate Student Placement Officer (2012-2013; 2014-2015)

Internationalization Committee (2010-2015)

Search Committee (2014)

Senior Hire Search Committee (2014-2015)

Senior Hire Search Committee (2013-2014)

Senior Hire Search Committee (2011-2012)

Ad Hoc Committee (Faculty Advisory Proposal) (2009)

Community:

Invited Guest Lecture

“U.S. Women’s Movements: Lessons from the Past & Opportunities for the Future” (2011)

Institute of Interfaith Dialog, College Station, TX, Seminar Series

Invited Panelist

“Sex Difference & Feminism” (2011)

Village Café, Bryan, TX, “Coffee Talk” Community Lecture Series

Invited Guest

Biased Transmission, KEOS Community Radio (2011)

Bryan, TX