

# Shawna F. Felkins

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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Gender and Women's Studies** **In Progress**  
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY  
Dissertation Advisors: Dr. Karen Tice and Dr. Melissa Stein
- M.A. in Southern Studies** **2015**  
University of Mississippi, University, MS
- B.A. in English, Summa Cum Laude** **2013**  
Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Selling Sex**  
(Winter 2020; Enrollement 20)  
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program, Transylvania University, Adjunct Faculty
- Cultural Anthropology**  
(Summer 2019; Enrollment 20)  
Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program, Faculty
- Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies in the Social Sciences**  
(Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018; Enrollment 25)  
Humanities Department, Jefferson Community and Technical College, Adjunct Faculty
- Composition and Communication II**  
(Spring 2019, Spring 2018; Enrollment 23)  
Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies, University of Kentucky, Instructor of Record
- Composition and Communication I**  
(Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017; Enrollment 23)  
Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies, University of Kentucky, Instructor of Record
- Sex and Power**  
(Spring 2017, Fall 2015; Enrollment 50)  
Department of Gender and Women's Studies, University of Kentucky, Instructor of Record
- Gender and Popular Culture**  
(Spring 2016; Enrollment 50)  
Department of Gender and Women's Studies, University of Kentucky, Instructor of Record

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- AP Seminar Reader** **Spring 2018-Present**  
Educational Testing Service
- Graduate Research Assistant** **May 2018-August 2018**  
Department of Gender and Women's Studies, University of Kentucky
- Program Director** **June 2017**  
Girl Power! Camp, Midway University

**Graduate Writing Fellow (Southern Studies)**  
The Center for Writing and Rhetoric, University of Mississippi

Fall 2014-Spring 2015

**Tutor (English, Writing, Gender & Women's Studies)**  
FedEx Student-Athlete Academic Support Center, University of Mississippi

Winter 2013-Spring 2014

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

**"Fetishizing Southern Brutality: An Intersectional Analysis of Interracial Pornography"** 2015  
Master's Thesis, University of Mississippi

**"Bones, Frogs, and Killers: The Corporeal Oppression of Women in the Patriarchal, Christian South"** 2013  
Honors Capstone Experience/Thesis Project, Western Kentucky University

## PUBLICATIONS

Felkins, S. (2019). The Weight I Carry: Intersections of Fatphobia, Gender, and Capitalism. *Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies*, 40(3), 180-185. doi:10.5250/fronjwomestud.40.3.0180

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**"Digital Lives and Emotional Labor in Online Sex Work"** 2019  
National Women's Studies Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, Paper Presentation

**"Out of Space and Time: A Panel of Trauma, Self-Care, and Experiencing Fatness"** 2019  
National Women's Studies Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, Roundtable Participant

**"Resisting the Whorearchy: Digital Lives and Emotional Labor in Online Sex Work"** 2019  
Kentucky Gender and Women's Studies Conference, Lexington, KY, Paper Presentation

**"The Future is Female: Sex Work and TechoMasculinities in the Affective Economy "** 2019  
PCA/ACA National Conference, Washington D.C., Paper Presentation

**"Breaking Down Boundaries: Reimagining the Feminist Conference Space in Kentucky"** 2018  
National Women's Studies Association Conference, Atlanta, GA, Roundtable Participant

**"Weighing Our Children: The Affective Marketing and Childhood Trauma of Diet Programs"** 2018  
National Women's Studies Association Conference, Atlanta, GA, Paper Presentation

**"Why Have There Been No Great Fat Artists?"** 2018  
National Women's Studies Association Conference, Atlanta, GA, Roundtable Participant

**"The Future is Female: Masculinities at the Intersection of Sex and Technology in Film"** 2018  
American Men's Studies Association Conference, Minneapolis, MN, Paper Presentation

**"Nobody makes money off my pussy but me: Precarity, Emotional Labor, and Sex Work in *The Deuce*"** 2018  
PCA/ACA National Conference, Indianapolis, IN, Paper Presentation

**"Men Don't Like Saggy Boobs': An Autoethnography of Violent Fatphobia in the Family"** 2017  
National Women's Studies Conference, Baltimore, MD, Paper Presentation

**"Eroticizing Racism: Masculinities and Meta-Voyeurism in Interracial Pornography"** 2017  
American Men's Studies Association Conference, Ann Arbor, MI, Paper Presentation

**"'Flirting is part of my heritage': The Hypersexualization of the Southern Belle, 1980-Present"** 2016  
Southern Feminisms Conference, Arizona State University, Panel Presentation

**"One Black Man and Three Well-Heeled White Women: An Intersectional Analysis of Southern Femininity in Designing Women"** 2016  
PCA/ACA National Conference, Seattle, WA, Paper Presentation

**“When witches don’t fight, we burn:’ Performances of Race and Gender in AHS: Coven”** 2015  
PCA/ACA National Conference, New Orleans, LA, Paper Presentation

**“A Culture of Thin Beauty: The Negative Consequences of the Creation and Reproduction of Corporeal Capital in American Mass Media”** 2014  
Sarah Isom Center Student Gender Conference, Oxford, MS, Paper Presentation

**“Women’s Work’ as Freedom in Fannie Flagg’s Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe”** 2013  
University of Mississippi Graduate Symposium on Women, Work, and Food, Oxford, MS Paper Presentation

**“Bones, Frogs, and Killers: The Corporeal Oppression of Women in the Patriarchal, Christian South”** 2013  
WKU Undergraduate Research Conference, Bowling Green, KY, Paper Presentation

### INVITED TALKS

**“Fatphobia and Social Violence”** 2019  
Emerging Scholars Series, Jefferson Community and Technical College

**“Men Don’t Like Saggy Boobs”: An Autoethnography of Violent Fatphobia and Capitalism”** 2018  
“Social Constructions of Healthy Bodies: Fatphobia, Feminism, and Dominant Narratives of Thinness,” Panel Discussion, Arkansas State University

### CAMPUS PANEL PRESENTATIONS

**“People Love to See Beautiful Women Get Old or Fat: Policing (Fat) Southern Femininity in Designing Women”** 2016  
Bodies of Evidence: Policing Fat Bodies, University of Kentucky

### SERVICE

**Inclusive Pedagogies Graduate Learning Community** 2018-2019  
University of Kentucky

**Second Annual Kentucky Gender & Women’s Studies Conference** 2018  
Co-Chair Emeritus

**Inaugural Kentucky Gender & Women’s Studies Conference** 2017  
Co-Founder and Co-Chair

**Teach-In on the Trump Presidency** 2017  
Organizer and Presenter

### GRANTS

**Student Center Challenge Grant** 2018  
Division of Student and Academic Life, University of Kentucky \$17,500

**Inclusive Excellence Student Program Grant** 2017  
Office for Institutional Diversity, University of Kentucky, \$16,860

### AWARDS AND HONORS

**Michael Schoenecke Travel Grant** 2019  
Popular Culture Association

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Popular Culture Association

<b>Bonnie J. Cox Research Award</b> Department of Gender and Women's Studies, University of Kentucky	<b>2017</b>
<b>NWSA Travel Grant and Registration Scholarship</b> National Women's Studies Association	<b>2017</b>
<b>Outstanding Teaching Award</b> College of Arts and Sciences, University of Kentucky	<b>2017</b>
<b>Graduate Writing Fellowship</b> The Center for Writing and Rhetoric, University of Mississippi	<b>2014</b>
<b>Summer Research Grant</b> Awarded by Graduate School for thesis research, University of Mississippi	<b>2014</b>
<b>Scholar of Potter College of Arts and Letters</b> Award presented to the student with the highest GPA in their respective college	<b>2013</b>
<b>President's List, 4.0 GPA</b> Presidential Scholarship 2009 Highest academic scholarship presented at Western Kentucky University	<b>2009-2013</b>
<b>ORGANIZATIONS</b>	
<b>National Women's Studies Association</b> Member	<b>2016-Present</b>
<b>GWS Graduate Student Organization</b> University of Kentucky, President	<b>2016-2019</b>
<b>GWS Graduate Student Organization</b> University of Kentucky, New Student Recruitment	<b>2015-2016</b>
<b>Graduate Student Council</b> University of Mississippi, Co-Director of Student Affairs	<b>2014-2015</b>
<b>Sensitivity and Respect Committee</b> University of Mississippi, Graduate Student Representative	<b>2014-2015</b>
<b>Phi Kappa Phi</b> Member	<b>2011-Present</b>

## REFERENCES

### **Dr. Karen Tice**

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