

Lisa A. Costello

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Lisa Costello researches writing, gender and the Holocaust.

Biography

Dr. Costello is an active interdisciplinary scholar, which means she works on several projects simultaneously. Currently, Dr. Costello's manuscript on public memory and the Holocaust is under contract, with a focus on third generation survivors, gender performance, affect, and new media. She has an article under review on the Holocaust film Shoah and its absence of female testimony (using digital archives). Dr. Costello is also working with a national coalition on an article that explores program structure and university policy around WGSS Programs, including a national survey of WGSS Program Directors as well as an article about LGBTQ+ survey data to analyze campus climate at Georgia Southern around these issues. Since fall 2017, Dr. Costello has also been managing a \$100,000 grant to expand LGBTQ+ resources, research, and curriculum on campus, which will grow (with a second grant) to become an active Research Institute with scholarships and research stipends. Dr. Costello actively works to make GSU more diverse and inclusive. In addition to the grant award, she serves on the President's Diversity Advisory Council (to increase diversity and inclusion in hiring and policy) as well as serving as Diversity Faculty Fellow to teach teachers about how to expand diversity and inclusion practices in their classroom. She advises the National Organization for Women's student chapter on campus and mentors Honors students as the Honors Coordinator for Writing and Linguistics. With an interdisciplinary cohort on campus, she is building Online Honors Thesis Modules for Honors students without mentors, slated for release in 2019.

Areas of Expertise

Rhetoric and Public Memory, Genocide Studies, Women's and Gender Studies, The Holocaust, Writing and Linguistics, Interdisciplinary Studies

Education

Louisiana State University

Ph.D. Rhetoric and Composition Studies

California State University Long Beach

M.A. Nineteenth and Twentieth-Century American Literature

California State University Long Beach

B.A. Recreation and Leisure Studies

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