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<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO, SAN DIEGO, CA</b> KRONER FAMILY FELLOW JUDITH AND NEIL MORGAN FELLOW DOCTORAL CANDIDATE IN COMMUNICATION, SCIENCE STUDIES, & CRITICAL GENDER STUDIES <b>MASTER OF ARTS</b> IN COMMUNICATION AWARDED APRIL 2018	<b>Expected Defense 2023</b>
	<b>COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK, NY</b> MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NARRATIVE MEDICINE	<b>2015</b>
	<b>WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, MIDDLETOWN, CT</b> BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BIOLOGY	<b>2014</b>

<b>RESEARCH INTERESTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fat Studies</li><li>• Science and Technology Studies</li><li>• Feminist Studies/Critical Gender Studies</li><li>• Disability Studies</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Critical Race Studies</li><li>• Narrative Medicine/Health Humanities</li><li>• Representation, Culture, &amp; Semiotics</li><li>• Media Studies</li></ul>
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<b>PUBLICATIONS</b>	<p><b>(Forthcoming 2020) FOX, R., PARK, K., HILDEBRAND-CHUPP, R., VO, K.</b> "Working Toward Eradicating Weight Stigma by Combating Pathologization: A Qualitative Pilot Study Using Direct Contact and Narrative Medicine." <i>Journal of Applied Social Psychology, special issue "Current Advances in the Study of Weight Stigma: Applied and Intersectional Lenses."</i></p> <p><b>FOX, R (2019).</b> "Obesity: The Post-Mortem: Reviving History and Abjecting Fatness via Televised Dissection." <i>Women's Studies</i>, 48:3, 223-245, DOI: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1080/00497878.2019.1594812">10.1080/00497878.2019.1594812</a></p> <p><b>FOX, R (2018).</b> "Against progress: Understanding and Resisting the Temporality of Transformational Weight Loss Narratives." <i>Fat Studies</i>, 7:2, 216-226, DOI: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1080/21604851.2017.1372992">10.1080/21604851.2017.1372992</a></p> <p><b>FOX, R (2018).</b> Book Review "Why Diets Make Us Fat." <i>Fat Studies</i>, 7:2, 240-242, DOI: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1080/21604851.2017.1369344">10.1080/21604851.2017.1369344</a></p> <p><b>FOX, R (2014).</b> "Too Fat to Be a Scientist?" <i>The Chronicle of Higher Education</i>. 17 June 2014. The Conversation. <a href="https://www.chronicle.com/blogs/conversation/2014/06/17/too-fat-to-be-a-scientist/">https://www.chronicle.com/blogs/conversation/2014/06/17/too-fat-to-be-a-scientist/</a></p>
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<b>HONORS &amp; AWARDS</b>	<b>JUDITH AND NEIL MORGAN FELLOWSHIP</b> UC San Diego Extraordinary doctoral candidate in the fields of the Humanities and the humanistic Social Sciences \$5,000	2019 – 2020
	<b>KRONER FAMILY DEAN'S FELLOWSHIP</b> UC San Diego \$10,000/year plus 1 writing quarter/year covering tuition, fees, & stipend	2016 – 2020
	<b>NARRATIVE MEDICINE FELLOWSHIP</b> Columbia University Weight Stigma Reduction Among Medical Students through Narrative Medicine	Summer 2017
	<b>RESEARCH GRANT</b> Keck School of Medicine Althea and Fredric Alexander Student Support Fund Weight Stigma Reduction Among Medical Students through Narrative Medicine	Summer 2017
	<b>FIRST YEAR FELLOWSHIP</b> UC San Diego Communication Department & Science Studies Program Full tuition, fees, & stipend covered	2016 – 2017

## APPEARANCES | 2020

**Invited Guest Lectures:** "The Saussurean versus the Peircean Model of Semiotics"/"Encoding and Decoding" UC San Diego Communication Department, *COMM 100B: Communication, Culture, and Representation*, Professor David Serlin, January 23, 2020/February 25, 2020.

## 2019

**Invited Guest Lecture:** "Fatness and the (Ab)Normal." SUNY Purchase Art History Department, *ARH 4006/5006 Investigating Normal*, Professor Elizabeth Guffey, November 25, 2019.

**Invited Guest Lecture:** "Over-weight: The Story of a Label." UC San Diego Communication Department, *COMM 100A: Communication, the Person, and Everyday Life*, Professor Lilly Irani, November 21, 2019.

**Invited Guest Lecture:** "'A Baby's Photograph is a Stupid Thing': Eugenics and Family Photography at the Turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century." UC San Diego Communication Department, *COMM 107: Visual Culture Before and After Photography*, Professor David Serlin, November 14, 2019.

**Invited Guest Lecture:** "*Obesity: The Post Mortem*: Surveilling Fatness, Inside and Out." UC San Diego Communication Department, *COMM 100B: Communication, Culture, and Representation*, Professor Barbara Bush, August 26, 2019.

**Invited Guest Lecture:** "*Obesity: The Post Mortem*: Realism, Fatphobia, and Documentary Film Making." UC San Diego Communication Department, *COMM 103F: How to Read a Film*, Professor Caroline Collins, September 3, 2019.

**Invited Guest Lecture:** "*Obesity: The Post Mortem*: A Lesson on Fatness, Corpses, and Normalization." UC San Diego Communication Department, *COMM 108D: Politics of Bodies: Disability*, Professor Louise Hickman, May 28, 2019.

## 2018

**FOX, R & PARK, K.** "Narrative Medicine as a Novel Weight Stigma Reduction Method," Association for Size Diversity and Health, August 3-5, 2018, Portland, OR.

**FOX, R.** "*Obesity: The Post Mortem*: Reviving History and Abjecting Fatness via Televised Dissection," Empowered Bodies Graduate Conference, June 26, 2018, York, UK.

**FOX, R.** "Narrative Medicine as a Novel Weight Stigma Reduction Method," International Weight Stigma Conference, June 18-19, 2018, Leeds, UK.

**FOX, R, & PARK, K.** "An Affective Challenge to Fat Phobia in Medical Education," UCSD/UCLA Graduate Student Conference on Culture, Health, and Mind, May 19, 2018, San Diego, CA.

**Invited Guest Lecture:** "Weight Stigma Reduction among Medical Students through Narrative Medicine: Using Narrative Medicine Post-Degree," Columbia University MS Program in Narrative Medicine, Volvox Series, Virtual Lecture, May 9, 2018.

**FOX, R & PARK, K.** "Weight Stigma Reduction among Medical Students through Narrative Medicine," International Health Humanities Consortium Conference: Frankenstein@200, April 20-22, 2018, Stanford, CA.

**Invited Guest Lecture:** "Fat Embodiment, Phenomenology, and Care," Columbia University MS Program in Narrative Medicine, *NMED PS5028 Bodies, Illness, and Care: Perspectives from Phenomenology and Beyond*, Professor Craig Irvine, March 21, 2018.

**FOX, R.** "Fat Embodiment as Pedagogy," UC San Diego 11th Annual Graduate Visual Arts Symposium: Sensory Disruptions: Confronting the Primacy of the Visual, March 3, 2018, San Diego, CA.

## 2017

**FOX, R & HARTMAN-ROGERS, J.** "Emotional Labor and the Affective Performance of Objectivity in Fat Studies," UC San Diego Science Studies Program Biennial Graduate Conference, May 19-20, 2017, San Diego, CA.

**FOX, R.** "A Hybrid Actor-Network Theory Analysis of the *Let's Move!* Campaign," PCA/ACA 2017 Annual Conference, April 12-14, 2017, San Diego, CA.

### **Panel Chair: Fat Ambivalence and Liminality**

**FOX, R & PARK, K.** "Weight Stigma Reduction among Medical Students through Narrative Medicine," Best of Cool Ideas Oral Presentation at the Innovations in Medical Education Conference, February 25, 2017, Los Angeles, CA.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE** | **UC SAN DIEGO TEACHING & LEARNING COMMONS, ENGAGED TEACHING HUB**  
Graduate Teaching Consultant SP 20 – PRESENT  
Specializations: Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion; Supporting Students; Anti-Racist Pedagogy;  
Universal/Accessible Design; Remote Teaching; Active Learning

**UC SAN DIEGO DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION** Teaching Assistant  
COMM 100B: Communication, Culture, and Representation WI 18, SU 18, WI 19, SU 19, WI 20  
COMM 10: Introduction to Communication FA 17, FA 18  
COMM 100C: Communication, Institutions, and Power SU 17

**SARAH LAWRENCE COLLEGE MASTER'S OF HEALTH ADVOCACY PROGRAM** Guest Lecturer  
Graduate Seminar: Illness & Disability Narratives SP 2016  
Original Syllabus covering how one's identity and position in society can influence the story one tells, whose stories are left out of the modern medical discourse, the different media through which stories can be conveyed, how to navigate intersubjective encounters, and the history of disability activism.

**RUTGERS UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES DEPARTMENT** Part-Time Lecturer  
Course: 988:101 Introduction to Gender, Race, and Sexuality FA 2015, SP 2016  
Original Syllabus covering race, class, feminisms, gender/sex, body image and media, intersectionality, patriarchy and privilege, reproductive justice, sexuality and queer theory, social justice and human rights, globalization and neoliberalism, violence, conflict, and terrorism.

**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY MASTERS IN NARRATIVE MEDICINE PROGRAM** Teaching Assistant  
NMED K4360: Embodied Borderlands, Professor Sayantani DasGupta SP 2016  
NMED K4025: Illness & Disability Narratives, Professor Sayantani DasGupta FA 2015

**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY POST-BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM** Workshop Facilitator  
Narrative Medicine Workshops for Post-Baccalaureate Students SP 2015  
Original Syllabus covering close reading, exploratory writing, and collaborative response about topics such as illness and disability, grief and death, aging, intersubjectivity, and the power of witnessing.

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE** | **WEIGHT STIGMA REDUCTION AMONG MEDICAL STUDENTS THROUGH NARRATIVE MEDICINE**  
**Co-Primary Investigator** Summer 2017  
Keck School of Medicine at USC

**DISABILITY/ARCHITECTURE PHOTO ARCHIVE**  
Graduate Student Research Assistant for Professor David Serlin Summer 2017  
UC San Diego

**ADDRESSING REPRODUCTIVE COERCION IN FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAMS**  
Narrative Medicine Consultant for Dr. Hilary Rosenstein Winter 2015 – 2016  
Albert Einstein College of Medicine

**FAT AND DISABLED: THE EMBODIED EXPERIENCE**  
Graduate Student Researcher, supervised by Professor Edgar Rivera Colón Fall 2014  
Columbia University

**MAKING NEURAL STEM CELLS FROM EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS**  
Undergraduate Student Researcher for Professor Laura Grabel Summer 2013  
Wesleyan University

**ACADEMIC SERVICE** | **2019 – 2020**

- **Graduate Student Coordinator** Transdisciplinary Disability Studies Working Group. Position funded by UC San Diego Institute for Arts and Humanities.
  - February 18, 2010 – First Bi-Quarterly Dinner & Discussion

- October 24, 2019 – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Film Screening of *Compensation*
- **Conference Organizer** Science Studies Program Student Choice Speaker Conference
  - January 9 & 10, 2020 – Speaker: Dr. Evelyn Hammonds, Harvard University
- **Peer Reviewer** Fat Studies Journal

#### 2018 – 2019

- **Graduate Student Coordinator** Transdisciplinary Disability Studies Working Group. Position funded by UC San Diego Institute for Arts and Humanities.
  - October 15 & 16, 2018 – Eli Clare, Lecture: “Yearning Towards Carrie Buck”
  - May 6, 2019 – Ragen Chastain, Lecture: “Athletes at Every Size”

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- **Conference Organizer** Science Studies Program Student Choice Speaker Conference
  - May 30 & 31, 2018 – Speaker: Dr. Ruha Benjamin, Princeton University
- **Event Coordinator** Transdisciplinary Disability Studies Working Group
  - April 26, 2018 – Symposium: *Disability, Intersectionality, and State Violence*.
  - January 31, 2018 – Book Reading: Cathy Gere, *Pain, Pleasure, and the Greater Good*
- **Weight Stigma Consultant**
  - Humanities in Medicine Course, Sophie Davis Program in Biomedical Education, CUNY School of Medicine, Lecture: Body Positivity and Healthcare, April 11, 2018
  - The Art and Practice of Medicine Course, Lerner College of Medicine at Cleveland Clinic, Panel: Weight Bias in Healthcare, April 3, 2018
- **Second Year Representative** Communication Department Graduate Enrichment Committee

#### RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

**Market Center Tech Coordinator** Keller Williams Upstate NY Properties  
Summer 2014, Summer 2016

Technology support and training for new real estate agents and technology drop-in hours and weekly classes for current agents. Necessary to translate complex web design and software concepts into easy terms for confused and/or resistant agents. General office administration and social media management.

**Professional Tutor** Varsity Tutors NYC  
September 2014 – August 2015

One on one tailored academic assistance for high school and college students in biology, chemistry, technical writing, and public speaking.

**Alumni Helpdesk Technician** Wesleyan University  
August 2013 – May 2014

Assist alumni via email and phone regarding career center, alumni directory and network, alumni mobile app, and other school resources.

**Peer Tutor** Wesleyan University Chemistry Department  
August 2014 – May 2014

CHEM 251 & CHEM 252: Principles of Organic Chemistry I & II