

Emily Deering Crosby

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Emily Deering Crosby is a rhetorical critic of popular culture with research concentrations in feminist criticism.

Biography

What do country stars like Patsy Cline and Dolly Parton, female Olympians and fundamentalist Christian mommy bloggers have in common? They've all been the focus of research by Emily Deering Crosby, a rhetorical critic of popular culture with research concentrations in intersectional feminist criticism, critical sport study, digital rhetoric and country music. Dr. Crosby's recent projects and publications are focused on sport culture and controversy, women in country music and negotiations of identity in digital spaces. Her book project, based on her dissertation, explores the rhetorical strategies employed by country music stars Patsy Cline, Dolly Parton, Bobbie Gentry and Loretta Lynn during the "second wave" of feminism, as means to temper radical sentiment and construct palatable personae amidst conservative gatekeepers. A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh's Ph.D. program in communication, Dr. Crosby also earned a Ph.D. certificate in gender, sexuality and women's studies. She also holds a master's degree from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and a bachelor's degree from Allegheny College, where she was recently inducted into the college's Athletics Hall of Fame, as the Allegheny Gators women's lacrosse all-time leader.

Areas of Expertise

Popular Culture, Feminist Criticism, Critical Sport Study, Digital Rhetoric, Women in Country Music

Affiliations

National Communication Association : Member, Rhetoric Society of America : Member, Organization for Research on Women and Communication : Member, Popular Culture Association : Member

Education

University of Pittsburgh

Ph.D. Rhetoric and Communication

Indiana University

M.A. Communication Studies

Allegheny College

B.A. Communication

Accomplishments

Office of the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies Grants
2017

GSWS Professionalism and Research Support Grant
2017

Year of Diversity Research Grant for Campus Initiatives
2017

Top Dissertation Award
2017

Humanities Center Faculty Collaboration Research Grant
2016 - 2017

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