

THE JOHN C. LIVINGSTON ANNUAL FACULTY LECTURE 2015-2016



Dr. Christine Miller

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Higher Education Innovation Meets the Mash-Up

Dr. Christine Miller is the recipient of the 2015-16 John C. Livingston Annual Faculty Lecture Award. Her lecture will explore the ways in which recent innovations in higher education resemble pop culture “mash-ups” in four domains: philosophical, structural, legislative, and pedagogical. She will suggest ways in which higher education innovators in each domain can embrace pop culture and create unique mash-ups to meet their goals. Dr. Miller has been a faculty member in the Department of Communication Studies for three decades. During this time, she has been a central figure in the life of the University through her teaching, scholarship, and commitment to the principles of shared governance. She has come to embody the essential qualities of the Livingston Lecturer.

A Communication Studies faculty, Professor Miller has over 60 academic papers and presentations to her credit and has served as an editor for four different academic journals. Her specialties are in Argumentation and Rhetoric, with an emphasis on visual communication. This involves application of rhetorical criticism to various modes and instances of visual communication in order to understand why they effect viewers the way they do. These scholarly interests, in turn, inform her teaching. Dr. Miller teaches courses in visual communication, argumentation, rhetorical criticism, communication theory, and the role of communication in social change. She brings a wealth of teaching experience to the classroom, having also taught at the Pennsylvania State University, the University of Pittsburgh, Stanford, and UC Davis. She has lectured on rhetorical criticism as part of the University of Virginia’s ‘Semester at Sea’ program.

Throughout her Sacramento State career, Dr. Miller has been deeply involved in service and shared governance at both the campus and system wide levels. She has served on departmental, Faculty Senate, and University committees. She currently represents Sacramento State on the statewide California State University Academic Senate, has been Chair of its Academic Affairs Committee, and currently serves as its Vice Chair. She is a past Outstanding University Service Award recipient.

In receiving her University Service Award, she stated that she serves because it makes her a better teacher – by reviewing the files of others and seeing best practices in teaching. She serves because it makes her a better scholar – in seeing and appreciating the varied work of others. And she serves because it makes her a better communicator – and, as a Professor of Communications Studies, she values that opportunity to engage in communication at all levels and in all forms.

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Redwood Room, University Union

3 p.m. | Reception to follow

“She has elevated the discussion of every topic she engages in... there’s a passion and integrity in Chris’ positions that is always unmistakable.”



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