

SHAWNA SHIPLEY-GATES, PhD, MPH, CHES

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EDUCATION

University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

Ph.D. in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies with Psychology Concentration, May 2024

Dissertation Title: Uses of the Digital Erotic: Black Feminist Resistance and its Influence on the Sexual Health Behaviors of Black Women

M.A. in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, May 2021

Graduate Certificate in Health Psychology, May 2021

New York University, New York, NY

M.P.H. in Community Public Health with Community Health Concentration, May 2009

Spelman College, Atlanta, GA

B.A. in Psychology with Pre-Medicine Concentration, May 2006

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Research Experience

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW, Department of Gender and Women's Studies, University of Kentucky, July 2024-Present

Project Title: Black gURL Erotic (Sponsoring Professor: Aria Halliday, PhD)

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, August 2023- January 2024

Project Title: Black Pelvic Floor Therapy Experience Project (Principal Investigator: Shemeka Thorpe, PhD)

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT, The Project on the History of Black Writing: Black Lit Network, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, August 2022

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, May 2022- Present

Project Title: Black Feminist Digital Erotic Resistance (Faculty Investigator: Katie Batza, PhD)

STUDY COORDINATOR, Community Prevention Services Department KC CARE Health Center, Kansas City, MO, June 2013-October 2014

Study Title: Messages 4 Men: Exploring New Health Information for our Communities

RESEARCH STUDY ASSISTANT, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences COMSKIL

Laboratory, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY, Feb 2008- Sept 2011

Study Title: Communication Skills Training and Research Laboratory (Principal Investigator: David Kissane, MD), May 2010- Sept 2011

Study Title 1: Development of a Clinical Trial Specific Question Prompt List. (Principal Investigator: Richard Brown, PhD), Feb 2008-May 2010

Study Title 2: Seeking Informed Consent to Phase I Cancer Clinical Trials: Identifying Oncologists' Communication Strategies (Principal Investigator: Richard Brown, PhD), Feb 2008-May 2010

Study Title 3: The Communication of Genetic Risk to Adolescent Daughters of Women with Breast Cancer (Principal Investigator: David Kissane, MD), Feb 2008-May 2010

**RESEARCH INTERN, Department of Epidemiology and Population Health
Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York, NY, November 2008-November 2010**
Study Title: Promoting Post-Treatment Surveillance among African American Breast Cancer Survivors. Principal Investigator: Hayley Thompson, PhD (Funding Source: Komen for the Cure).

Teaching & Instructional Experience

SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATOR,
Emily Taylor Center for Women & Gender Equity, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
The Age of Pleasure Sexual Health Workshop Series, Fall 2023

COURSE DESIGNER & INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD,
Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
Gender, Sexuality, and Health, Spring 2023

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD,
Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
The Politics of Physical Appearance, Fall 2024-Spring 2025 (In-person and online)
Sex and Gender in New Media, Spring 2022-Spring 2023 (In-person and online)

CO-FACILITATOR,
Center of Teaching Excellence Learning Community, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS,
Teaching at a Predominantly White Institution, Fall 2021

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT & INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD,
Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Fall 2020-Fall 2021 (In-person and online)

PREVENTION SPECIALIST II,
Community Prevention Services Department, KC CARE Health Center, Kansas City, MO,
Grant Title: Health Education Risk Reduction- African American Women, Oct 2014-August 2019

Digital Humanities Experience & Relevant Projects

CURATOR, [Uses of the Digital Erotic Digital Storytelling Project](#), January 2023-Present

FELLOW, Institute for Digital Research in Humanities
University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, Fall 2022-Spring 2023

SOCIAL MEDIA ASSOCIATE, Women, Gender, and Families of Color Journal
University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, Fall 2020-Spring 2021

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Fisher, C.L., Maloney, E., Glogowski, E., Hurley, K., **Edgeron**¹, S., Lichtenthal, W., Kissane, D. & Bylund, C.L. (2014). Talking about familial breast cancer risk: Topics and strategies to enhance mother-daughter interactions. *Qual Health Res*; 24(4):517-535.

Fisher, C., E. Maloney, C. Bylund, W. Lichtenthal, **S. Edgeron**, and D. Kissane. "Will I Get It? High-Risk Mothers' Experiences of Challenging Conversations with Their Daughters and Strategies to Enhance Their Interactions." In *Psycho-Oncology*, vol. 21, pp. 30-31. Commerce Place, 350 Main St, Malden 02148, MA USA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012.

Maloney, E., **Edgeron, S.**, Robson, M., Brown, R., Offit, K., Bylund, C. & Kissane, D. (2012). What Women with Breast Cancer Discuss with Clinicians about Risk for Their Adolescent Daughters. *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology*. 30(4): 484-502.

Bylund, C.L, Fisher, C.L., Brashers, D., **Edgeron, S.**, Glogowski, E.A., Boyar, S.R., Kemel, Y., Siegel, B., Spencer, S. & Kissane, D. (2012). Sources of uncertainty about daughters' breast cancer risk that emerge during genetic counseling consultations. *Journal of Genetic Counseling*; 21:292-304.

Brown, R.F., Bylund, C.L., **Edgeron, S.**, Li, Y. & Butow, P.N. (2012). Testing the utility of a cancer clinical trial specific Question Prompt List (QPL-CT) during oncology consultations. *Patient Education and Counseling* doi:10.1016/j.pec.2012.02.009.

Brown, R.F., Shuk, E., Leighl, N., Butow, P., Ostroff, J., **Edgeron, S.**, & Tattersall, M. (2011). Enhancing Decision Making about Informed Consent to Cancer Clinical Trials: Development of a Question Prompt List. *Journal of Supportive Care in Cancer*. 19(8):1227-1238.

Brown, R.F., Shuk, E., Butow, P., **Edgeron, S.**, & Tattersall, M. (2010). Identifying patient information needs about cancer clinical trials using a Question Prompt List. *Patient Education and Counseling* doi: 10.1016/j.pec.2010.07.005.

Reference Entries

ShIPLEY-GATES, Shawna. "National Survey of Sexual Health and Behaviors." In *Women's Health: Understanding Issues and Influences*, edited by Jillian M. Duquaine-Watson, 463-464. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO/Greenwood Press, 2022.

¹ The last name of Edgeron was my maiden name.

Shipley-Gates, Shawna. “Representations of Women’s Health in Popular Culture.” In *Women's Health: Understanding Issues and Influences*, edited by Jillian M. Duquaine-Watson, 517-519. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO/Greenwood Press, 2022.

Book Chapters

Shipley-Gates, Shawna. A Black Woman’s Guide to Erotic Self Care In *Mamas, Martyrs, and Jezebels: Myths, Legends, and Other Lies You’ve Been Told about Black Women*, edited by Jan Boulware, Rondrea Mathis, Clarissa West-White, and Kideste Yusef. New York, NY: Black Lawrence Press, 2024.

Shipley-Gates, Shawna. “Black Feminist Digital Erotic Resistance as a Harm Reduction Strategy to Impact the Sexual Health Behaviors of Black Women.” In *Black Women’s Reproductive Health and Sexuality: A Holistic Public Health Approach*, edited by Regina Davis Moss, 87-96. Washington, DC: APHA Press, 2023.

Shipley-Gates, Shawna. “‘WAP:’ Erotic Revolutionary Hip-Hop by Cardi B and Megan Thee Stallion.” In *Diva: Feminism and Fierceness from Pop to Hip-Hop*, edited by Kirsty Fairclough, Benjamin Halligan, Shara Rambarran, and Nicole Hodges Persley. London, United Kingdom: Bloomsbury Academic, 2023.

Shipley-Gates, Shawna. “Uses of the Digital Erotic: Black Women’s Resistance Against Sexual Oppression.” In *Transnational Black Studies*, edited by S.A. Smythe. Liverpool, United Kingdom.: Liverpool University Press, (forthcoming).

Public Scholarship

Shipley-Gates, Shawna. “An Interview with DeAsia Paige, Author of ‘The College Diaries’ Pt. 2” The Project on the History of Black Writing (blog), July 2, 2021. <https://projecthbw.ku.edu/uncategorized/an-interview-with-deasia-paige-pt-2/>

Shipley-Gates, Shawna. “An Interview with DeAsia Paige, Author of ‘The College Diaries’ Pt. 1” The Project on the History of Black Writing (blog), June 15, 2021. <https://projecthbw.ku.edu/uncategorized/an-interview-with-deasia-paige-pt-1/>

Shipley-Gates, Shawna. “Book Review: ‘The College Diaries: How a Budding Black Feminist Found Her Voice.’” The Project on the History of Black Writing (blog), March 29, 2021. <https://projecthbw.ku.edu/uncategorized/book-review-the-college-diaries/>

Shipley-Gates, Shawna. “Get Your Freak On: ‘Heaux Tales’ Reclaims the Erotic.” Bitch Media (blog), January 19, 2021. <https://www.bitchmedia.org/article/jazmine-sullivan-heaux-tales-reclaims-the-erotic>

AWARDS AND HONORS

LYMAN T. JOHNSON POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP, University of Kentucky (\$56,484), 2024-2025

OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS TRAILBLAZER AWARD, University of Kansas (\$500), May 2024

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN AMERICAN DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP (\$25,000), 2023-2024

THE HALL CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES APPLIED HUMANITIES BOOT CAMP (\$500), University of Kansas, May 2023

THE HALL CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES APPLIED HUMANITIES SUMMER FELLOWSHIP (\$3,000), University of Kansas, 2023

OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES SUMMER RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP (\$6,000), University of Kansas, 2023

INSTITUTE FOR DIGITAL RESEARCH IN THE HUMANITIES MICRO GRANT (\$100), University of Kansas, March 2023

GRADUATE STUDIES SCHOLARLY DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP (\$250), University of Kansas, November 2022

INSTITUTE FOR DIGITAL RESEARCH IN THE HUMANITIES FELLOWSHIP (\$1,150), University of Kansas, Fall 2022-Spring 2023

INSTITUTE FOR POLICY & SOCIAL RESEARCH DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP (\$500), University of Kansas, Fall 2022-Spring 2023

THE CENTER FOR BLACK, BROWN, AND QUEER STUDIES FELLOWSHIP (\$3,000), Fall 2022-Spring 2023

CHANCELLOR'S DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP, University of Kansas, Fall 2019-Spring 2020

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Shipleigh-Gates, Shawna. "Uses of the Digital Erotic: Black Queer Women's Resistance Against Sexual Oppression." (Presented at the National Women's Studies Association Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 10-13, 2022).

Shipleigh-Gates, Shawna. "Uses of the Digital Erotic: Black Feminist Resistance and its Potential Impact on the Sexual Health Behaviors of Black Women." (Poster presented at the American Public Health Association Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, November 6-9, 2022).

Shipley-Gates, Shawna. “Uses of the Digital Erotic: Black Queer Women’s Resistance Against Sexual Oppression.” (Presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, November 3-6, 2022).

Shipley-Gates, Shawna. “Uses of the Digital Erotic: Black Queer Women’s Resistance Against Sexual Oppression.” (Presented at the KU LGBTQ Research Symposium, Virtual, June 2-3, 2022).

Shipley-Gates, Shawna. “Represent Your Cupcake: A sex-positive workshop promoting HIV/AIDS awareness from the Black feminist perspective.” (Presented at the National Women’s Studies Association Conference, Virtual, October 15, 2021).

Shipley-Gates, Shawna. “Don’t be a Label Whore: Focusing Less on Societal Standards and More on Sexual Behavior.” (Poster presented at the National Sexual Health Conference, Chicago, Illinois, July 2019).

Edgerson, Shawna. “Represent Your Cupcake: A sex-positive workshop for black women promoting HIV/AIDS awareness from the female perspective.” Poster presented at the United States Conference on AIDS, Washington, D.C, September 2017).

Edgerson, Shawna. “Represent Your Cupcake: A sex-positive workshop for black women promoting HIV/AIDS awareness from the female perspective.” (Poster presented at the National Sexual Health Conference, Denver, Colorado, July 2017).

Edgerson, Shawna. “Represent Your Cupcake: A workshop for women focused on sex-positivity and HIV/AIDS awareness from the female perspective.” (Presented at the Women of Color Leadership Conference, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri, 2017).

Fisher, C., Maloney, E. K., Glogowski, E., Hurley, K., **Edgerson, S.**, Lichtenthal, W., Kissane, D. and Bylund, C. L. (2013). Challenging Conversations for High-Risk Mothers and Their Daughters and Communication Strategies to Enhance Their Interactions Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Hilton Metropole Hotel, London, England Online.

Fisher, C., Maloney, E., Bylund, C., Lichtenthal, W., **Edgerson, S.** & Kissane, D. (2012). Will I Get It? High-risk mothers' experiences of challenging conversations with their daughters and strategies to enhance their interactions. Paper presented at the Conference of the American Psychosocial Oncology Society, Miami, Florida.

Edgerson, S. & Dyson, R. (July 2011). Responding to Anger: Development and Evaluation of a Communication Skills Training Module. Poster presented at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center Clinical Research Professionals Week. New York, NY.

Edgerson, S. & Horner, J. (July 2010). Communication Skills Training and Research Laboratory. Poster presented at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center Clinical Research Professionals Week, New York, NY.

Brown, R F., Shuk, E., **Edgeron. S** & Bylund C L. (April 2010). Development of a Clinical Trial Specific Question Prompt Sheet: Meeting patient information needs. Poster presented at NCI-ASCO Cancer Trial Accrual Symposium, Bethesda, MA.

Bylund, C., Fisher, C., Brashers, D., Brown, R., **Edgeron, S.**, & Kissane, D. (2010). Mother's Uncertainty about their Daughter's Breast Cancer Risk and Prevention Strategies. Paper presented at the IPOS World Congress of Psycho-Oncology, Quebec, Canada.

Brown, R., Shuk, E., **Edgeron, S.**, & Bylund, C. (2009). Developing a clinical trial specific question prompt list. Paper presented at the International Conference on Communication in Healthcare, Miami Beach, FL.

Edgeron, S. & Dyson, R. (July 2011). Responding to Anger: Development and Evaluation of a Communication Skills Training Module. Poster presented at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center Clinical Research Professionals Week. New York, NY.

Edgeron, S. & Horner, J. (July 2010). Communication Skills Training and Research Laboratory. Poster presented at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center Clinical Research Professionals Week, New York, NY.

Brown, R F., Shuk, E., **Edgeron. S** & Bylund C L. (April 2010). Development of a Clinical Trial Specific Question Prompt Sheet: Meeting patient information needs. Poster presented at NCI-ASCO Cancer Trial Accrual Symposium, Bethesda, MA.

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS

SCREENING, BRIEF INTERVENTION, AND REFERRAL TO TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE (SBIRT) FOR HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, University of Kansas, April 2020

**CITI PROGRAM SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH BASIC COURSE
University of Kansas, February 2020**

CERTIFIED HEALTH EDUCATION SPECIALIST, October 2016

HIV EVIDENCE BASED INTERVENTIONS

Personalized Cognitive Counseling	Kansas City, MO	July 16-17, 2015
CLEAR	St. Louis, MO	January 13-16, 2015
Healthy Relationships	Kansas City, MO	February 25-28, 2014
Motivational Interviewing	Kansas City, MO	January 30, 2014
RESPECT	Kansas City, MO	October 22-23, 2013

HIV TESTING BY ORAL & RAPID TEST METHOD

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis, September 2013

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

CO-FOUNDER, KU Front Porch Collective, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS,
Fall 2021- Spring 2024

CO-FOUNDER, KU Black Feminist Collective, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS,
Spring 2021- Spring 2024

**GRADUATE STUDENT LIASION, Center of Teaching Excellence Revolutionizing
Academia Workshop, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, Spring 2021**

**DEIB GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Committee, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Department, University of Kansas,
Lawrence, KS, Fall 2020-Spring 2023**

MEMBER, Graduate Student of Color Network, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS,
Fall 2019-Spring 2024

COMMUNITY SERVICE

MENTOR & EVENT VOLUNTEER, HBCU Walking Billboard, Kansas City, MO,
Nov 2018-Present

**PRESIDENT, National Alumnae Association of Spelman College- Metropolitan Kansas
City Chapter, April 2017-February 2021**

AIDS WALK KC TEAM CAPTAIN, Kansas City CARE Clinic, January 2017-April 2019

**VICE CHAIR, Kansas City Transitional Grant Area (TGA) Comprehensive HIV
Prevention and Care Planning Council- Prevention Committee, July 2015-July 2018**

**URBAN CO-CHAIR, Women and their Male Partners Committee
Missouri Comprehensive Prevention Planning Group, March 2015-August 2019**

**DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH VOLUNTEER
Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center, Kansas City, MO, April 2012-December 2012**

**HIV/AIDS WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP VOLUNTEER
AIDS Service Center NYC, New York, NY, October 2007-March 2008**

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, University of Kansas Chapter 171, Fall 2023-Present

American Association of University Women, September 2023-Present

The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, August 2022-Present

National Women's Studies Association, February 2021-Present

Women of Color Sexual Health Network, July 2017-Present

American Public Health Association, August 2016-Present

National Alumnae Association of Spelman College, Atlanta GA, June 2006-Present