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 RESEARCH FELLOW, Department of Gender and Women's Studies, University of Kentucky, July 2024-Present
Project Title: The Black gURL Erotic Project (Sponsoring Professor: Aria Halliday, PhD)

RESEARCH COORDINATOR, 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, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, May 2022- May 2024
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 I & II, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences COMSKIL Laboratory, **Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY**, Feb 2008- Sept 2011

Study Title 1: Communication Skills Training and Research Laboratory (Principal Investigator: David Kissane, MD), May 2010- Sept 2011
Study Title 2: Development of a Clinical Trial Specific Question Prompt List. (Principal Investigator: Richard Brown, PhD), Feb 2008-May 2010

Study Title 3: Seeking Informed Consent to Phase I Cancer Clinical Trials: Identifying Oncologists' Communication Strategies (Principal Investigator: Richard Brown, PhD), Feb 2008-May 2010

Study Title 4: 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

ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR,
Avila University, Kansas City, MO
Health Psychology, Fall 2025 (In-person), Department of Psychology
Gendered Media, Fall 2025 (In-person), Cross listed: School of Visual and Communication Arts/Department of Women's & Gender Studies

Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
The Politics of Physical Appearance, Fall 2024-Spring 2024 (In-person and online)

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD,
Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
Sex and Gender in New Media, Spring 2022-Spring 2023 (In-person and online)
Gender, Sexuality, and Health, Spring 2023 (Course Designer)
Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Summer 2021-Spring 2022 (In-person and online)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PUBLICATIONS

Submitted/Under Review Manuscripts

Shipley-Gates, S. Digital Erotic Resistance and Sexual Health Promotion among Black Women: A Brief Review. [Manuscript under review and resubmit].

Shipley-Gates, S. Digital Erotic Resistance: A Black Feminist Strategy Against Sexual Oppression. [Manuscript under review].

Shipley-Gates, S. The Successes and Challenges of Digital Erotic Cultural Production Among Black Women. [Manuscript under review].

Shipley-Gates, S. Black Women's Digital Erotic Cultural Production as Black Feminist Resistance Against Sexual Oppression. [Manuscript under review and resubmit].

Shipley-Gates, S. Digital Erotic Resistance: A Black Feminist Approach to Pleasure-Based Sexual Health Communication. [Manuscript under review and resubmit].

Shipley-Gates, S. Celebrating the Lives and Strategies of Black Women Digital Erotic Cultural Producers. [Manuscript under review].

Journal Articles

Fisher, C.L., Maloney, E., Glogowski, E., Hurley, K., **Edgerson[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. Edgerson**, 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., **Edgerson, 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.

[1] The last name of Edgerson was my maiden name.

Bylund, C.L, Fisher, C.L., Brashers, D., **Edgerson, 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., **Edgerson, 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., **Edgerson, 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., **Edgerson, 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.

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, 193-195. 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

FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS

LYMAN T. JOHNSON POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP, University of Kentucky, 2024-2026

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN AMERICAN DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP, 2023-2024

THE HALL CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES APPLIED HUMANITIES BOOT CAMP University of Kansas, May 2023

THE HALL CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES APPLIED HUMANITIES SUMMER FELLOWSHIP, University of Kansas, 2023

OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES SUMMER RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP, University of Kansas, 2023

INSTITUTE FOR DIGITAL RESEARCH IN THE HUMANITIES MICRO GRANT, University of Kansas, March 2023

GRADUATE STUDIES SCHOLARLY DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP, University of Kansas, November 2022

INSTITUTE FOR DIGITAL RESEARCH IN THE HUMANITIES FELLOWSHIP, University of Kansas, Fall 2022-Spring 2023

INSTITUTE FOR POLICY & SOCIAL RESEARCH DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP, University of Kansas, Fall 2022-Spring 2023

THE CENTER FOR BLACK, BROWN, AND QUEER STUDIES FELLOWSHIP, Fall 2022-Spring 2023

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

AWARDS AND HONORS

COUNCIL OF GRADUATE SCHOOLS AND PROQUEST DISTINGUISHD DISSERTATION AWARD NOMINEE, June 2025

MARNIE AND BILL ARGERSINGER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION, University of Kansas, 2024-2025

OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS TRAILBLAZER AWARD
University of Kansas, May 2024

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

Shipley-Gates, Shawna. Organizer and Panelist, "The Influence of Digital Erotic Resistance on the Sexual Health Behaviors Among Black Women." (Invited to organize a panel at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 2-5, 2025).

Oral Presentations

Shipley-Gates, Shawna. "Black Women's Digital Erotic Cultural Production as Black Feminist Resistance Against Sexual Oppression." (Plan to present at the National Women's Studies Association Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 13-16, 2025).

Shipley-Gates, Shawna. "The Influence of Digital Erotic Resistance on the Sexual Health Behaviors Among Black Women." (Plan to present at the National Sexual Health Conference, virtual, October 6-8, 2025).

Shipley-Gates, Shawna. Organizer and Panelist, "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).

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).

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.

Bylund, C., Fisher, C., Brashers, D., Brown, R., **Edgerson, 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., **Edgerson, 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.

Poster Presentations

Shipley-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. "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, 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., **Edgerson. 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.
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.

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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

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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

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