

**Amber E. Kinser, Ph.D.**  
**Professional Biography Brief**  
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**Short Bio**

Amber Kinser is Professor and Chair of the Department of Communication at East Tennessee State University. She holds a Ph.D. in Communication from Purdue University, with an emphasis in gender and family studies.

Dr. Kinser has taught university courses in gender and communication, speaking for social change, motherhood, women's studies, diversity in the workplace, family interaction, public speaking, and persuasion. Her teaching has extended beyond the university to include community theatre for children and teens, and professional communication consultation.

Kinser's talks and workshops focus on one of three areas: motherhood, gendered communication, and communication skills (including public speaking). Her research interests include family interaction, feminism and motherhood, sex communication, and third wave feminism. Her recent work includes a book, an anthology, and several book chapters on feminist mothering. She has authored articles and chapters on gender issues at work, third wave feminism, global feminism, and family sex communication. Her current projects include co-editing an anthology called *Performing Motherhood* for Demeter Press and researching mothers' experiences of "the family meal."

Dr. Kinser is the recipient of the *YW Tribute to Women 2011 Award for Education*, the *ETSU Distinguished Faculty Award 2009 "Distinguished Achievement in Service,"* and the *ETSU Patricia E. Robertson Diversity Leadership Award 2003*. She has received two awards for excellence in teaching from Purdue University and the 2004 *Outstanding Feminist Teacher-Mentor* award from the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender.

**Long Bio**

Amber Kinser is Professor and Chair of the Department of Communication at East Tennessee State University. She holds a Ph.D. in Communication from Purdue University, with an emphasis in gender and family studies, an M.A. from University of South Florida emphasizing relationship communication and performance studies, and a B.A. from University of South Florida emphasizing speech communication.

Kinser is author of the book *Motherhood and Feminism*, (Seal Press 2010), and editor of the book *Mothering in the Third Wave* (Demeter Press 2008). Her writing on feminism and mothering has appeared in the *Journal for the Association for Research on Mothering*; *Encyclopedia of Mothering* (Sage); *Feminist Mothering* edited by Andrea O'Reilly (SUNY 2007); *Mother Knows Best: Talking Back to the Baby Experts* edited by Jessica Nathanson and Laura Tuley; and the forthcoming and *Being and Thinking as an Academic Mother* by Andrea O'Reilly and Lynn O'Brien Hallstein (*Demeter*). Her work on third wave feminism (*National Women's Studies Association Journal*) has been widely cited. She also has published articles and book chapters on gender issues in employment interviewing, global feminism, and family sex communication. She is the mother of a young adult daughter and a teen son.

Dr. Kinser's research interests include family interaction, feminism and motherhood, sex communication, and second and third wave feminist dialogues. Her talks, performances and workshops have focused on three areas: motherhood, gendered communication, and communication skills (including public speaking). Her

current projects include co-editing an anthology called *Performing Motherhood* for Demeter Press and researching mothers' experiences of "the family meal." She'd like to edit an anthology on food, families, and feminism, and write a memoir.

Kinser has taught university courses in gender and communication, relationship communication, speaking for social change, motherhood, women's studies, diversity in the workplace, family interaction, feminist theory, public speaking, persuasion, and communication theory. Her teaching has extended beyond the university to include community theatre for children and teens, and professional communication consultation.

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