

Catherine Knight Steele

Assistant Professor of Communication

Project Director: *Andrew W. Mellon funded, Synergies among Digital Humanities and African American History and Culture*

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EDUCATION

- 2014 Ph.D. Communication, University of Illinois – Chicago
Dissertation: Digital Barbershops: The politics of African American oral culture in online blog communities
- 2008 M.A. Multicultural Communication, DePaul University
Thesis: The politicization of biracial identity development in media representation
- 2006 B.A. Communication Studies, University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Multicultural Media, Digital Cultures, Race/Gender & Mass Media, African American Media Discourse and Rhetoric, New Media and Online Social Justice

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2016- present Assistant Professor, Communication, University of Maryland

Project Director, Andrew W. Mellon funded College of Arts and Humanities grant
Synergies among Digital Humanities and African American History and Culture: An integrated research and training model, University of Maryland
- 2014-present Assistant Professor, Journalism and Media Communication, Colorado State University
- 2009-2014 Adjunct Faculty Instructor, College of Communication, DePaul University
- 2013 Adjunct Faculty Instructor, Department of Communication, Elmhurst College
- 2010-2014 Teaching Assistant, Department of Communication, University of Illinois - Chicago
- 2012-2013 Graduate Research Assistant under Dr. Kevin Barnhurst (UIC)
- 2006-2007 Undergraduate Research Assistant under Dr. Leanne Knobloch (UIUC)

PUBLICATIONS (JOURNAL ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, PROCEEDINGS)

Steele, C.K. (2016) Pride and Prejudice: Pervasiveness of colorism and the animated series Proud Family, *Howard Journal of Communication*, 27:1, 53-67.

Steele, C.K. (2016) Signifyin' bitching and blogging: Black women and resistance discourse online, In Eds. S.U. Noble and B. Tynes (Eds.), *The Intersectional Internet: Race, Sex, Class and Culture Online (73-93)*. New York: Peter Lang.

Steele, C. K., & Korn, J. U. (2016). The Intersection of Race, Multiplicity, and Holism with Online Social Media. In K. E. Tassie & S. M. B. Givens (Eds.), *Women of Color Navigating Mentoring Relationships: Critical Examinations (165-178)*. Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books.

Steele, C.K. (2012) *Blogging While Black: a critical analysis of resistance discourse by black female bloggers*, Selected papers of internet research. Retrieved from <http://spir.aoir.org/index.php/spir/article/view/31>

In review:

Steele, C.K. Black bloggers and their varied publics: Tracing the utility of alternative public spheres in black blogging communities. (Revised and Resubmitted)

Steele, C.K. The Digital Barbershop: Blogs and online oral culture within the African American community. (Submitted for initial review)

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2016 (Oct.) Get in Formation: The new rules of engagement for black feminist discourse online, Association of Internet Research, Berlin, Germany.

2016 The Virtual Beauty Shop: Crafting a Digital Black Feminism in the Blogosphere Digital Blackness Conference, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.

2015 When the black lives that matter are not our own: Social justice and a digital black feminism (panel organizer) Association of Internet Researchers Conference 16, Phoenix, AZ

2015 Real and imagined boundaries: Building connections between social justice activists and internet researchers (Roundtable organizer) Association of Internet Researchers Conference 16, Phoenix, AZ

- 2015 Blogging Ferguson: Self-care and the 'practice of freedom' for marginalized writers and communities online
International Communication Association Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 2014 A different model for academic mentoring: How race, multiplicity, and holism intersect with online social media, with Jenny Korn, Association of Internet Researchers Conference 15, Daegu South Korea
- 2013 Shaking off the Other: Appropriation of marginalized culture and the Harlem Shake
Association of Internet Researchers Conference 14, Denver Colorado
- 2013 The Virtual Barbershop: The political implications of community discourse online
Black Doctoral Network Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA
- 2012 In Search of Community: Popular culture driven temporary support communities on SNS
Association of Internet Researchers Conference 13 (panel chair), Salford, England
- 2012 #RIPWhitney: Grieving online and the extension of secondary orality
Association of Internet Researchers Conference 13 (panel participant), Salford, England
- 2012 Protective or Oppressive? Analyzing Death Penalty Framing , with Elycia Taylor and Emilie Luchessi, National Communication Association 2012 conference, Orlando, FL
- 2012 From tragedy to transcendence: A model of biracial identity in media representation
National Communication Association 2012 , Orlando, FL
- 2010 Worthy of Rescue: Framing poverty in the immediate aftermath of a natural disaster"
Illinois Communication Collaboration Conference. Champaign, IL.

INVITED TALKS/LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

- 2016 (Oct) "Deviant Black Bodies and Embodied Black feminism in the Blogosphere" Digital Dialogues Series – Maryland Institute for Technology in the Humanities, University of Maryland
- 2015 "Black Women and the Media" Black Women's Summit – Colorado State University
- 2015 "A Multicultural Mindset for Journalists" - Spring National High School Journalism Convention sponsored by the Journalism Education Association and the National Scholastic Press Association – Denver, Colorado
- 2014 "Classroom Ethics: Social Media", with Andrea Guzman
National Communication Association, Short course, Chicago, IL.

TEACHING (instructor of record courses)

Colorado State University (Fall 2014-present)

	<i>Enrollment</i>	<i>Sections taught</i>
Multiculturalism and Media (upper division)	40	4
Social and Cultural Theories in Communication (graduate)	10	1
Strategic Multicultural Communication (upper division)	11	1
Qualitative Research Methods (graduate)	12	1

University of Illinois at Chicago (Fall 2010- Summer 2014)

Minorities and Communication (upper division)	18	1
Mass Media and Popular Culture (upper division)	20	1
Communication and Conflict (upper division)	15	1
Fundamentals of Human Communication	20	5
Introduction to Media	50	1

DePaul University (Spring 2009-Spring 2014)

Intercultural Communication	30	10
Media and Cultural Studies	30	2
Business and Professional Communication	28	2

Elmhurst College (Fall 2012)

<i>Introduction to Mass Communication</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>1</i>
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HONORS AND AWARDS

2009-2013	Abraham Lincoln Fellowship, University of Illinois – Chicago, Competitive recruitment and retention award, nominated by department
2012	Doctoral Colloquium at IR.13, Salford, England, Competitive colloquium for doctoral candidates in the field of internet research
2012	University Excellence in Teach Award Nominee, DePaul University
2012	College of Communication Adjunct Teaching Award Nominee, DePaul University
2003-2007	Posse Foundation Scholarship, four year, full tuition leadership award

SERVICE

To discipline:

Reviewer New Media and Society
Social Media and Society
The Internet and Higher Education
Howard Journal of Communications
Creative Commons Textbooks
Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute - Colorado State University Pilot
Program (CSU-Pilot)
Association of Internet Research

Article Editor SAGE Open

To University:

2016 Multicultural Staff and Faculty Network Board Member, Colorado State University

2015-2016 College of Liberal Arts Dean Search Committee member, Colorado State University

2015-2016 Black and African American Cultural Center scholarship committee, Colorado State University

2015-2016 Donald Wilson Mentoring program for African American students, Colorado State University

To Department:

2014-2016 Graduate Committee, Department of Journalism and Media Communication, Colorado State University

2014-2016 Diversity Committee- co-chair (2015), Department of Journalism and Media Communication, Colorado State University

2010-2011 Graduate Council, Department of Communication UIC
Curriculum and program petition review, Search Committee member, Student Representative

STUDENT ADVISING/GRADUATE SUPERVISION

2016 Graduate Committee Memberships (Colorado State University):

1 M.S. advisor/chair (completed thesis)

1 Ph.D. as JMC Temporary Advisor

2015 Graduate Committee Memberships (Colorado State University):

1 M.S. advisor/chair

1 Ph.D. as JMC inside member (completed dissertation proposal)

1 Ph.D. as JMC Temporary Advisor

2014 Graduate Committee Memberships (Colorado State University):

2 M.S./M.A. as outside member (completed thesis)

1 Ph.D. as JMC inside member (completed preliminary exams)

GRANTS AND FUNDING

Externally awarded competitive travel awards:

2012 Association of Internet Research Travel Award

Internally funded competitive travel awards:

2015 Colorado State University, Professional Development Program, College of Liberal Arts

2014 Colorado State University, Professional Development Program, College of Liberal Arts

2013 President's Research in Diversity Travel Award, Competitive award offered by the Vice President for Student Affairs across the University of Illinois system for travel to present original research at professional conference

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Communication Association

Association of Internet Researchers

National Communication Association

International Black Doctoral Network