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**Education**

Ph.D., Communication Studies, University of Texas at Austin, Ant. 2023  
Area: Interpersonal Communication  
Concentration: Health Communication  
Advisor: Erin Donovan, Ph.D.

M.A., Sociology of Education, The University of Iowa, 2019  
Advisor: Brian An, PhD.

B.S., Political Science, Texas Wesleyan University, 2015  
Concentration: Pre-law

**Academic Appointments**

**Rutgers University, Graduate School of Education**

Visiting Scholar, Samuel Dewitt Proctor Institute, 2021

**Stanford University**

Fellow, Brainstorm Mental Health Innovation Lab, 2020-Present

**University of Texas at Austin**

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Communication Studies, 2020-Present  
Doctoral Fellow, Center for Health Communication, 2019-2020  
Graduate Mentoring Fellowship, 2019-2020

**The University of Iowa**

Americana College Testing (ACT \*endowed) Scholarship, 2017-2019  
Graduate Diversity Summer Fellowship, Graduate College, 2018  
Graduate Research Assistant, Iowa Institute for Public Health & Research Policy, College of Public Health, The University of Iowa, 2016-2017

**Academic Leadership and Service**

**Doctoral Student Intern (May 2021- Present)**

**University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center**

***Duties include:***

- Working directly with Project Coordinator on collecting data relevant to the building of a new medical clinic within the metroplex.
- Designing and planning health campaigns and interventions for new medical clinic
- Assisting in the completion of *Diversity and Inclusion* annual report

\* = Conference/Talk cancelled due to COVID-19.

- Communicating with multiple departments within the Medical Research Center to schedule interviews; partake and highlight their research; and lead D&I trainings

**Health Communication Advisor to the Associate Dean for Health Equity (2020-2021)  
Dell Medical School, University of Texas at Austin**

***Duties Included:***

- Work directly with the Associate Dean for Health Equity in designing health equity messaging regarding programs and initiatives being supported by the institution.
- Lead the design, implementation and monitoring of health communication initiatives and activities with clear behavioral objectives and outcomes. This includes mass media, social media, and interpersonal communication.

**Diversity Intern, National Collegiate Athletic Association Big 10 Conference (2018-2019)**

*\*Placed within Student Academic Services, The University of Iowa Athletics*

***Duties Included:***

- Assigned to a caseload of student-athletes to meet with each week to monitor their academic progress.
- Work collaboratively with the Director for Student-Athlete Retention on the development and implementation of Engagement Initiatives.
- Design and implement programming to increase mental health resource use for minorities.

**Program Assistant, Summer Health Professionals Education Program (SHPEP), The University of Iowa (Summer 2018)**

***Duties Included:***

- Organized and manage the SHPEP Student Government Board.
- Worked directly with SHPEP RAs to help plan and coordinate weeknight and weekend optional activities.
- Create and deliver all introductions for guest speakers.
- Organized and distributed student materials.
- Planned and organized SHPEP welcome and graduation ceremonies.

**Major Committees and University Service**

Faculty Search Committee, Graduate Student Representative, Communication Studies, University of Texas at Austin, 2020-present

Steering Committee, Center for Health Communication, Moody College of Communication, University of Texas at Austin, 2020-present

Safety and Wellness Taskforce, The University of Texas at Austin, 2020

Student Advisory Committee, Counseling and Mental Health Center, University of Texas at Austin, 2019-2020

Diversity Catalyst Award Selection Committee, The University of Iowa, 2018

Black History Month Planning Committee, The University of Iowa, 2018

**Additional Policy Experience****United States Congressional Intern, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (Summer 2014)*****Duties Included:***

- Conducted research on upcoming legislation for Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson.
- Worked directly with health policy legislative assistant
- Constituent correspondence through phone calls, emails, and walk-in appointments.
- Note taking in all hearings Member attended.

**Academic Scholarship****Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

Bennett, L. K., Scruggs, X., & **Woods, J. M.** (2020). Surprise, hurt, and anger as emotional responses to expectancy violations following feedback events. *Communication Research Reports*. 37(1-2), 22-33 doi:10.1080/08824096.2020.1737000.

M. Mackert , B. Table , J. Yang , L. Bouchacourt , **J. M. Woods** ,J. M. Bernhardt & J. Hughes Wagner (2020): Applying Best Practices from Health Communication to Support a University's Response to COVID-19, *Health Communication*, DOI:10.1080/10410236.2020.1839204

**Manuscripts in progress**

**Woods, J.M.**(in progress). *I Can't Know My Health History if We Don't Acknowledge America's History: Family health history, the Black family, and America's [History of] Medical Racism.*

**Woods, J.M.**, Bennett, L. K., Donovan, E. (in progress). *Just Tryn'a Graduate: Black graduate students, self-compassion, and mental health disclosure.*

**Woods, J.M.** (in progress). *Black Mothers, Breastfeeding, and Its Cost: On time and temporality of the decision-making process behind the choice to breastfeed*

**Convention Activity**

Whitmore, A., **Woods, J. M.**, Stringfield, R., & Griffin, A. (2020) *The Rise of Black Content Creators in Academia*. SXSW EDU. Austin, Texas.\*

**Woods, J. M.** (2018) *Weather Delay: Addressing the Mental Health Consequences of the Physical Demands and Racism that African American Athletes Face*. Pre-Conference Paper Panel Presentation at National Communication Association. Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Woods, J. M.** (2017). *RelaxHER: Using African American Beauty Salons to Break Depression Stigma*. Poster presentation at International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities, and Nations. Toronto, Canada

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**Woods, J. M.** (2017) *When bodies and money collide: How institutional demands of NCAA football collide with the Health of players in the documentary Business of Amateurs*. Paper accepted to the Midwest Popular Culture Association Conference. St. Louis, MO.

**Woods, J. M.** (2015). *Pregnant and High: Infant Mortality and Illicit Drug Use in the Russian Federation*. Poster presented at University of Iowa.

### **Teaching Expertise**

#### **Major Courses as Teaching Assistant**

Digital Communications, University of Texas at Austin

Health Decision-Making, University of Texas at Austin

Interpersonal Health Communication, University of Texas at Austin

#### **Supplemental Courses as Lead**

GRE- Verbal Section, University of Iowa

### **Relevant Courses**

Managing Health Information

Health Communication

Qualitative Research Methods (in communication)

Qualitative Research Methods (in education)

Communication, Cognition, and Emotion

Quantitative Research Methods

Race & Gender by Design

On Time & Temporality

### **Honors and Awards**

- **Health Equity and Communication Fellowship.** Fellowship awarded by the Office of the Associate Dean for Health Equity at Dell Medical School for excellence in health communication campaigns - \$15,000 stipend, 2020.
- **Center for Health Communication (CHC) Travel Grant.** Travel grant awarded to CHC Fellows to present research at academic and professional conferences - \$500, 2019.
- **National Communication Association (NCA) Travel Grant.** Travel grant awarded to NCA students to present research at academic and professional conferences - \$100, 2017.
- **Graduate Student Senate Travel Award, The University of Iowa.** Travel grant awarded to graduate students to present research at academic and professional conferences - \$600, 2017.
- **Graduate Diversity Summer Fellowship.** Fellowship awarded by the Graduate College at The University of Iowa to conduct research during summer session - \$4,500 stipend, 2017.

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- **Graduate Institute on Engagement and the Academy Fellowship.** Selected fellowship recipient for research interests in engaged academic scholarship through the Obermann Center for Advanced Studies at the University of Iowa, 2019.

### **Campus Talks**

#### *Invited Discussion Panelist*

**Woods, J. M.** (2020, April). *Weathering the Storm: the issue of framing Black women's health concerns as anger.* Health Equity and Leadership (HEAL) Conference. Chan School of Public Health, Harvard University, Boston, MA. \*

**Woods, J. M.** (2020, June). *Free Speech & Black Lives on Campus.* An invited panel presentation to PEN America.

**Woods, J. M.** (2020). *BlackLivesMatter: When governments and institutions are silent.* An invited panel presentation to the Paul H. O'Neill School of Public & Environmental Affairs, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.

### **Professional Service and Civic Engagement**

Steering Committee, Center for Health Communication, The University of Texas at Austin, 2020-present

Student Advisory Committee, Counseling and Mental Health Center, The University of Texas at Austin, 2019-2020

Graduate Student Mentor, The Afro-Cultural Center, The University of Iowa, 2016-2019

President, Society for Black Graduate and Professional Students, The University of Iowa, 2018-2019

Reading Tutor, United Action for Youth, Iowa City, IA, 2017-2018

### **Selected Media Coverage**

- *Nature:* <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-01741-7>
- *The Chronicle of Higher Education:* [https://www.chronicle.com/article/I-Was-Fed-Up-How/248955?cid=wcontentgrid\\_6\\_4grid\\_2](https://www.chronicle.com/article/I-Was-Fed-Up-How/248955?cid=wcontentgrid_6_4grid_2)
- *NBC News:* <https://www.nbcnews.com/pop-culture/pop-culture-news/black-women-create-blackintheivory-publishingpaidme-reveal-inequity-academia-publishing-n1227626>
- *The Verge:* <https://www.theverge.com/21286924/science-racism-strike-stem-black-lives-matter-protests>

### **Association Memberships**

American Society for Bioethics & Humanities, 2020-Present

National Communication Association, 2017-Present

International Association for Communication and Sport, 2017-2019

North American Society for Sociology of Sport, 2016-2019

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