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### Education

- 2005 PhD University of Georgia, Department of Communication Studies  
Dissertation title: *Identity Shifting: People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and the Erosion of the Animal/Human Divide*
- 1996 MA Texas State University, Department of Communication Studies  
Thesis title: *Bootblacks, Butchers, and Barbers: The Use of Racism in the Rhetoric of Elizabeth Cady Stanton*
- 1994 BA Texas State University, Department of Communication Studies

### Administrative Experience

- Department Chair  
August 2019-present  
University of Memphis  
Dept. of Communication & Film  
College of Communication & Fine Arts
- Interim Associate Director  
July 2018-June 2019  
University of Southern Mississippi  
School of Communication  
College of Arts & Science
- Department Chair  
July 2016-July 2018  
University of Southern Mississippi  
Dept. of Communication Studies  
College of Arts & Letters
- Speaking Center Director  
2007-2016  
University of Southern Mississippi
- Speaking Center Director  
2005-2007  
Agnes Scott College  
Center for Writing and Speaking

### Academic Experience

- Professor  
2019-present  
University of Memphis  
Dept. of Communication and Film, Memphis, TN
- Professor  
2007-2019  
(Promoted to Professor 2017;  
Tenured and Promoted 2012)  
University of Southern Mississippi  
School of Communication, Hattiesburg, MS

Visiting Assistant Professor 2005-2007	Agnes Scott College Dept. of Theatre, Decatur, GA
Graduate Assistant Editorial Assistant 2001-2005	University of Georgia, Dept. of Communication Studies <i>Communication Education</i> Athens, GA
Director of New Media 2000-2001	Kenyon College, Office of Public Affairs Gambier, OH
Adjunct Instructor 1999-2000	Denison University, Dept. of Communication Granville, OH
Instructor 1996-1999	Del Mar College, Speech Communication Dept. Corpus Christi, TX

## Publications

### Books

Atkins-Sayre, Wendy, & Stokes, Ashli Q. (Eds.). (2020). *City Places, Country Spaces: Rhetorical Explorations of the Urban/Rural Divide*. Peter Lang (Frontiers in Political Communication series).

Atkins-Sayre, Wendy, & Stokes, Ashli Q. The Rhetorical Constructions of Urban and Rural (pp. 3-26).

Sayre, Owen, & Atkins-Sayre, Wendy. The NRA, Hunting, and "Facing" the Rural (pp. 99-121).

Stokes, Ashli Q., & Atkins-Sayre, Wendy. (2016). *Consuming Identity: The Role of Food in Redefining the South*. Jackson, MS: University Press of Mississippi (Race, Rhetoric, and Media series).

Atkins-Sayre, Wendy, & Yook, Eunhyong. (Eds.). (2015). *Communicating Advice: Peer Tutoring and Communication Practice*. New York: Peter Lang.

Atkins-Sayre, Wendy, & Yook, Eunhyong L. Training the Trainers: Improving Peer Tutoring through Communication Education (pp. 3-14).

Yook, Eunhyong L., & Atkins-Sayre, Wendy (Eds.). (2012). *Communication Centers and Oral Communication Programs in Higher Education: Advantages, Challenges, and New Directions*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Atkins-Sayre, Wendy. Speaking our Minds: Communication Centers and Critical Thinking (pp. 13-22).

King, Michael, & Atkins-Sayre, Wendy. Focusing on Faculty: The Importance of Faculty Support to Communication Center Success (pp. 147-160).

### Peer Reviewed Articles

Stokes, Ashli Q., and Wendy Atkins-Sayre. (2022). Coping Through COVID Cooking: Nostalgia and Resilience in Online Communities. *Popular Culture Studies Journal*, 10(1), 8-30. [**lead article**]

Stokes, Ashli, & Atkins-Sayre, Wendy. (2018). PETA, Rhetorical Fracture, and the Power of Digital Activism. *Public Relations Inquiry*, 7, 149-170.

- Atkins-Sayre, Wendy, & Brown, Victoria L. (2018). Hijacking History: Reading Animal Rights through Public Memory. *Texas Speech Communication Journal*, 42, 26-37.
- Atkins-Sayre, Wendy, & Stokes, Ashli Q. (2014). Crafting the Cornbread Nation: The Southern Foodways Alliance and Southern Identity. *Southern Communication Journal*, 79, 77-93. [lead article]
- Atkins-Sayre, Wendy. (2012). Snapshots of the South: Eudora Welty's Photography and Contested Images of Race. *Southern Communication Journal*, 77, 77-93. [lead article; winner of the Southern States Communication Association's Rose B. Johnson Award, given to the top essay published that year in the journal]
- Atkins-Sayre, Wendy. (2010). Articulating Identity: People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and the Animal/Human Divide. *Western Journal of Communication*, 74, 309-328.
- Atkins-Sayre, Wendy. (2005). Naming Women: The Emergence of Ms. as a Liberatory Title. *Women & Language*, 28, 8-16.

### Book Chapters

- Stokes, Ashli Q., & Atkins-Sayre, Wendy. (2021). The Changing Skillet: Creating Relational Identity through Food. In C. L. Moss & B. Inabinet (Eds.), *Reconstructing the South: Critical Regionalism and Southern Rhetoric*. University Press of Mississippi.
- Funderburk, Casey Malone Maugh, & Atkins-Sayre, Wendy. (2020). Forgetting the 1960 Biloxi, Mississippi Wade-Ins: Collective Memory, Forgetting, and the Politics of Remembering Protest. In S. P. O'Rourke & L. K. Pace (Eds.), *Like Wildfire: The Rhetoric of the Civil Rights Sit-Ins* (pp. 261-278). Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press.
- Atkins-Sayre, Wendy. (2012). Recognizing the Past, Celebrating Change: The "Mississippi, Believe It!" Campaign Redefines the South. In A. Slade, D. Givens-Carroll, & A. Narro (Eds.), *Mediated Images of the South: The Portrayal of Dixie in Popular Culture* (pp. 107-122). Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.
- Atkins-Sayre, Wendy. (2010). Protection from "Animal Rights Lunatics": The Center for Consumer Freedom and Animal Rights Rhetoric. In G. Goodall & J. E. Black (Eds.), *Arguments About Animal Ethics* (pp. 147-162). Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.
- Atkins-Sayre, Wendy. (2009). Governor Mom: Jane Swift and the Body Politic. In J. Edwards (Ed.), *Gender and Political Communication in America: Rhetoric, Representation, and Display* (pp. 129-147). Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

### Popular Publication Outlets

- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. (2020, July 3). Baking memories during the pandemic. *In Media Res*. <http://mediacommons.org/imr/content/baking-memories-during-pandemic>
- Stokes, Ashli Q., and Wendy Atkins-Sayre. (2017). Our revelatory culinary road trip through the new south: What chorizo, hummus, and chiles rellenos say about a changing region. Part of the "What it means to be American" series, hosted by the Smithsonian and Zocalo Public Square. <http://www.whatitmeanstobeamerican.org/identities/our-revelatory-culinary-road-trip-through-the-new-south/>

## Book reviews

Atkins-Sayre, Wendy. (2021). Review of *Food Blogs, Postfeminism, and the Communication of Expertise*, by Alane L. Presswood. *Women & Language*.

Atkins-Sayre, Wendy. (2005). Review of *The Masculine Woman in America, 1890-1935*, by Laura L. Behling. *Women's Studies in Communication*, 28, 151-154.

Atkins-Sayre, Wendy. (2004). Review of *The Words of Cesar Chavez*, by Richard J. Jensen and John C. Hammerback (Eds.). *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, 90, 253-254.

Atkins-Sayre, Wendy. (2003). Review of *Viewers Like You?: How Public TV Failed the People*, by Laurie Ouellette. *Southern Communication Journal*, 68, 349-350.

Atkins-Sayre, Wendy. (2000). Review of *Untying the Tongue: Gender, Power, and the Word*, by Linda Longmire (Ed.). *Middle East Women's Studies Review*, 15(1/2), 12.

## Research in Progress

Stokes, Ashli Q., and Wendy Atkins-Sayre. *Resilience Rhetorics: Interrogating the Role of Food in Southern Appalachian Community Building*. Under contract as of June 2021.

## Professional Awards

- 2022 T. Earle Johnson-Edwin Paget Distinguished Service Award, Southern States Communication Association
- 2017 Linda Hobgood Service Award, National Communication Association, Communication Center Section
- 2016 J. Donald Ragsdale Mentor Award, Southern States Communication Association
- 2014 Sabbatical Research Grant, University of Southern Mississippi
- 2013 Rose B. Johnson Award, given to the top paper published in the *Southern Communication Journal* that year, Southern States Communication Association
- 2012 Preston Award for Leadership, Communication Centers Section, National Communication Association, Orlando, FL
- 2012 Outstanding Alumni Award, Texas State University, Department of Communication Studies

## Grants

- 2014 Mississippi Humanities Council Grant (part of the National Endowment for the Humanities), Funded Lecture Series: "The Culinary Communities of Mississippi: Farm, Table, and Campus." Project Coordinators: Wendy Atkins-Sayre, Andrew Haley (History). \$1,589.00
- 2014 Mississippi Community Cookbook Project Grant, College of Arts and Letters at the University of Southern Mississippi, Project Coordinators: Andrew Haley (History), Wendy Atkins-Sayre, Dana Fennel (Sociology). \$5,000
- 2014 Proposal Development Grant, Vice President for Research, University of Southern Mississippi. \$2,000

- 2013 Proposal Development Grant, Vice President for Research, University of Southern Mississippi. \$2,000
- 2013 Proposal Development Grant, College of Arts and Letters, University of Southern Mississippi. \$250

## Service

### Disciplinary Service

#### Review work

- 2022 Guest reviewer for *Popular Culture Studies Journal*
- 2014-present Editorial board member, *Southern Communication Journal*
- 2014-present Editorial board member, *Communication Center Journal*
- 2013-present Editorial board member, *Quarterly Journal of Speech*
- 2019 Manuscript reviewer for Routledge/Taylor & Francis
- 2019 Guest reviewer for *Communication Education*
- 2017 Manuscript reviewer for University of Arkansas Press
- 2016 Guest reviewer, *Communication Reports*
- 2016 Guest reviewer, *Western Journal of Communication*
- 2014 Manuscript reviewer for Lexington Books
- 2012 Manuscript reviewer for Oxford University Press
- 2010 Manuscript reviewer for Polity Press
- 2010 Guest Reviewer for special joint issue of *Communication Monographs* and *Journal of Applied Communication Research*
- 2009 Guest reviewer for *Western Journal of Communication*
- 2009-2014 Reviewer for National Communication Association Communication Centers Section
- 2007-2018 Reviewer for Southern States Communication Association Public Address Division
- 2006-2010 Reviewer for National Communication Association Feminist and Women Studies Division
- 2007, 2012 Reviewer for Southern States Communication Association Undergraduate Honors Conference

- 2002-2005 Editorial Assistant, *Communication Education*
- 2002-2003 Guest Reviewer, *Critical Studies in Media Communication*

### Committee and division work

- 2022-2023 Immediate Past President, Southern States Communication Association
- 2021-2022 **President, Southern States Communication Association**
- 2020-2021 **Vice-President, Southern States Communication Association**, planned 2021 virtual conference
- 2019-2020 **Second Vice-President, Southern States Communication Association** (association-wide elected position; planned Theodore Clevenger Undergraduate Honors Conference for SSCA [cancelled due to COVID])
- 2017-2019 Southern States Communication Association Finance Committee  
Committee chair 2018-2019
- 2015-2017 **Stephen E. Lucas Debut Publication Award committee member**, National Communication Association, nominated and selected by Committee on Committees; Chair 2017
- 2013-2016 Michael M. Osborn Teacher-Scholar Award committee member, Southern States Communication Association
- 2012-2014 **National Communication Association Committee on Committees** (association-wide elected position)
- 2012-2013 National Communication Association Nominating Committee member
- 2011-2014 **Chair (vice chair and vice-chair elect before that) of Southern States Communication Association Rhetoric and Public Address Division** (program planner for 2013)
- 2010-2011 Invited participant in the National Communication Association Developing Leaders Program
- 2010-2011 Legislative Assembly member for the National Communication Association, representing the Communication Center Section
- 2008-2011 Chair (vice chair and vice chair elect before that) for the National Communication Association Communication Centers Section/National Association of Communication Centers (serve on Legislative Assembly, served as program planner for NCA 2010)
- 2008-2011 Southern States Communication Association Resolutions Committee
- 1999-2001 Newsletter Editor, Feminist and Women Studies Division and Women's Caucus, National Communication Association

### External review work

Tenure/promotion review: Old Dominion University, Texas State University, Southwestern University, University of Oklahoma, University of Arkansas—Little Rock, Indiana University Kokomo

Communication center review/consulting: Grambling State University (2020, 2021), Shippensburg University, Randolph-Macon University

### **Select University Service**

- 2014-2017 **University of Southern Mississippi Graduate Council**, By-laws subcommittee 2016-2017
- 2014-2019 University of Southern Mississippi Honors College Advisory Group and Scholarship Review Committee
- 2007-2012 **Quality Enhancement Plan Advisory Board, Executive Committee**, University of Southern Mississippi

### **Select College Service**

- 2015-2016 **College Advisory Committee** (determining college awards and tenure and promotion decisions), University of Southern Mississippi
- 2013-2014 **College Council Chair**, University of Southern Mississippi
- 2013-2014 College Council BA/BS Subcommittee (tasked with creating a college core and setting guidelines for BA and BS degrees across the college) , University of Southern Mississippi

### **Select School/Departmental Service**

#### Graduate Committees

University of Memphis  
Russell Woods, PhD, in progress

University of Southern Mississippi  
**Brandon Knight, PhD, 2019; chair**  
Sean Fournery, PhD, 2019  
**Victoria Brown, PhD, 2018; chair**  
**Niya Pickett-Miller, PhD, 2017; chair**  
Elizabeth Wellings Smith, PhD, 2016  
Carl Brown, PhD, 2016  
Shaunda French, PhD, 2015  
**Angela McGowan, PhD, 2015, chair**  
**Nicole Magee, MA, 2015, co-chair**  
Vikki Spann, PhD, 2014  
Michael King, PhD, 2013  
Hannah Rachal, MA, 2012  
Leslie Rodriguez, PhD, 2012  
Patrick Richey, PhD, 2012  
Dan Shabot, PhD, 2012

### **Professional Memberships**

National Communication Association  
Southern States Communication Association  
Rhetoric Society of America  
National Association of Communication Centers

## **Courses Taught**

### Undergraduate:

- Advanced Public Address
- Communicating through Technology
- Capstone Experience (service learning class designed to give students consulting experience)
- Honors Public Speaking (active learning section; focus on Civil Rights Movement)
- Public Advocacy
- Rhetorical Criticism
- Women and Public Discourse
- Rhetoric of Social Protest
- Public Speaking (both general required course and specialized course for majors/minors only)
- Argumentation and Debate
- Group Communication
- Introduction to Communication

### Graduate:

- Introduction to Graduate Studies in Communication (Memphis)
- Professionalization Seminar (USM)
- Communication Pedagogy (USM)
- Rhetorical Criticism (USM)
- Independent Studies: Social Movements, Burke (USM)

### Faculty:

- Improving Oral and Written Competencies (Interdisciplinary 6-10-week Faculty Seminar; USM)

## **Public Presentations**

### Invited/Public Lectures

Featured Author Talk, Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration, Natchez, MS, February 2020, "Consuming Southern Hospitality: Thinking about Identity in the Contemporary South"

Featured Author Talk, Louisiana Book Festival, Baton Rouge, LA, October 2017, "Consuming Identity: The Role of Food in Redefining the South"

Keynote Address, Alabama Communication Association, Birmingham, AL, July 2017, "Authenticating Southernism: Creating a Sense of Place through Food"

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS, April 2016, "Grits, Greens, and Southern Grown Identity"

Communication Week Guest Speaker, Texas State University—San Marcos, February 2012, "Articulating Identity: People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and the Animal/Human Divide" and "Visual Rhetoric: Critical Techniques for Understanding Images"

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS, October 2011, "Eudora Welty's Snapshots of the South"



University of Louisiana at Monroe Traveling Lecturers Series, November 2010, “Articulating Identity: People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and the Animal/Human Divide” (general lecture on visual rhetoric, NPR interview, and public lecture on animal rights rhetoric)

### **Conference Presentations**

Wendy Atkins-Sayre. Scholars’ Office Hours (invited scholar). National Communication Association, 2021.

Wendy Atkins-Sayre & Ashli Q. Stokes. Rhetorics of Resilience: Defining Appalachia through Foodways. National Communication Association, 2021.

Wendy Atkins-Sayre & Ashli Q. Stokes. Coping Through Cooking: Enacting Care During a Pandemic. Southern States Communication Association, Virtual, 2021.

Wendy Atkins-Sayre. Department Chairs Harboring Hope in a Climate of Chaos. A Roundtable Discussion (speaker). Southern States Communication Association, Virtual, 2021.

Ashli Q. Stokes & Wendy Atkins-Sayre. Southern-Style CSR: Tailoring Campaigns to Meet Stakeholder Identity & Expectations. National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT, 2018.

Owen Sayre & Wendy Atkins-Sayre. City Slickers Selling the South: The NRA, Hunting, and Southern Heritage. Southern States Communication Association, Nashville, TN, 2018.

Wendy Atkins-Sayre and others. Dispatches from “the Field”: Rhetoric *In Situ*. Roundtable discussion. National Communication Association, Dallas, TX, 2017.

Ashli Q. Stokes & Wendy Atkins-Sayre. PETA, Rhetorical Fracture, and the Power of Digital Activism. National Communication Association, Dallas, TX, 2017.

Wendy Atkins-Sayre. Blueberry Queens and Hot Tamales: The Epideictic Function of Regional Festivals. Southern States Communication Association, Greenville, SC, 2017.

Wendy Atkins-Sayre and others. Feminist Perspectives on Hillary Clinton and the 2016 Election: A Roundtable. National Communication Association Convention, Philadelphia, PA, 2016.

Wendy Atkins-Sayre & Victoria L. Brown. Reading Animal Atrocities: Public Memory and Recontextualization. Rhetoric Society of America, Atlanta, GA, 2016.

Ashli Q. Stokes & Wendy Atkins-Sayre. The Rhetorical Potential of Southern Baking: Expanding Notions of Material Rhetoric. Rhetoric Society of America, Atlanta, GA, 2016.

Ashli Stokes & Wendy Atkins-Sayre. Barbecue’s Rhetorical Expression of Southern Identity. Southern States Communication Association, Austin, TX, 2016. **Top paper award from the Rhetoric and Public Address Division.**

Wendy Atkins-Sayre & Ashli Stokes. President’s Spotlight: Crafting Personal and Community Identity through Southern Food Traditions. Southern States Communication Association, Austin, TX, 2016. **President’s Spotlight Panel.**

Wendy Atkins-Sayre. LBJ’s Voting Rights Act Speech at 50: Southern Colloquium on Rhetoric Roundtable. Southern States Communication Association, Austin, TX, 2016.

Wendy Atkins-Sayre & Ashli Stokes. “SeaWorld of Hurt”: PETA, the Blackfish Effect, and the Power of Digital Activism. Southern States Communication Association, Austin, TX, 2016.

Wendy Atkins-Sayre. Book It! At the Center. Roundtable discussion about publishing in the communication center world. National Association of Communication Centers, Fredericksburg, VA, 2015.

- Wendy Atkins-Sayre & Ashli Stokes. Authenticating Southernism: Authenticity and Regionalism through Southern Food. Southern States Communication Association, Tampa, FL, 2015.
- Ashli Stokes & Wendy Atkins-Sayre. Food and Funerals. Southern States Communication Association, Tampa, FL, 2015.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. Effectively Directing Graduate Work: A Roundtable Discussion (panel organizer and moderator). National Communication Association, Chicago, IL, 2014. **NCA First Vice President panel.**
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. Planning for the Next 100 years: Moving Communication Center Research Forward (panel organizer and chair). National Communication Association, Chicago, IL, 2014. **Top panel award from the Communication Center Section.**
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre & Esther Yook. Training the Trainers: Using Communication Centers to Improve Peer Tutoring. National Association of Communication Centers, Phoenix, AZ, 2014. **Joyce Ferguson Paper Award.**
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre & Kathleen Turner. Getting Centered to Reach Out: Communication Centers as Disciplinary Advocates. Southern States Communication Association, New Orleans, LA, 2014.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. Effectively Directing Graduate Work: A Roundtable Discussion (panel organizer and moderator). Southern States Communication Association, New Orleans, LA, 2014.
- Ashli Q. Stokes & Wendy Atkins-Sayre. Sipping on Southern Hospitality: Drink as a Rhetorical Invitation. Southern States Communication Association, New Orleans, LA, 2014.
- Ashli Q. Stokes & Wendy Atkins-Sayre. Gather 'Round the Table: Recreating the South Through Southern Foodways. Southern States Communication Association, Louisville, KY, 2013.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. Building a Knowledgeable and Supportive Community: Faculty Development and the Communication Center. Roundtable discussion (panel planner) at the National Communication Association Convention, Orlando, FL, 2012.
- Ashli Q. Stokes & Wendy Atkins-Sayre. Cooking up Southern Identity: Rhetorical Tensions in Contemporary Southern Cookbooks. Pre-conference seminar presentation at the National Communication Association, Orlando, FL, 2012.
- Ashli Q. Stokes & Wendy Atkins-Sayre. Consuming Rhetoric: Constituting Identity Through Southern Food. Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, Orlando, FL, 2012.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. Speaking our minds: Communication centers and critical thinking. Presented at the National Association of Communication Centers conference. Richmond, KY, 2012. **Top paper award.**
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre, Esther Yook, Kim Cuny, Amy Gaffney, Luke LeFebvre, & Susan Wilson. "Understanding the Communication Center: Findings on Center Practices and Outcomes" Roundtable discussion (panel organizer) at the National Association of Communication Centers Conference, Richmond, KY, 2012.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre & Ashli Q. Stokes. Crafting the Cornbread Nation: The Southern Foodways Alliance and Southern Identity. Presented at the Southern States Communication Association Convention, San Antonio, TX, 2012. **Top paper panel.**
- Michael King, Kathleen Turner, Theodore Sheckels, Wendy Atkins-Sayre, and Luke LeFebvre. "Communication Center Research and Assessment: A Discussion of Methodological Pitfalls and Potential Paradigms." Roundtable discussion at the National Communication Association Convention, New Orleans, LA, 2011.
- Michael King & Wendy Atkins-Sayre. "Targeting Teachers: The Importance of Faculty Support to Communication Center Success." Presented at the National Association of Communication Centers Conference, Richmond, VA, 2011.

- Kathleen Turner, Wendy Atkins-Sayre, Theodore Sheckels, and Karen Sindelar. "What's a Rhetorician To Do? A Roundtable Discussion of Communication Center Research Possibilities for Those in the Discipline Who 'Don't Do Numbers'." National Association of Communication Centers Conference, Richmond, VA, 2011.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. "Snapshots of the South: Eudora Welty's Photography and Contested Images of Race." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, San Francisco, CA, 2010.
- Michael King & Wendy Atkins-Sayre. "The Theory of Reasoned Action and Planned Behavior Applied: Faculty and Student Motivators for Communication Center Usage." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, San Francisco, CA, 2010.
- Theodore F. Sheckels, Wendy Atkins-Sayre, Jennifer Ellis, and Kathleen Turner. "Planning a Research Agenda for Communication Center Directors and Staff: A Roundtable Discussion." National Association of Communication Centers Conference, Greencastle, IN, 2010.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre & Deborah Smith. "Help From Afar: Experimenting With Online Tutoring." Presented at the National Association of Communication Centers Conference, Greencastle, IN, 2010.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. "The New 'New South': The 'Mississippi, Believe It!' Campaign Redefines the South." Presented at the Southern States Communication Association Convention, Memphis, TN, 2010.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. "Teaching Dissent Through Civic Engagement in the Speaking Center: Part of a Roundtable Discussion." Presented at the Southern States Communication Association, Memphis, TN, 2010.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre & Kathleen J. Turner. "Centered on Positive Communication: How Communication Centers Enhance Eloquence (Roundtable Discussion)." Presented at the Southern States Communication Association Convention, Memphis, TN, 2010.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre, Kyle B. Love, & Kathleen J. Turner. "Communication and the Disciplines: Serving the Communities by Understanding Their Standards (Roundtable Discussion)." Presented at the National Association of Communication Centers Conference, Philadelphia, PA, 2009.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. "Drudgery, Dependence, and Difference: Second Wave Feminists Redefine the Maternal Role." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, San Diego, CA, 2008.
- Laura P. Rodgers, Wendy Atkins-Sayre, & Jalynn G. Roberts. "Reaching Different Disciplines: A Catch-22?" Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, San Diego, CA, 2008.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. "Employing the Procedures and Criteria for Evaluation: Public and Private Perspectives (Roundtable Discussion)." Presented at the National Association of Communication Centers, Colorado Springs, CO, 2008.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. "Attacking Food Radicals: Center for Consumer Freedom Reacts to Animal Rights Campaign." Presented at the Southern States Communication Association, Savannah, GA, 2008.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. "What's Rhetoric? Reflecting on our Worldviews, Identities, and Practices: A Roundtable Discussion." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, Chicago, IL, 2007.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. "A Process-Centered Approach to Tutoring: Strengthening the Writing, Speaking, and Critical Thinking Connection." Presented at the National Communication Center Association Conference, Greensboro, NC, 2007.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. "Crafting Conversations: Making Connections Between Writing and Speaking." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, San Antonio, TX, 2006.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre, Vanessa Beasley, Bonnie Dow, Tasha Dubriwny, Roseann Mandziuk, & Ashli Stokes. "Public Discourses of Mothering and Work and their Effect on Women: A Roundtable Discussion." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, San Antonio, TX, 2006.

- Wendy Atkins-Sayre, Sonal Chaddha, Brittney Kohler, Erin Linsenmeyer, & Brittany Rast. "The Story Behind the Photos': Making Connections Across Campus (Great Idea for the Center Discussion)." Presented at the National Association of Communication Centers Conference, Omaha, NE, 2006.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. "The Story of the Farmworker: Cesar Chavez's Narrative." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, Boston, MA, 2005.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. "'Complete Press Sluts': PETA's Use of Image Events in Questioning Identity." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, Boston, MA, 2005.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. "Changing Images of Humans and Animals: PETA's Strategy of Paradox." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, Chicago, IL, 2004.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. "The Emergence of 'Ms.': Tracing the Stories of the Second Wave." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, Chicago, IL, 2004.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. "Changing Images of Human and Animals: PETA's Strategy of Paradox." Presented at the National Communication Association's Doctoral Honors Seminar, Albuquerque, NM, 2004.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. "Identification and Myth: Overcoming Cultural Obstacles." Presented at the Southern States Communication Association Convention, Tampa, FL, 2004.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. "Governor Mom: Jane Swift's Pregnancy as a Site of Contention." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, Miami Beach, FL, 2003.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. "'Don't Call Me Mrs.!': The Emergence of 'Ms.' as a Liberatory Title." Presented at the Southern States Communication Association Convention, Birmingham, AL, 2003. **Top paper panel.**
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. "Vicious Vivisectors and Reformed Researchers: Conflicting Images of Science in the Rhetoric of PETA." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, New Orleans, LA, 2002.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. "Silent Protest: The Rhetoric of the Women in Black." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, Seattle, WA, 2000.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre, Sonya Hopkins, Sarah Mohundro, & Ward Sayre. "Rewards and Liabilities of Presentation Software as an Ancillary Tool." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, New York, NY, 1998.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. "Elizabeth Cady Stanton's 'The Solitude of Self': The Natural Rights Position Examined." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, San Diego, CA, 1996.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. "The Devil and Mr. Bush: Implications of the Demonization of Saddam Hussein in Presidential Gulf War Rhetoric." Presented at the Middle East Studies Association Convention, Washington, DC, 1995.
- Wendy Atkins-Sayre. "Bootblacks, Butchers, and Barbers: The Use of Racism in the Rhetoric of Elizabeth Cady Stanton." Presented at the National Communication Association Convention, San Antonio, TX, 1995.