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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	1998	Communication University of California, Santa Barbara (Doctoral Dissertation: Overrepresentation and Underrepresentation of African Americans and Latinos as Lawbreakers on Television News)
M.A.	1994	Communication University of California, Santa Barbara (Master's Thesis: Obscenity Law and Sexually Explicit Rap Music: Understanding the Effects of Race, Gender, Culture and Listener Attitudes)
B.A.	1992	Communication University of California, Los Angeles

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

David L. Swanson Professor of Communication, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (2024-present)

College of LAS Distinguished Professorial Scholar, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (2022-2024)

Director of Graduate Study, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (2020-present)

Professor of Communication, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (2017-present)

Communication Alumni Professorial Scholar, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (2014-2019)

Associate Professor of Communication, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (2014-2017)

Associate Professor of Communication Studies, University California, Los Angeles (2011-2014)

Associate Professor of Communication, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (2008-2011)

Assistant Professor of Communication, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (2003-2008)

Assistant Professor of Communication Studies, University of Michigan (1998-2003)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Racial Representations in Traditional and Non-Traditional Mass Media
Social and Psychological Effects of Mediated Communication
Content and Effects of Mediated Stereotypes
Public Policy Implications of Research on the Role of Race in Society
Intergroup Relations

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Affiliate, Center for Social & Behavioral Sciences, 2024-present

Faculty Associate, Institute for Social Research: Research Center for Group Dynamics, 1998 – 2003

Undergraduate Research Opportunity Faculty Mentor, University of Michigan, 1998-2003

Summer Research Opportunity Faculty Mentor, University of Michigan, 1999

Graduate Research Mentorship Fellow, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1997-98 & 1995-96.

Funded by a competitive grant awarded by the graduate division of the University of California, Santa Barbara. Under the close mentorship of an advisor, investigated the representation of African Americans on television news and the effect of this representation on viewers.

Summer Academic Research Internship Mentor, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1996

Funded by a summer grant to engage in research and mentor upper class undergraduates in how to develop a research program. The research involved the development of a code book to content analyze local television news programs for their portrayals of African Americans and crime.

RESEARCH INITIATIVES

<u>Year</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Institution</u>
2018-2019	PI	“Fake” Social Media News, Stereotyped Endorsement, and Political Polarization (The project seeks to determine whether media literacy can reverse the impact of fake news. Another goal of the study is to determine if political ideology inhibits media literacy.)	U. of Illinois Research Board
2016-2017	PI	News Framing of the Black Family as “dysfunctional” (The project will produce a comprehensive quantitative content analysis of breaking news and opinion programs that assesses media	Family Story Project (New Venture Fund)

framing of the Black family)

2015	PI	Social Media Use, Social Justice, and Police-Community Relations, funded	U. of Illinois Research Board CDMS
		(The project attempts to provide a comprehensive view of both the content and effects of news media stereotyping in both traditional (e.g., network news) and digital (e.g., Huffington Post web site) forms.)	
2013	Visiting Scholar	Clinton School of Public Service scholarly investigation of stereotypical media content on network/cable news, Funded	U. of Arkansas
		(Collaborative investigation with the faculty of the Center on Community Philanthropy designed to expand our understanding of racial hostility versus comity as advanced or hindered by mediated content)	
2005-2008	Co-PI	Police-Community Relations in Cincinnati, Funded	RAND Corporation
		(Content analysis of inter-racial interactions videotaped during routine traffic stops commissioned by RAND; Independent complimentary studies of race and community relation interactions; NSF application in preparation)	
		Year 1 report: http://www.rand.org/publications/TR/TR333/	
		Year 2 report: http://www.rand.org/pubs/technical_reports/TR445/	
		Year 3 report: http://rand.org/pubs/technical_reports/TR535/	
		Year 4 report: http://rand.org/pubs/monographs/MG853/	
2006-2007	PI, Center Fellow	Understanding News Coverage of Hurricane Katrina: The Impact of News Frames and Stereotypical News Coverage on Viewer's Conceptions of Race and Victimization, Funded	U. of Illinois Center on Democracy in a Multiracial Society
		(Assess whether network television news' coverage framed African Americans in New Orleans as deficient people who were largely to blame for their own plight in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina; Investigates the effects of such coverage on viewers' stereotypes and empathy towards Katrina survivors.)	

2005-2007	Co-chair	Center for Democracy in a multiracial society workgroup (CDMS) (Designed to create research initiatives and funding for studies dedicated to curbing the negative effects of racialized media portrayals)	U. of Illinois
1998-2003	Co-chair	Media and Identity Initiative (Designed to encourage cross-disciplinary/ inter-departmental research efforts among junior faculty interested in race, media, and stereotyping)	U. of Mich.
1999-2000	Co-Chair	Media and Identity Conference (Designed to encourage synergetic research initiatives among nationally recognized researchers dedicated to excellence in race and media scholarship)	U. of Mich.

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

- Dixon, T.L.**, Smith, M.A., Lella, O., Rollins, D.D. (2026). #ConferenceSoWhite: A Computational Content Analysis of National Communication Association Conference Presentation Titles. *Communication Monographs*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/03637751.2026.2672960>
- Dixon, T. L.** (2026). Black criminality 4.0: The rise of fascism and the utility of mediated stereotypes. In R. A. Lind (Ed.), *Race/Gender/Class/Media 6: Considering diversity across content, audiences and producers* (6th ed., pp. 19-25). New York: Routledge.
- Dixon, T. L.** & Mastro, D. (2024). *US Media and Diversity: Representation, Dissemination, and Effects*. New York: Routledge. s
- Dixon, T. L.** (2023). Black Criminality 3.0: The centrality of stereotypes in the 21st century. In R. Lind (Ed.), *Race/Gender/Media: Considering diversity across audiences, content, and producers* (5th ed., pp. 19–24). Routledge. d
- Josey, C. S., & **Dixon, T. L.** (2023). The Barack Benefit? A Content Analysis of How News Coverage of America’s First African American Presidential Family Alters the Overall Presentation of Blacks in News. *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*, 10776990221142880.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/10776990221142880> d
- Dixon, T.L.**, Smith, M., & Weeks, K. (2021). Race, policing, and communication: Old problems, Twenty-First Century struggles. In H. Giles, E. Maguire, and S. Hill (Eds.), *Handbook of policing, communication, and society* (pp. 75-90). Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield. f
- Weeks, K., **Dixon, T. L.**, Tolbert, A. N., & Sevilla, M. (2020). Black stereotypes in the media: A continuing problem. In A. C. Billings & S. Parrott (Eds.), *Media stereotypes: From ageism to xenophobia* (pp. 93-112). Peter Lang. d

- Butkowski, C. P., **Dixon, T. L.**, Weeks, K. R., & Smith, M. A. (2020). Quantifying the feminine self(ie): Gender display and social media feedback in young women's Instagram selfies. *New Media & Society*, 22, 817-837. doi: 10.1177/1461444819871669 d
- Dixon, T. L.** (2020). Media stereotypes: Content, effects, and theory. In M. B. Oliver, A. Rainey, & J. Bryant (Eds.), *Media effects: Advances in theory and research* (4th ed., pp. 243-257). New York: Routledge. d
- Dixon, T. L.**, Weeks, K., & Smith, M. (2019). Media constructions of culture, race, and ethnicity. In C. Carpenter (Ed.), *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Communication*. doi:10.1093/acrefore/9780190228613.013.502
- Dixon, T. L.** (2019). Black Criminality 2.0-The Persistence of Stereotypes in the 21st Century. In R. A. Lind (Ed.), *Race/Gender/Media 4: Considering diversity across audiences, content, and producers* (4th ed., pp. 19-22). Boston: Pearson Education, Inc.
- Butkowski, C. P., **Dixon, T. L.**, & Weeks, K. (2019). Body Surveillance on Instagram: Examining the Role of Selfie Feedback Investment in Young Adult Women's Body Image Concerns. *Sex Roles*, 81, 385-397. doi:10.1007/s11199-018-0993-6
- Dixon, T. L.**, Bauer, E., & Josey, C. L. (2018). How news frames prime non-Whites as social problems. In P. D'Angelo (Ed.), *Doing News Framing Analysis 2: Empirical and Theoretical Perspectives* (pp. 343-361). New York: Routledge.
- Epps, A. C., & **Dixon, T. L.** (2017). A Comparative Content Analysis of Anti- and Prosocial Rap Lyrical Themes Found on Traditional and New Media Outlets. *Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media*, 61, 467-498. doi:10.1080/08838151.2017.1309411
- Dixon, T. L.** (2017). How the Internet and social media accelerate racial stereotyping and social division: The Socially Mediated Stereotyping Model. In R. A. Lind (Ed.), *Race and Gender in Electronic Media: Challenges and Opportunities* (pp. 161-178). New York: Routledge.
- Dixon, T. L.** (2017). Good guys are still always in White?: Positive change and continued misrepresentation of race and crime on local television news. *Communication Research*, 44, 775-792. doi:https://doi.org/10.1177/0093650215579223
- Dixon, T. L.** (2016). Rap music and rap audiences revisited: How race matters in the perception of rap music. In P. Hall (Ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Music Censorship* (pp. 1-10). New York: Oxford University Press. doi:10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199733163.013.24
- Hurley, R., Jensen, J. J., Weaver, A., & **Dixon, T. L.** (2015). Viewer ethnicity matters: Black crime in TV news and its impact on decisions regarding public policy. *Journal of Social Issues*, 71, 155-170. doi: 10.1111/josi.12102
- Dixon, T. L.**, & Williams, C. L. (2015). The changing misrepresentation of race and crime on network and cable news. *Journal of Communication*, 65, 24-39. doi: 10.1111/jcom.12133
- Dixon, T. L.**, & Josey, C. L. (2013). Race and news revisited: The content and effects of problematically framing the news. In E. Scharrer (Ed.), *The International Encyclopedia of Media Studies: Media*

Effects/Media Psychology (Vol. 5, pp. 1-23). Boston, MA: Wiley-Blackwell (**peer reviewed**).

- Dixon, T. L.** (2011). Teaching you to love fear: Television news and racial stereotypes in a punishing democracy. In S. J. Hartnett (Ed.), *Challenging the prison Industrial complex: Activism, arts & educational alternatives* (pp. 106-123). Chicago: University of Illinois Press.
- Zhang, Y., **Dixon, T. L.**, & Conrad, K. (2010). Female body image as a function of themes in rap music videos: A content analysis. *Sex Roles*, 62, 787–797. doi:10.1007/s11199-009-9656-y
- Conrad, K., **Dixon, T. L.**, & Zhang, Y. (2009). Controversial rap themes, gender portrayals and skin tone distortion: A content analysis of rap music videos. *Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media*, 53, 134-156. doi:10.1080/08838150802643795
- Giles, H., Choi, C. H., & **Dixon, T. L.** (2009). Police-Civilian encounters. In H. Giles, S. Reid & J. Harwood (Eds.), *The dynamics of intergroup communication: (Language as social interaction)* (pp. 65-75). New York: Peter Lang Publishing.
- Dixon, T. L.** (2009). “He was a Black guy”: How news’ misrepresentation of crime creates fear of Blacks. In R. A. Lind (Ed.), *Race/Gender/Media: Considering diversity across audiences, content, and producers* 2nd edition (pp. 24-29). Boston: Pearson Education, Inc.
- Dixon, T. L.**, Zhang, Y., & Conrad, K. (2009). Self-esteem, misogyny, and afrocentricity: An examination of the relationship between rap music consumption and African American perceptions. *Group Processes and Intergroup Relations*, 12, 345-360. doi:10.1177/1368430209102847
- Josey, C. L., Hurley, R.J., Hefner, V. & **Dixon, T. L.** (2009). The portrayal of race online: A content analysis of the portrayal of racial stereotypes in a new media environment. In R. A. Lind (Ed.), *Race/Gender/Media: Considering diversity across audiences, content, and producers* 2nd edition. (pp. 135-142) Boston: Pearson Education, Inc.
- Zhang, Y., **Dixon, T. L.**, & Conrad, K. (2009). Rap music videos and African American women's body image: The moderating role of ethnic identity. *Journal of Communication*, 59, 262-278. doi:10.1111/j.1460-2466.2009.01415.x
- Dixon, T. L.** (2008). Who is the victim here?: The psychological effects of overrepresenting White victims and Black perpetrators on television news. *Journalism: Theory, Practice, & Criticism*, 9, 582-605. doi:10.1177/1464884908094160
- Dixon, T. L.**, Schell, T., Giles, H., & Drogos, K. (2008). The influence of race in police-civilian interactions: A content analysis of videotaped interactions taken during routine Cincinnati Police traffic stops. *Journal of Communication*, 58, 530-549. doi:10.1111/j.1460-2466.2008.00398.x
- Dixon, T. L.** (2008). Network news and racial beliefs: Exploring the connection between national television news exposure and stereotypical perceptions of African Americans. *Journal of Communication*, 58, 321-337. doi:10.1111/j.1460-2466.2008.00387.x
- Johnson, K. A., & **Dixon, T. L.** (2008). Change and the illusion of change: Evolving portrayals of crime news and African Americans in a major market. *Howard Journal of Communications*, 19, 125-143. doi:10.1080/10646170801990979

- Dixon, T. L.** (2008). Crime news and racialized beliefs: Understanding the relationship between local news viewing and perceptions of African Americans and crime. *Journal of Communication*, 58, 106-125. doi:10.1111/j.1460-2466.2007.00376.x
- Melican, D. B., & **Dixon, T. L.** (2008). News on the net: Credibility, selective exposure, and racial prejudice. *Communication Research*, 35, 151-168. doi:10.1177/0093650207313157
- Covert, J., & **Dixon, T. L.** (2008). A changing view: Representation and effects of women of color in mainstream women's magazines. *Communication Research*, 35, 232-256. doi:10.1177/0093650207313166
- Dixon, T. L.** (2007). Black criminals and White officers: The effects of racially misrepresenting law breakers and law defenders on television news. *Media Psychology*, 10, 270-291. doi:10.1080/15213260701375660
- Dixon, T. L., & Azocar, C.** (2007). Priming crime and activating blackness: Understanding the psychological impact of the overrepresentation of African Americans as lawbreakers on television news. *Journal of Communication*, 57, 229-253. doi:10.1111/j.1460-2466.2007.00341.x
- Dixon, T. L.** (2006). Psychological reactions to crime news portrayals of Black criminals: Understanding the moderating roles of prior news viewing and stereotype endorsement. *Communication Monographs*, 73, 162-187. doi:10.1080/03637750600690643
- Dixon, T. L.** (2006). Schemas as average conceptions: Skin tone, television news exposure, and culpability judgments. *Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly*, 83, 131-149. doi:10.1177/107769900608300109
- Dixon, T. L., & Azocar, C.** (2006). The representation of juvenile offenders by race on Los Angeles area television news. *Howard Journal of Communications*, 17, 143-161. doi:10.1080/10646170600656896
- Dixon, T. L., & Maddox, K. B.** (2005). Skin tone, crime news, and social reality judgments: priming the stereotype of the dark and dangerous black criminal. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*, 38, 1555-1570. doi:10.1111/j.1559-1816.2005.tb02184.x
- Casas, M., & **Dixon, T. L.** (2003). The impact of stereotypical and counter-stereotypical news on viewer perceptions of Blacks and Latinos: An exploratory study. In A. Valdivia (Ed.), *A Companion to Media Studies* (pp. 480-494). London: Blackwell Publishing.
- Dixon, T. L.** (2003). Racialized portrayals of reporters and criminals on local television news. In R. A. Lind (Ed.), *Race/Gender/Media: Considering diversity across audiences, content, and producers* (pp. 132-139). Boston: Pearson Education, Inc.
- Dixon, T. L., Azocar, C., & Casas, M.** (2003). The portrayal of race and crime on television network news. *Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media*, 47, 495-520. doi:10.1207/s15506878jobem4704_2
- Dixon, T. L., & Brooks, T.** (2002). Rap music and rap audiences: Psychological effects and political resistance. *African American Research Perspectives*, 8(2), 106-116. doi:www.rcgd.isr.umich.edu/prba/perspectives/fall2002/dixon-brooks.pdf

- Dixon, T. L., & Linz, D. G. (2002).** Television news, prejudicial pretrial publicity, and the depiction of race. *Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media*, 46, 112-136. doi:10.1207/s15506878jobem4601_7
- Dixon, T. L. (2001).** Social cognition and racial stereotyping in television: Consequences for transculturalism. In M. Asante, V. Milhouse & P. Nwosu (Eds.), *Transcultural realities*, (215-224). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
- Dixon, T. L. (2000).** A social cognitive approach to studying racial stereotyping in the mass media. *African American Research Perspectives*, 6(1), 60-68.
doi:http://www.rcgd.isr.umich.edu/prba/perspectives/winter2000/tdixon1.pdf
- Dixon, T. L., & Linz, D. G. (2000a).** Overrepresentation and underrepresentation of African Americans and Latinos as lawbreakers on television news. *Journal of Communication*, 50(2), 131-154.
doi:10.1111/j.1460-2466.2000.tb02845.x
- Dixon, T. L., & Linz, D. G. (2000).** Race and the misrepresentation of victimization on local television news. *Communication Research*, 27, 547-573. doi:10.1177/009365000027005001
- Dixon, T. L., & Linz, D. G. (1997).** Obscenity law and sexually explicit rap music: Understanding the effects of sex, attitudes, and beliefs. *Journal of Applied Communication Research*, 25(3), 217-241.
doi:10.1080/00909889709365477

INVITED PAPERS/REVIEWS/REPORTS

- Dixon, T. L. (2017). A Dangerous Distortion of Our Families: Representations of Families, by Race, in News and Opinion Media. Retrieved from <https://colorofchange.org/dangerousdistortion/>
- Ridgeway, G., Schell, T., Gifford, B., Saunders, J., Turner, S., Riley, K. J., **Dixon, T.L.** (2009). *Police-Community relations in Cincinnati*. Report available from RAND corporation website, <http://rand.org/pubs/monographs/MG853/>
- Schell, T., Ridgeway, G., **Dixon, T.L.**, Turner, S., & Riley, K. J. (2007). *Police-Community relations in Cincinnati: Year 3 evaluation report*. Report available from RAND corporation website, http://rand.org/pubs/technical_reports/TR535/
- Ridgeway, G., Schell, T., Riley, K. J., Turner, S., **Dixon, T.L.** (2006). *Police-Community relations in Cincinnati: Year 2 evaluation report*. Report available from RAND corporation website, http://www.rand.org/pubs/technical_reports/TR445/
- Riley, K. J., Turner, S., MacDonald, J., Ridgeway, G., Schell, T., Wilson, J., **Dixon, T.L.**, Fain, T. & Barnes-Proby, D. (2005). *Police-Community relations in Cincinnati*. Year 1 report available from RAND corporation website, <http://www.rand.org/publications/TR/TR333/>
- Dixon, T.L.** (2003). White news, incognizant racism, and news production biases. *Review of Communication*, 3.3, 216-219.
- Dixon, T.L. & Wright, T.J.** (2002). Developing a diversity consciousness. *ICA Newsletter*, 30(7), p. 11-12.

COMPETITIVE CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Smith, M.A., **Dixon, T.L.**, Rollins, D.D., Wright-Dixon, T. (June, 2026). #ConferenceSoWEIRD: Power, Inequality, and Postcolonial Perspectives at ICA Annual Conferences, 2005 to 2024. Presentation given at the International Communication Association, Capetown, South Africa.
- Dixon, T.L.**, Smith, M.A., Lella, O., Rollins, D.D. (November, 2025). #ConferenceSoWhite: A Computational Content Analysis of National Communication Association Conference Presentation Titles. Presentation given at the National Communication Association, Denver, Colorado. (**Top Paper Award**)
- Dixon, T.L.** (November, 2023). How to Conduct More Inclusive Research. Presentation given at the National Communication Association, National Harbor, Maryland. d
- Schneider, A. & **Dixon, T.L.** (November, 2023). News Coverage Following Celebrity Suicidal Ideation Disclosure. Presentation given at the National Communication Association, National Harbor, Maryland.
- Dixon, T.L.** (May, 2021). Media stereotyping and its impact on a “civil” society. Presentation given at the International Communication Association. Virtual Conference. f
- Dixon, T.L.** (August, 2021). The continuing challenges of stereotyping in the news. Presentation given at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. Virtual Conference.
- Overbye, H.E., Smith, M.A., **Dixon, T.L.**, Weeks, K. (November, 2020). Incredible news and news credibility: Understanding the link between media use, partisanship and credibility perceptions of disinformation”. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Meeting, virtual replacement for Indianapolis, IN.
- Smith, M.A., **Dixon, T.L.**, Weeks, K. (November, 2019). *Biased racial (mis)representations and news frames on social media*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD. d
- Josey, C. & **Dixon, T.L.** (November, 2019). *Advancing the Model of Representation: An examination of a unifying approach to understand media stereotypes across media content*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
- Butkowski, C.P., **Dixon, T.L.**, Weeks, K.R. (May, 2019). *Quantifying the feminine Self(ie): Gendered self-stereotyping and social media feedback in young women’s Instagram selfies*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Dixon, T.L.**, Weeks, K., Smith, M.A., & Butkowski, C.P. (November, 2018). *Representations of Family relationships by race*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT. d

- Josey, C. & **Dixon, T.L.** (November, 2018). *Race, Rap and Perception: An Examination of the effects of artist race on participant endorsement of ethnic blame*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT. d
- Butkowski, C.P., **Dixon, T.L.** (November, 2018). *Selfie surveillance: Effects of Instagram feedback investment on body image concerns among young adult women*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Dixon, T.L.**, Josey, C., Smith, M.A., Stamps, D. & Linz, D. (November, 2017). *Internet news consumption and media stereotyping: Implications for the socially mediated stereotyping model*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX.
- Josey, C. & **Dixon, T.L.** (April, 2016). *The Obama effect: A content analysis of how news coverage of America's first African American presidential family affects coverage of African Americans in News*. Paper presented at the Broadcast Education Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV (**Top Debut Paper Winner-Multicultural Division**).
- Dixon, T.L.** (November, 2015). *Good guys are still always in White?: Positive change and continued misrepresentation of race and crime on local television news*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV (**Top Four Paper Winner-Mass Communication Division**).
- Onyeador, I.N. & **Dixon, T.L.** (May, 2015). *Racial representation in media about intimate partner violence*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Annual Meeting, Puerto Rico.
- Dixon, T.L.** (April, 2015). *The changing misrepresentation of race and crime on network and cable news*. Paper presented at the Broadcast Education Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV (**Top Three Paper Winner-Multicultural Division**).
- Dixon, T.L.** (April, 2015). *How the Internet and social media accelerate racial stereotyping and social division*. Paper presented at the Broadcast Education Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV (Special Research Symposium on Race and Media).
- Dixon, T.L.** & Williams, C.L. (November, 2014). *The changing misrepresentation of race and crime on network and cable news*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Epps, A. & **Dixon, T.L.** (April, 2014). *(Un)conscious rhymes & choice online: A comparative content analysis of anti- and pro-social rap lyrical themes found on traditional and new media outlets*. Paper presented at the Broadcast Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.
- Josey, C. & **Dixon, T.L.** (April, 2013). *What's in a web address?: An analysis of the differential framing of persons of color across traditional and non-traditional web sites*. Paper presented at the Broadcast Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.

- Dixon, T.L.** (November, 2012). *"He was a Black guy": How the News continues to create fear of Blacks*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL.
- Dixon, T.L.** (November, 2010). *The attachment of race to political issues: How terrorism and crime news activate stereotypes of Blacks and Arabs*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Dixon, T.L.** (November, 2009). *Black civilian treatment by White officers during videotaped traffic stops: How extensive policing might increase racial tension & police distrust*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- Dixon, T.L.** (November, 2008). *Understanding news coverage of Hurricane Katrina: The use of news frames and racial stereotypes by network television news*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- Dixon, T.L., Schell, T., Giles, H., & Drogos, K.** (2008, May). *The influence of race in police-civilian interactions: A content analysis of videotaped interactions taken during Cincinnati police traffic stops*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada. **(Top Paper-Intergroup Communication Interest Group)**
- Zhang, Y., **Dixon, T.L., & Conrad, K.** (2008, May). *Female Body Image as a Function of Themes in Rap Music Videos: A Content Analysis*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada.
- Zhang, Y., **Dixon, T.L., & Conrad, K.** (2007, November). *Rap music videos and African American women's body image: The moderating role of ethnic identity*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Conrad, K., **Dixon, T.L., & Zhang, Y.** (2007, November). *An examination of how rap and R&B music videos influence African American self identity*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Conrad, K. & **Dixon, T.L., & Zhang, Y.** (2007, May). *Controversial rap themes, gender portrayals, and skin tone distortion: A content analysis of rap music videos*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Dixon, T.L.** (2006, November). *Framing Arabs as terrorists and Blacks as criminals: The content and effects of stereotypical news coverage*. Paper presented at the Woolbert Award panel honoring Dr. Robert Entman at the National Communication Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.
- Squires, C.R., **Dixon, T.L., Bullard, K., Martins, N., Jackson, J.S.** (2006, November). *"Post-Soul media consumption": Documenting differences in generational media consumption by African Americans*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX. **(Top 3 Paper-Mass Communication Division)**

- Schell, T. & **Dixon, T.L.** (2006, November). *Race effects in police-citizen interpersonal interactions: An analysis of a random sample of recorded traffic stops*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.
- Covert, J. & **Dixon, T.L.** (2006, August). *Representation and effects of the portrayal of women of color in mainstream women's magazines*. Paper presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Melican, D., Hurley, R.J., **Dixon, T.L.** (2006, June). *Internet news credibility and its role in promoting racial stereotypes*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Annual Meeting, Dresden, Germany.
- Dixon, T.L.** (2005, November). *Psychological reactions to crime news portrayals of Black criminals: Understanding the moderating roles of racism and prior news viewing*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- Dixon, T.L.** (2005, May). *Schemas as average conceptions: Skin tone, television news exposure, and culpability judgments*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Annual Meeting, New York.
- Hurley, R.J., **Dixon, T.L.**, Jensen, J.D., & Weaver, A.J. (2005, May). *Priming race: The impact on perceptions of guilt*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Annual Meeting, New York.
- Dixon, T.L.** (2004, November). *Network news and racialized beliefs: Understanding the effects of news exposure on stereotypical perceptions of African Americans*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Dixon, T.L.** (2004, May). *Crime news and racialized beliefs: Understanding the effects of news exposure and news orientation on perceptions of African Americans and crime*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Dixon, T.L.** & Maddox, K.B. (2003, November). *Skin Tone, crime news, and social reality judgments: Priming the stereotype of the dark and dangerous Black criminal*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Miami, FL. **(Top 3 Paper-Mass Communication Division)**
- Dixon, T.L.**, Azocar, C., & Carter, T. (2003, May). *Psychological reactions to crime news portrayals of African Americans: The effects of prior news viewing*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association, San Diego, CA.
- Dixon, T.L.** (2002, November). *Psychological reactions to the race of perpetrators and officers on television news*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. **(Top 3 Paper-Mass Communication Division)**
- Dixon, T.L.** (2002, August). *Psychological reactions to the race of victims and criminals portrayed on television news*. Paper presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Annual Meeting, Miami, Florida.

- Azocar, C. & **Dixon, T.L.** (2002, July). *The double-threat of attributional frames of responsibility on the culpability of Black juvenile criminals in crime news stories*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association, Seoul, S. Korea.
- Casas, M. & **Dixon, T.L.** (2002, July). *The impact of stereotypical and counter-stereotypical news on viewer perceptions of Blacks and Latinos: An exploratory study*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association, Seoul, S. Korea.
- Azocar, C. & **Dixon T.L.** (2001, May). *Attributional framing effects of news on punitive judgments of Black juvenile criminals*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC. **(Top 3 Paper-Mass Communication Division)**
- Dixon, T. L.** (2001, May). *The depiction of race and crime on network news*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC.
- Dixon, T. L.** & Azocar, C. (2000, November). *Psychological reactions to portrayals of Black criminality on television news*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- Dixon, T. L.** & Azocar, C. (2000, June). *Reactions to portrayals of African Americans and Whites as lawbreakers on television news*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Annual Meeting, Acapulco, Mexico.
- Dixon, T.L.,** Linz, D., & Azocar, C. (2000, June). *Overrepresentation and underrepresentation of African American and Latino juvenile lawbreakers on local television news*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Annual Meeting, Acapulco, Mexico.
- Dixon, T. L.** & Linz, D. (1999, August). *The portrayal of race and crime on network news: An exploratory study*. Paper presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Annual meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- Dixon, T. L.** & Linz, D. (1999, November). *Race and the misrepresentation of victimization on local television news*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. **(Top 3 Paper-Mass Communication Division)**
- Dixon, T. L.** (1999, May). *Television news, prejudicial publicity, and the depiction of race*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Dixon, T. L.** (1998, November). *Race and crime on local television news*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Meeting, New York.
- Dixon, T. L.** (1998, August). *Distortion of Blacks and crime on local television news*. Paper presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Dixon, T. L.** (1998, July). *Distortion and misrepresentation of Blacks and crime on local television news*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Annual Meeting, Jerusalem, Israel.

Dixon, T. L. (1995, May). *Understanding tolerance for 2 Live Crew and assessing attitudes toward rap music*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dixon, T. L. (1994, May). *Understanding tolerance for rap music*. Paper presented at the National Black Graduate Student's Association Conference Annual Meeting, Mississippi State University.

GUEST LECTURES, INVITED TALKS, AND COLLOQUIA

Dixon, T.L. (March, 2026). The Continuing Relevance of Stereotyping in the 21st Century. Presentation given at Louisiana State University Manship School of Mass Communication. d

Dixon, T.L. (October, 2024). Fighting the Good Fight: Research on Media Stereotyping and the Struggle for Social Justice. Presentation given at Syracuse Newhouse School of Communication.

Dixon, T.L. (April, 2024). The Centrality of Stereotypes in the 21st Century. Presentation given at the University of Connecticut Department of Communication.

Dixon, T.L. (February, 2024). Building Inclusive Pedagogy and Resisting Stereotypes Facilitation given at the College of LAS Inclusive Pedagogy Certification.

Dixon, T.L. (February, 2023). Building Inclusive Pedagogy and Resisting Stereotypes Facilitation given at the College of LAS Inclusive Pedagogy Certification.

Dixon, T.L. (May, 2022). The Centrality of Media Stereotyping and How it Impacts Us. University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Dean's Distinguished Lecture.

Dixon, T.L. (November, 2021). The Centrality of Media Stereotyping: How Media Imagery Negatively Impacts Our Community. Presentation given at the In Black Ink Community Foundation in Minneapolis, MN.

Dixon, T.L. (May, 2021). The Centrality of Media Stereotyping: How Media Imagery Impacts the Functioning of Society. Lambda Pi Eta Choice Scholar Lecture given at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Dixon, T.L. (October, 2020). The Perpetuation of Stereotyping in Traditional and Emerging Media Environments. Presentation given at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Dixon, T.L. (March, 2021). Media Racial Stereotyping and Impact on Policy. Presentation given to the Chancellors Honors Program at the University of Illinois.

Dixon, T.L. (April, 2019). Being an effective adviser. Roundtable discussion given to Assistant Professors in University of Illinois Department of Communication.

- Dixon, T.L.** (March, 2019). *Framing the Black Family: Media Representation & Black Families*. Presentation given at the University of Illinois Women Resource Center.
- Dixon, T.L.** (Feb., 2019). *Perpetuation of Cultural Racism Through Social and Mass Media*. Presentation given at the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research.
- Dixon, T.L.** (Dec., 2018). *Social Bias in the Media: Stereotyping in traditional and digital news*. Presentation given at AMDOCS corporation.
- Dixon, T.L.** (Nov., 2018). *The Persistent Content and Effects of Stereotypical Media Imagery*. Presentation given at Shippensburg University.
- Dixon, T.L.** (Sept., 2018). *The 21st century media threat: Stereotype perpetuation and resistance*. Presentation given at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (Dennis H. May Conference on Diversity Issues).
- Dixon, T.L.** (June, 2018). *A Dangerous distortion of our families: Representations off families, by race, in news and opinion media*. Presentation given at Ounce of Prevention Fund Conference.
- Dixon, T.L.** (April, 2018). *The content and effects of stereotypical media imagery in traditional and digital contexts*. Presentation given at Albion College.
- Dixon, T.L.** (April, 2017). *The content and effects of stereotypical news exposure in traditional and digital contexts*. Presentation given at Cornell University.
- Dixon, T.L.** (April, 2017). *Higher education in the Trump era*. Presentation given at Black Graduate Student Association Colloquium.
- Dixon, T.L.** (October, 2016). *Making the Most of Conferences*. Presentation given at Communication Graduate Student Association Colloquium.
- Dixon, T.L.** (April, 2015). *The content and effects of stereotypical news exposure in traditional and digital contexts*. Presentation given at Colgate University.
- Dixon, T.L.** (October, 2015). *News Media Stereotypes and Stereotyping: A 21st Century Problem*. Presentation given at Albion College.
- Dixon, T.L.** (September, 2015). *News Media Stereotyping: A Continuing Problem*. Presentation given at Campus Conversation, University of Illinois.
- Dixon, T.L.** (December, 2013). *Media stereotypes and their role in racial healing and equity: Community philanthropy and news' portrayals*. Public Presentation given at the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service. Talk accessible at:
<http://clintonschoolspeakers.com/content/media-stereotypes-and-their-role-racial-healing-and-equity-community-philanthropy-and-news>
- Dixon, T.L.** (November, 2013). *Race and the media: Understanding the issues and discussing opportunities for action*. Community Conversation lectures given in Pine Bluff and Helena, AR on behalf of the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service.

- Dixon, T.L.** (April, 2012). *How the media creates and maintains stereotypes*. Presentation given at the UCLA Department of Psychology.
- Dixon, T.L.** (November, 2011). *How media consumption contributes to the formation and maintenance of racial stereotypes*. Presentation given at the University of Pittsburgh.
- Dixon, T.L.** (October, 2008). *How watching TV news creates and reinforces racial stereotypes*. Presentation given at Ohio State University.
- Dixon, T.L.** (September, 2008). *How news consumption forms and maintains racial stereotypes*. Presentation given at U. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Department of Psychology).
- Dixon, T.L.** (November, 2007). *Understanding news coverage of Hurricane Katrina: The use of news frames and racial stereotypes by network television news*. Presentation given at U. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Department of Communication colloquium).
- Dixon, T.L.** (March, 2007). *How news consumption contributes to the formation and maintenance of racial stereotypes*. Presentation given at Tufts University (Department of Psychology).
- Dixon, T.L.** (March, 2007). *Taking control of their destiny: Black women and the culture of rap*. Presentation given at University of Maryland, College Park (This is Her Story...This is Her Song Symposium at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center).
- Dixon, T.L.** (April, 2007). *News portrayals of African Americans as culpable & irresponsible: From Los Angeles to New Orleans*. Presentation given at the University of Mississippi (African American Studies Department Symposium).
- Dixon, T.L.** (March, 2007). *Understanding news coverage of Hurricane Katrina: The use of news frames and racial stereotypes by network television news*. Presentation given at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (Center on Democracy in a Multiracial Society colloquium).
- Dixon, T.L.** (January, 2003). *The portrayal and effects of news programming on viewers*. Presentation given at Georgia State University.
- Dixon, T.L.** (January, 2003). *The portrayal of race and crime in news programming and the effects of these depictions on viewers*. Presentation given at the University of Arizona.
- Dixon, T.L.** (December, 2002). *Psychological reactions to crime news portrayals of African Americans*. presentation given at Ohio State University.
- Dixon, T. L.** (September, 2002). *Understanding reactions to portrayals of African Americans as criminals on television news*. Presentation given at the University of Michigan Departmental colloquium series.
- Dixon, T. L.** (March, 2000). *Content and effects of portrayals of African Americans as criminals on television news*. Presentation given at Tufts University.

- Dixon, T. L.** (March, 2000). *Psychological reactions to crime news portrayals of African Americans: The effects of prior news viewing*. Presentation given at the University of Southern California, Annenberg School West.
- Dixon, T. L.** (May, 2000). *Representations of and reactions to portrayals of African Americans as criminals on television news*. Presentation given at the Institute for Social Research, Group Dynamics Seminar.
- Dixon, T. L.** (February, 2000). *Overrepresentation and underrepresentation of African Americans and Latinos as perpetrators on television news*. Presentation given at the University of Michigan, Departmental colloquium series.
- Dixon, T. L.** (February, 1996). *Understanding obscenity law and its relationship to sexually explicit rap music*. Presentation given at the University of California, Santa Barbara Center for Black Studies, Black Graduate Student Colloquium series presentation.
- Dixon, T. L.** (May, 1995). *Obscenity and sexually explicit rap music: Understanding the effects of gender, culture, and listener attitudes*. Presentation given at the University of California, Santa Barbara Department of Communication, Departmental colloquium series.
- Dixon, T. L.** (April, 1994). *Assessing attitudes toward sexually explicit rap music*. Presentation given at the University of California, Santa Barbara Department of Communication, Language and Communication Course lecture.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2018	\$20,000	Research Board	U. of Illinois
2016	\$30,000	Investigation of Black family news framing	Family Story Project (New Venture Fund)
2015	\$30,000	Research Board (CDMS)	U. of Illinois
2013	\$65,000	Visiting Fellowship, Clinton School	U. of Arkansas
2012	\$5,000	Research Enabling Grant	UCLA
2010	\$80,000	RAND Police-Community Grant	City of Cincinnati
2006	\$24,600	Research Board (Hurricane Katrina study)	U. of Illinois
2003	\$2,000	Rackham Discretionary Grant	U. of Michigan
2003	\$3,000	LS&A Research Award	U. of Michigan
2003	\$12,000	Office of V.P. for Research Award	U. of Michigan
2002	\$8,000	Associate Provost Research Grant	U. of Michigan
2000	\$8,000	Rackham Faculty Grant/Fellowship	U. of Michigan
1999	\$3,250	Associate Provost Research Grant	U. of Michigan

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Communication, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (2003–2011 & 2014-present):

Lower division undergraduate course: Introduction to Mediated Communication

Upper division undergraduate courses: “Mass Media and the Audience,” “Race and the Mass Media”

Graduate seminar: “Mass Media and the Audience: An Introduction to Mass Communication Theory”

Department of Communication Studies, University of California, Los Angeles (2011-2014):

Lower division undergraduate course: “Introduction to Communication Studies”

Upper division undergraduate course: “Analysis of Mass Media Effects”

Upper division undergraduate course: “Stereotypes and the Mass Media”

Graduate seminar: “Race and the Mass Media”

Department of Communication Studies, University of Michigan (1998-2003):

Graduate seminar: “Mass Media and the Individual: An Introduction to Mass Communication Theory”

Upper division undergraduate courses: “Use and Reception of Mass Media.” “Honors Seminar I & II”

Lower division undergraduate course: “Media Processes and Effects”

Department of Communication, University of California, Santa Barbara (1993-98):

Lower division undergraduate course taught: “Introduction to Communication”

Lower division undergraduate teaching assistant courses: “Communication Theory,” “Mass Communication and Children”

Law and Society Program, University of California, Santa Barbara (1993-96):

Lower division undergraduate teaching assistant courses: “Interpreting Socio-Legal Research (i.e. Introductory Methods),” “American Law”

EDITORIAL BOARD

2023 – present	Communication Studies
2022-present	Communication and Race
2021 – present	Communication Monographs
2020 – present	Human Communication Research
2010 – 2011	Communication Monographs
2010 – 2011	Critical Studies in Media Communication
2008-present	Communication Research

2008 - 2018	Journal of Communication
2007 – present	Howard Journal of Communications
2007 – 2010	Political Communication
2006 – 2011	Human Communication Research
2005 - present	Media Psychology
2005 – 2011	Communication Studies
2002 - present	Journal of Broadcasting and Electronic Media

AD-HOC REVIEWING

2025	Journal of Applied Communication Research, Journalism, Political Behavior
2024	Sex Roles
2024, 2022	Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly
2023, 2022	Communication Reports
2023, 2022, 2021	Mass Communication & Society
2023, 2021	UIUC Chancellor's Call to Action
2022	Child Development Perspectives
2022	Western Journal of Communication
2021	Oxford University Press Encyclopedia Series
2021	Sociological Focus
2021	Applied Communication Research
2020	Journal of Mass Communication Quarterly
2019	American Journal of Sociology
2019	Political Psychology
2019	Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly
2019	Political Communication
2019	Group Processes
2019	Journal of Communication
2018	Political Psychology
2018	Communication Monographs
2018	Journal of Politics
2018	Journal of Applied Communication Research
2015, 2014, 2011, 2008	Sex Roles
2015	Dubois Review
2015, 2014, 2013	Communication Monographs
2015	Communication Studies
2018, 2015, 2001-2003	Human Communication Research
2018, 2015 2012, 2011, 2008	Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly
2015	International Journal of Communication\
2015	Michigan Sociological Review
2014	Journalism Studies
2014	Communication Yearbook
2013	Public Opinion Quarterly
2013	British Journal of Social Psychology
2013	Atlantic Journal of Communication
2012	Crime and Delinquency
2012	Communication Yearbook
2010	Journal of Family Communication

2008	Group Processes and Intergroup Processes
2008	Journal of Applied Social Psychology
2008	Communication Theory
2008	Journal of Criminal Justice and Popular Culture
2021, 2018, 2015, 2008	Journalism
2008	Communication Reports
2008	Journal of Communication
2007	American Journal of Media Psychology
2007	Journal of Media Psychology
2007, 2002-2003	Journal of Applied Social Psychology
2018, 2008, 2007	Mass Communication and Society
2007	Communication Methods and Measures
2006	Journal of Language and Social Psychology
2005	Perceptual and Motor Skills (consulting reader)
2016, 2005	Psychological Reports
2005	Howard Journal of Communications
2015, 2002	Communication Quarterly
2001	Communication Reports
2000-2001	Journal of Communication
1999	Journal of Experimental Social Psychology

HONORS AND AWARDS

2025	Top Paper Award in the African American Communication & Cultrual Division, National Communication Association
2025	Recognized as a Trailblazer by the UIUC Black Faculty and Professional Alliance
2023	Honored on List of Instructors Ranked as Excellent by their Students, Fall Semester, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (CMN. 277)
2022	Honored on List of Instructors Ranked as Excellent by their Students, Fall Semester, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (CMN. 277, CMN. 429)
2022	Selected as College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professorial Scholar
2022	Selected as the UIUC College of LAS Distinguished Lecturer
2021	Honored on List of Instructors Ranked as Excellent by their Students, Fall Semester, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2020	Honored on List of Instructors Ranked as Excellent by their Students, Fall Semester, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2020	Honored on List of Instructors Ranked as Excellent by their Students, Spring Semester, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2019	Inducted as an International Communication Association Fellow

- 2019 Honored on List of Instructors Ranked as Excellent by their Students (Top 10%) Fall Semester, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2018 Honored on List of Instructors Ranked as Excellent by their Students, Fall Semester, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2018 Honored on List of Instructors Ranked as Excellent by their Students, Spring Semester, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2017 Honored on List of Instructors Ranked as Excellent by their Students, Spring Semester, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2016 Honored on List of Instructors Ranked as Excellent by their Students, Fall Semester, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2015 Top Debut Paper Award in the Multicultural Division, Broadcast Education Association
- 2015 Top Four Paper Award in the Mass Communication Division, National Communication Association
- 2015 Top Three Paper Award in the Multicultural Division, Broadcast Education Association.
- 2011 Excellence in Mentorship Award, Presented by UIUC Communication Leaders
- 2011 Honored on List of Instructors Ranked as Excellent by their Students, Summer Session, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2011 Honored on List of Instructors Ranked as Excellent by their Students, Spring Semester, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2010 Honored on List of Instructors Ranked as Excellent by their Students (Top 10%), Fall Semester, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2010 Honored on List of Instructors Ranked as Excellent by their Students, Spring Semester, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2009 Honored on List of Instructors Ranked as Excellent by their Students, Fall Semester, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2008 Honored on List of Instructors Ranked as Excellent by their Students, Fall Semester, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2008 Honored on List of Instructors Ranked as Excellent by their Students, Spring Semester, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2008 Top Paper Award in the Intergroup Communication Interest Group, International Communication Association. Co-authored with T. Schell, H. Giles, & K. Drogos

- 2007 Honored on List of Instructors Ranked as Excellent by their Students, Fall Semester, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2006 Honored on List of Instructors Ranked as Excellent by their Students, Fall Semester, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2006 Outstanding Article Award, National Communication Association's African American Cultural Division for "Psychological reactions to crime news portrayals of Black criminals" published in *Communication Monographs*
- 2006 Top Three Paper Award in the Mass Communication Division, National Communication Association. Co-authored with C. Squires, K. Bullard, N. Martins, & J. Jackson
- 2006 Invited Fellow, The Center on Democracy in a Multiracial Society (CDMS), University of Illinois
- 2006 Honored on List of Instructors Ranked as Excellent by their Students (Top 10%), Spring Semester, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2005 Honored on List of Instructors Ranked as Excellent by their Students (Top 10%), Fall Semester, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2005 Invited Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University
- 2003 Top Three Paper Award in the Mass Communication Division, National Communication Association. Co-authored with K. Maddox.
- 2002 Top Three Paper Award in the Mass Communication Division, National Communication Association.
- 2001 Top Three Paper Award in the Mass Communication Division, International Communication Association. Co-authored with C. Azocar.
- 2000 Recognized for outstanding review of competitive papers submitted to the Mass Communication Division, National Communication Association.
- 1999 Top Three Paper Award in the Mass Communication Division, National Communication Association. Co-authored with D. Linz.
- 1995-1998 Graduate Research Mentorship Fellow
- 1997 Honored as an Interdisciplinary Humanities Center Fellow Finalist, U. of California, Santa Barbara.
- 1996-1997 Honored as a University of California Regents' Fellow, U. of California, Santa Barbara.

1995 Honored as a Humanities and Social Sciences Fellow, U. of California, Santa Barbara.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Departmental Service

2016-2018	Advisory Committee	U. of Illinois
2014-2016	Graduate Admissions Committee	U. of Illinois
2013-2014	Vice Chair, Communication Studies	UCLA
2013-2014	Member, Graduate Program Formation Committee	UCLA
2012-2014	Member, Undergraduate Admissions Committee	UCLA
2007	Presenter, SCGA Writing Panel	U. of Illinois
2006	Presenter at "Chat with the Professor"	U. of Illinois
2003-2011	Speech Communication Awards Committee	U. of Illinois
1998-2003	Search Committee Member	U. of Michigan
1998-2003	Undergraduate Curriculum Advising	U. of Michigan
1998-2003	Graduate Admissions Committee	U. of Michigan
1998-1999	Library and Marsh Research Center Committee	U. of Michigan

Campus Service

2024-present	IDES steering committee	U. of Illinois
2025	5 year review committee for Althaus, Cline Center	U. of Illinois
2020	Speaker to the Black Law Student Association	U. of Illinois
2017-2019	Provost's Campus Speech Taskforce Committee	U. of Illinois
2014-2016	Chancellor's Advisory Committee	U. of Illinois
2015	Presenter, LAS Discovery Day	U. of Illinois
2015	Interviewee, LAS promotional video	U. of Illinois
2015	Interviewee, Comm. Dept. Promo video	U. of Illinois
2012-2014	Senate Member, Regents Scholarship Committee	UCLA
2012-2013	Chair, Ralph Bunche Center	UCLA
2010-2011	Member, LAS Honors Council	U. of Illinois
2007	Panelist at the University's Diversity Roundtable	U. of Illinois
2006	Brochure Model for LAS recruitment	U. of Illinois
2004	CDMS Session Chair, "Education or Incarceration?"	U. of Illinois
1998-2003	Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Faculty Mentor	U. of Michigan
1998-2003	Co-chair Media and Identity Initiative, Funded	U. of Michigan
2000	Speaker, Campus Day Scholars Program	U. of Michigan
1999-2000	Media and Identity Conference Committee	U. of Michigan
1999	Summer Research Opportunity Faculty Fellow	U. of Michigan
1996	Summer Academic Research Internship Mentor	UC Santa Barbara

Positions Held in Professional Organizations

2022-2023	Chair, International Communication Association, Awards Committee
2022-2023	Chair, International Communication Association, Aubrey Fischer Awards Committee
2019-2020	Member, Diversity Enrichment Committee for ICA Fellows

2014-2015	NCA Representative, Consortium of Social Sciences Association
2013-2015	Member, National Communication Association Research Board
2011-2014	Member, Publications Committee, Broadcast Education Association
2008-2010	Member, International Communication Association, Young Scholar Award Committee
2010	Immediate Past Chair, National Communication Association Mass Communication Division
2009	Chair, National Communication Association Mass Communication Division
2008	Vice-Chair, National Communication Association Mass Communication Division
2007	Vice-Chair elect, National Communication Association Mass Communication Division
2006	Member, Executive Board of Ethnicity and Race in Communication Interest Group, International Communication Association
2003	Member, International Communication Association Mass Communication Division's Leadership Taskforce
2001-2003	Secretary, International Communication Association Mass Communication Division
1998-2001	Member and chair of sub-committee, International Communication Association Diversity Taskforce

Interviews, Appearances, Community Engagement

2026 (Jan. 21)	Interview, race and news bias	Columbus-Dispatch
2026 (Feb. 9)	Interview, Decoded Docuseries	NewsOne
2025 (Aug. 14)	Interview, conservative social media	Washington Post
2025 (May 9)	Expert opinion, documentary	Louisiana State U.
2024 (Sept. 13)	Interview, crime perceptions in media	WEIU
2024 (Aug. 10)	Interview, police, and entertainment TV	New York Magazine
2023 (May 4)	https://www.icahdq.org/page/ICApodcasts	Architects of CMN.
2018 (Jan. 10)	Interview, Family Story Report	WURD
2018 (Jan. 25)	Interview, Family Story Report	WPFW
2018 (Jan. 18)	Interview, Black Absentee Father Myth	AJ+
2018 (Ap. 5)	Faculty Panelist, Black Education	UIUC BGSA
2017 (Dec. 13)	Interview, Family Story Report	Washington Post
2017 (Dec. 21)	Interview, Family Story Report	Sam Seder Podcast
2017 (Dec. 19)	Interview, Family Story Report	Tim Wise podcast
2017 (Dec. 19)	Interview, Family Story Report	Brian Lehrer
2017 (Ap. 21)	Faculty Panelist, Teaching and Research	UIUC BGSA
2015 (Oct. 2)	Interview, race and media bias	USA Today podcast
2015 (Jun. 23)	Feature story on racial news bias	News Gazette
2015 (Jul. 12)	Interview, race and media bias	WGN Radio
2015 (Oct. 4)	Presenter, Wesley Symposium on Race	Wesley Church
2008 (Jul. 21)	Radio Interview regarding survey of news	WVON
2008 (Jul. 21)	Newspaper interview, news and stereotyping	Chicago Sun-Times
2008 (Aug. 20)	Newspaper interviewer, news and stereotyping	The Guardian
2008 (Aug. 20)	Newspaper interview, news and stereotyping	Chicago Defender
2007 (May 24)	Interviewee, "Priming Crime" study	LAS News/Inside I.

2006 (Feb. 3)	Radio Interview, The Status of Hip Hop”	U. of I Channel 7
2005 (Aug. 1)	Magazine Interviewee, “Hip-hop Violence”	LAS News
2005 (Jul. 17)	Newspaper Interview, “Rap Music effects”	Los Angeles Times
2004 (Feb. 15)	Television Interviewee, “Black Perspectives”	WILL-TV/PBS
2004 (Jan. 23)	Radio Interviewee regarding race/crime	WDWS AM

GRADUATE ADVISING

Ph.D. Advisor:	Deja Rollins	U. of Illinois
	Oxala DaSilva	U. of Illinois
	G. Son Gophasis	U. of Illinois
	Abbey Schneider (Ph.D., 2024)	U. of Illinois
	Kristopher Weeks (Ph.D., 2020)	U. of Illinois
	Marissa Smith (Ph.D., 2020)	U. of Illinois
	Nicole LaVoie (Ph.D., 2016)	U. of Illinois
	Christopher Josey (Ph.D., 2015)	U. of Illinois
	Cristina Azocar (Ph.D., 2001)	U. of Michigan
Ph.D. Committee Member	Ellie Fujimoto	U. of Illinois
	Minhey Chung	U. of Illinois
	Ethan Morrow (Ph.D., 2025)	U. of Illinois
	Lillie Williamson (Ph.D., 2019)	U. of Illinois
	Veronica Hefner (Ph.D., 2011)	U. of Illinois
	Jessie Quintero Johnson (Ph.D., 2011)	U. of Illinois
	Yuanyuan Zhang (Ph.D., 2011)	U. of Illinois
	Bradley Bond (Ph.D., 2011)	U. of Illinois
	Erica Bauer (Ph.D., 2010)	U. of Illinois
	Ryan Hurley (Ph.D., 2009)	U. of Illinois
	Kevin Coe (Ph.D., 2008)	U. of Illinois
	Todd Trautman (Ph.D., 2006)	U. of Illinois
	Thomas Buhr (Ph.D., 2003)	U. of Michigan
	Penelope P. Espinoza, Psych. Dept. (Ph.D., 2003)	U. of Michigan
	Rocio Rivadeneyra, Psych. Dept. (Ph.D., 2001)	U. of Michigan
	Jason S. Lawrence, Psych. Dept. (Ph.D., 2000)	U. of Michigan
M.A. Advisor:	Tanner Smith	U. of Illinois
	Oxala Da Silva (M.A., 2024)	U. of Illinois
	James Handal (M.A., 2021)	U. of Illinois
	Katherine Bunsold (M.A., 2021)	U. of Illinois
	Rachael Gregory (M.A., 2021)	U. of Illinois
	Graciela Troche (M.A., 2021)	U. of Illinois
	Melinda Sevilla (M.A., 2020)	U. of Illinois
	Chelsea Butkowski (M.A., 2018)	U. of Illinois
	Jasmine Roberts (M.A., 2011)	U. of Illinois
	Katherine Becker (M.A., 2009)	U. of Illinois
	Christopher Josey (M.A., 2007)	U. of Illinois

M.A. Committee Member:	Monet Tchamdjoci (M.A. 2023)	U. of Illinois
	Sarah Bencivenga (M.A. 2021)	U. of Illinois
	Natalia Roman (M.A., 2019)	U. of Illinois
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