

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Purdue University 1997  
Emphasis: Human Communication  
Cognate: Gender and Family Studies  
Dissertation: *Pregnant With Meaning: An Interpretive Analysis of Women's Pregnancy Discourse.*
- M.A. University of South Florida 1989  
Emphasis: Human Communication  
Cognate: Performance Studies
- B.A. University of South Florida 1987  
Major: Speech Communication  
Minor: Political Science

## APPOINTMENTS

- 2010-Present Chair, Department of Communication, East Tennessee State University. Johnson City, TN.  
2009-Present Professor of Communication. ETSU.  
2003-2009 Associate Professor of Communication. ETSU.  
2000-2010 Director of Women's Studies. ETSU.  
1997-2003 Assistant Professor of Communication. ETSU.  
1996-1997 Visiting Lecturer in Communication. Indiana University Kokomo. Kokomo, IN.  
1990-1996 Graduate Teaching Assistant. Purdue University. West Lafayette, IN.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Feminism and motherhood; feminist theory and activism, family interaction, sexuality and the body, and the points at which these intersect. Interest in Second and Third Wave feminist dialogues. Interest in how social reality and individual identity are constructed and experienced through communicative/performative practices.

## PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

- Kinser, A.E. (In progress). "Writing about Motherhood." In Carol Smallwood (Ed.) *Women Writing on Today's American Family*.
- Kinser, A.E. (In progress). "Editing an Anthology." In Carol Smallwood (Ed.) *Women Writing on Today's American Family*.

Kinser, A.E. (2011, anticipated). "The Cost of an Education: An Inventory of Feminist Mothering and Resisting the U.S. Parenting Mythos." In Andrea O'Reilly and D. Lynn O'Brien Hallstein (Eds.) *Being and Thinking as an Academic Mother: Theory and Narrative*. Toronto: Demeter Press.

## PUBLICATIONS

Kinser, A.E. (2010). *Motherhood and Feminism*. Berkeley: Seal Press.

Kinser, A. E. (2010). "Feminist Theory and Motherhood." In A. O'Reilly and J. Geoffrey Golson (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Mothering*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Kinser, A. E. (2010). "Feminist Mothering." In A. O'Reilly and J. Geoffrey Golson (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Mothering*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Kinser, A. E. (2009) A Mosaic of Pregnancy Expertise. In J. Nathanson and L.C. Tuley, (Eds.), *Mother Knows Best: Talking Back to Baby Experts*. Toronto: Demeter Press.

Kinser, A.E. (2008). Mothering Feminist Daughters in "Postfeminist" Times. *Journal of the Association for Research on Mothering*, 10(2) "Mothers and Daughters" special edition, pp. 20-36.

Kinser, A.E., (Ed.) (2008). *Mothering in the Third Wave*. Toronto: Demeter Press.  
Kinser, A.E. "Thinking about and Going about Mothering in the Third Wave."  
Kinser, A.E. "Embracing the Tensions of a Maternal Erotic."

Kinser, A.E. (2008). "Mothering as Relational Consciousness." In A. O'Reilly (Ed.) *Feminist Mothering* (pp. 123-140). Albany NY: SUNY Press.

Kinser, A.E. (2007). "Communicating about Sex as a Daughter, Parent, and Teacher." In Lorin Basden Arnold (Ed.) *Family Communication: Theory and Research* (298-306). NY: Allyn & Bacon.

Kinser, A.E. (2007). Book Review. Baumgardner, J. & Richards, A. (2005). *Grassroots: A Field Guide for Feminist Activism*. NY: Farrar, Straus and Giroux. *National Women's Studies Association Journal*, 19(1), pp. 217-219.

Kinser, A.E. (2006). "What Can You Do with a Women's Studies Major?" In L. M. McCaughey (Ed.) *Women's Studies Program Administrator's Handbook* (pp. 59-70). National Women's Studies Association.

Kinser, A.E. (2005). Book Review. Meyer, J. (2003). *Kids Talking: Learning Relationships and Culture with Children*. *Communication Education*, 54(4), pp. 373-374.

Kinser, A.E. (2005). Book Review. Johnson, A. (2005). *Privilege, Power and Difference*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. *Feminist Teacher*, 15(3), pp. 255-256.

Kinser, A.E. (2005). "Family Communication." In M. Walcheski and N. Gonzalez, (Ed.) *Teaching Family Life Education*. (pp. 83-90). Minneapolis: National Council on Family Relations.

Kinser, A. E. (2004). "Negotiating Spaces for/through Third Wave Feminism." *National Women's Studies Association Journal*, 16(3), pp. 124-153.

Kinser, A. E. (2004). "Diversity Scrapbook." In S.E. Lucas, (Ed.) *Selections from Communication Teacher 1999-2002* (pp. 33-35). Boston: McGraw-Hill.

Kinser, A. E. (2003). "Multi-Voiced Feminism is Messy and Vibrant." *Women and Language*, 26 (1), pp. 110-115.

- Kinser, A. E. (2002). "Gendered Performances in Employment Interviewing: Interpreting and Designing Communication Research." *Journal of Business Communication*, 39(2), pp. 245-256.
- Ralston, S. M. & Kinser, A. E. (2001). "Intersections of Gender and Interviewing." In L.P. Arliss and D.J. Borisoff (Eds.) *Women and Men Communicating: Challenges and Changes*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (pp. 185-211). Prospect Heights, IL: Waveland.
- Kinser, A. E. (1999). "Diversity Scrapbook." *Communication Teacher*, 14(1), 1-3.
- Kinser, A. E. (1999). "Metaphor Speech" (pp. 85-92); "Symbolic Object Speech" (pp. 99-103); "Tribute Speech" (pp. 109-116); "Take Two' for Conflict Management" (pp. 195-199); "Post Exam Collaboration" (pp. 203-206). In L.W. Hugenberg & B.S. Hugenberg (Eds.) *Teaching Ideas for the Basic Communication Course*, vol. 3. Dubuque, IA: Kendall/Hunt.

## CREATIVE ACTIVITY

- The Vagina Monologues*. Director and Producer. East Tennessee State University, 2003 and 2010.
- Lysistrata*. Co-producer and Coordinator. East Tennessee State University, March 2003.
- Holocaust Cantata*. Narrator/Performer. Tribute to prison songs and stories. Civic Chorale, Johnson City, TN April 2005.

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- Kinser, A.E. (2010). "The Only One in the Room Who Knows: Alienations of Motherhood in the Academic Life." Submitted for presentation at the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender Conference. Tampa, FL. October 14-17.
- Panel Coordinator. (2010). "Contesting the 'Good' in Motherhood and Family Life." Submitted for presentation at the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender Conference. Tampa, FL. October 14-17.
- Kinser, A.E. (2010). "A Sneaking Suspicion that Some Stories Might Not Matter Much: Reflections on Maternal Narrative." To be presented at the National Women's Studies Association Conference. Denver, CO. November 11-14.
- Panel Coordinator. (2010). "Contesting Narrative in Maternal Studies." To be presented at the National Women's Studies Association Conference. Denver, CO. November 11-14.
- Kinser, A.E. (2009). "Configuring the 'Feminist' Subject in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Research." Presented at the National Women's Studies Association Conference. Atlanta, GA. November 12-15.
- Panel Coordinator. (2009). Documenting/Creating Memory: Researcher Struggles in Redressing Silences, Gaps in, and Absence of Voice. Proposed for presentation at the National Women's Studies Association Conference. Atlanta, GA. November 12-15.
- Kinser, A.E. (2009). "The Capstone Course as Prep for Life after the Women's Studies B.A." Proposed for presentation at the Program Administration and Development Pre-conference of the National Women's Studies Association Conference. Atlanta, GA. November 12-15.
- Moderator. (2009). Directing the Future of Women's Studies. Panel moderator, Southeast Women's Studies Association Conference. Boone, NC. April 2-4.
- Kinser, A.E. (2008). "Ambivalence, Paradox, and Mothering in Postfeminist Times." Presented at the Association for Research on Mothering Conference. Toronto, Ontario. October 23-26.

- Kinser, A.E. (2007). "Some Knots Won't Come Untangled: Mothering and Class Identity" Presented at the Association for Research on Mothering Conference. Toronto, Ontario. October 18-20.
- Kinser, A.E. (2007). "A Mosaic of Pregnancy Expertise." Presented at the Association for Research on Mothering Conference. Toronto, Ontario. October 18-20.
- Kinser, A.E. (2007). "Malcontents, Freaks, and Danger Queens: The Dark Side of Raising Children Feminist." Presented at the National Women's Studies Association, St. Charles, IL. June 26-July 1.
- Kinser, A.E. (2006). "Lactation Stories and Other Notches in My Bible Belt." Invited paper for the Vice President's Panel: "The Strategic Use of Humor by Feminists in the Academy." Presented at the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender Conference. St. Louis, MO. Oct. 12-15.
- Kinser, A.E. (2006). "Daughter-practice, Maternal Erotics, and Mothering as Relational Consciousness." Presented at the Association for Research on Mothering Conference. Toronto, Ontario. October 25-29.
- Roundtable Participant. (2006). "Gender, Work/Life Balance, and the Academy: Reclaiming Connections between Mindy, Body, and Spirit." Presented at the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender Conference. St. Louis, MO. Oct. 12-15.
- Kinser, A.E. (2006). "Religious Freedom in the Bible Belt?: Challenges for State Funded Women's Studies." Paper presented for a panel, "Women's Studies at Religious Institutions: Challenges and Opportunities." National Women's Studies Association Conference. Oakland, CA. June 15-18.
- Panel Coordinator. (2006). "Mothering Resistance," and "Mothering in the Third Wave." Each panel presented at the National Women's Studies Association Conference. Oakland, CA. June 15-18.
- Kinser, A.E. (2006). "Travels and Travails of Third Wave Mothering." Presented at the National Women's Studies Association Conference. Oakland, CA. June 15-18.
- Roundtable Participant and Panel Coordinator. (2006). "Beggars CAN Be Choosers: Selectively Cross-listing Courses and Choosing Faculty." Presented at the Program Administration and Development Pre-Conference of the National Women's Studies Association. Oakland, CA. June 14.
- Panel Member. (2005). "Challenges of Teaching the Gender and Communication Course." Presented at the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language and Gender Conference. Reno, NV October 14-16.
- Kinser, A. E. & Murphy, Bren Ortega. (2005). "Navigating Feminist Pluralism through Parenting." Roundtable presented at the National Women's Studies Association Conference. Orlando, FL June 9-12.
- Kinser, A.E. (2004). "Freedom and Constraint in Free Speech at the *March for Women's Lives*." Paper presented at the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language and Gender Conference. Notre Dame, IN. October 14-17.
- Panel Chair. (2004). "Revolution and Revelation through the March for Women's Lives." Presented at the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language and Gender Conference. Notre Dame, IN. October 14-17.
- Panel member. (2003). "What Mothers and Daughters Learn From Each Other." A mother-daughter panel discussion at the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender Conference. Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky, October 9-12.
- Kinser, A. E. and Cronin, P.J. (2003). "Using Theatre as Tool for Social Change." Southeast Theatre Conference. Arlington, VA, March.

- Kinser, A. E. (2002). "How to Navigate Recovery and Divorce or Avoid Both." Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference. New Orleans. November 21-24.
- Kinser, A. E. (2002). "Reluctantly Riding the Third Wave." Paper presented at the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender Conference. Minneapolis, October 3-6.
- Kinser, A.E. (2001). "The Intersection of Gender and Employment Interviewing: A Conceptual Framework for Interpreting and Guiding Future Research." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention. Atlanta, GA.
- Kinser, A. E. (2000). "Gendered Sexuality." *New Understandings of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered People* Conference. August 3-4, 2000. ETSU.
- Kinser, A. E. (1999). "Raising Eyebrows and Raising Children Raising Questions: Inspection and Introspection In Feminist Parenting." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention. Chicago, IL.
- Panel Chair. (1999). "Topics in Ethnography." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention. Chicago, IL.
- Panel Coordinator. (1999). "Shifts and Shades Between the Lines: Feminism and Vigilance. Presented at the National Communication Association Convention. Chicago, IL.
- Panel Chair. (1998). "Performing Across the Curriculum: Drama as a Tool for Teaching." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention. New York, NY.
- Kinser, A. E. (1997). "Partners in Pregnant Life." Received the "Top Three Papers Award" from the Family Communication Division. Presented at the National Communication Association Convention. Chicago, IL.
- Panel Chair. (1997). "Role Ambiguity: Women's Narratives of Identity in the Health Care Context." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention. Chicago, IL.
- Panel Coordinator. (1996). "Innovation and Risk-Taking in Family Communication Pedagogy Revisited." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention. San Diego, CA.
- Kinser, A. E. (1996). "Where the Family Wild Things Are: Using Children's Literature to Examine Family Communication." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention. San Diego, CA.
- Kinser, A. E. (1996). "Family Sexuality Matters: Performing Connections with Parents in the Community." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention. San Diego, CA.
- Kinser, A. E. and Downs, B. F. (1995). "'Getting Some Experiential Flesh Onto Those Cognitive Bones': Performance as Inquiry and Pedagogy." Presented at the Commission on Family Communication Pre-Convention Conference, Speech Communication Association Convention. San Antonio, TX.
- Kinser, A. E. (1995). "Sex, Communication, and Sex Communication: Integrating Research & Pedagogy in the Interpersonal Communication Curriculum." Presented at the Speech Communication Association Convention. San Antonio, TX.

## SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

- *The Distinguished Faculty Award 2009 "Distinguished Achievement in Service,"* East Tennessee State University.
- *Distinguished Faculty Service* College of Arts & Sciences, 2009. ETSU.

- *Outstanding Book in 2008* Nominee; honoree not yet determined. Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender.
- *Outstanding Feminist Teacher-Mentor Award*. Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender, 2004.
- *Patricia E. Robertson Diversity Leadership Award*, ETSU, 2003.
- *Outstanding Achievement in Accommodating Students with Disabilities*, ETSU. 1999
- *Program of the Year Award* for "Break the Silence: Speak Out Against Hate." Awarded to each of three co-facilitators. 1998
- *Top Three Paper in Family Communication* for "Partners in Pregnant Life." Family Communication Division of the National Communication Association. Chicago, 1997.
- *Bruce Kendall Award for Excellence in Teaching*. Purdue University, 1995.
- *Certificate in Recognition of Excellent Teaching by a Graduate Student*. Institutional and Developmental Division of the International Communication Association, 1995.

## WORKSHOPS and INVITED ADDRESSES

- Kinser, A.E. (2010). "Motherhood and Women's Empowerment." ETSU Alliance for Continued Learning conference. March 31.
- Panelist. First Generation College Students (Who Became Professors). Upward Bound program for low income and first generation high school students. March 29, ETSU.
- Kinser, A.E. (2009). "Gender, Communication, and Workplace Strategy." Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. ETSU. March 24.
- Kinser, A. E. (2008). "Women and Men Talking." Kingsport Alliance for Continued Learning, Kingsport ETSU. April 24.
- Kinser, A. E. (2007). "Limber Up! Gender, Communication, and Leadership." *Leading in a Changing World* Student Leadership Conference, ETSU. March 24.
- Kinser, A. E. (2007). "Who Would You Vote For?: The 2008 Election". Panel sponsored by the ETSU History Society. ETSU, February 21
- Kinser, A. E. (2007). "Gender Differences in Communication" Kingsport Rotary Club. Kingsport, TN. Dec 6.
- Kinser, A. E. (2006). "Workplace Communication Strategies for Women." Professional Women's Network. Meadowview Center, Kingsport, TN. August 17.
- Kinser, A. E. (2005). "Myths of Mothering and Work/Family Balance." Career/Homemakers. Nuclear Fuel Services. Erwin, TN. May 11.
- Kinser, A. E. (2004). "Gendered Communication 9 to 5 and Beyond." Professional Women's Network. Meadowview Center, Kingsport, TN. December 15.
- Kinser, A.E. (2004). "Women and Men, Girls and Boys Communicating." American Association of University Women. Tennessee State Conference. Kingsport, TN. April 17.
- Kinser, A. E. (2002). "See My Face, Remember Me." Keynote speaker. First Annual Gay Pride Rally, October 31. ETSU.
- Kinser, A. E. (2001). "Make No Mistake (Considerations for Responding to the 9/11 Attacks)" Address presented September 12 at ETSU's *September 11 Vigil*, Amphitheater.
- Kinser, A. E. (2001). "Gendered Communication Styles." Tennessee Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers. Memphis, TN. November 14-16.

- Kinser, A. E. (2000, September). "Gender Stereotypes and Children." Address presented to Watauga Counseling Association. Johnson City, TN.
- Kinser A. E. (1999, October). "Releasing the Gender Chokehold." Address presented to American Society for Training and Development. Kingsport, TN.
- Kinser, A. E. (1999, September). "Valuing Gender Diversity." Address presented to Society for Human Resource Management. Johnson City, TN.
- Kinser, A. E. (1999, July). "Communication Builds Community." Address presented at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Early Childhood Conference: *Guiding Early Childhood Into the New Millenium*. ETSU.
- Robertson, P. E. & Kinser, A. E. (1999, March). "Power and Assertiveness in Nursing" A workshop facilitated for School of Nursing, ETSU.
- Kinser, A. E. (1998, July). "Snips and Snails or Sugar and Spice?: Becoming More Mindful of Gender in the Early Childhood Classroom." Address presented at the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Early Childhood Conference: *Creating Community in Early Childhood*. ETSU.
- Kinser, A. E. (1998, April). "Presenting Your Patients and Your Ideas: Women's Communication Without Self Compromise." Invited address for the Organization for Women in Medicine's Seminar Series. School of Medicine, ETSU.
- Kinser, A. E. (1998, March). "Reflections on Parenting, Sex, and Honesty." Invited performance as part of ETSU's Women's History Month.
- Kinser, A. E. (1998, March). Putting the Body Back into our Bodies of Knowledge. Invited performance/presentation as part of Women's Month. Virginia Tech University.

## SELECTED SERVICE ACTIVITY

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| 2008         | Research Grant Proposal Reviewer. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.   |
| 2007         | Conference Chair. <i>ETSU Diversity Infusion Conference on Curriculum</i> . An ETSU faculty conference to held January 25-26, 2008. Carnegie Hotel.                              |
| 2007         | Book Proposal Reviewer. Palgrave Macmillan. September 2007.  |
| 2007         | Book Reviewer. Demeter Press. O'Reilly, Andrea (2007). <i>Maternal Theory: Essential Readings</i> . Toronto: Demeter. My endorsement is featured on the back cover of this book. |
| 2007-2008    | Journal Article Reviewer. <i>National Women's Studies Association Journal</i> . Fall 2007, Summer 2008.  |
| 2007-Present | ETSU Faculty Procedural Consultant. Faculty Senate.  |
| 2007-Present | Commission for Women Recommendation Implementation Task Force.   |
| 2005-2008    | Pre-Conference Co-chair. NWSA Program Administration and Development.  |
| 2005-2008    | Advisory Council Member, Program Administration and Development, National Women's Studies Association.   |
| 2006-Present | Member, Association for Research on Mothering [through March 2010 and, thereafter: ] Motherhood Initiative for Research and Community Involvement.                               |

- 2006-2007 Advisory Council Co-Chair, Program Administration and Development, National Women's Studies Association.
- 2004-2007 Conference Proposal Reviewer, National Women's Studies Association.
- 2003-Present Member, National Women's Studies Association
- 2001-Present Member, Commission for Women Standing Committee, ETSU.
- 2000-Present Director, Women's Studies Program, ETSU.
- 2005 Journal Article Reviewer, *Journal of Business Communication*.
- 2004-2006 Executive Board Member. Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender.
- 2002-Present Member. Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender
- 2004-2006 Co-advisor, Rainbow Alliance, LGBT student organization, ETSU.
- 2003-2005 Campus Diversity Educator. Training team charged with conducting race, gender and sexuality awareness and affirmation sessions for all ETSU staff and faculty.
- 2003-2005 Member, Educational Affairs Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, ETSU.
- 2001-2004 Head, Speech Division, ETSU.
- 2000-2006 Member, *Take Back the Night* Planning Committee.
- 1999-2001 Member, Oral Communication Proficiency Committee.
- 1998-2004 Director, Public Speaking Course, Communication Department, ETSU.
- 1998-2000 Coordinator, *Take Back the Night*, Protest rally and empowerment march addressing violence against women, ETSU.
- 1997-2000 Co-chair/Member, Women's Studies Steering Committee, ETSU.
- 1997-2000 Associate Editor, *Speech Communication Association of Pennsylvania Journal*.
- 1994-1996 Originator, Departmental Performance Hours. Instituted Communication Department semesterly faculty/staff/student performance hours, through which performance is explored as a way of knowing. Purdue University.
- 1992-1994 Director, *Theatre in the Park*. Summer theatre program for children and teens. Director and Adaptor/Director for three major theatrical productions. In charge of all technical, stage management, costume, and publicity decisions and their execution. Produced by Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department. Lafayette, IN.

## PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION

- 1996 *Purdue Cooperative Extension*, West Lafayette, IN. Human sexuality and improvisational theater training and directing for a group of Indiana teens. Culminated in a video by and for Indiana teens for the purposes of aiding in teen pregnancy prevention. Video was produced for distribution throughout the state of Indiana.

## COURSES TAUGHT

Intro to Women's Studies  
Constructing Motherhood (grad, undergrad)  
Feminist Thought and Practice  
Women's Studies Senior Capstone  
Gender and Communication (grad, undergrad)  
Diversity in the Workplace (grad, undergrad)  
Family Communication (grad, undergrad)  
Communication Theory (grad, undergrad)  
Multiple independent studies in Feminist  
Pedagogy and Feminist Mothering

Speaking for Social Change  
Foundations of Communication Studies (grad)  
Interpersonal Communication  
Persuasion  
Group Discussion  
General Speech  
Public Speaking  
Advanced Public Speaking