

Patricia Oliver

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Biography

Professor Oliver teaches courses in Public Speaking, the Rhetoric of Women and Interpersonal, Intercultural and Gender Communication. She has taught Communication Behavior in Childhood, Rhetorical Discourse, Rhetoric of Popular Culture, Health and Disability Communication and Communication Practicum (internships). Previously she was an evaluator of the communication skills of student teachers and taught Intercultural Communication at an urban community college and mini-courses for public school teachers on mainstreaming children with disabilities into regular classrooms. At LMU she was the first female chair of the Communication Arts Department (now School of Film and Television), and chair of the Communication Studies Department. She's the former president and program director of the LMU chapter of California Women in Higher Education, which once named her woman of the year. She has been vice president of the LMU Faculty Senate, first vice chair of the Academic Assembly, college facilitator for multicultural affairs and a member of LMU's Racial Discrimination Mediation Panel, Intercultural Advisory Committee, and the Committee on Faculty Committees. She was LMU's first sexual harassment mediator. Students once voted her LMU's teacher of the year. Professor Oliver's research focuses on developing peer mentoring to facilitate learning and build communities, particularly among underprivileged and underrepresented students and their communities. She has conducted research in an inner-city college, a Northern California convent and villages in rural Namibia. Throughout her career, Professor Oliver has mentored countless students, organizations, and faculty.

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Research, Training and Development

Areas of Expertise

Rhetoric of Women, Communication Studies, Public Speaking, Gender Communication

Affiliations

West Los Angeles College, Pierce College, California State University Northridge

Education

California State University at Los Angeles

M.A.

California State University at Los Angeles

B.A.

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