

**Eletra S. Gilchrist-Petty, Ph.D.**  
Professor and Department Chair  
The University of Alabama in Huntsville  
College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences  
Department of Communication Arts

**EDUCATION**

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- Ph.D., 2004    University of Memphis; Memphis, TN  
Major: Communication  
Dissertation: “Students’ use of compliance-seeking strategies with Black and White graduate teaching assistants”
- M.A., 2001    University of Alabama; Tuscaloosa, AL  
Major: Communication Studies  
Thesis: “Beyond the verbal filter: Communicator style and motivation to control racism”
- B.A., 1999    University of Alabama; Tuscaloosa, AL  
Major: Communication Studies  
Minor: Journalism  
Summa Cum Laude  
Honors Thesis: “Communicator style as a predictor of student success”

**INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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*(Includes Graduate and Undergraduate Instruction in Traditional, Online, and Hybrid formats)*

Public Speaking	Senior Seminar in Communication
Honors Public Speaking	Communication Pedagogy
Communication Research Methods	Communication and Culture
Interpersonal Communication	Persuasion
Intro to Journalism	Advanced Media Writing
Dark Side of Interpersonal Communication	Small Group Communication
African American Communication	Special Topics in Communication
Independent Study	Business and Professional Communication

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

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The University of Alabama in Huntsville	2008-present
* Communication Arts Department Chair	2020-present
* Promoted to Full Professor	2020
* Tenured and Promoted to Associate Professor	2013
Middle Tennessee State University	2004-2008
* Assistant Professor	

## **PUBLICATIONS/CONFERENCES/SCHOLARSHIP**

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### **Publications**

- Gilchrist-Petty, E. S. (2025). Reimagining administrative support of transgressive teaching amid anti-DEI legislation. *Southern Communication Journal*, 1-5. doi: 10.1080/1041794X.2025.2543469
- Spencer, L., & Gilchrist-Petty, E. S. (2025). A response to antiblackness ideology in missing person alerts: A fragment analysis of Ebony Alerts' media coverage. *Women and Language*, 48(1), 205-244.
- Gilchrist-Petty, E. S. (2024). Benchmarking: Assessing competitive metrics to become a more attractive educational destination. In Camara, S. (Eds.), *Communication Training and Development: Exploring the Cutting Edge* (3rd ed., pp. 169-177). Kendall Hunt.
- Gilchrist-Petty, E. S. (2023). Embracing teaching moments from microaggressive classroom discussion. In S. Davis (Ed.), *Being Black in the Ivory: Truth-Telling About Racism in Higher Education*. UNC Press.
- Gilchrist-Petty, E. S. (2022). "You're very smart for a Black woman": A case of microaggressive communication. In J. Kahlow (Ed.), *Cases on Organizational Communication and Understanding Understudied Groups* (142-152). IGI Global.
- Gilchrist-Petty, E. S. (2021). Foreword: "One Nation Under a (socially distant) Groove". In N. Pickett Miller (Ed.), *Verzuz and Club Quarantine: Sustaining Black Music and Black Culture During Covid-19*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.
- Gilchrist-Petty, E. S. (2020). Hair. In O. L. Dyson, J. L. Jeffries, & K. L. Brooks, (Eds.), *African American Culture: An Encyclopedia of People, Traditions, and Customs* (417-420). Santa Barbara, CA: Greenwood.
- Gilchrist-Petty, E. S., & Bennett, L. K. (2019). Cross-sex best friendships and the experience and expression of jealousy within romantic relationships. *Journal of Relationships Research*, 1-9. doi: 10.1017/jrr.2019.16
- Gilchrist-Petty, E. S. (2019). "You don't know what you don't know": Mitigating Uncertainty in Transracial Adoption. In S. LeBlanc (Ed.), *Casing the family: Theoretical and applied approaches to understanding family communication* (15-25). Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt.
- Gilchrist-Petty, E. S. (2019, June). eTools: Using Turnitin in the Classroom. 2019 eTools: Using eTools in the classroom. National Communication Association.  
<https://www.natcom.org/sites/default/files/publications/June2019-etools-Turnitin.pdf>
- Gilchrist-Petty, E. S. (2018). Taking interest in students' disinterest: Best practices for mitigating amotivation in the basic course. *Journal of Communication Pedagogy*, 1(1), 101-108. doi: 10.31446/JCP.2018.17
- Gilchrist-Petty, E. S. (2018). *Deviant communication in teacher-student interactions: Emerging research and opportunities*. Hershey, PA: IGI Global.

- Gilchrist-Petty, E. (2017). Unraveling complexities in the teacher-student relationship: Perceptions of immediacy, credibility, and learning. *Carolinas Communication Annual, XXXIII*, 45-61.
- Gilchrist-Petty, E. (2017). When lifestage matters: A narrative account of a pregnancy-related invisible illness. In K. Morant Williams (Ed.), *Beyond the Veil: Women, Invisibility & Health* (pp. 66-80). Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.
- Gilchrist-Petty, E. S. (2017). Uh, um, you know: How discourse markers affect perceptions of speaker character. In R. Garner (Ed.), *Brain waves: A compendium of ideas and views from UAH campus thought leaders* (pp. 155-158). Huntsville, AL: UAH.
- Gilchrist-Petty, E. S., & Long, S. D. (Eds., 2016). *Contexts of the Dark Side of Communication*. New York, NY: Peter Lang Publishing Inc.
- Gilchrist-Petty, E. S. (2016). Didn't expect you to hurt me this way: A typology of hurtful events in dating and marital relationships. In E. S. Gilchrist-Petty & S. D. Long (Eds.), *Contexts of the Dark Side of Communication* (pp. 35-45). New York, NY: Peter Lang.
- Gilchrist-Petty, E. S. (2016). Full STEAM Ahead: The corporate introductory speech for STEM majors and employees. *The Pedagogy Database*. [www.pedagogydatabase.com](http://www.pedagogydatabase.com)
- Gilchrist, E. S., & Reynolds, N. (2015). Momma's embedded advice: The relationship between mother-daughter marriage narratives and daughters' marital satisfaction. *Southern Communication Journal, 80*(4), 293-310. doi: 10.1080/1041794X.2015.1052151
- Gilchrist, E. S., & Folk, Z. (2014). Suck it Up: The relationship between willingness to communicate and reduced soldier stress. *Journal of Northwest Communication, 42*(1), 87-116.
- Sheldon, P., Gilchrist-Petty, E., & Lessley, A. (2014). "You did what?" The relationship between forgiveness tendency, communication of forgiveness, and relationship satisfaction in married and dating couples. *Communication Reports, 27*(2), 78-90. doi: 10.1080/08934215.2014.902486
- Gilchrist, E. S. (2013). Family as an academic motivator for African-American and Ghanaian students' university attendance. In S. Marrow & D. Leoutsakas (Eds.), *More than Blood: Today's Reality & Tomorrow's Vision of Family* (pp.192-211). Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt.
- Gilchrist, E. S., & Jackson II, R. S. (2012). Articulating the heuristic value of African-American communication studies. *Review of Communication, 12*(3), 1-14. doi: 10.1080/15358593.2012.666670
- Gilchrist, E. S., & Camara, S. (2012). Cultural dis/continuity in African American and Ghanaian mothers' voices and identities. *Journal of Intercultural Communication Research, 41*(1), 81-108. doi: 10.1080/17475759.2011.651152
- Gilchrist, E. S., & Thompson, C. (2012). African-American women's perceptions of constitutive meanings of good hair Articulated in Black Hair Magazine advertisements. *Journalism and Mass Communication, 2*(1), 279-293.

- Gilchrist, E. S., & Sheldon, P. (2012). Exploring organizational cultures through virtual survey research. In S. D. Long (Ed.), *Virtual Work and Human Interaction Research* (pp. 176-191). Hershey, PA: IGI Global.
- Gilchrist, E. S. (2011). *Experiences of single African-American women professors: With this Ph.D., I thee wed*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.
- Gilchrist, E. S. (2011). Neither an “Old Maid” nor a “Miss Independent”: Deflating the negative perceptions of single African-American women professors. (2011). In E. S. Gilchrist (Ed.), *Experiences of single African-American women professors: With this Ph.D., I thee wed* (pp. 177-200). Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.
- Gilchrist, E. S. (2011). “One of these things is not like the others”: African American women professors’ experiences with majority-race students.” In M. N. Niles & N. Gordon (Eds.), *Still Searching for Our Mothers' Gardens: Experiences of New, Tenure Track Faculty of Color at 'Majority' Institutions* (pp. 213-233). Lanham, MD: University Press of America.
- Thompson, J., & Gilchrist, E. S. (2011). The Athletic/Academic Advisor's Playbook: Seeking Compliance from College Student-Athletes. (2011). *Journal of the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA)*, 31(1), 29-41.
- Gilchrist, E. S. (2010). Employees’ perceptions of relational limitations inherent in virtual work. In S. D. Long (Ed.), *Communication, Relationships, and Practices in Virtual Work* (pp. 224-238). Hershey, PA: IGI Global.
- Gilchrist, E. S. (2010). A sweet approach to teaching the one-variable chi square test. *Communication Teacher*, 24, 14-18.
- Gilchrist, E. S. (2009). Language in the classroom: Students’ use of compliance-gaining strategies in a class enrollment scenario. *NIDA Journal of Language and Communication*, 14(14), 37-55.
- Gilchrist, E. S. (2007). Understanding and enhancing instructor credibility in the basic course. In L. W. Hugenberg et al., *Basic Communication Course Best Practices: A Training Manual for Instructors* (pp. 43-52). Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall/Hunt.
- Gilchrist, E. S. (2007). A service-learning approach to small group communication. (2007). *Kentucky Journal of Communication*, 26, 55-65.
- Gilchrist, E. S. (2003). Classroom Oscars: Preparing students to accept an award. *The Successful Professor*, 2, 8-9.
- Gilchrist, E. S. (2000). Communicator style: A study of college students. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED447528)

## Professional Conference Presentations

- “Simmer Down, Can You Hear What I Say: Thoughts and Perspectives on Artificial Intelligence’s Role in Higher Education.” Panel presented at the 2025 **Alabama Communication Association Conference**, Huntsville, AL.
- “Reflecting on the Impact of Alabama’s DEI Legislation-Senate Bill 129, Effective October 1, 2024: Achievements and Challenges for Educators in Communication and Higher Education.” Panel presented at the 2025, **Southern States Communication Association Conference**, Norfolk, VA.
- “What Did You Call Me? Interrogating the Racial and Linguistic Politics of Misnaming Black and African Descent People.” Panel presented at the 2025, **Southern States Communication Association Conference**, Norfolk, VA.
- “Communication Training and Development: Nurturing Effective Communication for the Greater Regard.” Panel presented at the 2024 **National Communication Association Conference**, New Orleans, LA.
- “Being Black in the Ivory: An Interactive Experience.” Panel presented at the 2024 **National Communication Association Conference**, New Orleans, LA.
- “Meandering in the Dark: Scholars Spotlighting the Dark Side of Communication.” Panel presented at the 2024 **Alabama Communication Association Conference**, Florence, AL.
- “Alabama Bill SB129 and It’s Effects on Communication Courses at Alabama Institutions.” Panel presented at the 2024 **Alabama Communication Association Conference**, Florence, AL.
- “Communicating who Belongs in Missing Person Alerts: A Fragment Analysis of Media Coverage of Ebony Alerts.” Top Paper presented at the 2024, **Southern States Communication Association**, Frisco, TX.
- “Freedom and the Black Woman’s Curvy Body.” Paper presented at the 2023 **National Communication Association Conference**, National Harbor, MD.
- “Departmental Leadership: Challenges and Opportunities for Chairing a Communication Department in Alabama.” Panel presented at the 2023 **Alabama Communication Association**, Birmingham, AL.
- “Communicating our Future: Becoming the Inclusive Discipline we aim to be through Theory and Pedagogy.” Panel presented at the 2023 **Southern States Communication Association**, St. Petersburg, FL.
- Changing the Academy: Celebrating 25 Years of Diverse Doctoral Education at the University of Memphis. Panel presented at the 2023 **Southern States Communication Association**, St. Petersburg, FL.
- Honoring Diverse Epistemologies in our Research, Teaching, and Learning. Panel presented at the 2022 **National Communication Association**, New Orleans, LA.
- Honoring PLACE and Creating Space for Mentorship and Community-Building in the International and Intercultural Communication Division. Panel presented at the 2022 **National Communication Association**, New Orleans, LA.
- Extending the Reach of Resilience: Regionalizing the Black Caucus-SSCA Edition. Panel presented at the 2022 **Southern States Communication Association**, Greenville, SC.
- What’s Next with Identity, Inclusion, and Social Justice? Panel presented at the 2022 **Southern States Communication Association**, Greenville, SC.
- Renewing and Transforming the Instructional Communication Course. Panel presented at the 2021 **National Communication Association**, Seattle, WA.
- Give Them Something to Talk About: Deconstructing Issues of Diversity and Representation in Pop Culture. Panel presented at the 2021 **Southern States Communication Association**, Virtual Convention.
- Harboring Hope, Still, from Suffragists to RBG. Panel presented at the 2021 **Southern States Communication Association**, Virtual Convention.
- Moving Forward with the New SSCA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. Roundtable presented at the 2021 **Southern States Communication Association**, Virtual Convention.

State of the State Association. Panel presented at the 2020 **Alabama Communication Association**, Virtual Panel Discussion.

Continuing the Conversation: Intersecting Communication and STEM Across the Discipline. Panel presented at the 2020 **National Communication Association**, Virtual Convention.

Disrupting Whiteness Standards when Responding to Racially-Motivated Campus Incidents. Panel presented at the 2020 **National Communication Association**, Virtual Convention.

Disruption at the Ballot Box: The Long Road and the Crossroads for Suffragists and Civil Rights Activists. (President’s Spotlight Panel). Panel selected for presentation at the 2020 **Southern States Communication Association**, Frisco, TX. \*Conference canceled due to COVID-19.

Disrupting Disruptive Pedagogy: De-Centering the Pedagogy of Communication Whiteness. Paper selected for presentation at the 2020. (Vice President’s Spotlight Panel). **Southern States Communication Association**, Frisco, TX. \*Conference canceled due to COVID-19.

Communication for Survival and Mitigation of Uncertainty in Transracial Adoption. Paper presented at the 2019 **National Communication Association**, Baltimore, MD.

Communication as a Multifaceted Source for Survival: Reflection and Reaction. Panel presented at the 2019 **National Communication Association**, Baltimore, MD.

Surviving and Thriving Across the Discipline in an Era of STEM. Panel presented at the 2019 **National Communication Association**, Baltimore, MD.

#SurvivingRKelly: A Critical Analysis of Survival Stories, Hashtag Activism, and the Organizational Empowerment of Robert Kelly. Paper presented at the 2019 **National Communication Association**, Baltimore, MD.

Voices and Resources: Placing Communication at the forefront through Financial Literacy, Self-health Management, Social Change, and Survival Engagement as a Muse for Advocacy, Implications of Media Scholarship, and Communication Careers after College. Panel presented at the 2019 **National Communication Association**, Baltimore, MD.

African American/Black Communication Research and Pedagogy at Play. Panel presented at the 2018 **National Communication Association Conference**, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Engaged Pedagogy in the Communication Classroom. Panel presented at the 2018 **Alabama Communication Association Conference**, Huntsville, AL.

To Date or Not to Date...: An Analysis of Four Online Dating “Dark Side” Behaviors. Paper presented at the 2018 **Western States Communication Association Conference**, Santa Clara, CA.

Diversity Roundtable: The Legacy and Relevance of NCA’s Affirmative Action and Intercaucus Committee. Panel presented at the 2017 **National Communication Association Conference**, Dallas, TX.

The “Dark Side” of Communication—Its Legacy and Relevance to Feminist and Women Studies. Panel presented at the 2017 **National Communication Association Conference**, Dallas, TX.

Are Black Greek Letter Organizations Still Relevant in Society? Panel presented at the 2017 **National Communication Association Conference**, Dallas, TX.

A Uses and Gratifications Theoretical Examination of Gender, Race, and Sexual Orientation in Shondaland. Paper presented at the 2017 **Southern States Communication Association Conference**, Greenville, SC.

Civic Callings in the Communication Classroom: Dialogues of Race and Social Justice. Paper presented at the 2016 **National Communication Association Conference**, Philadelphia, PA.

Polysemic Constructions: Fox’s Empire Provides New Lenses to View Black Motherhood, Masculinity, Mental Health, and Modern-Day Families. Paper presented at the 2016 **National Communication Association Conference**, Philadelphia, PA.

Reimagining Higher Education: The Influence of Race, Class, Gender, and Religion on Communication Pedagogy and Curriculum. Paper presented at the 2016 **National Communication Association Conference**, Philadelphia, PA.

Representations of Women, Race, and Violence in (un)Civil Society. Paper presented at the 2016 **National Communication Association Conference**, Philadelphia, PA.

Cultivating Classroom Diversity at Primary White Institutions. Paper presented at the 2016 **World Communication Association Conference**, Winnipeg, Canada.

Hurtful Communication and Conscience: A Typology of Hurtful Events in Dating and Marital Relationships. Paper to be presented at the 2016 **Southern States Communication Association Conference**, Austin, TX.

Full STEAM Ahead: Making Communication Arts Relevant for STEM Majors and Employees. (2015). Presented at the **Alabama Communication Association Conference**, Tuscaloosa, AL.

Students' Perceptions of Professor Verbal and Nonverbal Immediacy Behaviors as Learning Predictors. (2015). Presented at the **Southern States Communication Association Conference**, Tampa, FL.

Mama's Embedded Advice: The Relationship between Mother-Daughter Marriage Narratives and Daughters' Marital Satisfaction. (2014). Presented at the **National Communication Association Conference**, Chicago, IL.

When the Mother-in-law Moves In: Negotiating Marriage and Caregiver Stress. (2014). Presented at the **Eastern Communication Association Conference**, Providence, RI.

"You Did What?" The Relationship between Forgiveness Tendency, Communication of Forgiveness, and Relationship Satisfaction in Married and Dating Couples." (2013). Presented at the **International Communication Association Conference**, London.

Whatcha Call Me? Unveiling and Debunking Negative Perceptions of Single African-American Women Professors. (2012). Presented at the **National Communication Association Conference**, Orlando, FL.

Mobile Texting as a Social Medium for Relationship Pursuit and Maintenance. (2012). Presented at the **Alabama Communication Association Conference**. Mobile, AL.

An Exploration of Otherness: Experiences of African-American Women Professors with Majority-Race Students. (2012). Presented at the **Western States Communication Association Conference**. Albuquerque, NM.

Media Effects and Black Hair Politics. (2011). Presented at **Hawaii University International Arts & Humanities Conference**. Honolulu, HI.

Trials and Triumphs of Navigating the Promotion & Tenure Process. (2011). Presented at the **African American Communication & Culture Division/Black Caucus of NCA Preconference**. New Orleans, LA.

Academic Motivation of African-American and Ghanaian University Students: An Exploration of Cultural Continuity. Presented at the annual conference of the **National Communication Association**, New Orleans, LA.

The Voice of Mothers: Cultural Dis/Continuity in African-American and Ghanaian Women. (2011). Presented at the biennial conference of the **World Communication Association**. Lima, Peru.

The Athletic/Academic Advisor's Playbook: Seeking Compliance from College Student-Athletes. (2011). Presented at the annual conference of the **Eastern Communication Association**, with co-researcher Dr. Jason Thompson, Brooklyn College.

Building Bridges: Cultural Continuity in African American and Ghanaian Culture. (2010). Presented at the annual conference of the **National Communication Association**, San Francisco, CA.

Employees' Perceptions of Relational Limitations Inherent in Virtual Work. (2010). Presented at the annual conference of the **National Communication Association**, San Francisco, CA.

- Are the “Colored Girls” being Pushed off the Bridge by Black Men?: Exploring the Depictions in Tyler Perry’s *For Colored Girls*. (2010). Presented at the annual conference of the **National Communication Association**, San Francisco, CA.
- “I hate statistics!” A Positive Communication Approach to Alleviating Statistics Anxiety Associated with the Independent Samples *t* test. (2010). Presented at the annual conference of the **Southern States Communication Association**, Memphis, TN.
- When What’s Funny to You Ain’t Funny to Me: Racial Dynamics and Classroom Humor. (2010). Presented at the annual conference of the **Southern States Communication**, Memphis, TN.
- Single African-American Female Professors’ Discourses of Stability and Change. (2009). Presented at the annual conference of the **National Communication Association**, Chicago, IL.
- Unbreakable Ties Enable Success: A Panel Discussion about Stability and Change within NCA’s Black Professional Organizations. (2009). Presented at the annual conference of the **National Communication Association**, Chicago, IL.
- An Unconventional Marriage to the Academy: Exploring Professor Success and Relationship Costs from the African American Female Perspective. (2008). Presented at the annual conference of the **National Communication Association**, San Diego, CA.
- Unconventional Classroom Persuasion: An Investigation of Students Seeking Compliance from Male and Female Professors. (2008). Presented at the annual conference of the **National Communication Association**, San Diego, CA.
- Transforming the Basic Course into a Diversified Experiential Learning Environment. (2007). Presented at the annual conference of the **National Communication Association**, Chicago, IL.
- Extending Helping Hands: Blending Service Learning with Small Group Pedagogy. (2007). Presented at the annual conference of the **Tennessee Communication Association**, Murfreesboro, TN.
- The Complete Spectrum: Incorporating the “Dark Side” in Interpersonal Pedagogy. (2007). Presented during the annual **Scholars Week** for the College of Liberal Arts, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN.
- Are You a Real Professor? Credibility Challenges Confronting GTAs in the Basic Course. (2006). Presented at the annual conference of the **National Communication Association**, San Antonio, TX.
- Do You Meet my Criteria? Assessing what Students Want in an Interpersonal Relationship. (2006). Presented at the annual conference of the **National Communication Association**, San Antonio, TX.
- Taste the Rainbow”: An Innovative Approach to Teaching the One-Variable Chi-Square Test. (2006). Presented at the annual conference of the **Tennessee Communication Association**, Murfreesboro, TN.
- Metaphorical Persuasive Message Production: Role of Affect. (2006). Presented at the annual conference of the **Southern States Communication Association**, Dallas, TX.
- A divided classroom: How students differ in seeking compliance from Black and White GTAs. (2005). Presented at the annual conference of the **National Communication Association**, Boston, MA.
- Exploring humor’s efficacy in the classroom: Assessing positive and negative outcomes. (2005). Presented at the annual conference of the **National Communication Association**, Boston, MA.
- The perpetuation of modern racism and Black identity formation by the mass media. (2004). Presented at the annual conference of the **National Communication Association**, Chicago, IL.
- The invisible norm: How Whiteness impacts interpersonal interactions. (2004). Presented at the annual conference of the **National Communication Association**, Chicago, IL.
- The discourse of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X: A special topics course. (2003). Presented at the annual conference of the **National Communication Association**, Miami, FL.
- Speaking “off the cuff” from a fortune cookie: An innovative approach to teaching impromptu speaking. (2003). Paper presented at the annual conference of the **National Communication Association**, Miami,

FL.

The Darker Side of Interpersonal Communication—An Important Dimension of Interpersonal Pedagogy. (2003). Presented at the annual conference of the **Southern States Communication Association**, Birmingham, AL.

Classroom Authoritarianism: The use and effectiveness of the “Iron Fist”. (2002). Presented at the annual conference of the **Tennessee Communication Association**, Murfreesboro, TN.

Communicator style: A study of college students. (2000). Presented at the annual conference of the **National Communication Association**, Seattle, WA.

## **GRANTS and AWARDS**

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- 2024 Top Paper Award for the Gender Studies Division of the Southern States Communication Association
- 2022 University of Alabama College of Communication & Information Sciences Outstanding Alumna, Communication Studies <https://cis.ua.edu/cis-honors-day-2022/>
- 2021 Black Caucus Rex Crawley Outstanding Service Award Recipient from the National Communication Association
- 2018 UAH Distinguished Teaching Award
- 2018 Distinguished Speaker Grant
- 2016 UAH Teaching Award Nominee
- 2014 University of Alabama College of Communication & Information Sciences Top 40 Alumni
- 2013 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Faculty Award given by the UAH Minority Graduate Student Association
- 2012 Top National Journal Article Award given by the African American Communication and Culture Division of the National Communication Association
- 2010 UAH Mini-Grant awarded for \$8,158
- 2009 Salmon Library Enhancement Grant awarded for \$1,116 from the UAH Humanities
- 2009 Distinguished Speaker Grant awarded for \$1,500

## **UAH UNIVERSITY-WIDE SERVICE**

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<b><u>Type</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
▪ Provost Search Committee	2021-2022
▪ Preliminary Action Officer, UAH Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	2020
▪ Media and Reputational Risk Working Group for the UAH Return to Campus Task Force	2020
▪ UAH Awards Committee	2019, 2020
▪ Perpetua, UAH Undergraduate Journal, Reviewer	2019
▪ UAH Faculty Appeals Committee	2017-2019
▪ UAH Civility Forum Facilitator	Spring 2016
▪ SACSOS Reaccreditation Committee	2014-2015
▪ Student Instructional Evaluation Committee (SIE)	2014-2015
▪ Faculty Senator	2011-2013
▪ Faculty and Student Development Faculty Senate Committee	2011-2013
▪ Conducted writing and reporting workshop to staff members of the UAH student newspaper, <i>The Charger Times</i>	2012
▪ Council of African American Faculty (CAAF)	2008-present
▪ UAH Faculty/Staff Traffic Appeals Committee	2009-2015

- Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Committee 2008-2014

### **UAH COLLEGE OF ARTS HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES SERVICE**

<b><u>Type</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
▪ Department of History Self Study Reviewer	2023
▪ CAHS Associate Dean Committee	2021
▪ CAHS Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Steering Committee, founding member	2021
▪ CAHS Humanities Center Director Search Committee	2021
▪ CAHS Acting Associate Dean Search Committee	2020
▪ Humanities Center Steering Committee	2019-present
▪ CAHS Awards Committee (Chair)	2019
▪ CAHS Tenure and Promotion Committee (PTAC)	2016, 2017
▪ UAH College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Dean Search Committee	2015
▪ Multiple Tenure and Promotion/Reappointment Committees	2014-present
▪ Liaison to the Committee on Marketing Strategy	2012
▪ RELACS Presenter. "So Why are You Here? Academic Motivation and the Pedagogical Implications Surrounding African-American and Ghanaian University Attendance"	2011
▪ Phone-a-thon Representative	2010

### **UAH DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION ARTS SERVICE**

<b><u>Type</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
▪ Communication Arts Department Chair	2021-present
▪ Interim Communication Arts Department Chair	2020-2021
▪ COMS Day Organizer and Facilitator	2019
▪ Advised first MA graduate thesis	2018-2019
▪ Chair of Department Chair Search Committee	2017-2018
▪ Acting Communication Arts Department Chair	Spring 2016
▪ M.A. in Professional Communication Committee	2014-2016
▪ B.A. in Writing Committee	2014
▪ Departmental Self-Study Committee	2015
▪ Revised CM 431, Senior Capstone Course	2015
▪ Departmental Representative for UAH Admitted Student Day	2011, 2012
▪ Faculty adviser to Lambda Pi Eta, Communication Arts student honor society	2010-2018
▪ Speak Off, Public Speaking Competition, adviser and coordinator	2011
▪ Thesis Adviser to Multiple undergraduate students	2008-present
▪ Academic Adviser to multiple undergraduate students	2008-present
▪ Multiple Faculty Search Committees	2008-present
▪ Multiple Textbook Selection Committees	2008-present

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

<b><u>Type</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
▪ Southern States Communication Association Finance Committee	2024-present
▪ Southern States Communication Association Strategic Plan Task Force	2023
▪ Southern States Communication Association's Identity, Inclusion, and Social Justice Division, Founding Member and Inaugural Chair	2022-2024

- Southern States Communication Association’s Minority Recruitment and Retention Award Chair 2022
- Southern States Communication Association’s Legislative Assembly Representative at The National Communication Association (NCA) (Regional Officer) 2021-2024
- NCA Teaching & Learning Council (National Officer) 2019-2022
- Southern States Communication Association’s Committee on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Founding Member and Inaugural Chair 2019-2022
- *Journal of Applied Communication Research*, Article Reviewer 2021
- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Communication Pedagogy* 2018-present
- External Peer Evaluator for multiple faculty in the Communication Arts discipline Advancing from Assistant to Associate Professor, as well as Associate to Full Professor 2010-present
- NCA Video Series Committee 2018-2020
- Endorsement printed on back cover of *African American Communication: Exploring Identity and Culture* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Lawrence Erlbaum, publisher) 2019
- *Journal of Relationships Research*, Article Reviewer 2019
- Black Caucus Representative of the Affirmative Action and Intercaucus Committee of NCA (National Officer) 2015-2017
- Routledge, Book Reviewer 2016
- At-Large Member of Nominating Committee for NCA 2015
- Immediate Past Chair/Legislative Assembly Representative for African American Communication & Culture Division (AACCD) of NCA (National Officer) 2013-2015
- Peter Lang, Book Reviewer 2014
- APA Editor for the *Journal of College Reading and Learning* 2009-2012
- Chair/President (National Officer) AACCD of NCA 2011-2012
- *Journal of Intercultural Communication Research*, Article Reviewer 2012
- *Critical Studies in Media Communication*, Article Reviewer 2011-2012
- First Vice Chair (National Officer), AACCD of NCA 2010-2011
- IGI Global, Book Chapter Reviewer 2011-present
- Second Vice Chair (National Officer), AACCD of NCA 2009-2010
- Secretary (National Officer), AACCD of NCA 2007-2009
- Acting Secretary (National Officer), AACCD of NCA 2006-2007
- Nominating Committee (National Officer), AACCD of NCA 2005-2006
- *Journal of Research Practice*, Article Reviewer 2010
- Oxford University Press, Book Reviewer 2008-2009
- NCA Conference Panel Respondent 2006-present
- NCA Conference Panel Chair 2006-present
- NCA Conference Paper Reviewer 2006-present
- Conference Paper/Panel Reviewer for National Communication Association, Southern States Communication Association, World Communication Association, and Eastern Communication Association 2006-present
- World Communication Association Paper Reviewer 2011, 2016
- Tennessee Communication Association Conference Paper Reviewer 2007
- National Communication Association (NCA), Member 2000-present
- NCA Black Caucus, Member 2005-present
- NCA African American Communication & Culture Division, Member 2005-present

- NCA Instructional Development Division, Member 2005-present
- Southern States Communication Association (SSCA), Member 2002-present
- World Communication Association (WCA), Member 2011-present
- Alabama Communication Association (ACA), Member 2012-present
- Tennessee Communication Association (TCA), Member 2002-2008
- University of Alabama African-American Alumni Initiative 2001-present

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH & PUBLIC SERVICE**

<b><u>Type</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
▪ Leadership Greater Huntsville Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Speaker	2025
▪ North Alabama Mothers and Daughters' Tea, speaker	2017
▪ Mt. Zion Missionary Society, Town Creek, AL, speaker	2016
▪ Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Celebration, Moulton, AL, speaker	2015
▪ Website editor for S2LawnService	2015-2024
▪ NAACP keynote address for the Lawrence County NAACP award's banquet	2014
▪ Wedding Directress/Mistress of Ceremony	2015-present
▪ Black History address to Ebenezer Baptist Church, Hillsboro, AL	2012
▪ Keynote address entitled "The Academic Woman: Balancing Responsibilities Expectations, and Biases" to single academic women at Jackson State University, Jackson, MS	2011
▪ Facilitated various community service projects, such as teaching cultural lessons and donating school supplies and monetary gifts to the Royal Seed Orphanage and Saint Peter's School in Ghana (Africa) as part of the Interdisciplinary Scholars of the African Diaspora Alliance (ISADA) Ghana Study Abroad Program	2010
▪ Interpersonal & Intercultural Communication Workshop to International Teachers sponsored by the UAH Office of International Programs & Services Teacher Orientation Program	2010
▪ Interpersonal & Intercultural Communication Workshop to American Teachers at Buckhorn High School, sponsored by the UAH Office of International Programs & Services Teacher Orientation Program	2009
▪ Diversity Trainer for the Army Core of Engineers' African American/Black History Month Program, Huntsville, AL	2009
▪ Rush Workshop on Interpersonal Communication skills to the UAH members of Delta Zeta Sorority	2009
▪ Individual Speaker and Group Panelist for the Alabama A&M University Dianne Phipps Seminar on the value of Student Organizations, Normal, AL	2008
▪ Commencement Speaker, East Lawrence High School, Trinity AL	2008
▪ Featured motivational speaker for annual Youth Day held at the First Baptist Church in Courtland, AL	2008
▪ Featured Motivational Speaker for the 2008 Mother's & Father's Day Banquet, at the Town Creek No. 1 Missionary Baptist Church, Moulton, AL.	2008
▪ March of Dimes Volunteer. As part of an experiential/service-learning initiative, Several students and I from the Small Group Communication course walked and raised funds for the Music City Division March of Dimes, which supported premature babies, Murfreesboro, TN	2007
▪ Addressed MTSU football recruits about the communication studies major	2007

- Motivational Speaker and host of a Boys-to-Men Workshop for at-risk youth, Nashville, TN. 2006
- Featured motivational speaker for the 2005 Women’s Convention held at the First Baptist Church in Courtland, AL. 2005

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES/INTERVIEWS**

<b><u>Type</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
▪ Featured in UAH Article “Dr. Eletra Gilchrist-Petty receives Black Caucus Rex Crawley Outstanding Service Award from National Communication Association”	03/23/22
▪ Contributed to <b>UAH Office of Diversity, Equity &amp; Inclusion Faculty &amp; Staff Monthly Newsletter</b> , “Women’s Equality Day”	08-21
▪ Honored as “The Brilliant Boss Lady” <b>94.1 WHRP</b> Celebrates Women’s History Month. <a href="http://www.whrpfm.com/">http://www.whrpfm.com/</a>	03-05-21
▪ Featured in <b>Moulton Advertiser</b> for Article entitled, “Two Lawrence County Native Promoted to UAH Full Professors. <a href="https://www.moultonadvertiser.com/news/article_3fb0cec2-9534-11ea-9f8f-0b44e9a54069.html">https://www.moultonadvertiser.com/news/article_3fb0cec2-9534-11ea-9f8f-0b44e9a54069.html</a>	05-14-20
▪ Featured in <b>Psychology Today</b> for Article entitled, “When are Opposite Sex Friends A Threat to Your Relationship” <a href="https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/living-forward/201912/when-are-opposite-sex-friends-threat-your-relationship">https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/living-forward/201912/when-are-opposite-sex-friends-threat-your-relationship</a>	12-16-19
▪ Interviewed by <b>PsyPost</b> for Article entitled, “Engaged Individuals have the Least Favorable Attitudes Regarding Cross-Sex Best Friends, Study Finds” <a href="https://www.psypost.org/2019/09/engaged-individuals-have-the-least-favorable-attitudes-regarding-cross-sex-best-friends-study-finds-54516">https://www.psypost.org/2019/09/engaged-individuals-have-the-least-favorable-attitudes-regarding-cross-sex-best-friends-study-finds-54516</a>	09-25-19
▪ Featured in <b>Cosmopolitan</b> for Article entitled, “Everything you Thought you Knew About the Friendship Between Man and Woman is False (Indeed, Fluid)” <a href="https://www.cosmopolitan.com/it/sexo-amore/relazioni/a28912941/amicizia-uomo-donna-regola-dell-amico-ricerche-scientific">https://www.cosmopolitan.com/it/sexo-amore/relazioni/a28912941/amicizia-uomo-donna-regola-dell-amico-ricerche-scientific</a>	09-10-19
▪ Featured in live on-air radio interview with <b>89.3 KPCC AirTalk (NPR affiliate from Southern California)</b> Hosted by Larry Mantle, for an in-depth discussion of “Why Can’t we be Friends? New Study Explores Couples’ Views on Close Friendships with Someone of the Opposite Sex” <a href="https://www.scp.org/programs/airtalk/2019/08/23/64813/why-can-t-we-be-friends-new-study-explores-couples/">https://www.scp.org/programs/airtalk/2019/08/23/64813/why-can-t-we-be-friends-new-study-explores-couples/</a>	08-23-19
▪ Interviewed by <b>The Atlantic</b> for Article entitled “The Widespread Suspicion of Opposite-Sex Friendships” <a href="https://www.theatlantic.com/family/archive/2019/08/mistrust-opposite-sex-friendships/596437/">https://www.theatlantic.com/family/archive/2019/08/mistrust-opposite-sex-friendships/596437/</a>	08-21-19
▪ Featured in <b>UAH Headlines</b> for Article entitled “UAH Communication Arts Professor Explains why Diversity and Inclusion Matters” <a href="https://www.uah.edu/ahs/news/14008-uah-communication-arts-professor-explains-why-diversity-and-inclusion-matters">https://www.uah.edu/ahs/news/14008-uah-communication-arts-professor-explains-why-diversity-and-inclusion-matters</a>	06-19-19
▪ My co-authored publication with UAH student Courtney Thompson, (African-American women’s perceptions of constitutive meanings of <i>good</i> hair Articulated in Black Hair Magazine advertisements. <i>Journalism and Mass Communication</i> , 2(1), 279-293), has been added to <b>The Black Hair Syllabus</b> as a premier reference on the constitutive meanings of black hair. <a href="https://www.blackhairsyllabus.com/media?rq=gilchrist">https://www.blackhairsyllabus.com/media?rq=gilchrist</a>	2019
▪ Featured in <b>UAH Headlines</b> for Article entitled “UAH Professor’s Book Examines ‘Deviant Communication in Teacher-Student Interactions’” <a href="https://www.uah.edu/news/research/uah-professors-book-examines-deviant-communication-in-teacher-student-interactions">https://www.uah.edu/news/research/uah-professors-book-examines-deviant-communication-in-teacher-student-interactions</a>	10-23-17
▪ Featured in <b>UAH Headlines</b> for Article entitled “UAH’s Eletra Gilchrist-Petty examines the Dark Side of Communication in new book”	06-14-16

<https://www.uah.edu/news/campus/uahs-eletra-gilchrist-petty-examines-the-dark-side-of-communication-in-new-book>

- Interviewed by **Poynter Newspaper** for Article entitled “A Year after Daily Publication Ceased in Alabama and New Orleans, media market is ‘fractured’” 10-03-13  
<https://www.poynter.org/reporting-editing/2013/a-year-after-daily-publication-ceased-in-alabama-and-new-orleans-media-market-is-fractured/>
- Interviewed by **USA Today** for Article entitled “Fussing over the First Lady’s Hair” 01-23-13  
<http://www.usatodayeducate.com/staging/index.php/ccp/fussing-over-the-first-ladys-hair#.UQAPqibtiaQ.email>